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NADMO KICK-STARTS “OPERATION THUNDERBOLT 2017” IN THREE NORTHERN REGIONS

The National Disaster Management Organisation (NADMO) in collaboration with other stakeholders will on Tuesday August 29, 2017, begin an early warning sensitization and operation code named “Operation Thunderbolt 2017” in the Northern, Upper East and Upper West Regions for the next three months, with stations in Walewale and Daboya.

The objective for the three-month-long exercise is to prepare the affected communities for the rains forecasted and the alternative livelihood plans for these communities, following series of reports received from the Hydrological Department of the Ghana Meteorological Agency about expected heavy rains in the three Northern Regions as well as the spillage of the Bagre and Kopinga Dams from Burkina Faso.

The first batch of 30 officers led by Abu Ramadan, Deputy Director-General incharge of Operations will take off from the NADMO Headquarters to the Northern Region to undertake preparative work before the commencement of the operation.

The team is equipped with the following equipments; extrication machines, Rescue equipment, water pumping machines, compressors and speed boats amongst others.

We therefore call on all Ghanaians to join us reduce the impact of natural disasters on the life of our people.

The collaborating agencies include the 48 Engineer Regiment of the Ghana Armed Forces, National Ambulance Service, the UN system and the three Regional Coordinating Councils.

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