

ORGANISED LABOUR

PRESS RELEASE

OUTCOME OF MEETING WITH AD-HOC INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE

Organised Labour concluded a meeting yesterday, 17th September 2024, with the Ad-hoc Inter-Ministerial Committee set up by the President of the Republic to engage stakeholders on the fight against the illegal mining menace currently ravaging our country. This follows Organised Labour's Press Conference at which it outlined specific demands from Government before the end of September, 2024. The Government team, led by the Hon. Minister for National Security, Albert Kan-Dapaah, gave a chronological rendition of their efforts at combating galamsey.

Organised Labour is of the opinion that Governmental efforts in the past have failed woefully to stop the galamsey menace and its negative impacts. In the wake of the existential threat this menace poses to our lives and livelihoods, Organised Labour remains resolute to ensure that this issue is addressed permanently.

Given the dire nature of the threat we face, Organised Labour made additional demands to its initial demands as follows:

1. Revocation of Forest (Cessation of Forest Reserve) (Amendment) Instrument, 2023 (E.I. 234)
2. All political parties to sign a pact on banning galamsey.

While the Government team accepted these proposals from Organised Labour, it requested for additional time to engage other stakeholders to enable it develop a comprehensive roadmap towards addressing the galamsey menace. This would also enable Government to respond to the specific demands of Organised Labour in a week.

We want to reiterate that our initial demands remain unchanged and timelines for action have not been varied, and that if by the end of September, 2024 a favourable response is not received, our intended actions would be rolled out.

We continue to count on the support of our members and well-meaning Ghanaians and urge all to remain resolute in our quest to ensure our self-preservation and a complete cessation of galamsey in our country.

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