



PRESS STATEMENT

WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES AGAINST RAPE

We, the Women with Disabilities of the Republic of Kenya are very perturbed, and concerned by the increasing malicious cases of sexual assault against us with no/little action taken against the perpetrators. In particular, we are very distressed and drained by the NTV 9.00 PM News on 22nd July 2018, of a woman with disability from Busia County who was gang raped and thereafter killed. Such news leaves us in fear of our **Right to Life**.

We, the Women with Disabilities condemn this inhumane act in the strongest terms possible and **call upon the Inspector General of Police to move fast, apprehend, and bring to record the suspects of this heinous crime**. Sexual offences against women with disabilities are on the increase yet little/nothing is being done to curb this based on the media reports reviewed thus far.

We note further that many women with disabilities are sexually abused but unfortunately, they are unable to report it due to stigma, shame, inadequate knowledge of the penal code, and even inaccessibility of the justice administration institutions.

We call upon every citizen to join us, condemn this heinous act, and push till justice is served. Rape and murder attract life imprisonment which the perpetrators must face. No sacred cows.

We reiterate that we will not tire to remind the relevant authorities that the perpetrators of the malicious act must face the law, and the family of the deceased must see justice served.

Thank you. May God bless you, and May God bless Kenya.

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