



MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

PRESS RELEASE

UPDATE ON EVACUATION FROM SOUTH AFRICA

ACCRA, 21ST MAY, 2026 - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs wishes to provide an update on the evacuation of Ghanaians from South Africa which was scheduled to commence today, 21st May, 2026.

The Government of Ghana notes that more than 800 Ghanaians have registered with our High Commission in Pretoria seeking to be evacuated due to the latest wave of xenophobic attacks.

Considering the numbers involved and the South African legal conditions that have to be met including mandatory passenger screening, multi-institutional coordination and flight permits, the planned evacuation has been deferred by a few days to enable our High Commission meet these evacuation conditions.

Ghanaian and South African authorities have agreed to enhanced and more efficient pre-evacuation modalities to expedite the process.

Meanwhile, senior government officials on both sides remain actively engaged on this important exercise.

The Government of Ghana assures our nationals in South Africa that best efforts are being pursued to ensure their safe return home. We commend them for their remarkable understanding and patience.

We shall continue to keep the public apprised in a transparent and timely manner consistent with our good governance traditions.

TO ALL MEDIA HOUSES

