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VACATE BUS STOPS WITHIN 48 HOURS AHEAD OF ENFORCEMENT EXERCISE – AMA DIRECTS TRADERS

The Accra Metropolitan Assembly (AMA) wishes to inform all traders occupying unauthorised bus stops across the metropolis to immediately cease trading and vacate the affected locations within 48 hours ahead of an enforcement exercise to restore order and ensure the proper use of public spaces.

The directive follows concerns raised by commercial drivers over the obstruction of designated stopping points, which impedes the movement of vehicles and pedestrians and poses risks to public safety.

The AMA acknowledges that the occupation of designated bus stops by hawkers obstructs the movement of vehicles and pedestrians, contributes to traffic congestion and forces commuters to board and alight from vehicles at unsafe locations, increasing the risk of road accidents.

Consequently, to address the situation, the Mayor of Accra, Hon. Michael Kpakpo Allotey, has already initiated enforcement measures, including the removal of traders occupying unauthorised spaces at the Kwame Nkrumah Interchange, Achimota and parts of the Central Business District (CBD).

The Assembly is therefore urging all hawkers and traders to immediately vacate designated bus stops and refrain from trading in areas reserved for their movement and the stopping of vehicles and pedestrians, as the Assembly will intensify enforcement and take the necessary action against persons who disregard this directive in accordance with the Assembly's by-laws.

The AMA cautions hawkers against returning to cleared locations, as the reoccupation of bus stops will attract further enforcement action including prosecution.

The AMA remains committed to maintaining public order, promoting road safety and ensuring the orderly use of public spaces across the metropolis.

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