



**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS**  
**PRESS STATEMENT**

**UPDATE ON BABY PENDO MURDER CASE**

1. The DPP would like to inform the general public that four (4) senior police officers were today charged before a Milimani Court with multiple counts of crimes against humanity, including murder, rape, and torture, as follows :
  - i. **Inspector John Chengo Masha** was charged with the **Murder of Baby Samantha Pendo** and an alternative charge of failing to refer the matter for investigation and prosecution; **Rape**, and alternative charge of failing to prevent or suppress widespread acts of sexual violence against civilian women, **Torture** and failing to submit these matters to competent authorities for investigation and prosecution.
  - ii. **Inspector Linah Kosgey** was charged with the **Murder** of Baby Samantha Pendo and an alternative charge of failing to refer the matter for investigation and prosecution; **Rape**, alternative charge of failing to prevent or suppress widespread acts of sexual violence against civilian women; **Torture** and failing to submit these matters to competent authorities for investigation and prosecution.
  - iii. **Robi Wankio** was charged with **Rape**, and alternative charge of failing to prevent or suppress widespread acts of sexual violence against civilian women; **Torture** and failing to submit these matters to competent authorities for investigation and prosecution.



- iv. **James Rono** was charged with **Rape**, and alternative charge of failing to prevent or suppress widespread acts of sexual violence against civilian women; **Torture** and failing to submit these matters to competent authorities for investigation and prosecution.
2. The four (4) pleaded not guilty to **one** (1) count of **Murder**, **eleven** (11) counts of **Rape** and **Thirty Eight** (38) counts of **Torture** respectively before Justice Margaret Waringa Muigai. The case will be mentioned on **12th May 2025** for further directions.
3. In addition, following the disappearance Mohamed Baa who remains at large to date, the **DPP** has since reviewed the charges in order to strengthen the prosecution case.
4. Consequently, the **DPP** has directed that the eight (8) officers record statements as prosecution witnesses.
5. The DPP urges the media outlets to always do fact-checking before publishing content.
6. The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) remains committed to executing its constitutional mandates in accordance with the Rule of Law, Public Interest and the administration of justice.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS & CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION**

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