

The Inspector-General of Police Dr. George Akuffo Dampare Ghana Police Service Headquarters Accra, Ghana

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PETITION FOR THE ARREST, INVESTIGATION, AND PROSECUTION OF NANA KWADWO ADJEI FOR ACTS OF VIOLENCE AND ABUSE

Dear Sir,

The Children and Women's Advocacy Alliance (CWAA) wishes to bring to your immediate attention, with the utmost urgency and concern, the alarming actions of Nana Kwadwo Adjei, a notable real estate business mogul, whose conduct and activities have left several women and children vulnerable to abuse, exploitation, and suffering.

As an organization committed to advocating the safety, dignity, and empowerment of women and children across Ghana, we consider it both our duty and responsibility to bring this matter to your esteemed attention, with the hope that swift and decisive action will be taken to secure justice for the victims.

CWAA has received credible reports of troubling behaviour attributed to Nana Kwadwo Adjei. These reports, corroborated by several direct sources, suggest that this prominent figure, under the guise of authority in the real estate industry, has engaged in not only economic exploitation but also physical violence and threats against women and children under his influence and control. Such harmful conduct stands in direct violation of Ghanaian law, especially laws protecting the rights of children and women, as well as international conventions to which our country is a signatory.

Evidence of cases

First, this petition draws particular attention to the experiences of a young Ghanaian woman, Karen Baaba Sam, who has publicly shared the abuse she endured at the hands of Mr. Adjei. The allegations against him are not



merely limited to economic exploitation but extend to severe physical violence, emotional abuse, threats, and intimidation against her and their daughter. Karen Baaba Sam first encountered Nana Kwadwo Adjei in 2016 when he presented himself as a protective and influential figure.

The two began a romantic relationship that, in time, led to a pregnancy in 2018. Unfortunately, their relationship, once hopeful, took a dark and violent turn during her pregnancy, setting the stage for years of repeated abuse that she was unable to escape. In December 2018, after an alleged drunken altercation, Nana Kwadwo Adjei physically assaulted Karen while she was pregnant. As she recounts, he slapped her and kicked her body, including her stomach, endangering the unborn child. Although Mr. Adjei later apologized and blamed his behavior on alcohol, the abuse persisted for years.

Karen suffered from visible injuries and repeatedly reported the physical violence to law enforcement. However, no meaningful action was taken, with the perpetrator reportedly wielding influence over the police. The abuse escalated over time, and in April 2024, after a public humiliation in a restaurant where Karen was confronted by another woman who Mr. Adjei was involved with, she suffered another violent attack. This time, after a disagreement about not arriving home before him, he physically assaulted Karen and even kicked their daughter. During this assault, visiting family friends were also physically assaulted when they attempted to intervene.

Despite ongoing promises from Mr. Adjei to change, the abuse continued unabated. In December 2023, when Karen sought to end the relationship, Mr. Adjei's violent behavior intensified. He demanded the return of material possessions, including a car he had given her, and threatened to throw her and their daughter out of their home.

In February 2024, after moving into a new residence, Karen was robbed at gunpoint. Despite the trauma of this robbery, Nana Adjei's demands persisted. Not long after the robbery, he insisted on reclaiming a necklace he had gifted her. A police officer had been assigned to protect her, as authorities feared that the robbery might be tied to someone close to her with ill intentions. Another distressing exchange over their daughter followed this tragic episode, as Mr. Adjei demanded their child's custody.

Karen recounted how Mr. Adjei made several attempts to control her by pressuring her to withdraw a personal choice to date. His response was to verbally abuse her, even making life-threatening remarks and explicit threats



involving her safety and the welfare of their child. Following an official custody dispute, Nana Adjei withheld their daughter for over six weeks.

Only through the intervention of authorities and after several frantic actions from Karen did Mr. Adjei relent and return their child, though he initially misled the child to believe she was going to Dubai. Despite a Circuit Court granting Karen protective custody, a subsequent ruling allowed Nana Adjei to regain custody. Throughout this period, Karen and her daughter faced ongoing manipulation and physical threats from Nana Adjei.

Second, a recording has surfaced where Nana Adjei allegedly admits to having physically assaulted Karen Baaba Sam. In the recording, Nana Adjei expresses his bitter feelings over Karen's decision to leave him after she discovered his affair with another woman.

He allegedly claims that if Karen had forgiven him after his repeated physical violence, she should have been able to forgive him for his infidelity as well. The audio recording reveals Nana Adjei confessing that if Ms Sam was able to forgive him even when he physically abused her, then she should be able to forgive him for his affair with another lady.

"I (Nana Kwadwo) am very bitter talking to you (Baaba Sam) today because I have now realized that all this while that I lived with you, you never had good thoughts about me (Nana Adjei). When I fought you and slapped you multiple times, which created problems between us, that was the time I felt that you would be justified to walk away. Even that, I begged, and you forgave," Nana Adjei is heard saying in the audio recording. "I also pledged that I will never beat you up again.

