

Montreux

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It was with great sorrow and shock that I learnt this morning about the untimely death of your noble husband, my dear and gracious friend, Secretary General Kofi Annan.

He was, as I have often said and written, a man of noble mind and generous heart devoted to others, in the pursuit of peace and happiness for all. His achievements and humanitarian services are recorded in all memories and history will remember him as one of the greatest men of our time. May the almighty bless his soul and give you and the family the patience and courage you need to endure the heavy loss. All my prayers and thoughts are with you.

I am sad at heart but thankful that I had the pleasure and privilege of knowing him and you, enjoy your company, and share your views.

You had the chance, together with your children, to be by his side during his last days. Please be kind to tell your beloved Ama, Kojo, Nina, and his colleagues and collaborators at the Kofi Annan Foundation how much I think of them and share their painful loss.

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