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PRESS RELEASE

**TEMA POLICE BUSTS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND CYBER FRAUD
SYNDICATE AT PEACE LAND, ASHAIMAN**

1. The Tema Regional Police Command has dismantled a human trafficking and cyber fraud syndicate operating at Peace Land, Ashaiman, leading to the arrest of three suspects and the rescue of seven Nigerian nationals who were being held captive. The operation was carried out by the Zenu–Atadeka District Police Patrol Team on October 7, 2025, at approximately 4:00 p.m.
2. The suspects, identified as Peter Okoyie (36), a computer engineer, Jolly Ezekiel (30), and Jolly Shadrack (33), are alleged to have lured their victims from Nigeria into Ghana under the pretence of offering them construction work in Tema. Upon arrival, the victims were taken to a house at Peace Land, Ashaiman, where they were confined and forced into internet fraud activities.
3. Investigations revealed that the victims were subjected to severe beatings and compelled to swear oaths of allegiance to their captors. Those who refused to participate in the fraudulent schemes were locked in a small room measuring approximately 10x12 feet, deprived of food, freedom of movement, and basic hygiene for several months.
4. According to the victims, each was provided with a laptop and trained to create fake romantic relationships with unsuspecting persons in some foreign countries, to defraud them of money. The syndicate reportedly used over ten laptops for these operations, with senior members supervising and benefiting from the proceeds.
5. During a follow-up search at the suspects' residence, the Police retrieved items including laptops, routers, mobile phones, household goods, and foodstuffs, which have been retained as exhibits to aid investigations. The victims, who had been confined for about eight months, have since been rescued.
6. On October 9, 2025, the suspects were arraigned before the Ashaiman District Court, presided over by H/W Derick Parden Eshun, on charges of Conspiracy to Commit Crime, namely Human Trafficking, and Human Trafficking. Their pleas were not taken, and they

were remanded into Police custody to reappear on October 23, 2025. The mobile phones retrieved from the accused persons have been forwarded to the Cyber Crime Unit at the Police Headquarters, Accra, for forensic analysis.

7. The Tema Regional Police Commander assures the public that investigations are progressing steadily. The Command is also collaborating with the Ghana Immigration Service to facilitate the safe repatriation and reintegration of the victims with their families in Nigeria.
8. The Command reaffirms its commitment to safeguarding public safety and security and urges members of the public to promptly report any suspected human trafficking or cybercrime activities to assist in the ongoing fight against organised criminal networks.

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