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PRESS STATEMENT

THE WECHIAU YOUTH STAND UP FOR COMMUNITY RIGHTS AND PEACE.

REASONS FOR MP AND DCE DENIED ENTRY TO THE WECHIAU -NAA PALACE ON MONDAY 29TH DECEMBER, 2025.

We the youth of Wechiau has taken a bold decision to protect the integrity of our traditions, norms, land, values and culture of our land and people as well. For the pass year till date, there has been a tension between Waala and Birifos in the Wechiau Traditional Area. This led to many violent conflicts, including loss of lives and properties, and even worsening. The youth has banned the member of Parliament for Wa West Hon. Peter Lanchene Toubu and the District Chief Executive, Hon. Richard Wullo from the Wechiau -Naa palace as our responsibility to safeguard our Local Governance and Heritage. This action was necessary because of the following reasons;

The Member of Parliament and the District Chief Executive does not value our traditional authorities especially Wechiau-Naa, his divisional chiefs and sub-chiefs. After, refusal of the MP to honor the Wechiau-Naa call to mediate peace. Worsening it all, both the MP and DCE refusal to show up at the Wechiau -Naa palace to mediate peace or even sympathize with families since the recent happening while doing that at the other side.

This Member of Parliament was the peace-making ambassador to the Savanah region recent conflict but failed to do same in his constituency.

Therefore, the youth believed the MP and DCE has taken side in the conflict between the Waala and Birifos

With this, the youth has come out clearly to condemned all the conflicts that results to the loss of lives and damages of properties in the Wechiau traditional area. We therefore call for peace to prevail between ourselves and all settlers on our lands.

Note.

What we will not tolerate is, no one should undermine our traditions.

No one should politicize our chieftaincy issues.

We the youth promise to protect our tradition, land area, and chieftaincy titles as a legacy given to us by our ancestors and no settler should venture into this. In as much as we preach for peace, we pledge to all stakeholders to intervene in to calming peace in the Wa West District including all security agencies but one violent action taken by any settlers (Birifos) will meet the full force of the traditional youth. We promise them this with all our heart and blood.

Thank you.

The Youth President

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