



MAHAMA AYARIGA LL.B, BL, LL.M.

Member of Parliament
Bawku Central Constituency
Representative to the ECOWAS Parliament

30th October 2023

Honourable Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey Esq.,
Minister for Foreign Affairs & Regional Integration,
Accra,
Ghana.

Honourable Minister

**REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TO LOCATE AND SECURE THE RETURN TO
GHANA OF SEVEN (7) RESIDENTS OF BAWKU HELD IN BURKINA FASO**

I hereby formally write to seek your assistance to locate and secure the release and return to Ghana of seven (7) residents of the communities of Bador and Tampizua in Bawku Municipality who are believed to have been arrested by the military authorities in Burkina Faso and despite every effort we have been unable to locate them and secure their return back to Ghana.

These residents of Bawku include:

1. Abdulai Bagare
2. Mumuni Seidu
3. Issaka Nyikabo
4. Abdu_Kadir Salifu
5. Jebriilu Braimah
6. Bande Mamudu
7. Bande Shaibu

Their photographs are attached.

On Friday 13th of October 2023, the above seven (7) persons crossed to Bittu District in Burkina Faso with the assistance of the Assembly Member for Kanyere a suburb of Mogande also in Bittu District. The Assembly Member is called Adamah Bidigah.

Fulani herdsmen grazing cattle belonging to the missing persons were earlier attacked by some Burkinabe Military personnel at Kanyere, a village in the Bittu District. This incident resulted in

the death of two Fulani herdsmen while the rest ran away leaving the cattle. The Cattle were then driven to Bittu, the capital of the Bittu District by the Military.

Announcements were subsequently made for all cattle owners to come and identify their cattle so they could hand them back to them. The Assembly Man for Kanyere, Adamah Bidigah, conveyed the message of the announcement across to the Ghana side of the border. The missing persons upon hearing the announcement, took a letter of introduction from the Municipal Chief Executive of Bawku Municipality and took it along with them to Bittu to claim their animals. They were then directed by the Assembly Member of Kanyere to the location of the animals. The location was identified as Noaho, a village also in the Bittu District.


The missing persons set off to the said location with the aim of identifying their cattle for retrieval. They were last seen standing with Burkina Faso military personnel on the road to Noaho village. Other cattle owners who were witnesses said they saw them standing with the Burkina Faso military personnel under circumstances that appeared as if they were being interrogated but were afraid to interfere so they passed by. The seven missing persons have since not been found.

I have asked senior Ghanaian military personnel to look into the matter but all efforts have yielded no results. I have also tried using former Burkina Faso Members of the ECOWAS Parliament but there have not been any positive results.

I therefore request the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration to activate diplomatic channels with the military authorities in Burkina Faso to locate and return the missing persons.

Please accept consideration of my highest regards.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mahama Ayariga', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mahama Ayariga MP

Bawku Central

THE AMBASSADOR
EMBASSY OF BURKINA FASO IN GHANA
ACCRA

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE SPEAKER,
PARLIAMENT OF GHANA.

