11 November 2026

The Inspector-General of Police
Ghana Police Service
Police Headquarters
Accra

Dear Inspector-General,

REQUEST FOR URGENT INSPECTION AND REMOVAL OF A LOADED TRUCK PARKED NEAR NEOPLAN, ACHIMOTA

I write on behalf of CUTS International Accra to express our deep disappointment over the continued presence of a loaded articulated transit truck near Neoplan, Achimota, for nearly two months, despite repeated alerts to police officers and media coverage.

The truck occupies road space and worsens traffic congestion during rush hours. Its prolonged presence raises concerns about road safety, its cargo and the apparent lack of action by the responsible law enforcement and security agencies.

CUTS raised these concerns publicly on Monday, 2 November 2026. ***Channel One, Citi FM, Joy News, Business and Financial Times, The Highstreet Journal, Norvan Report, Modern Ghana*** and the subsequently reported the matter on 3 November, identifying the vehicle as a Nigerian-registered truck bearing registration number T-26001LA. On Friday 6th November, 2026, ***Citi 97.3 FM*** in their Morning Show dedicated time on this same subject matter. Despite the extensive media coverage, the truck continues to occupy the location.

We recognise the demands on the Ghana Police Service. Even so, a loaded truck left on a major road in the capital for nearly two months deserves prompt investigation. Citizens are encouraged to "see something, say something". This call depends on public confidence in the response to reports. When repeated alerts receive no visible action or feedback, citizens lose confidence and become less willing to report concerns. Such gaps in enforcement also create opportunities for persons with criminal intentions.

We have no verified information about the truck's cargo and no evidence of explosives on board. Our concern arises from the prolonged uncertainty and the absence of a visible response. The potential use of unattended vehicles to conceal dangerous materials, including remotely detonated explosive devices, warrants consideration during a professional security assessment.

The Appiatse explosion in 2022 and the Beirut port explosion in 2020 offer sobering lessons about the consequences of inadequate oversight of hazardous materials. We refer to these tragedies to underline the importance of preventive action, without suggesting the truck carries similar materials.

We respectfully request your urgent intervention to ensure the Ghana Police Service promptly inspects the truck and tows it from the roadside.

We further request a review of procedures for monitoring and responding to public safety concerns reported through the media. Clear responsibility for assessing reports, coordinating responses and providing feedback would strengthen public confidence and support police work.

CUTS has raised this matter in fulfilment of its responsibility to promote public safety. Road users deserve protection from this prolonged obstruction, and citizens who report concerns deserve a timely response.

As you may be aware, CUTS is a public policy research and advocacy organisation working to advance consumer welfare and accountable public services. Our work on road safety and urban mobility promotes safer roads, reliable public transport, effective traffic management and stronger enforcement of safety standards. Through research, public education and engagement with government agencies, the media and road users, we advocate practical measures to reduce road crashes, protect pedestrians and passengers, and improve movement within our cities. This commitment informs our call for prompt action on road obstructions and other preventable hazards.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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1. The Honourable Minister, Ministry of Interior
2. The Coordinator, National Security
3. The Director General, Motor Transport and Traffic Department (MTTD)
4. The Director General, National Roads Safety Authority
5. The Greater Accra Regional Police Commander, Ghana Police Service
6. The Commander, Achimota Police Station

CUTS raises security, safety concerns over abandoned truck on Achimota road

Channel One News | By Isaac Appiah Kubi | 3 November 2026



CUTS International Accra has called on state security and road safety agencies to urgently inspect and remove a loaded Nigerian-registered truck that has been parked along the Achimota stretch of the Accra–Nsawam road for more than a month.

The think tank says the truck, with registration number T-26001LA (Lagos State), is obstructing road space near ABC Junction, worsening traffic congestion and raising concerns about road safety, national security and the monitoring of cargo vehicles.

In a statement issued on Monday, November 2, CUTS questioned the failure of the Ghana Police Service, National Security, the National Road Safety Authority (NRSA) and the relevant municipal assembly to address the situation.

It noted that the truck is parked less than 100 metres from a point where police officers regularly direct traffic at Neoplan Junction, making the prolonged inaction particularly concerning.

Appiah Kusi Adomako, Director of the West Africa Regional Centre of CUTS International in Accra, said he photographed the vehicle on October 8 after observing it at the location for several weeks.

He said the authorities must establish the truck's ownership, verify its cargo and explain why it has remained unattended for so long.

CUTS says the situation requires urgent attention, particularly as it has no verified information about the truck's contents and has observed no visible safety cordon around it.

The organisation cited the Road Traffic Regulations, 2026 (L.I. 2519), which prohibit unauthorised parking on roads and require the immediate removal of broken-down vehicles.

It also referenced provisions empowering the Police and NRSA to arrange the towing of vehicles left in dangerous positions.

Drawing lessons from the 2022 Appiatse explosion and the 2020 Beirut port disaster, CUTS warned against overlooking potential risks associated with unattended vehicles carrying hazardous materials.

It stressed, however, that it was not alleging that the Achimota truck was transporting dangerous cargo.

The organisation also pointed to Regulations 79 and 80 of L.I. 2519, which outline safety requirements for transporting hazardous goods, including cargo documentation, labelling, driver qualifications and vehicle safety.

CUTS is urging the relevant agencies to inspect the truck immediately, assess any potential risks, provide appropriate safety warnings and arrange its removal.

It has further called for an investigation into the prolonged failure to clear the obstruction, with appropriate sanctions applied if any neglect of duty is established.

The think tank wants the agencies to introduce routine checks and clear reporting arrangements for stationary trucks along major roads to prevent similar situations.

“The owner must take responsibility for the truck. State agencies must also fulfil their enforcement responsibilities. Road users should not continue to bear the consequences of this neglect,” Mr Adomako said.

