



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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PRESS STATEMENT

EDUCATION SECRETARY CONDEMNS THE BRUTAL KILLING OF FEMALE OFFICER

The Secretary for Education, Dr. Uke Kombra has strongly condemned the brutal killing of female officer late Ms. Grace Gavera over the weekend.

"I strongly condemn the act of violence committed on late Grace which led to her death in the early hours of Sunday, November 25th. We at the Department are shocked and saddened by what has happened.

Any form of violence inflicted on a female staff member, a female teacher or a female student will not be tolerated. I call on the police to make sure that the perpetrator is caught and prosecuted because what he did was barbaric."

The Secretary said that it was unfortunate that the Department was preparing to observe the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence and Human Rights Campaign starting on November 25 to December 10 when this unfortunate and hideous incident happened.

"The Department has always been an advocate of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence by informing schools nationwide to organize meaningful activities for the students to participate in.

We also hope to address the issue of Gender Based Violence (GBV) and other social problems faced in our societies with the inclusion of the Citizenship and Christian Values Education (CCVE) subject as a compulsory subject in our schools from elementary up to grade 12 in 2019."

"On behalf of the staff of the Department I would like to offer our sincere condolences to the parents, immediate family members and friends of late Grace Gavera," the Secretary said.

(Authorized by)

DR. UKE KOMBRA
Secretary for Education