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## **STATEMENT BY THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY**

The Ministry of National Security has taken note of a publication by GhanaWeb on May 8, 2021, titled 'How Government allegedly cloned phone of #FixtheCountry protest convener'.

In the publication, one Oliver Barker-Vormanor, a convenor of the #FixtheCountry campaign alleged that operatives of the Ministry of National Security coerced convenors into a meeting with Cabinet. He further alleged that, the operatives unlawfully cloned one of the phones of the convenors and assessed private chats.

Consistent with standard practices, the phones of all visitors are kept at the reception of the Ministry. The Ministry has no basis to and did not tamper with the phones of the convenors.

The convenors were invited for a meeting to which they voluntarily attended. The allegation that they were coerced into a meeting is therefore untrue.

Additionally, in instances where the Agencies of the Ministry have need to investigate the electronic devices of a person, legal methods such as a proper court warrant are employed. The phone cloning allegation is also therefore false and baseless.

The public is therefore advised to disregard the said allegation.

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**KOJO OPPONG NKROMAH (MP)  
MINISTER**