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ON YOUTH STATE REPRESSION REPORT**

The Oscar Foundation calls upon the Police Commissioner to issue an official statement in response to a survey released by the oscar foundation and officially submitted to the Commissioners office on 04/12/07. The report **DUBBED “Youth State Repression”** reveals that Over 8000 suspected *Mungiki* adherents in central Kenya, Nairobi and Rift Valley, all of them youthful Kikuyu men and women, were executed in suspicious circumstances *and there bodies allegedly dropped in mortuaries by the kwe kwe police squad normally marked unidentified young kikuyu men and women. (One wonders how the police knew they were kikuyus)* Regrettably, majority of those killed during the massacre that was characterized by ritualistic beheadings and skinning of the torso were young people in the informal *matatu* industry, still they are the same ones being targeted in the current clump down. Obviously, victims of the double edged sword of injustice! The events of recent past, where thousands of young people have mysteriously disappeared never to be found dead or alive or executed in cold blood and their bodies found dumped and often mauled by wild animals in various locations point to the arrogance, vengeance and dishonesty with which the so called operation squads such as *Kwe kwe, scorpion, spider and rhino* squads are carrying out the mandate of their license to kill with both ethnic and generation bias, and impunity.

Further the reports points out to a possible conspiracy to destabilize the government between the police, a few officials working against the government within the government and prominent people outside the government shows that the media was misused to publish articles that were bent to paint dark the youth led social and political revolution and is indicative that a political decision had long been made to exterminate young people from the kikuyu ethnic group in Central Kenya, Nairobi and some

parts of Rift Valley with a view to setting them against the government and to capitalize on the ensuing bitterness to gain political mileage in the coming general election by depicting the government as having failed to protect and to be behind the execution of its own young people. Surprisingly the targeted regions were The Presidents backyard, internal and defense Ministers Backyards, *This calls for an urgent response from the Police Boss..*

However, the Kibaki administration has set a bad precedent of exterminating young kikuyu men and women from central Kenya. Hon Raila Odinga is on record having said that if ODM forms the Government he will finish the so called Mungikis in two months, in short this means young men and women in the Kikuyu community now remain to be endangered species to the current government or any other to come, *The question is why do all politicians single out the Kikuyus for extermination, while there are other outlawed sect such as Taliban Kamjesh, Chinkororo, Sungu Sungu, Jeshi la Embakasi, Tharaka Community, Amachuma, Saboat lands Defense Force (SLDF) remember President Moi once said small tribes will one day conquer the big fish tribes thus* Intervention is called from international community to safe guard the human rights abuse in Kenya. Since the diplomatic corp, human rights organizations and human right activists now most of them in Government have failed the test of time.

To date the police continue to engage in arbitrary arrests and extra-judicial execution when they are confronted with security situations most of which does not warrant excessive use of power, least of all, killings of young suspects who until their execution in cold blood remain suspects yet to be found guilty by a court of law. In a space of two years the police have stage managed raids in various estates within Nairobi city and in full view of the media and the public, executed suspects even when they could easily have demobilized the suspects, apprehended and produced them in a court of law for due process and justice.

In practice, law enforcement officers have continued to apply excessive force and commit unnecessary loss of life and property -that they ought to have preserved in the very first place, thereby making them culprits of the same law that they ought to enforce. These actions by the police amount to serious violation of human rights. To add salt to an injury no inquest has been opened as required by the Law. According to the Law the police are required to investigate the circumstances surrounding any suspicious death

and present their findings before a magistrate's court for the purposes of opening and conducting an inquest.

The cycle of police brutality continues to be perpetuated with impunity and remains the most serious and divisive human rights violations in Kenya. Excessive use of force by police officers, including torture, extra-judicial shootings, arbitrary arrests and intimidation, is rife in virtually all slums in Kenya. The inability of the police force to make it possible for rouged police officers implicated in human rights violations to face the due process and held accountable has been compromised by a rein of lawlessness and corruption. This trend is rapidly precipitating a state of moral negligence and ineptness in the entire police force. A 'Democratic' police that guarantees protection and promotion of fundamental human rights of private citizens provides safeties for legal and administrative measures that deter impunity. In Kenya, rouged police officers implicated in an offence that constitute a violation, is shielded from prosecution and is allowed transfer to another station where he commits the same offences. Lack of administrative and legal measures to punishment those implicated in committing abuses virtually guarantees them impunity.

Lastly we demand to know why the Government spokesman have placed a defaming, libelous and malicious publication in the government website about the Oscar foundation, is the government laying down and/or preparing grounds to exterminate members of the Oscar Foundation! We shall not be cowed by such acts though we have instructed our lawyers to act on the publication. Otherwise we remain committed to voice for the voiceless, Rather than being trivial, Mutua and group should tell Kenyans on the Government involvement with the Mungikis meetings under the name and style of " YOUTH REVIVAL" and who met at uhuru park last week but one and are today 8/12/07 meeting at Thika Stadium with full knowledge of the law enforcement agents.

In Kenya, there are courts and a judicial regime competent to try criminal suspects. In due respect if Mutua or any other persons believes we are criminals they have avenues to address their grievances rather than being petty. However, events of the recent past points to the lack of confidence in our judiciary by the government to uphold the rule of Law and promote the

corrective role of the penal institutions and other law enforcement agencies in the promotion and protection of human rights and the eradication of systematic abuses.

We call for an immediate response by the police boss over our report dubbed ‘YOUTH STATE REPRESSION’ part one of the report is easily accessible at www.oscarfound.org Further note more evidence available to assist on the inquest.

Thank you

Yours Faithfully

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