

The Ghana Charismatic Bishops' Conference

## A Communique

Now, we have been a Republic for nearly 60 years. It is time that we fulfil the great aspirations of the people of this great nation by creating a safe and modern country. To date, we have lagged our potential. The Ghana Charismatic Bishops' Conference's prophetic word for the nation is:

*Isaiah 43.19*

*Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth;  
shall ye not know it?*

*I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in  
the desert.*

Again, the prophetic word is that our nation needs to approach some of the old intractable problems with new insights. God says He is doing a new thing. We believe that the new thing is happening also in our nation!

**1. THE GHANA CHARISMATIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE IS CALLING ON  
THE GOVERNMENT TO WIPE OUT ARMED ROBBERY FROM  
GHANA.**

Many Ghanaians do not feel secure any more in different parts of the country.

Armed robbers freely raid our universities going from room to room.  
Many homes have been invaded by armed gangs at all hours.  
Many Hotels have been raided from room to room by armed robbers.  
Murders have occurred when these robberies went wrong.  
Armed robbers raid our buses as they drive along the highways of our country.

Cars are snatched and people attacked on our highways and in the cities of Ghana.

All the regions of Ghana are experiencing high levels of armed robberies.

Even our police have suffered the loss of life because of armed robbers.

It is now not difficult to meet people who have been robbed or who have a close relation who has been murdered in Ghana.  
It is worth noting that just next door in Togo armed robberies do not occur and Lome is known to be a far safer city than Accra.

There are countries in Africa (whose names we shall not mention) which have successfully wiped out armed robbery because the government was determined to remove it from the nation. We are

calling on the government to do the same and remove the scourge of armed robbery from Ghana so that Ghana will be safe again. Please make Ghana safe again!

**2. THE GHANA CHARISMATIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE ARE ASKING THE GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS ONE NUMBER THAT EVERY GHANAIAN CAN CALL AND GET IN TOUCH WITH THE NEAREST POLICE OUTPOST OR STATION.**

The following are some of the numbers given by the police to contact them:

- 18555
- 112/191/911
- 0261177308
- 024 7034186
- 030 320 2936

We cannot remember these numbers, especially in times of emergency. We call on the government to command and coordinate all the stakeholders, especially the telecom companies and the Police Service to use the necessary technology to ensure that one number – 999 – puts you in touch directly with a policeman who can respond to a call.

The fact is the variety of numbers means there is no one memorable number that Ghanaians can rely on in an emergency. The one emergency number should be made popular so all in the country will know it and use it in emergencies.

We have also realized that there are more occasions than is appropriate on a given day when these numbers are not working properly due to both human and technological challenges. These will have to be removed, and appropriate urgency attached to calls on these lines to allow them to serve the security needs of the population against the marauding attackers of armed robbers.

**3. THE GHANA CHARISMATIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE IS CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE VEHICLES FOR THE POLICE, SO THAT THEY CAN RESPOND TO EMERGENCY CALLS PROMPTLY.**

We call on the government to buy the many second-hand cars that are being sold by the roadside by our second-hand car dealers for the police.

- a. This will be a boost to our local businessmen who are into the import-export business.
- b. This will save a lot of money and provide the needed cars for our police to be able to respond to calls for assistance.
- c. This policy will remove the many used cars that are parked

c. This policy will remove the many used cars that are parked inappropriately all over the city.

**4. THE GHANA CHARISMATIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE IS CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT TO DEPLOY SIMPLE HELICOPTERS FOR THE GHANA POLICE SERVICE WHICH WILL BE USED TO FIGHT CRIME.**

Small helicopters are not expensive and are used by radio stations in other countries to help monitor traffic and give the news. We believe that the Ghana Police Service can have this equipment to greatly improve the services they render to the nation.

**5. THE GHANA CHARISMATIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE IS CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT TO INTRODUCE APPROPRIATE LEGAL RESPONSES AND APPROPRIATE PUNISHMENTS TO COUNTER THE UPSURGE IN ARMED ROBBERY AND MURDER SO THAT ARMED ROBBERY IS STOPPED IN GHANA.**

It is sad that dangerous criminals are constantly set free on one technicality or the other. Ordinary citizens are afraid to go and identify the people who attacked them because they fear they will be free soon too come and attack them again.

**6. THE GHANA CHARISMATIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE IS CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT TO START A PROJECT TO BUILD NEW MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISONS THAT WILL HOUSE THE INCREASED NUMBERS OF PRISONERS APPROPRIATELY.**

The conditions under which prisoners are kept in some of our prisons is not ideal. We believe that some large modern maximum security prisons with good facilities must be constructed as part of our development as a nation. Ancient forts and castles would serve better as tourist sites than prisons with difficult conditions. The church of God is ready to help to improve the lot of our prisons.

**Do Not Scoff at This Wisdom**

Anyone may scoff at these prophetic words, as is typical of those who do not think deeply. However, you will notice the characteristic of this wisdom is:

1. This wisdom does not require loans from any one.
2. This wisdom does not require our nation to go deeper into debt. Our nation is already up to its neck in debts.
3. This wisdom does not require foreign intervention or consultants.
4. This wisdom presents a practical and real alternative to the systems and methods that have consistently failed us for over 60 years.
5. This wisdom is for the Ghanaian government that has run out of excuses and people to blame for its obvious failures.

Why don't we do something new, as these prophetic words are directing?

