

PRESS STATEMENT

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MEDIA COUNCIL OF KENYA CALLS FOR URGENT INVESTIGATION AND ARREST OF PERPETRATORS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST JOURNALIST OSINDE OBARE

NAIROBI- The Media Council of Kenya (MCK) condemns the threats against Mr Osinde Obare (MCK012009) working for the Standard Group as a journalist based in Trans Nzoia County and calls for urgent and thorough investigation into the matter.

Mr Obare, while covering a burial ceremony in Goseta, Uasin Gishu County, on 22 March 2024, documented a clash between the followers of two political leaders. Since the incident, Mr Obare has faced a series of threats, including anonymous phone calls and attempted break-ins at his residence.

The Council has written to the Inspector General of Police, calling for thorough investigation into the threats and harassment against Mr Obare and bring the culprits to book.

Additionally, the Council urges the office of the IG to assure Mr Obare of his security as investigations continue.

Issued in Nairobi on 2 April 2024
For and on behalf of the Media Council of Kenya

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