



## ASOGLI STATE COUNCIL

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **DESTOOLMENT OF TOGBE AFATSOA III**

The Elders, Chiefs and Kingmakers of Ho Bankoe, acting under the authority vested in them by custom and tradition, and with the full backing of the Asogli State Council, hereby announce the destoolment of Togbe Afiatsoa III, who until today, held the title of **Mankrado of Ho Bankoe**.

This decision, though painful and taken with the utmost restraint and reflection, became necessary due to a consistent pattern of misconduct and insubordination on the part of Togbe Afiatsoa III. Over an extended period, he has exhibited gross disregard for Traditional Authority, deliberately denigrated the revered Agbogbome Stool and persistently brought the name of Asogli into disrepute.

Togbe Afiatsoa III was given numerous opportunities by the Elders of Ho Bankoe to reform his ways, reconcile with leadership and return to the path of dignity and respect that befits his former office. Sadly, he chose to spurn all such opportunities and instead resorted to the reckless use of social media and other public platforms to spread falsehoods, cast aspersions and peddle misinformation aimed at undermining the image, integrity and cohesion of the traditional leadership of both Ho and the larger Asogli State.

Such actions are not only a betrayal of the sacred trust reposed in him by his people but a dangerous affront to our customs and a threat to the peace and unity of the traditional area.

After exhaustive consultations and a unanimous agreement by the Elders, Chiefs and Kingmakers, it became clear that there was no alternative but to invoke the traditional process of destoolment. Accordingly, and in line with time-honoured customs, a sheep was slaughtered and libation poured to ritually and symbolically signify his complete removal from the stool. Henceforth, he ceases to be recognised in any capacity whatsoever as Mankrado of Ho Bankoe.

We wish to serve an unambiguous notice to the general public and all institutions, both traditional and civil, that any person or entity who engages the former traditional leader in any capacity does so at their peril. The Asogli State and the people of Ho Bankoe will not accept responsibility for any consequences that may arise from such dealings.

The Elders, Chiefs and Kingmakers of Ho Bankoe and the entire Asogli are committed to their sacred duty of preserving the peace, dignity and sanctity of the Asogli State at all times. No individual, regardless of their position, shall be permitted to undermine our institutions with impunity.

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