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**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION INITIATES PROCESS FOR PAYMENT OF BOOK  
AND RESEARCH ALLOWANCE FOR SENIOR MEMBERS OF PUBLIC  
TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS**

Reference is made to media publications regarding a strike action embarked upon by the University Teachers Association of Ghana (UTAG) starting today, Thursday, August 6, 2015.

The Ministry of Education assures the Senior Members of the public Tertiary Institutions that it has initiated processes to ensure the release and payment of Book and Research Allowances for the 2014/2015 academic year.

The Ministry is always committed to finding lasting solutions to pertinent issues confronting teachers through the instituted quarterly meeting with Teacher Unions (in this case) UTAG and Polytechnics Teachers Association of Ghana (POTAG).

Series of meetings were held with all the stakeholders including, Fair Wages and Salaries Commission (FWSC), Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations (MELR), National Council for Tertiary Education (NCTE), and the Ministry of Finance (MOF) over the status of negotiations on Conditions of Service for UTAG and POTAG as well as the way forward for the Book and Research Allowance and the Tertiary Education Research Fund.

At the recent meeting held on June 1, 2015, the Ministry assured the University Teachers Association of Ghana (UTAG) and the Polytechnics Teachers Association of Ghana (POTAG) of its preparedness to pay the Book and Research Allowance for the 2014/2015 academic year.

The Minister for Education has since requested the confirmation of rates for 2015 implementation, the Cedi to Dollar exchange rate from the Ministry of Finance as well as a request for the Auditor-General to audit the claims of the Institutions within the tertiary sector for the payment of the allowances.

The above requests are currently receiving attention from the Ministry of Finance.

The Ministry therefore, appeals to the Senior Members of the public Tertiary Institutions to call off the strike and exercise maximum restraint while urgent steps are being taken to ensure the payment of the allowances.

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