

## Police Ladies' Association Commends Winner of UN Award

By Commissioner of Police (COP), Mrs. Beatrice Zakpaa Vib-Zanziri

Mrs. Phyllis Ama Tebuah Osei is a Superintendent of Police for the Ghana Police Service. The police ladies' association (POLAS) commends Superintendent of Police Mrs. Phyllis Ama Tebuah Osei of the Ghana Police Service, who is currently serving with the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM), for winning the UN Female Police Officer of The Year Award.

Mrs. Osei's hard work in Somalia has enhanced the image of the Ghana Police Service as a whole, POLAS in particular and the country in general.

The president of POLAS, Commissioner of Police (COP) Mrs. Beatrice Zakpaa Vib-Zanziri, said Mrs. Osei's selection was based on her sterling qualities, which impressed the UN. Her award is a true manifestation of the role policewomen play in and outside the country. The awards aim to establish a role model for women police peacekeepers and to promote the UN Secretary General's Gender Parity Strategy and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations' (DPKO) Uniformed Gender Parity Strategy. They do this by encouraging member states to deploy more female police officers to peacekeeping and special political missions.

Mrs. Osei was selected for the award because her policing work directly and positively impacted the community and the best state police in Jubaland, Somalia. She has successfully trained 49 female officers and has also formed a Peacekeepers Network within the UNSOM and the African Union Mission in Somalia to provide support for the female keepers. COP Vib-Zanziri said police women played a vital role in bringing peace and security to the community. She urged POLAS members to emulate the shining example of Mrs. Osei by working hard to impart peace to the communities they served.