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**SWAG CONDEMNS ATTACKS ON SPORTS JOURNALISTS AT THE ACCRA  
SPORTS STADIUM**

The attention of the leadership of the Sports Writers Association of Ghana (SWAG) has been drawn to the unwarranted attacks on some media personnel at the Accra Sports Stadium during the Super Clash between Accra Hearts of Oak and Asante Kotoko on Sunday, February 20, 2022.

SWAG condemns these unfortunate attacks on these innocent sports journalists by Security Personnel including but not limited to those of the National Sports Authority, some members of the military, police and other services deployed on the day not forgetting that of the home team Hearts of Oak. The only crime of these journalists was to carry out their professional duties on the day.

We are as a matter of urgency calling on all stakeholders especially the Ghana Football Association (GFA), the National Sports Authority (NSA), Ghana Police Service (GPS), Ghana Armed Forces (GAF) and the other Security Agencies detailed on match days as well as Ghana League Clubs Association (GHALCA) to ensure the safety of sports journalists who visit match venues to do their job.

SWAG is also calling on the leadership of the FA in conjunction with the other organisers of the said match to investigate the incident and bring the perpetrators to book.

More importantly, SWAG hopes that the issue of accreditation of Sports Journalists to such high-profiled events and even less fancied matches would be sanitized to ensure some decency and the safety of journalists who attend these matches to fulfil their professional obligations.

SWAG believes in the promotion and development of our local leagues but the sports media cannot partner with various stakeholders when their safety cannot be assured at match venues. We therefore hope that these incidents would be a thing of the past and never to be repeated.

Additionally, SWAG is calling on the NSA and the GFA as well as the Clubs to prevent the situation whereby fans are allowed to share Media Stands at the various stadia and match centres with journalists. This practice is a recipe for disaster and should not be entertained henceforth.

Finally, SWAG commend both clubs for selling a good game to the world but remind the two leading clubs that the safety of the media who project these works should be paramount and must be protected.

Thank you.

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