



Press Release:

MKENYA DAIMA INITIATIVE CONDEMNS VIOLENCE AND CALLS FOR PEACE

Nairobi, Kenya, March 28, 2023: The Mkenya Daima initiative condemns with the strongest terms possible the violent activities being experienced in some parts of the country and implores all Kenyans to maintain peace and order even as they voice their grievances in line with the constitutional rights.

We acknowledge that all Kenyans have the right to assemble, demonstrate and picket, we should also be alive to the fact that Article 37 of the Kenya Constitution dictates that these rights should be exercised in a peaceful manner and restrict the use of violence.

Any form of violence whether verbal, written or spoken is a threat to the Nation's economic, social and political stability and we all together call for an indefinite moratorium on the bi-weekly demonstrations to allow for a better understanding of the issues and proposals for arriving at amicable practical solutions and mutual dialogue.

In line with our rallying call of '*Nitatenda Wajibu Wangu*', we believe that it is the responsibility of all of our leaders and citizens to stand up and step up for the good of our Nation, for the achievement of the aspirations for a better future and a country with good governance, public accountability, and efficient leadership.

Mkenya Daima thus urges all our leaders to restrain and stop making or issuing any form of inflammatory statements, which either spur or can lead to more violence in the country which has resulted in destruction of properties, lives, labour time and business opportunities. We also condemn statements that incite different groups causing disunity among Kenyans and call for security for all Kenyans without discrimination of one's political inclination.

We call on leaders to exercise caution in their words and cease actions of inciting the public and mobilizing them along ethnic lines.

We urge all Kenyans to take personal responsibility for protecting lives, property, rights and obligations as enshrined in the Constitution of Kenya.

Mkenya Daima acknowledges the loss of lives, injuries, and destruction of property and places of worship and condoles with Kenyans who have lost their loved ones and whose properties have been destroyed in the protests.

Mimi ni Mkenya Daima, Nitatenda Wajibu Wangu.

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MKenya Daima Initiative Steering Committee

About Mkenya Daima

MKENYA DAIMA is a non-partisan multi-stakeholder platform formed in 2012 with the primary purpose of inspiring peaceful elections and a smooth leadership transition, thus creating stability, which is essential for business continuity and prosperity for Kenya as a nation. Previous initiatives under Mkenya Daima saw the country experience peaceful elections in 2013, 2017 and 2022.

The initiative is inspired by the private sector but is for all Kenyans and brings together representatives of various stakeholder groups, including the business community, religious leaders, civil society, media, youth, and women leaders, among others.

Building on the interventions and lessons learnt from previous phases, in 2013, 2017 and 2022, Mkenya Daima, will focus on encouraging and supporting the conduct of peaceful co-existence and accountability of elected leaders and seek to build more on **“Nitatenda Wajibu Wangu”** which is a rallying call for Kenyans to be responsible for Kenya.