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Attacks Against Nation Media Journalist a Shameful Act, Should be Punished

The Media Council of Kenya condemns the attack against a Nation Media Group journalist Mr Mwangi Muiruri, by plain clothes policemen attached to the office of Kenya's second lady on November 24, 2022, in Muranga County.

It is regrettable that despite clearly displaying his media badge, and following all instructions given by security officers, the journalist was physically assaulted and verbally abused yet he posed no danger to anyone.

There is an emerging trend where policemen in plain clothes guarding senior government officials act with impunity and attack journalists in contravention to known laws and norms. This is shameful, regrettable and worrying.

The Media Council of Kenya urges the Independent Police Oversight Authority to identify, publicly name and take appropriate action against the officers involved to not only protect press freedom but also guard against impunity by those acting under the false guise of anonymity.



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