

PRESS STATEMENT

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MCK SEEKS INFORMATION FROM MEDIA ON COVERAGE OF ALLEGED RAID OF FORMER CABINET SECRETARY'S RESIDENCE

The Media Council of Kenya has written to several media houses requesting for information around coverage of the alleged raid by police and other law enforcement agencies at the home of former Interior and Coordination of National Government Cabinet Secretary Dr Fred Matiang'i.

“While carrying out our monitoring function on the evening of 8 February 2023, the Media Council came across your station’s coverage of the police raid. We request you to provide the Council with actual footage collected by your crew at the scene and the identity of the editors/reporters who were sent there....”, the letter by Media Council of Kenya CEO Mr David Omwoyo to media houses including Royal Media Services, Nation Media Group and the Standard Group reads in part.

Noting the limited or non-availability of photographs or videos from the alleged police raid, and concerned by the denial of such a raid by the government agencies alleged to have been involved presents a serious moral and ethical dilemma for the media. The Council is concerned by the refusal by the media to provide actual footage or photos from such a highly- publicised event yet they were at the scene. Providing this information will clarify the matter to the public.

Providing only statements by lawyers and allies of Dr Matiang'i on one side and denials by government officials the next day creates confusion as to who is speaking the truth. The situation may cause unnecessary tension between media and government and anxiety and confusion among Kenyans.

The Council will decide the next course of action after the media houses respond to the information request.



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