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URGENT: PRESS RELEASE ON INTER-HALL CONFLICTS ON UNIVERSITY **CAMPUSES**

It has come to our urgent notice, the regrettable incidences of inter-hall conflicts and clashes on the campuses of University of Ghana and KNUST some few hours ago. These clashes have reportedly led to destruction of properties and disrupted the peace on the campuses involved.

We strongly condemn these actions in no uncertain terms.

These rivalries between halls were formally of a very healthy nature and has yielded so many positive results that have improved the lives of students over the years. Why must we now retrogress in our advocacy for our rights and improved academic lives by engaging in such acts?

The association has been updated on the aftermath of the very recent clash on August 5th, which has led to management of the JCR being asked to proceed on leave, student leaders being referred to committees of investigation and increased police presence on campus.

We strongly believe these could have been easily prevented.

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We cannot continue to allow such acts to threaten the academic freedom of university students in Ghana, the peace on our various campuses and in the country as a whole. We are by this release, calling on all members and leaders of our JCRs and SRCs to rise to the task in this moment. Let us together, channel this youthful exuberance into productive ventures which will benefit our lives as youth of this country.

We will in the coming days effectively engage leaders on the various campuses on how best we can address this canker.

We in the meantime ask that every student should prioritize their safety while the security service ensures calm on campus.

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