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AMA DIRECTS CLOSURE OF ALL SHOPS TO OBSERVE FIRST NATIONAL SANITATION DAY CLEAN-UP AFTER PRESIDENTIAL LAUNCH

The Accra Metropolitan Assembly (AMA) wishes to inform all residents, traders, shop owners and stakeholders that, following the President's launch of the National Sanitation Day, the first official clean-up under this initiative will take place on **Saturday, 4th October 2025**, with all shops and markets within the metropolis to remain closed from 6am until the exercise is completed.

This citywide exercise being undertaken to rid Accra of filth, promote public health and strengthen our shared responsibility for a cleaner, safer and more resilient city is in accordance with the Accra Metropolitan Assembly (Communal Labour) Bye-Laws, 2017, enacted pursuant to section 181 of the Local Governance Act, 2016 (Act 936), which mandates the Assembly to set aside the first Saturday of the month as a National Sanitation Day.

In keeping with the spirit of the national launch, all Assembly Members will organise and lead simultaneous clean-up activities across their electoral areas so that work proceeds in a coordinated and efficient manner throughout the metropolis.

The operation will cover all sub-metropolitan areas, with intensified work in Agbogbloshie, Tuesday Market, Kwame Nkrumah Interchange and its environs, Kwasiadwaso and Kaneshie Market, where teams will desilt major drains, clear refuse and tidy market precincts to reduce flooding and environmental health risks.

The AMA therefore calls on all residents, traders, shop owners, and stakeholders to strictly observe the temporary closure and actively participate in the exercise to ensure its timely completion, as Public Health Officers will be deployed across communities to monitor compliance and enforce the directive.

Failure to comply constitutes an offence punishable on summary conviction by a fine of up to one hundred penalty units or imprisonment of not less than thirty days and not more than six months, or both, with a continuing offence attracting an additional daily penalty.

SIGNED.

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