

## **PRESS STATEMENT**

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## **POLICE MASQUERADING AS JOURNALISTS TO ARREST PROTESTERS IS A THREAT TO MEDIA WORK**

The Media Council of Kenya has noted with deep concern cases of security officers camouflaging as journalists covering protests with intent to arrest protestors.

Impersonation of journalists by the police is a grave unprofessional misconduct on the part of the police and endangers the lives of journalists in the line of duty.

While the Council appreciates the release of journalists who were earlier arrested while covering the protests, the detaining of journalists was unnecessary, arbitrary and ridiculous.

The work of journalists is protected under Articles 33, 34 and 35 of the Constitution, a right that should be respected by all.



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