Mr Speaker, first of all, I would thank the Hon Member who made the Statement on this shooting incidence. In fact, contributions from the floor indicate clearly that Hon Members are of the view that the Police who are to protect and maintain peace in our country, do their best in protecting the citizens of this country.

Mr Speaker, what the Hon Member who made the Statement wants the House to do is to ask the Police Administration to investigate the incident and probably compensate the people who were involved. But Mr Speaker, the question is, who will conduct the investigation? It is going to be the same Police Administration that is going to conduct the investigation.

I agree with the Hon Member who said that there must be a body set up to carefully investigate things of this nature, because if the Police are going to be the same people going to do this investigation, probably it would end up with results which would not capture what exactly happened.

Mr Speaker, as we talk about the Police conducting themselves in a manner to protect the people of this country, it starts probably with the training that they have from the day they were recruited. The recruitment itself is a process which must ensure that we have quality personnel who would protect the people of this country.

For this reason, the people who are to be recruited into this Service must be qualified and they have a process that they go through in this recruitment exercise. The Police Administration must ensure that they recruit the right people who would have the training and it must include the discipline aspect of it so that as they handle weapons, they would be disciplined how they use them.

Sometimes, some police officers use the uniform to frighten the very people that they are supposed to protect. They should not think that because they are in uniform and they hold guns, they are on top of everything and for that matter, they do not see the people they are supposed to protect as important.

Mr Speaker, as we do this, we must equally also ensure that we abide by the law. I say so because as a citizen, if I do not abide by the law, the Police would be tempted to apply the law and through that, I would be affected by what we are talking about.

So, as we implore the Police to do their best to ensure that they protect the interest of the people of this country, we ourselves must also ensure that we abide by the law so that there would be peace for all of us in this country.

Mr Speaker, I thank you very much.