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## **PUBLIC ORDER MANAGEMENT DURING NAIROBI DEMONSTRATIONS**

Pursuant to Section 6 (c) of the IPOA Act, the Authority yesterday, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 commenced monitoring activities and deployed its officers to observe and monitor how the National Police Service conducted public order management during the demonstrations over the Finance Bill in Nairobi and Mombasa counties.

Following its monitoring operation, the Authority:

1. Received and is expediting the investigation of cases on the excessive use of force during the public order management of the protests.
2. Recorded two serious injuries amongst members of the NPS which occurred during tear gas canister deployment and recommends that the Inspector General of Police ensures adequate equipment handling training for police officers.
3. Recommends that the Inspector General of Police ensures police officers in operations are properly and adequately kitted for their safety.
4. Recommends that the Service upscales its capacity towards technology-driven surveillance including employment of drone technology and body cameras for enhanced accountability during public order management.
5. Urges the public to comply with CAP 56 of the Laws of Kenya on Public Order.

Further, IPOA's attention is drawn on social media allegations that one of its members of staff is a spouse to a member of the NPS. Upon interrogation of its Human Resource records, the Authority has failed to establish the veracity of this allegation. IPOA discourages Kenyans from targeted cyberbullying and encourages those with any information on such matters to report to IPOA through email: [info@ipoa.go.ke](mailto:info@ipoa.go.ke) or the underlisted telephone numbers.

IPOA will sustain its monitoring operations to the conclusion of the demonstrations upon which the Authority will release a monitoring report with actionable recommendations to relevant authorities.

Further, IPOA invites Kenyans who may wish to lodge a complaint against any member of the National Police Service to contact the Authority through the following contacts:

<b>Tollfree No.: 1559 (free of charges)</b>	<b>Eldoret: 0204403548</b>
<b>Nairobi: 0792532627; 0773999000; 0204906000</b>	<b>Garissa: 0791559346</b>
<b>Mombasa: 0799019998</b>	<b>Kisumu: 0799862244</b>
<b>Nakuru: 0736435616</b>	<b>Kakamega: 0204403549</b>
<b>Meru: 0777490652</b>	<b>Nyeri: 0202004664</b>



**ANNE MAKORI, E.B.S.  
CHAIRPERSON.**

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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 is 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 Policing 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.

*For queries, please call 020 4906000 or email [dennis.oketch@ipoa.go.ke](mailto:dennis.oketch@ipoa.go.ke)*