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## STATEMENT BY THE KENYA EDITORS GUILD (KEG) ON THE RAID AND CLOSURE OF NATION MEDIA GROUP UGANDA

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The Kenya Editors Guild strongly condemns the reported military raid on the premises of Nation Media Group Uganda and the subsequent disruption of its operations following public orders attributed to Uganda's Chief of Defence Forces, General Muhoozi Kainerugaba. The reported closure of a media house through the deployment of military force represents a grave affront to media freedom, freedom of expression, and the rule of law. It sets a dangerous precedent that undermines democratic governance and weakens the public's constitutional right to access independent information.

Any grievances against a media organisation, however strongly held, must be addressed through established legal and regulatory processes. The use or threat of military power to silence journalists or shut down news organisations constitutes an unacceptable overreach that has no place in a society governed by law.

The Kenya Editors Guild stands in solidarity with our colleagues at Nation Media Group Uganda, including editors, journalists, broadcasters, photographers, camera crews, and all media workers whose ability to serve the public has been unlawfully disrupted.

Media freedom is not a privilege granted by those in power. It is a fundamental democratic right protected under national constitutions and international human rights instruments, including Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, as well as the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, all of which guarantee freedom of expression and the right to seek, receive and impart information without interference.

We urge the authorities in Uganda to immediately restore access to the affected media premises, uphold due process, respect judicial mechanisms, and guarantee the safety and independence of journalists carrying out their professional duties.

An attack on media freedom anywhere in the world diminishes press freedom everywhere. When journalists are intimidated, newsrooms raided, or media organisations silenced, Kenyan editors and journalists feel that pain because the struggle for a free press transcends national borders.

The Kenya Editors Guild calls upon regional bodies, including the East African Community, the African Union, the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, and the international community, to remain vigilant and to speak out against actions that threaten independent journalism and democratic accountability.

A free press is indispensable to democracy. It must be protected, not persecuted.

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