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Government condemns the attempted arrest of a JoyNews reporter and the assault of an eyewitness by a soldier at a demolition site. Such actions are utterly unacceptable to the John Mahama administration and have no place in our democratic society.

I am directed by President John Dramani Mahama to unequivocally reaffirm his unwavering commitment to the freedom and safety of journalists. A free and unfettered press is a cornerstone of our democracy, essential for accountability, transparency, and informed public discourse.

Government also reiterates our commitment to ensuring the safety and security of all Ghanaian citizens, whose rights must always be protected.

Government has accordingly directed the Minister for Defence and the National Security Coordinator to investigate the incident and ensure that the appropriate punishment is immediately imposed. Appropriate disciplinary and punitive measures must be applied without delay to ensure accountability and prevent future occurrences.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Felix Kwakye Ofori".

Felix Kwakye Ofori, MP.

Spokesperson to the President,

Minister, Government Communications.