



# Nation Media Group

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## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### **Nation Media Group (NMG) Statement condemning the police attack on journalists at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) on March 26, 2018**

The Nation Media Group condemns the attack on journalists by the police at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport on night of Monday March 26, 2018 during the coverage of the return deported lawyer and opposition activist Miguna Miguna.

This level of violence against Kenyan workers going about their job is shocking not just to the Nation and Kenyans, but the civilized world as a whole. It constitutes a crime by the State against citizens, and are an egregious breach of Chapter Four bill of rights, particularly the freedom of the press. The brutalizing of the Kenyans by the government – which is becoming an almost daily occurrence - is not a confirmation of the Government's democratic credentials, quite to the contrary.

NMG will be addressing the Ministry of the Interior and Coordination of National Government and the Inspector General of Police on the injuries inflicted on an NTV journalist, Mr. Robert Gichira and the destruction of his equipment by police officers.

Government security enforcement agencies must respect the right of other institutions to execute their mandate as provided in law, not to do so, undermines the Government's declarations to the contrary and must be condemned.

We wish to reaffirm our commitment to continue to uphold and fiercely guard media freedoms and call upon the courts, the general public, media organisations and the international community to reject, condemn and take stern appropriate action against the government's attempts to abrogate the rights of Kenyans and trample upon the principles of decent government.

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#### **About Nation Media Group**

Nation Media Group (NMG) was founded by His Highness the Aga Khan in 1959. It was publicly-listed in the Nairobi Stock Exchange since the early 1970s and is the most successful media company in East and Central Africa that currently boasts the largest digital footprint with unique visitors reaching more than 30 million monthly. It has operations in print, broadcast and digital media, which attract and serve unparalleled audiences in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Rwanda. The Group publishes the *Daily Nation*, *Business Daily* and *Taifa Leo* newspaper brands in Kenya, The *EastAfrican* regional newspaper; the *Daily Monitor* and *Enyanda* in Uganda, and *Mwananchi*, *The Citizen* and *Mwanaspoti* newspapers in Tanzania and a raft of e-papers and the largest portfolio of digital assets. Also in its stable are *NTV Kenya*, and *NTV Uganda* and *Spark* television stations as well as *KFM* and *Dembe* radio stations in Uganda. It also owns the *Nation FM* radio station in Kenya.