

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT ON THE MENACE OF LAND GUARDS BY
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Thank you, Mr Speaker, for this opportunity to contribute to the Statement ably made by my Hon Colleague.

Mr Speaker, I always say that there is nothing that justifies a wrong. It is true that if one comes to Ghana, most especially Accra, land administration and the acquisition of land legally is a problem. I agree to all these, but that does not justify an individual to take the law into their own hands.

Mr Speaker, these land guards are people we live with and dine with. They are people that the security forces of this country are fully aware of. They know them, and they stay in the same locality with them, but who dares go and arrest a land guard? If you do, you cannot stay in your home the next day.

Mr Speaker, I agree with the Hon Member who last spoke. He also agreed that, with most of these individuals, if at the end of the day they cannot get any work to do, they transform into political vigilantes, which we all condemn. Unfortunately, the Hon Member refused to add that his boss once said that, violence begets violence.

When two political vigilante groups crashed, I thought that at that particular time, the opportunity should have been used to deal with those individuals squarely, but unfortunately, that did not happen.

Mr Speaker, this is a call on the House. In this House, most of the time, we come out with brilliant ideas and make very intelligent Statements, but at the end of the day, implementation becomes a problem. I would, therefore, want to appeal to you that, as a House, we deal with these issues of land guards, so that, at the end of the day, if individuals own their lands, they know that they are theirs. Therefore, when they build, they become sure that it is theirs, and therefore, stay in it, and feel very comfortable.

Mr Speaker, thank you for the opportunity.