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### URGENT PRESS RELEASE

#### **Bissa Development Association Condemns Violent Tribal Attack in Pusiga District.**

The Bissa Development Association **vehemently and unequivocally condemns the recent heinous attacks perpetrated against Bissa people in the Kupelgu community within the Pusiga District by some members of the Kusasi ethnic group.** The attackers went to the community around 10pm and started firing guns and burned down a number of houses.

These unconscionable acts of violence represent a dangerous escalation of a political intimidation and ethnic persecution that threatens the fundamental democratic principles of our nation.

In the lead-up to these attacks, **Bissa residents were subjected to a sustained campaign of intimidation through threatening WhatsApp audio messages,** explicitly warning them against exercising their constitutional right to support a candidate of their choice.

Immediately following the declaration of President John Mahama as President-elect, **Kusasi individuals, predominantly aligned with the National Democratic Congress (NDC), launched a systematic and brutal assault on Bissa residents, destroying homes and targeting community members.**

**We unequivocally state that such political or tribal bigotry is absolutely unacceptable and must cease immediately.** Ghana is a democratic republic where every citizen, regardless of ethnic background, possesses the fundamental right to freedom of political expression and choice. The Bissa people's political preferences are sacrosanct and must never be used as a pretext for violence, intimidation, or persecution.

For the records **three of our Bissa brothers have won their seats to be part of the 9th Parliament on the NDC tickets.** Were these brothers forced by Kusasis to join and campaign for the NDC? Let all those who claim to love Bawku and yet seek to destroy Bawku with their actions continue. **The Bissa people wish to be spared this open provocation and open invitation to join in the destruction of this beautiful land our forefathers bequeathed to us.**

The Bissa Development Association demands the following immediate actions:

- Immediate intervention by local and national security forces to protect Bissa residents
- Comprehensive investigation into these attacks
- Prosecution of all individuals responsible for these violent acts
- Compensation for victims whose properties have been destroyed.

We issue a final, unequivocal warning to these Kusasi community engaged in this mayhem:

1. These persistent attempts to marginalize and terrorize the Bissa people must stop. Any continuation of such actions will compel the Bissa community to mount a robust defensive response that will inevitably escalate tensions and potentially result in widespread conflict.
2. Our message is clear and resolute: Political differences must never translate into ethnic violence. The right to choose, to vote, and to express one's political preferences is a cornerstone of our democratic society.
3. We call upon all community leaders, government officials, and peace-loving citizens to condemn these attacks and work towards mutual understanding and peaceful coexistence.

**For Immediate Media Attention**

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