



9th July 2026

1. **THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL  
LAW HOUSE  
ACCRA**
2. **THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
ECONOMIC AND ORGANISED CRIME OFFICE  
OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE  
ACCRA**



Dear Sirs,

**RE: UNLAWFUL ARREST AND DETENTION OF HANAN ABDUL-WAHAB**

We act for Hanan Abdul-Wahab.

We refer to his unlawful arrest on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at the Accra International Airport, his subsequent detention in the cells of the Bureau of National Intelligence and the Economic and Organised Crime Office (EOCO) and his eventual release in the night of 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

As you are aware, our client was arrested whilst on his way to the United Kingdom for a scheduled medical appointment. At the time of his arrest, he had in his possession personal effects, two mobile phones and sums of money which he had borrowed for his travel expenses and medical treatment, specified as follows:

- First envelope – GBP5,000
- Second envelope – GBP1,700
- Third envelope – GH¢2,750

We are instructed that upon his release, our client's personal items were not returned to him. Instead, he was directed to appear before EOCO on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2026 for the collection of his belongings. To his utter dismay, when our client reported at EOCO, he was only given an empty purse, a watch and boarding pass. When he inquired about the remainder of his items, the investigating officer, Frank Cromwell, responded that he had no authorisation to release the money and the two mobile phones seized from him at the airport.

We note, with serious concern, that EOCO continues to unlawfully retain the properties belonging to our client.

The money borrowed by our client for his trip was intended solely for his travel and medical treatment. This money was not taken out of any account of his allegedly frozen, and its continued retention is legally baseless and is causing significant distress and financial hardship to our client. Furthermore, our client's two mobile phones, which were seized during his arrest, have also not been returned.

We are further instructed that EOCO unlawfully accessed the data on our client's phones without any judicial authorisation. Specifically, the access occurred on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 7:39 pm and again on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 9:33am, during which time our client was in your custody and his phones were in your possession. This constitutes an unlawful interference with our client's personal properties and a grave invasion of his right to privacy guaranteed under Article 18(2) of the Constitution, 1992.

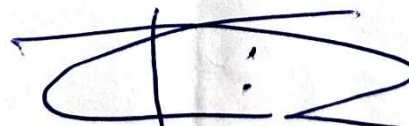
We also note that our client's passport remains in your custody contrary to the order of the High Court dated 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026. The passport was released by the Court to enable him travel out of the jurisdiction, and he was ordered to return it directly to the Registrar of the High Court. In accordance with Article 21(4) of the constitution, the seizure of a citizen's passport without the authorisation of a court order is unwarranted.

In light of all the above, we hereby demand the immediate release of the two mobile phones and the money seized from our client together with all other items unlawfully held in your custody. We also demand a full account of any data accessed from our client's phones.

We hope we will not be compelled to resort to unnecessary litigation.

Accept the assurances of our highest esteem.

Yours faithfully,



**GODFRED YEBOAH DAME**

CC: Hanan Abdul-Wahab  
Accra.