

CENSUS OFFICIALS CHASED OUT

Startling information reaching DAILY GUIDE indicates that some enumerators at Kuffour Camp, a village in the Sunyani Municipality, who did not ask permission before marking a building, were nearly attacked by the inhabitants of the house.

Narrating the incident to DAILY GUIDE, an eyewitness, Kojo Nimoh, who was among those who saved the enumerators, said he heard people shouting for help when he was returning from his farm.

He stated that when he rushed to the village, he saw the enumerators in their blue shirts being chased out by some inhabitants of the village.

According to him, the enumerators went to the house to mark the building for the population and housing census. But upon reaching the house, they did not meet anyone so they decided to start the makings.

During the process, an old woman who mistook the enumerators for some criminals started shouting out of fear, compelling the occupants of the house to rush out of their rooms to chase them out.

He added that although the enumerators were not hurt, they were terrified by the action of the people. It took some amount of intense education before the people allowed the enumerators to mark their building and count them as well.

The farmer explained that the old woman was frightened because there had not been any sensitizing in the village on the ongoing population and housing census, coupled with recent killings in the vicinity.

“Even me I went to the nearby town yesterday to pay my son’s school fees before I got to know that there was something going on,” he added.

Agya Nimoh therefore called for proper education on the exercise because there were so many people who lived in cottage close to his farm who are not aware of the exercise.

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