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PRESS RELEASE

UPDATE ON THE MISSING BABY INCIDENT AT THE EAST GONJA MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL, SALAGA

1. Further to the Press Release dated 11th June 2026 on the unfortunate incident involving a missing newborn at the East Gonja Municipal Hospital, Salaga, the Savannah Regional Health Directorate (SRHD) of the Ghana Health Service (GHS) wishes to update the public on the progress of efforts to locate the baby and conclude investigations into the matter.
2. The SRHD continues to work closely with the Ghana Police Service in the search for the baby. The Directorate renews its appeal to members of the public who may have any information that could assist with the investigation to kindly come forward and share it with the nearest Police Station, the SRHD, or the East Gonja Municipal Hospital. All information provided will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.
3. All hospitals, child welfare clinics, and Community Health Officers (CHOs) in the country are requested to remain on the alert for any mother-baby pair whose circumstances appear suspicious and to promptly report to the nearest police station for the necessary investigation.
4. The staff responsible for the baby's care before her disappearance have been arraigned before the Tamale High Court and are currently facing criminal proceedings. Considering these developments and in accordance with the GHS Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures, the staff in question have been interdicted pending the outcome of the case.
5. The Regional Director of Health Service has also constituted a seven (7)-member Investigation Committee to investigate the circumstances surrounding the loss of the baby, recommend appropriate disciplinary action, where necessary, and propose corrective measures to prevent the future occurrence of similar incidents.
6. Psychological support has been arranged for the baby's parents as they go through these trying moments.
7. GHS reaffirms its unwavering commitment to providing timely, high-quality, and comprehensive healthcare to all its clients and to upholding the highest standards of safety and accountability across all its facilities.

1. The GHS and security services will continue to keep the public informed about significant developments as investigations progress.
2. The Directorate extends its deepest sympathies to the baby's parents and family during this difficult period.
3. Thank you.

- Signed -

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