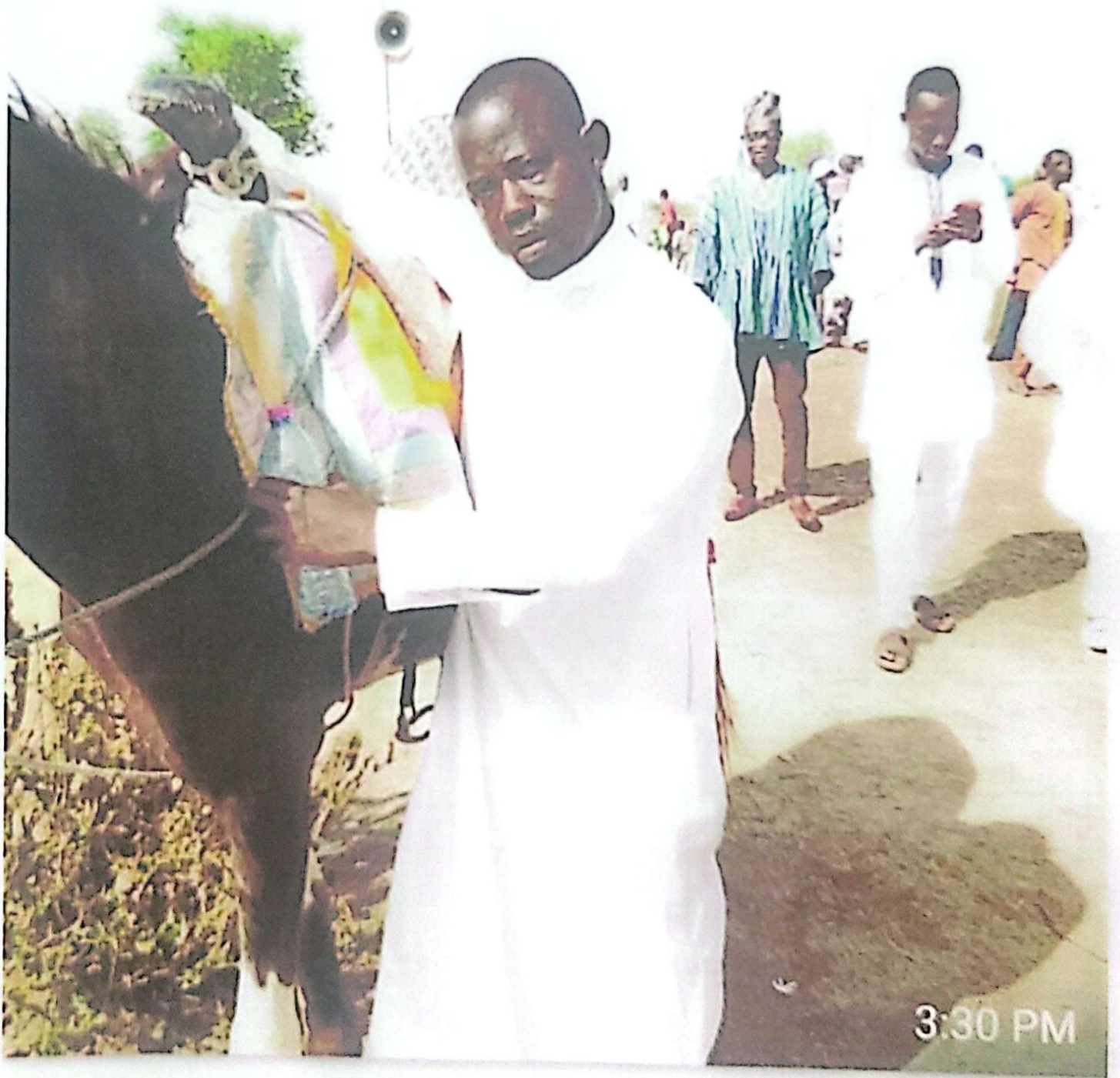
THE MINISTER FOR NATIONAL SECURITY,
ACCRA.

REGION SECURITY COUNCIL (REGSEC),
UPPER EAST REGION

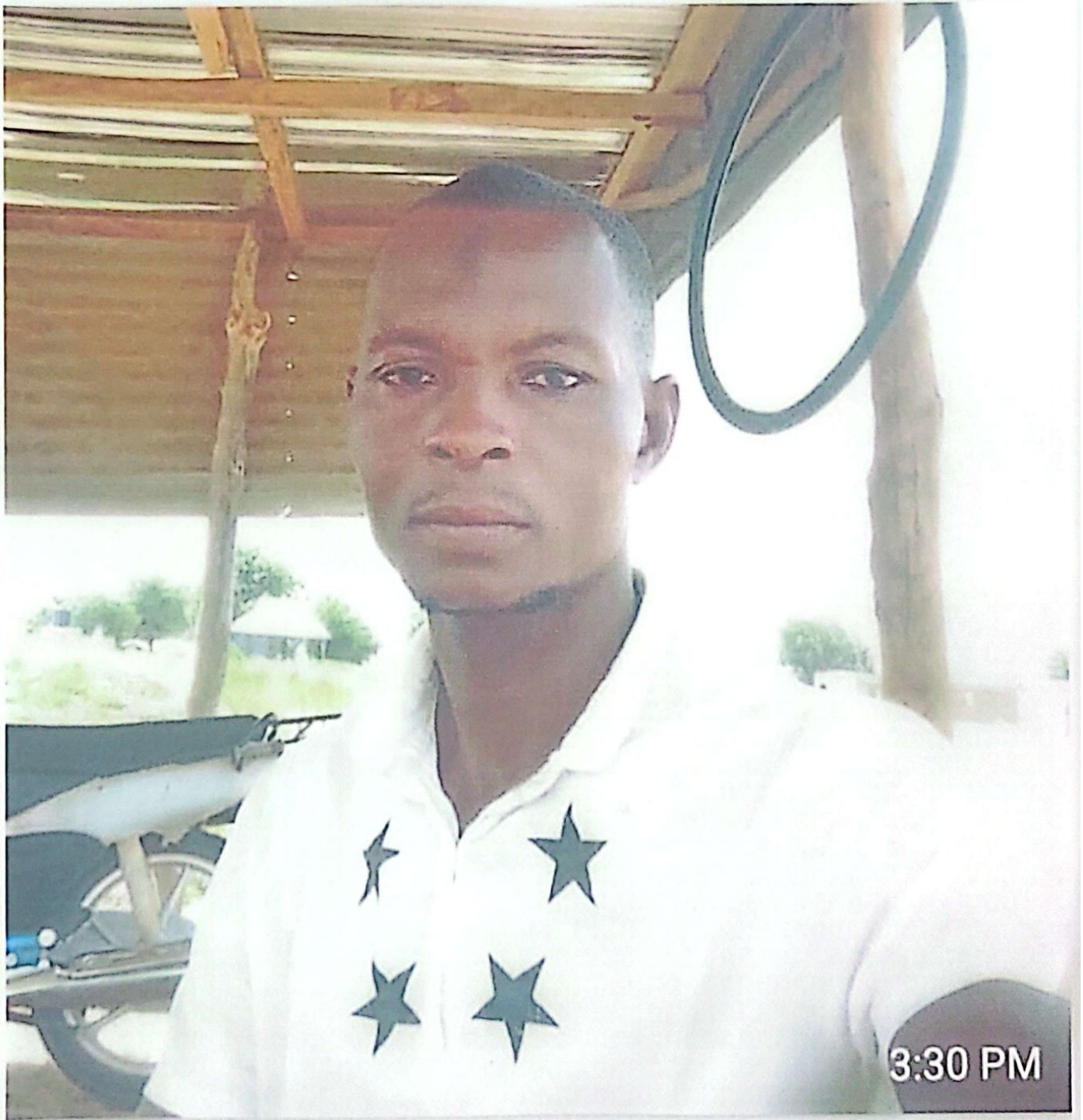
MUNICIPAL SECURITY COUNCIL (MUSEC),
BAWKU MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY

