Thank you, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, I rise to associate myself with the Statement made by my Hon Colleague, Hon Mubarak — Mr Speaker, thank you.

I support the Statement made by Hon Ras Mubarak. In fact, in recent times, you would realise that most demonstrations are normally escorted by the Police. Unfortunately, most of the Police officers are given guns and I do not see why. This is because Police officers are supposed to be friends and very sociable to demonstrators. Mr Speaker, but these days, people are given live bullets instead of rubber bullets, and instead of using water guns to disperse people, they rather use live bullets. Instead of shooting in the air, they rather aim at human beings.

We are still on the learning curve. So, it is very important that the Police are given very good education on such things. In fact, such things are happening and like an Hon Member said, we have people who are not within the Police fraternity but move around wielding pistols; and this is very dangerous to our society today.

Mr Speaker, what is happening in other countries in West Africa — today, we have the Boko Harams of Nigeria and we have others in Kenya. It is because of these kinds of things where pistols and other guns are given to young boys to go round frightening people. But I believe that, with what is happening — I would call on the Hon Minister-designate for The Interior — when he takes office, this is something that he would have to work on seriously. And to caution and entreat the people to surrender their guns willingly. That would save this society. Otherwise, the way this country is going, it would not be good for us. It is very important.

Unfortunately, our brother was shot. I am sure that by now, he is doing well, and is walking, but that is dangerous for us, and so, I associate myself with the Statement on the floor. But at least, the Police must also bring the officer to book.

I do not understand why the Police should give police officers live ammunition to escort people. After all, they are neither going to fight nor going to war. So, they should have been given rubber bullets and be escorted by the Trojans and water cannons.

Mr Speaker, on this note, I thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment on the Statement on the floor.