Even for this worst crime I committed against you, you managed to forgive me, so how can you allow a stupid woman like Yaa to separate us? How can you allow Yaa to hear that we have gone our separate ways because of her," Nana Adjei added in the voice clip?

Third, CWAA is also compelled to bring attention to the allegations made by Nuhu Ibrahim, a Ghanaian resident in the United Kingdom, who claims to have been assaulted by Nana Kwadwo Adjei on 19 January 2023 in East Legon, Accra. Nuhu Ibrahim was visiting Ghana at the time and had come to the Ginger Street area in East Legon to meet his wife's cousin to deliver some items.



According to Ibrahim, after he parked his vehicle and waited for his relative, he was confronted by Nana Adjei, who accused him of being an armed robber, despite Ibrahim explaining his purpose in the area. The situation escalated when Nana Adjei allegedly called for backup, and within minutes, Ibrahim was attacked by a group of individuals under Nana Adjei's supervision.

The assault resulted in severe physical injuries and the theft of over £2,000, among other valuables. Ibrahim later sought medical attention and filed a complaint with the East Legon Police Station. However, despite providing detailed reports and medical evidence, Ibrahim was reportedly met with indifference from the police upon learning of Nana Adjei's involvement in the incident. This gross lack of support further highlights the systemic abuse of power perpetuated by Nana Adjei, which allows him to escape accountability for his criminal actions.

Fourth, Karen's brave decision to share her experience has elicited widespread reactions from the public, particularly on social media, where others have publicly supported her courage and called for justice. Many individuals, some of whom had suffered similar experiences, have posted heartfelt messages calling for an end to domestic violence and criticizing how victims are often blamed and marginalized in abusive situations.

Prominent personalities like Ayinipobila Azas, a survivor of domestic violence, and media personality Bridget Otoo have spoken out against the treatment of victims and the systemic failures of law enforcement in addressing such serious matters. Others, such as actress Lydia Forson and social media users like Camry Tagoe, expressed outrage at Nana Adjei's actions, emphasizing that any man who resorts to violence against a woman deserves serious consequences.

Karen Baaba Sam's narrative highlights the continuous challenges faced by victims of domestic violence, not only in facing their abusers but also in seeking justice from the authorities. In Karen's case, repeated reports of violence made to the police, including the East Legon police, went unheeded, and law enforcement officers allegedly displayed reluctance in addressing her complaints.

Furthermore, in a bizarre turn of events, Karen was recently declared "wanted" by the Achimota District Court, according to a police warrant for an alleged "unlawful child removal" incident. This warrant, dated 20 January 2025, has raised significant concerns about the integrity and possible motivations behind this legal action, with



many suggesting that this is an attempt to intimidate and discredit her after speaking out against the abuse she endured.

Fifth, we have also gathered that a Police officer, Douglas Kwaku Addy, who is currently under the police service's interdiction, has been identified as the one responsible for executing the "dirty works" of embattled business mogul Nana Kwadwo Adjei. Among others, Douglas Kwaku Addy is believed to be responsible for alleged bribes paid to other police officers, such as the Superintendent of Police Joseph Benefo Dankwah, to obtain an "illegal" arrest warrant against One Karen Baaba Sam from the Achimota District Court on the grounds of "unlawful child removal."

Douglas Kwaku Addy, who is a close confidant of Nana Kwadwo Adjei, is also believed to have allegedly extended bribes to some judges in the lower courts who are adjudicating a domestic violence and child custody case between Ms. Karen Baaba Sam and her ex-partner and businessman, Nana Kwadwo Adjei.

Based on this, we are aware that Ms Karen Baaba Sam has filed a motion at the Achimota District Court seeking an order to set aside what she says is an illegally obtained arrest warrant against her. A warrant of arrest dated Monday, 20 January 2025, emerged on social media, declaring Baaba Sam wanted by the District Court in Achimota (Achimota District Court) to assist the Police Criminal Investigations Department (CID) in a case of unlawful child removal.

The Police warrant further states that Ms Baaba Sam is 29 years old, 5 feet and 6 inches tall, fair in complexion, slim in stature, has a tattoo on her right breast, and is a native of Dormaa Ahenkro. According to the Police, she is believed to be hiding in East Legon, Airport Residential Area, Cantonments, Osu, or Dzorwulu. The warrant was signed by the Superintendent of Police, Joseph Benefo Darkwah.

However, in an affidavit deposed to by Karen Baaba Sam, she indicates that her attention has been drawn to an arrest warrant issued by the Achimota district court for her arrest based on which publications were made in the Daily Graphic on 22 January and splashed in several other newspapers on 23 January 2025, projecting her as a fugitive from justice. As her first step, Ms Baaba Sam said she caused her lawyer to conduct a search at the Achimota District Court to find out the specific case upon which the arrest warrant was issued.



