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MEDIA STATEMENT

STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATION MEDIA GROUP PLC ON THE ATTACK ON NATION JOURNALISTS IN OL KALOU

The Nation Media Group unequivocally condemns the violent attack on Nation journalists who were covering the Ol Kalou byelection at AC Primary School polling station.

The assault on our journalists, during which an NTV cameraman was tased, beaten and his camera seized, while a Nation reporter was threatened at gunpoint and had her mobile phone forcibly taken, is an attack not only on members of our staff but also on the principles of press freedom and the public's right to receive timely and accurate information. **An attack on journalists is an assault on the public's right to know.**

Elections are among the most important democratic processes in any society, and the presence of the media is essential in promoting transparency, accountability and public confidence. Violence, intimidation or interference directed at journalists carrying out this responsibility has no place in a democratic society.

Nation Media Group has, for more than six decades, remained steadfast in its commitment to responsible journalism, editorial independence and the highest professional standards. That commitment will not be diminished by acts of violence or intimidation.

I call upon the relevant authorities to move swiftly to investigate this incident, bring those responsible to justice and take the necessary measures to ensure the safety and security of journalists covering matters of public interest.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish our injured colleagues a swift recovery and express my appreciation for the professionalism, courage and resilience they continue to demonstrate in serving the public.

Nation Media Group stands firmly with its journalists and with every media professional committed to informing the public without fear or favour. Protecting journalists is fundamental to protecting the freedoms upon which open and democratic societies depend.

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