



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

PRESS STATEMENT

UPDATE ON INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED BY IPOA

On June 19, 2024, the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) received **four (4) files** and accompanying reports from the **Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA)** related to deaths and injuries during protests across various parts of the country.

Upon perusal of the files, I observed and directed as follows:

1. Injury to Mr. Dominic Wanjala Mutua:

- ❖ I note that the main suspect has denied firing a teargas cannister at the victim, and direct that further investigations be conducted to authenticate the video and a report submitted by the Communication Authority of Kenya (CAK) showing the alleged incident. In addition, I have also directed that a report from the ballistic examiner be availed.

2. Death of Rex Kanyeki Masai:

- ❖ Investigations show the deceased's relatives identified the body for post mortem.
- ❖ The people who took Rex Kanyeki Masai to hospital have not come forward to record statements, including the key witness who was with the deceased during the shooting and who informed the deceased's parents after the incident occurred.

- ❖ The CCTV footage showing the shooting does not clearly identify the person who pulled the trigger.
- ❖ I call upon any person with information pertaining to this case especially the witnesses who took the deceased to hospital and those who witnessed the shooting to come forward and record a statement with IPOA.

3. Death of Evans Kiratu Karobia:

- ❖ He died while undergoing treatment at the Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH).
- ❖ Investigations show that the cause of death was identified as multiple organ injuries due to blunt force trauma.
- ❖ No person has recorded any statement regarding the incident of the deceased being assaulted.
- ❖ **I have directed IPOA that this matter be placed before a competent court for a public inquest.**
- ❖ I call upon the public or any other person with information pertaining to this case to come forward and record a statement with IPOA. This will enable the state ascertain the cause of the injuries noted in the post mortem report.

4. Shooting of Gianna Markel Obonyo:

- ❖ Gianna Markel Obonyo on 25th June 2024, suffered a gunshot wound at the lower back while riding a bicycle in her parents' compound.
- ❖ She was admitted at the Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH) and underwent surgery to remove the bullet.
- ❖ I shall review the case and make further directions once the investigations file is resubmitted with the ballistics report.