The lawyers found nothing. To this end, her lawyers wrote to the Daily Graphic to withdraw and apologize for their publication. Ms Baaba Sam further states in her affidavits that within hours of the search, the Registrar of the Achimota District Court telephoned her lawyers to say that he (the Registrar) had made a new discovery on the matter.

He (the Registrar) then went to see Ms Baaba Sam's lawyers to discuss what he said he had found and then returned to write a letter with an attached affidavit that stated something different from what he stated in search results without producing any order or record of the Achimota District Court that authorized the issue of the warrant or its publication in the Daily Graphic. Ms Baaba Sam's contains a lot of revelations, and we have it all.

Swift action

Therefore, as a group, we believe that in a society that prides itself on maintaining the rights of all, these allegations represent a profound dereliction of duty to upholding both the safety and well-being of individuals under his management. Indeed, these women and children are often left powerless, facing threats of eviction and retaliation should they voice complaints or refuse to comply with the demands imposed by the businessman.

In light of these damning accusations, we at the Children and Women's Advocacy Alliance formally petition the Ghana Police Service, through your esteemed office as Inspector General of Police, to swiftly act on this matter and arrest Nana Kwadwo Adjei. The severity of the alleged crimes warrants an urgent investigation by the police, especially considering the gravity of violence and harm that is being wrought upon these vulnerable women and children in their place of residence.

Given the overwhelming evidence pointing to a clear pattern of exploitative actions carried out by Mr. Adjei, the situation demands an immediate investigation, one that ought to begin with an arrest of the suspect to prevent him from further perpetuating his abusive activities. If this call for justice is ignored or delayed, we risk permitting a situation where more victims continue to suffer without the necessary protection from their aggressor.

Furthermore, the CWAA urges that an objective and transparent investigation be carried out to examine any past criminal offenses this man may have evaded by virtue of his prominence in business and an inquiry made into his political or societal connections that could have shielded him from proper scrutiny up until now. Given his wealth



and influence, it is a possibility that Nana Kwadwo Adjei has been operating without the accountability that his actions demand and it is imperative that he be held to the same standard as anyone else under the law.

These accounts reveal a disturbing pattern of behavior that includes acts of intimidation, physical and psychological abuse, and exploitation. Women, some of whom are single mothers and widows, have described being coerced into signing unfavorable real estate agreements that have ultimately left them dispossessed of their homes and hard-earned savings.

For these women, homes are more than just buildings; they are sanctuaries for raising their families and places of emotional security. To be stripped of them so ruthlessly is to be subjected to unbearable anguish and despair. Beyond the stories of these women are those of children who have reportedly been exploited through labor practices linked to Nana Kwadwo Adjei's business interests.

Reports indicate that underage children, some as young as ten, have been employed in hazardous conditions, deprived of basic rights, and subjected to an environment that disregards their safety and development. These children, who should be in school and enjoying their childhood, have instead been exposed to situations that jeopardize their future and well-being.

Even more troubling are reports that individuals who sought justice or raised concerns about these injustices have faced threats, intimidation, and, in some cases, attempts to silence them through underhanded means. This culture of fear and impunity only deepens the suffering of the victims and makes them more reluctant to come forward. It also sends a dangerous signal that powerful individuals can evade accountability, further eroding the trust that the most vulnerable have in our justice system.

The actions of Nana Kwadwo Adjei strike at the core of our nation's values and the laws meant to protect the innocent. The Domestic Violence Act, the Children's Act, and provisions of the Criminal Offenses Act are clear in their mandate to safeguard individuals from abuse, exploitation, and harm. These laws are not merely words on paper but principles that should be upheld to preserve the dignity, safety, and equality of every Ghanaian. When such violations are ignored or treated lightly, we risk normalizing a culture of impunity that ultimately undermines our collective progress as a society.



We believe that under your able leadership, this situation can and should be addressed. The Ghana Police Service has long been a beacon of hope and a source of justice for countless Ghanaians. Your record of championing

reforms and taking a firm stance against wrongdoing gives us confidence that you will treat this petition with the seriousness it deserves.

We seek a comprehensive investigation into Nana Kwadwo Adjei's actions, leading to his arrest and subsequent prosecution if found culpable. We also urge you to ensure that those who come forward with evidence or testimony are afforded protection, as fear of reprisals is a significant barrier to justice in this matter.

CWAA stands ready to collaborate with your office in any way necessary. We are prepared to share the testimonies we have gathered and assist in coordinating support services for the victims, many of whom continue to struggle with the consequences of these actions. It is our fervent hope that justice, fairness, and compassion will guide the investigations and that Ghana's commitment to the rights and well-being of women and children will remain steadfast.

Inspector General, we submit this petition not only as advocates for the vulnerable but as individuals who believe in the power of the rule of law to restore hope and equity. We believe this is an opportunity to send a strong message to all that no one, regardless of status or influence, is above the law. The victims affected by this ordeal deserve nothing less than the full weight of justice. Thank you for your attention and anticipated action.

Yours sincerely,

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