



**PRESS RELEASE ON ARRESTS OF TEN (10) STUDENTS FOR THE ALLEGED
PRODUCTION AND SALE OF CANNABIS-INFUSED DRINKS AND ICE CREAM
DURING SRC WEEK CELEBRATIONS**

The attention of Management of Koforidua Technical University (KTU) has been drawn to media reports of arrests of some students of the University in relation to the **production and sale of cannabis-infused drinks and ice cream during Hall Week celebrations**, and the University wishes to respond as follows:

1. Koforidua Technical University Management wishes to confirm the arrests of ten (10) persons by the Narcotics Control Commission (NACOC).
2. The arrests were made during Students' Representative Council's Week celebrations on Saturday, August 1, 2026, and not Hall Week Celebrations on Campus.
3. Management has visited the Affected Students at the National Headquarters of NACOC in Accra. This move was possible after several inquiries at various Security Installations as to which of the Institutions had carried out the arrests.
4. Seven (7) out of the ten (10) affected persons arrested are students of the University.
5. The Affected Students are in the custody of the Narcotics Control Commission (NACOC) in Accra assisting in investigations.
6. The University condemns the alleged act of production and sale of Cannabis-infused drinks and ice cream said to have been committed without equivocation.
7. The University wishes to inform the general public that pursuant to Article 15 (vi) of the Students' Handbook of the University, it is an offence for students to involve themselves in such acts of misconduct.
8. Parents of affected students have been contacted and informed of the development. They have subsequently identified their wards alleged involved in the act.
9. Parents whose wards are pursuing various programmes of study at Koforidua Technical University should remain calm and not be agitated.
10. Management wishes to assure students, staff, parents, alumni and the general public that the University is co-operating fully with the relevant authorities as efforts continue to establish and verify the facts surrounding the matter and the University remains committed in upholding the highest standards of discipline, safety and institutional integrity.

11. Management wishes to inform the general public to be guided by Article 19 (2) (c) of the Constitution of the Republic of Ghana, 1992, that the affected students are presumed innocent until proven or pleaded guilty by a competent Court of Law.
12. Appropriate pronouncements would be made by the University after investigations are completed.
13. Meanwhile, as a precautionary measure, all SRC activities have been banned until further notice, and a committee has been constituted to investigate the matter thoroughly and provide recommendation (s) to prevent any future occurrences.

Signed

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