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IPOA INVESTIGATIONS INTO VARIOUS ABDUCTION INCIDENTS

The Independent Policing Oversight Authority is concerned with the rising cases of abductions of various persons allegedly by members of the National Police Service (NPS). This is after reports of the abductions emerged in mainstream media and in social media. The victims include Messrs. Bill Mwangi, Peter Muteti Njeru, Bernard Kavuli and a fourth yet-to-be identified person.

The abduction incidents occurred on various dates in December 2024 across the Embu, Nairobi and Kajiado counties.

In line with provisions of Section 6(a) of the IPOA Act, which obligates the Authority to investigate any complaints related to disciplinary or criminal offences committed by any member of the Service, Rapid Response Teams were dispatched to the areas of incidents with instructions to obtain all information that may be relevant in unveiling the circumstances surrounding the abductions and whether there was police involvement as generally alleged.

Where fault is found, the Authority shall make recommendations for prosecution, internal disciplinary action or any other appropriate relief, and shall make public the responses received to these recommendations.

Lastly, IPOA notes that it is the responsibility of the NPS to protect all persons in Kenya against illegal denial of their fundamental rights and freedoms enshrined in the Constitution through abductions. The Authority therefore calls upon the Inspector General of Police to take urgent measures to stop this growing and worrying trend of abductions in the country.

IPOA remains committed to being independent, impartial and fair in its operations.

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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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