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STATEMENT FROM THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH ON THE INTENDED STRIKE ACTION BY MORTUARY WORKERS ON 29TH MAY, 2019

The Ministry of Health has taken notice of a letter circulated to the mass media by the Mortuary Workers Association of Ghana in respect to an intended strike action starting Wednesday, 29th May, 2019.

The Ministry of Health in collaboration with the Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations wish to state that, they have had series of meetings with Members of the Association to address issues as captured in their proposals submitted.

All parties concerned (Ministry of Health, Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations, and the mortuary workers) agreed to a roadmap to address the issues after their last meeting.

In furtherance of the agreed roadmap, the Ministry has obtained financial clearance to mechanise all mortuary workers in the Ministry's facilities, since most of them are casual staff, and are paid through internally generated funds.

In addition to the above, the Ministry through the Ghana Health Service and the Teaching Hospitals, tasked the facilities to provide mortuary workers with working tool and pay their allowance where necessary. Information available to the Ministry indicates that the facilities have complied with the directives.

In view of these, the intended strike action by the mortuary workers does not have any basis. If the mortuary workers have any other concerns, the Ministry of Health is ready to engage them.

The Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations will continue to engage them through the Health Service Workers Union, since they are part.

We are aware that families have planned funerals for their beloved ones who may be in some of these mortuaries under the Ministry of Health.

However, should they proceed with the strike action, the Ministry of Health will want to assure the public that it has made adequate arrangements for work to continue in all of its mortuaries.

The Ministry wishes to assure the public that the situation is under control.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'K. Mensah', written in a cursive style.

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