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**INABILITY OF SALL (GUAN CONSTITUENCY) TO VOTE IN THE 2020  
PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION- DISREGARD FALSEHOOD AND  
MISINFORMATION FROM IMANI PRESIDENT**

The Electoral Commission has received an audio circulating on social media in which the President of Imani accuses the Commission of disenfranchising the people of Santrokofi, Apkafu, Lolobi and Lipke (SALL). We wish to state categorically that his accusations are false and without basis. The Commission never disenfranchised the good people of the newly created Guan Constituency. It is not in our interest to do so.

Here are the facts surrounding the inability of the residents of SALL now the Guan Constituency, to vote in the 2020 Parliamentary Election.

1. The Legislative Instrument (L. I. 2416) which created the Guan District (SALL) was laid in Parliament on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October, 2020 by the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development (MLGRD). It matured on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November, 2020, roughly a month to the 2020 General Elections.
2. Parliament went on recess on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November, 2020, the same day the L.I. creating the Guan District matured and returned on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December, 2020, one week after the 2020 General Elections.
3. On the 10<sup>th</sup> of November 2020, the Electoral Commission received a letter from the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development informing it of the creation of the Guan District (SALL). The letter requested the Commission to take steps to create a new Constituency.
4. The Commission drafted a new Constitutional Instrument (C.I.) to bring into force the Guan Constituency and forwarded the draft C.I. to the Attorney General's Department for its review on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November, 2020 as required by law.
5. It is important to state that for a C.I. to mature and come into force, the law requires the Electoral Commission to lay the C.I. in Parliament for twenty-one (21) sitting days. This means that Parliament should be in session during the twenty-one (21) day period when the C.I. is laid.
6. With Parliament on recess, the Commission could not lay the C.I. to bring the Guan Constituency into effect as required by law.

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7. The question is, how could the Commission proceed to create a new Constituency when Parliament was on recess and when the law required the Commission to lay the C.I. before Parliament for twenty-one (21) sitting days?

How can any well-meaning person accuse the Commission of disenfranchising the good people of SALL when the facts are so clear?

It is unfortunate that IMANI continues to peddle falsehood and untruths about the Commission at every point and turn. His narrative that the Commission disenfranchised the people of SALL, now the Guan Constituency, is FALSE. We urge the public to verify information put out by IMANI, with the Commission for the truth and the facts.

To enable the public ascertain the truth, we have attached the letter from the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development to the Commission requesting it to create the new Constituency and the Commission's letter to the Attorney General seeking to create the new Constituency.

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10<sup>th</sup> November, 2020

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GUAN DISTRICT ASSEMBLY)  
ESTABLISHMENT INSTRUMENT 2020**

I wish to inform you of the coming into force of the Local Government (Guan District Assembly) Establishment Instrument 2020 effective Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2020. The Legislative Instrument establishes the Guan District in the Oti Region.

2. The Guan District is carved out of the current Jasikan District.
3. I should be very grateful if the Electoral Commission would take requisite steps to create a new constituency consistent with the boundaries of the Guan District.
4. Kindly find attached the approved Legislative Instrument for the Guan District for your further necessary action.
5. I wish to take the opportunity to renew to you the assurances of my highest esteem.

  
HAJIA ALIMA MAHAMA (MP)  
MINISTER

**THE CHAIRPERSON  
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9th Nov. 2020

THE HON. ATTORNEY-GENERAL  
AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE,  
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ATTN:

MRS. MAVIS AMOAH  
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ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT  
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Dear Madam,

## RE: INSTRUMENTS COMING INTO FORCE

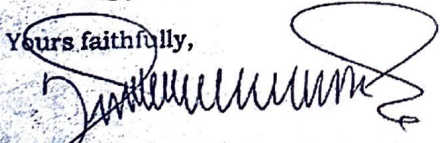
Kindly take notice that the following Instruments which were laid in Parliament on **6<sup>th</sup> October 2020**, pursuant to article 11(7) of the Constitution have been allowed by the House to come into force:

- i. Ghana Armed Forces (Amendment) Regulations, 2020.
- ii. Ghana Police Service (Amendment) Regulations, 2020.
- iii. Ghana National Fire Service (General Administration) Regulations.
- iv. Local Government (Guan District Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2020.
- v. Local Government (Jasikan District Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2020.
- vi. Local Government (Krachi West Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2020.
- vii. Local Government (Kwahu South Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2020.
- viii. Local Government (Akatsi South Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2020.

- ix Local Government (Asante Akim North Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2020.
- x Local Government (Bulsa North Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2020.
- xi Supreme Court (Amendment) Rules, 2020.
- xii Court of Appeal (Amendment) Rules, 2020.
- xiii High Court (Civil Procedure) (Amendment) Rules, 2020.
- xiv District Court (Amendment) Rules, 2020.
- xv Legal Profession (Professional Conduct and Etiquette) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020.
- xvi Legal Profession (Disciplinary Committee) Rules, 2020.
- xvii Ghana International Trade Commission (Subsidy and Countervailing Measures) Regulations, 2020.
- xviii Ghana International Trade Commission (Safeguard Measures) Regulations, 2020.
- Xix Legal Profession (Professional and Post-Call Law Course) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020.

The Instruments come into force on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Please be accordingly informed for your necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

  
EBENEZER AHUMAH DJIETROR  
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13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2020

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE  
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT  
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Dear Madam,

**A DRAFT DOCUMENT TO AMEND THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE  
(PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES) REGULATIONS, 2020 C.I. 128**

I bring you warm greetings from the Electoral Commission and write with regards to the above-mentioned subject.

Following the creation of the Guan District, it has become necessary for the Commission to alter the electoral boundaries of the Buem Constituency.

Consequently, The Representation of the People (Parliamentary Constituencies) Regulations, 2020 C.I. 128 has to be amended as a result of the review.

The Commission has drafted the attached Constitutional Instrument for your review and necessary action.

Kindly find enclosed a Pendrive containing the soft copy of the Draft Document for ease of effecting the review.

We count on your kind cooperation.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

**SAMUEL TETTEY**  
**DEPUTY CHAIRMAN (OPERATIONS)**

For: **CHAIRPERSON**

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Deputy Chairman (Corporate Services) L