Source: Channel One News. Open the original report.

Loaded transit truck left for weeks exposes safety, enforcement and National Security lapses, says CUTS

MyJoyOnline | Transport | 2 November 2026, 4:50 p.m.



CUTS International Accra, a leading research and public policy think tank, has criticised the prolonged failure of state agencies to address a loaded transit truck parked along the Achimota stretch of the Accra–Nsawam road, just before ABC Junction.

A Nigerian-registered articulated truck, registration number T-26001LA (Lagos State), has remained at the location for more than a month, worsening rush-hour congestion on an already busy corridor. CUTS says the continued obstruction raises concerns about road safety, national security, enforcement and the monitoring of cargo vehicles.

Appiah Kusi Adomako, the Director of the West Africa Regional Centre of CUTS International in Accra, photographed the truck on 8 October 2026 after observing the vehicle at the location for several weeks.

“I photographed this truck on 8 October after seeing the vehicle parked there for weeks. The truck continues to occupy road space while motorists struggle through congestion. The responsible agencies owe the public an explanation for this prolonged inaction,” Mr Adomako said.

The truck stands less than 100 metres from the point where police officers regularly direct traffic at Neoplan Junction. CUTS questions how an obstruction so close to routine police operations has remained unresolved for weeks.

According to CUTS, traffic management requires officers to identify hazards and ensure their removal. The relevant municipal assembly must also report persistent obstructions and coordinate with enforcement agencies to protect road users.



The Road Traffic Regulations, 2026, L.I. 2519, provide a basis for intervention. Regulation 235(1)(e) prohibits parking on a road except in an emergency with adequate advance warning. Regulation 235(3)(e) also prohibits parking on a hard shoulder except in an emergency.

Where a vehicle has broken down, regulation 127(1) requires the owner or person in charge to ensure immediate removal. Regulation 127(7) requires the Police or NRSA to tow, or authorise towing of, a broken-down vehicle left in a dangerous position or likely to cause an accident or injury.

CUTS says the circumstances also warrant a security assessment. The organisation has no verified information about the cargo or whether the authorities have inspected the truck. No visible cordon has been observed.

“A loaded truck left beside a busy road for weeks should attract official attention. The Police should establish ownership, verify the cargo and assess the circumstances. Public safety requires active supervision and timely intervention,” Mr Adomako said.

Lessons from Appiaste Explosion and Beirut Port Explosion

CUTS draws attention to the Appiatse disaster of 20 January 2022, when a collision involving a truck transporting mining explosives resulted in an explosion which devastated the community. The incident demonstrates the severe consequences of road incidents involving hazardous materials.

The Beirut port explosion in Lebanon on August 2020 demonstrates the consequences of neglecting hazardous cargo. Ammonium nitrate stored without adequate safety measures for about six years exploded, killing more than 200 people, injuring thousands and devastating surrounding neighbourhoods. The disaster reinforces the need for authorities to identify cargo, assess risks and act promptly when loaded vehicles or potentially dangerous materials remain unattended. CUTS makes no allegation about the contents of the Achimota truck, but urges the responsible agencies to inspect the vehicle and establish the appropriate safeguards without further delay.

Following the disaster, the Minerals Commission introduced additional safeguards for transporting explosives, including strengthened inspection and escort arrangements. CUTS says the lessons from Appiatse should inform routine monitoring and enforcement.

Regulations 79 and 80 of L.I. 2519 address hazardous-goods transportation, including driver qualifications, cargo documentation, labelling and vehicle safety. If inspection establishes hazardous

cargo, the responsible agencies must enforce those requirements and any additional applicable controls.

CUTS calls on the Ghana Police Service, National Security, NRSA and the relevant municipal assembly to inspect the truck immediately, identify its owner and operator, and verify the cargo. The agencies should assess the risks, provide appropriate warnings and arrange safe removal using suitable equipment.

They must also explain the prolonged failure to clear the obstruction, investigate any neglect of duty, and apply the relevant sanctions, including recovery of towing and storage costs where the law permits. To prevent similar situations, CUTS urges the agencies to establish routine checks and clear reporting arrangements for stationary trucks along major roads.



“The owner must take responsibility for the truck. State agencies must also fulfil their enforcement responsibilities. Road users should not continue to bear the consequences of this neglect,” Mr Adomako said.

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Channel One

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3 November 2026

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The Ghanaian Chronicle

CUTS Raises Alarm Over Abandoned Loaded Truck At Achimota

6 November 2026

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News Ghana

Abandoned Lagos Truck at Achimota Revives Appiatse Safety Fears

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The High Street Journal

Disaster in Waiting: CUTS Int'l Sounds Alarm Over a Month-Old Achimota Abandoned Truck Posing Danger

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Remember Appiatse!: Rampant Abandoned Cargo Trucks Sparks Concerns Over Ghana's Highway Safety

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Ghana Guardian

CUTS demands action over month-long truck obstruction on Accra-Nsawam road

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Ghana Guardian

Unattended Nigerian truck raises safety and security concerns in Accra

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CUTS Says Weeks-Long Transit Truck Delays Reveal Safety and Security Lapses

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Celebrities Arena

Accra Truck Stalled for Weeks Raises Road Safety and Security Concerns

2 November 2026

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Chale News

Nigerian Truck Blocks Achimota Road for Over a Month, No Agency Acts

Date not confirmed

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ANNEX B | PHOTOGRAPHS

Truck at Achimota

Photographs taken on 8 October 2026 at 10:22 a.m. | Supplied by CUTS



Photograph 1



Photograph 2



Photograph 3



Photograph 4



Photograph 5



Photograph 6

CUTS took these photographs on 8 October 2026 at 10:22 a.m., after observing the truck parked at this location for weeks.