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## **Ga-Dangme Lawyers Condemn Marriage between Gborbu Wulomor of Nungua and Minor**

[Accra, 1st April, 2024] – The Ga-Dangme Lawyers Association expresses its strong disapproval of the recent marriage between the Gborbu Wulomor of Nungua, Nuumo Borketey Laweh Tsuru XXXIII, aged 63, and a 12-year-old girl, which took place on Saturday, March 30th, 2024.

Despite claims that the marriage was by customary rights and will not engage in any marital duties until she turns 18, this does not negate the fact that her fundamental human rights as enshrined under Chapter five of the Constitution of Ghana, 1992 has not been upheld.

It is important to note that the The Children's Act provides that the minimum age of marriage of whatever kind shall be eighteen years, and since she is below the age of consent, she is unable to legally consent to the marriage.

Ghana signed the Convention of the Rights of the Child on 29th January 1990 and one week later, on 5th February 1990, Ghana became the first country in the world to ratify the treaty – committing to adopt it into national law, some traditional practices, such as this does not uphold the protection of children's right.

The Children's Act also clearly states that the best interest of the child shall be paramount in any matter concerning a child. It is evident that in this case, the best interest of the 12-year-old has not been made a priority.

The Ga-Dangme Lawyers Association calls for an immediate end to this practice and urges the community to prioritize the well-being and rights of children. We call on the Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection, Hon. Lariba Zuweira Abudu and child rights organizations to intervene.

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