



JUSTICE CENTRES WORKING GROUP

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PETITION AGAINST SYSTEMATIC POLICE  
VIOLENCE AND EXTRAJUDICIAL  
EXECUTIONS

To the President of Kenya,  
His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta  
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## **RE: PETITION AGAINST SYSTEMATIC POLICE VIOLENCE AND ETRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION**

We as the **Social Justice Centers Working Group and Wananchi** from informal urban settlements in Nairobi coming together on this historical day of Saba Saba in memory of our youths who have been executed by police and in memory of the second liberation struggle.

On this historical day, the day of the first Saba Saba demonstrations for multi-party democracy, we have come together to demand: STOP EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTIONS by police!

Each month, between 10 to 15 young men from Nairobi's informal settlement are reported missing or killed by police. Over 800 cases have been reported by the **Social Justice Centres Working Group** to the Independent Police oversight authority (IPOA), but this oversight organisation has only achieved to bring 2 cases to court. In Mukuru, Mathare, Githurai, Kayole and Dandora alone over 10 young aged between 14 and 24 years old were executed by police in the month of May.

This march brings together parents who lost their children, friends who lost friends and brothers who lost brothers to extra-judicial killings by police. By remembering all these victims and recognizing the pain and trauma of loss on such a grand scale in Nairobi's settlements, we peacefully demand for acute police reform. We demand an end to extrajudicial executions by police and especially we demand investigations on the 'Killer Cops' that terrorise our neighbourhoods. These Killer Cops are plain clothes police officers who are well known by the community and who walk around with death lists and execute people with impunity, even in broad daylight and in front of witnesses, witnesses who are afraid to come out and give testimony because they are consistently threatened and intimidated.

These executions by 'Killer Cops' have been going on for decades, but since 2003 it has increased exponentially. The fact these killings have been going on, have been allowed to increase and still take place on a regular basis is a grave indication of the State's non-commitment to comprehensively address these systemic and gross human rights violations against its citizens.

Saba Saba Day on July 7 celebrates the day when in 1990 protesters in Kenya demanded multiparty democracy and called for free and fair elections. Their efforts led to constitutional change in 1991 through the repeal of section 2a to allow multiparty elections. The Saba Saba protestors in 1990 were led by renowned freedom fighters for the second liberation of Kenya such as James Orengo, Paul Muite, John Khaminwa, Gitobu Imanyara, Charles Rubia and Kenneth Matiba. These protests were violently disrupted by the police, but this did not stop the tide of change. We choose to march on this day to show the world that despite the various promises by the president and his government to uphold the constitution and end systemic and excessive police violence and spearhead police reforms, the killings of our youths have not stopped, in facts they have only increased.

Our Kenya constitution 2010 Chapter Four- The Bill Of Right stipulates that ‘every person has the right to life’.

**The Social Justice Centres Working Group** demand the following;

1. That the extra-judicial executions be stopped immediately and the 'Killer Cops' be investigated and prosecuted.
2. That the constitution be respected and all the suspects to be arrested and taken through the judicial system in accordance with the law.
3. The UN special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial Executions Agnes Callanard has made a request to the government to be allowed to visit the country, we demand that the government should facilitate this visit so that this matter can be given attention both locally and internationally.
4. Long term engagements including community dialogues and economic justice strategies.
5. The revisiting of the hundreds of cases referred to IPOA by the **Social Justice Centres Working Group** .
6. The formation of a peoples’ inquiry into EJE and enforced disappearances and counselling for the victims’ families and community members.
7. Formation of a national working committee against EJE and enforced disappearances.
8. Compensation to the families of victims of EJE.

Again, to conclude: THE PRICE OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY IN KENYA WILL BE INTERNAL VIGILANCE AND TENACITY OF STRUGGLE FOR OUR PEOPLE

In Memory of Saba saba and the Struggle for our democracy and social justice.

Signed;

1. Kayole Social Justice Centre
2. Mukuru Social Justice Centre
3. Kamkunji Human Rights Defenders
4. Githurai Human Rights Network
5. Dandora Social Justice Center
6. Mathare Social Justice Centre

Cc:

1. UN special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial killings Agnes Callanard
2. African Union
3. IPOA
4. KNCHR
5. Director Of Public Prosecution
6. East African Community.
7. Former Chief Justice Willy Mutunga
8. Rt. Hon. Raila Amollo Odinga