



NATIONAL ANTI-ILLEGAL MINING OPERATIONS SECRETARIAT (NAIMOS)

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STATEMENT ON REPORTED INVASION OF ATEWA FOREST BY ILLEGAL MINERS

The National Anti-Illegal Mining Operations Secretariat (NAIMOS) has taken note of recent public and media reports regarding illegal mining activities and encroachment activities within the Atewa Range Forest Reserve.

NAIMOS has also taken note of similar concerns by A Rocha Ghana and other concerned groups during a joint press conference on Monday, 14th September 2026, on the current state of the forest reserve.

Given that the Secretariat considers the protection of Ghana's forest reserves, water sources and ecologically sensitive areas as critical in the fight against illegal mining, **all reports in connection with the Atewa Range Forest Reserve are receiving necessary and urgent attention.**

Having already conducted reconnaissance operations within the enclave, NAIMOS is currently collaborating with relevant security and state agencies, to take decisive action within the reserve. This next line of intervention will be guided by verified intelligence and further operational assessment to achieve maximum results.

The public is therefore assured that the **concerns regarding the Atewa Range Forest Reserve will not be ignored** as NAIMOS remains committed to protecting Ghana's natural resources and ensuring that illegal mining activities do not undermine critical forest reserves, water bodies and the communities that depend on them.

The Secretariat appreciates the vigilance of Civil Society Organisations, traditional authorities, communities and members of the public; and encourages the continued provision of credible information to support the national fight against illegal mining.

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