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**PRESIDENT MAHAMA GRANTS PARDON TO CONVICTED PERSONS IN COMMEMORATION OF  
GHANA'S 70<sup>TH</sup> INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY**

His Excellency John Dramani Mahama, President of the Republic of Ghana, has, in accordance with Article 72(1) of the 1992 Constitution and following consultation with the Council of State, exercised the prerogative of mercy to grant presidential pardon to Eight Hundred and Sixty-Three (863) convicted persons.

The grant of pardon is made in commemoration of Ghana's 70<sup>th</sup> Independence Anniversary, marking this significant milestone in the nation's history with an act of mercy and national reflection.

The relevant state institutions have been directed to take the necessary steps to give effect to the President's decision. The categories of persons granted the pardon are as follows.

| CATEGORY                                         | NUMBER |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------|
| First Offenders (Outright Releases)              | 819    |
| Very Old (70 years and above) (Outright Release) | 13     |
| Death Sentence to be commuted to Life Sentence   | 11     |
| Seriously ill (Outright Release)                 | 6      |
| Life sentence commuted to 20 years definite      | 6      |
| Special Recommendation (Outright Release)        | 2      |
| Petitions                                        | 3      |
| Others                                           | 3      |
| Total                                            | 863    |

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