Mr Speaker, having listened to the contributions of Hon Colleagues, I only have a few words to add. Mr Speaker, the public has a right to protest against government policy; they have a right to protest against programmes and indeed, the siting of projects.

Mr Speaker, pursuant to the concept of decentralisation in our democratic governance, issues that concern local people should be determined by themselves. So, if government does not factor the concerns of the local communities before siting projects or introducing programmes, the public have the right to protest. Mr Speaker, I also believe that the Police in these instances could also be trusted to conduct a thorough internal investigation in order to sanitise the structures within the Ghana Police Service.

Mr Speaker, Parliament, as an arm of Government, is charged with performing oversight responsibilities over the other arms of Government. Yet, Parliament is also supposed to oversee itself. If it is possible for Parliament to oversee itself, it should be possible for the Police to also do serious introspection and do internal cleansing, if anyone of them falls foul of the law.

Mr Speaker, I also agree with the Hon Minister-designate for the Interior that while we lament the recklessness of a few among the Ghana Police Service, we should also go to the heart of it, considering the issue about adequate training and the provision of adequate equipment and logistics for them to be able to perform their functions. Mr Speaker, at every budget hearing, we lament the paucity of resources that are allocated to the Ghana Police Service. We should rise in unison on this occasion to defend the Police in the performance of their functions. Some of them fall foul of what is expected of them and others are sometimes even identified as armed robbers.

Certainly, as a human institution, we would find a few among them who perhaps, may become overzealous and do things that are otherwise not permitted by the Ghana Police Service. I believe our concerns should be to task the Service to act promptly wherever such events occur. Mr Speaker, while we are at it, I believe that, as citizens, we are not left to rot in such events. The Constitution provides adequate resorts and recourses. At least, the Constitution in article 218 puts this charge in the hands of the Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice (CHRAJ).

Mr Speaker, so, article 218 (a) and (c) will show us what to do as citizens in the event of such occurrences. So, we are not left to rot in the ledge. Let us avail ourselves of these we call social provisions to test the law. And I believe the Police would sit up. But the bottom line is that, we should also provide them with enough logistics and enough resources, in order for them to be able to offer proper training to the Ghana Police Service.

Mr Speaker, while we are at this, I believe it is imperative we also put it on record that the Ghana Police Service should be allowed to do what is otherwise expected of them. Every now and then,
we have injection of some political considerations even in the recruitment and we pretend as ostriches not to know what is happening.

Political parties want to influence the recruitment, chiefs want to influence the recruitment instead of leaving the Ghana Police Service itself to do its own recruitment. Ethnic heads would want to find their own people there. The Constitution is clear, so, let us allow them to do their own function and I guess we would have little to lament about in these instances and the law would take its place and deal decisively with the errant ones.

Mr Speaker, I thank you very much.