

## **PRESS STATEMENT**

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **MCK CONDEMNS MALTREATMENT OF JOURNALISTS BY THE POLICE, URGES RESPECT IN DISCUSSIONS ABOUT LIVE COVERAGE**

**NAIROBI-** The Media Council of Kenya (MCK) condemns the harming of journalists and media personnel during today's demonstrations against the Finance Bill 2024 in several parts of the country.

It is regrettable that journalists continue paying a heavy price during these demonstrations, yet their only role is to protect Kenyan's right to accurate information on the happenings in their country.

We urge the Independent Police Oversight Authority (IPOA) and other constitutionally mandated institutions to carry out investigations and ensure those responsible are brought to justice.

MCK congratulates the media for their sacrifice to document and relay to Kenyans these important moments in our country's history despite the grave dangers to themselves. This is media's contribution to democracy.

We urge journalists and media workers to exercise caution and ensure personal safety during these difficult moments.

Finally, MCK urges the media to carefully exercise discretion and adhere to international ethical standards on live coverage of ongoing conflicts. Discussions with government on such coverage should be amicable and respectful.

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For and on behalf of the Media Council of Kenya

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