Thank you very much, Mr Speaker, for the opportunity to contribute to the Statement.

Mr Speaker, indeed, our Hon Colleague, who left footprints in his lifetime, was one, who was greatly admired by all. Mr J. B., as we all referred to him, was a character that one cannot help but love.

He was one person who was willing to stretch out a helping hand to Hon Members, if there was the need. I do recall some discussions I had with him in private, where I expressed my desire to go into business. He gave me a few lines and some few ideas and was willing to help me take off in that respect.

Indeed, he was a man with a creative blend of ideas, businesswise and anytime he stood on the floor of this Chamber to contribute, you would hardly identify partisan lines, except when he was reading a Statement in commemoration of the late J. B. Danquah. He was such a fine man, and his passing was a real shock to all of us. Truth be told, many of us have not got over the death of our Hon Colleague and indeed, the question of who murdered J. B. Danquah and why, still lingers on.

Mr Speaker, it is so disheartening that, till now, no substantial evidence has been found why J. B. Danquah Adu was killed and who was behind it. In spite of the fact that the matter is before the police and irrespective of the fact that some young men have been arrested, we would have expected that by this time, some very conclusive positions would have been arrived at by the security agencies of our country.

But I believe and I am confident that whoever the perpetrators are, the law would certainly catch up with them. It is said that, at the hilly and craggy point, truth would always stand. The truth behind what happened to J. B. Danquah Adu and those behind it, would definitely come to light.

Mr Speaker, as we remember our Hon Colleague, we would want to assure the family that our thoughts are very much with them. Mr J. B. Danquah Adu is gone, but he would continue to live in our hearts. Mr Speaker, it is true that security for Hon Members of Parliament is crucial and very necessary. For those of us who believe that our lives are in the hands of the Almighty God, those of us who put our security in the hands of the Almighty, we believe that, we are always protected and that what God has not destined for us would not come near our door steps, because God Almighty would cause His angels to bear us up on their wings.

But again, within the human environment, it becomes necessary that people who probably do not have the faith that I have, it would be necessary for them to feel protected —
Mr Speaker, it is true that we all need protection, that which is important for the State to do, to ensure the protection of Hon Members of Parliament, and for that matter, all Ghanaians, must be done.

Often times, when high profile persons are found in this situation, it appears we get more concerned about the security of such persons, but indeed, we must also be concerned about Kojo Mensah out there, who also goes through a similar situation, be it in the Afram Plains, Kedzikope or Dzelukope. For that matter, I would want to humbly crave the indulgence of our security apparatus to heighten their game and to ensure that the Ghanaian is safe, feels safe and is protected.

Mr Speaker, with these few words, I thank you for the opportunity.