

PRESS STATEMENT

WORLD DAY FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK

THEME: UNIONS MAKE WORK SAFER

On the occasion of 28th April, “the International Commemoration Day for the Dead and Injured workers all over the world, which is being observed this year (2011) under the theme ‘Unions make work Safer’”.

The Ghana Trades Union Congress (Ghana TUC), on behalf of the working people of Ghana wishes to express our heartfelt condolence and sympathy to all workers in Ghana and the world at large, who in the course of duty at work, either lost their lives, sustained injuries or contracted diseases and illnesses. We sympathize with their families, friends and co-workers as well as their employers.

We advise workers to be safety conscious and extra vigilant at work at all times and ensure compliance with safety rules and regulations.

We remind Government and Employers of their obligation in promoting safe working environment for workers and asked for compliance with the provisions of the laws on occupational safety and health. We further demand for enforcement of the laws at both the formal and the Informal economies of the country.

In so doing we remind Government to strengthen the agencies responsible for ensuring safe working environment in the country.

The Ghana TUC urges government and employers to be proactive in occupational safety and health related matters so that the working people of Ghana work in safe environment.

We urge Government to ratify ILO Convention 155 on occupational safety and health, develop appropriate laws and a national policy and ensure that they are effectively enforced.

An injury to one is an injury to all.

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