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## **CSA CONDEMNS CIRCULATION OF CHILD ABUSE VIDEO**

The Cyber Security Authority (CSA) has noted a disturbing video circulating on social media showing the inhumane and degrading treatment of a 12-year-old boy. The CSA strongly condemns this horrific act.

This incident is a serious breach of the child's dignity and human rights as enshrined in the 1992 Constitution of Ghana, and the UN convention on the rights of a child.

Additionally, section 13 of the Children's Act states that: (1) 'No person shall subject a child to torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment including any cultural practice which dehumanises or is injurious to the physical and mental well-being of a child.

In accordance with Section 62(1) of the Cybersecurity Act, 2020 (Act 1038), a person shall not produce and or circulate or distribute child sexual abuse material or any other exploitative or abusive content involving a child through a computer system or network." Persons who contravene this law are liable to a term of imprisonment of not less than 5 years and not more than 10 years.

The abuse shown in the video, qualifies as online child abuse, as it graphically depicts the humiliation, physical violence, and degradation of a minor. The creation and distribution of such content is thus prohibited under Section 62 of Act 1038.

The public is therefore advised to desist from circulating the video in question since doing so constitutes a criminal offence under Act 1038 and the Children's Act. Content creators, influencers, and media platforms are particularly advised to act with responsibility by removing any existing copies of the video and refraining from distributing or reposting same.

We are collaborating with national stakeholders to enhance reporting systems, public awareness and enforcement measures against online child abuse and exploitation. We have a collective responsibility as Ghanaians to protect children both online and offline.

The public is further encouraged to report such content to the CSA through the following channels: WhatsApp: 0501603111, Text/SMS: 292 or email: [report@csa.gov.gh](mailto:report@csa.gov.gh).

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