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ATTACK ON POLICE OFFICERS ON DUTY IN BANANE AREA, GARISSA COUNTY

The Independent Policing Oversight Authority condemns in the strongest terms possible, the inhuman and heinous attack meted upon Police Officers who were diligently carrying out their duties at Banane Area, Liboi Sub County in Garissa County on 4th January, 2024.

IPOA sends a message of solidarity to the Inspector General of Police and the entire Service as they continue to dispense services aimed at securing the country from internal threats to the security and wellbeing of all Kenyans.

As the Authority empathizes with the officers who were injured in the attack and wishes them full restoration of health, it also hopes that the Inspector General of Police and the police leadership will decisively deal with the criminal act committed at Banane.

Arising from monitoring similar occurrences in the past, IPOA urges the National Police Service to fully implement all the recommendations the Authority has made over time.

Further, IPOA strongly calls for nationwide implementation and capacity building of the Community Policing Committees as envisaged in the National Police Service Act. Upon implementation, this will include the members of the public as first line intelligence gathering agents for quick and decisive crime management.

IPOA further cautions against attacks on police officers on duty as this is equivalent to challenging Kenya's sovereignty. Such criminal acts call for firm but lawful management by the police to ensure restoration of order and sustainable peace countrywide.

IPOA remains committed to being independent, impartial and fair.



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Notes:

CONDITIONS AS TO THE USE OF FORCE AS PER NPS ACT AND SERVICE STANDING ORDERS

- A police officer shall always attempt to use non-violent means first.
- The force used shall be proportional to the objective to be achieved, the seriousness of the offence, and the resistance of the person against whom it is used.
- When the use of force results in injuries the police officers present shall provide medical assistance immediately and unless there are good reasons, failing to do so shall be a criminal offence.
- A police officer who uses any form of force shall immediately, report to his or her superior.
- Any use of force that leads to death, serious injury and other grave consequences shall be reported immediately to the **Independent Police Oversight Authority**.
- It shall be a disciplinary offence for a police officer to fail to report in accordance with these regulations.
- A Police officer in uniform shall at all times affix a nametag or identifiable Service number in a clearly visible part of the uniform.
- Following the orders of a superior is no excuse for unlawful use of force.

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