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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: IPOA INVESTIGATIONS FOLLOWING FATALITY AT KITENGELA POLITICAL RALLY

The Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA), pursuant to its mandate, monitored police conduct during the political rallies held in Mombasa and Kajiado counties on 15th February 2026 to ensure compliance with Article 244 of the Constitution of Kenya and other applicable laws.

The Authority noted with great concern the loss of life and injuries during the Kitengela political rally, allegedly occurring as members of the National Police Service (NPS) endeavoured to maintain law and order.

Accordingly, in compliance with Part B (5) of the Sixth Schedule of the NPS Act, CAP. 84 of the Laws of Kenya, read together with Section 6(a) of the IPOA Act, CAP. 86 of the Laws of Kenya, IPOA has deployed a rapid-response team comprising monitoring and investigation officers to Kitengela to conduct independent inquiry into the matter.

The investigations aim to establish the circumstances surrounding the incident, determine the extent of police involvement, assess whether the use of force was justified, and evaluate whether it was proportionate as defined by law.

IPOA extends its condolences to the family and friends of the deceased and quick recovery to the injured persons and commits to pursuing the investigations diligently. The Authority will make its findings public and issue recommendations to the relevant agencies to address identified issues where culpability is established.

The Authority remains committed to its mandate of holding NPS accountable and ensure that police operations are conducted transparently, professionally, and in full compliance with the law.



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