



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

PRESS STATEMENT

REPORTS ABOUT RECOVERY OF HUMAN BODIES FROM A DUMPSITE IN NAIROBI

- 1) The DPP's attention has been drawn to reports in the social and mainstream media including on the Mukuru Community Justice Centre's X handle of discovery of human bodies at the Kware dumpsite near Mukuru kwa Njenga, Nairobi.**
- 2) On 12th July 2024, the Mukuru Community Justice Centre posted on the X handle to wit: "bodies being retrieved from quarry pit opposite Kware police station by youths. The police are on site as more bodies are retrieved. Other bodies are in sacks chopped into pieces so far six bodies have been retrieved."**
- 3) Further, reports in the mainstream media on 12th July 2024 indicate "9 bodies retrieved from dumpsite at the Mukuru Slums, Nairobi."**
- 4) The DPP is deeply concerned about these reports which point to a grave violation of Human Rights, considering that the said dumpsite is only a few metres from a police station.**

- 5) Pursuant to Article 157 (4) of the Constitution, the DPP has directed the Office of the Inspector-General of the National Police Service to conduct a thorough investigation and forward the resultant file for perusal within **twenty-one (21) days.**

- 6) The DPP calls upon relevant agencies including the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNHCR) and the Independent Policing and Oversight Authority (IPOA) to expedite investigations on all reports of enforced disappearance and deaths allegedly committed by police officers and consistently submit reports to the ODPP for review after every **seven (7) days.**

- 7) The Civil Society Organizations and any person with information that may aid the investigative authorities in these cases are urged to cooperate with government to help bring perpetrators to justice. This office shall also work tirelessly with relevant government agencies to address concerns of witnesses including their safety.

- 8) The ODPP reaffirms its commitment to upholding of Human Rights and the Rule of Law.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS & CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

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