



COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

28th March 2020

PRESS STATEMENT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF COVID 19 CURFEW

The Council of Governors fully supports President Uhuru Kenyatta's directives and would like to urge all the citizens to adhere to the hours of the curfew that start from 7:00pm to 5:00am. This is not only important for the Country to stem the spread of the Corona Virus but also to safeguard the health of every individual and every Kenyan.

However, what we witnessed yesterday at the start of the curfew at the Likoni Ferry in Mombasa County was despicable. The police in total disregard of the social distancing rules hoarded people together like animals, exposing these Kenyans to possible infection and spread of the Corona virus in the event that there was anyone with the virus.

To make matters worse, the police abused and violated members of the public and the media by hitting, kicking and teargassing them. Some women were even laying on the ground vomiting. This is unacceptable and we ask the Inspector General to train the law enforcers to implement the curfew humanely and ensure that they do not violate basic human rights.

We urge the relevant Ministry to work in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and ensure that the employers release the employees latest by 4:00pm to enable them to get to their homes before the curfew starts.

We support the President and urge everyone to do their part and ensure that the citizens' rights are protected.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wycliffe Ambetsa Oparanya', written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

H. E. Hon. FCPA Wycliffe Ambetsa Oparanya, EGH, CGJ
Chairman, Council of Governors