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THE GHANA CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE (GCBC) CONDEMNS BY-ELECTION VIOLENCE

The Ghana Catholic Bishops' Conference (GCBC) has observed with grave concern the disturbances that occurred during the Ayawaso West Wuogon Constituency by-election held on Thursday, January 31, 2019.

We condemn in no uncertain terms the reported shootings and assaults perpetrated by some unidentified groups resulting in injuries. Of particular concern is the reported use of vigilante groups to disturb the peace and quiet of the by-election.

The GCBC would like to state that; these incidents do not only pose a serious threat to our democracy but will also certainly draw back the progress and successes of our democratic gains. In addition, such manifestations of lawlessness and insecurity do not augur well for us as a nation as we prepare for the 2020 general elections.

We, therefore, call on the Ghana Police Service and all other relevant security agencies to conduct thorough investigations into the incidents and bring the perpetrators to book.

We also call on the Electoral Commission to liaise with the political parties to address all the challenges and fears of stakeholders in the conduct of peaceful elections.

Finally, we also call on all citizens to remain law-abiding and eschew all forms of violence.

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