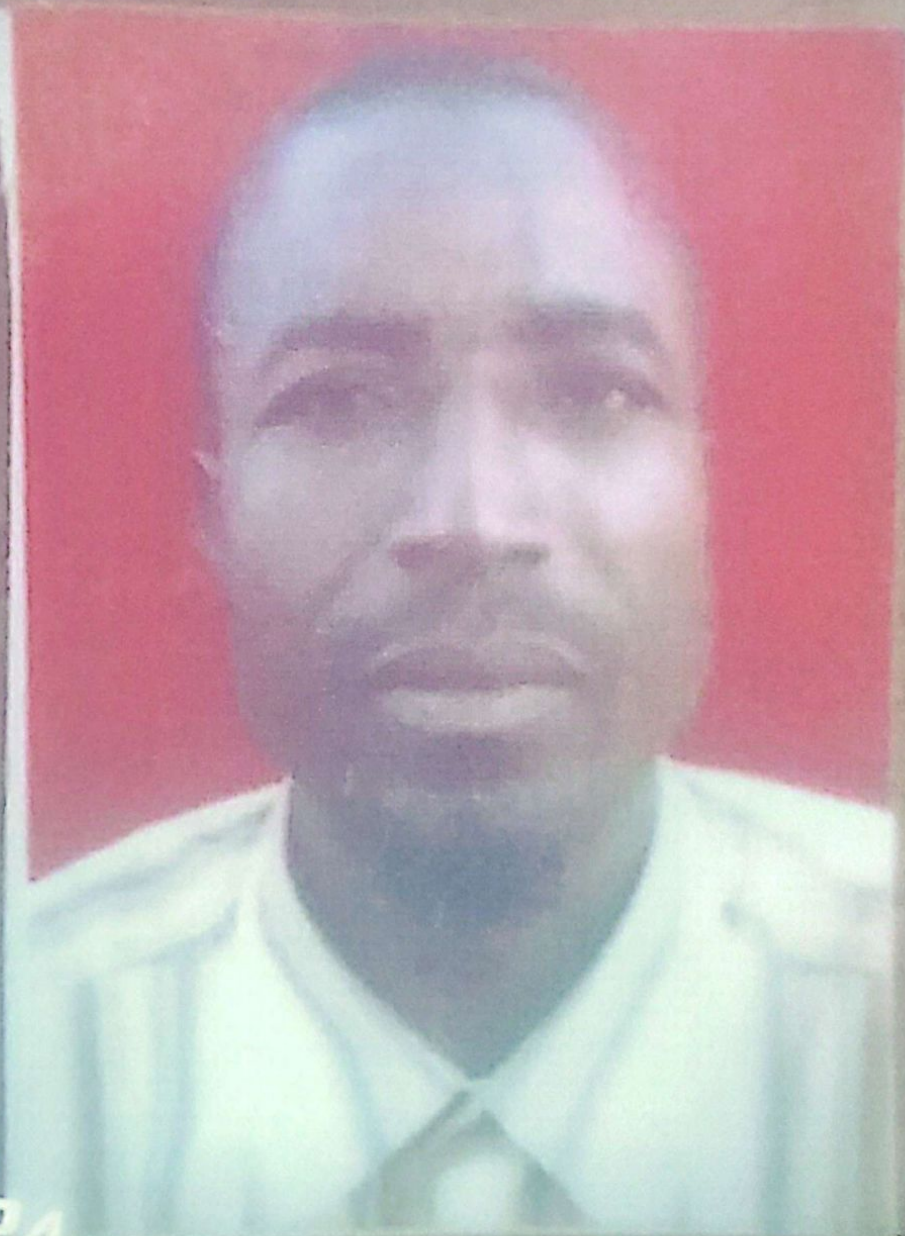






3:30 PM





TELEVISION
POP4

3:30 PM