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ISK CALLS FOR SWIFT JUSTICE IN ALBERT OJWANG'S DEATH

The Institution of Surveyors of Kenya (ISK) joins other Kenyans in condemning the tragic death of Albert Ojwang, a 31-year-old teacher and social media influencer, while in police custody.

The circumstances surrounding Mr. Ojwang's death, particularly the conflicting accounts from the police and the alarming findings from the autopsy report indicating injuries consistent with assault, are deeply disturbing. The ISK stands in solidarity with Mr. Ojwang's family, friends, and the wider public in demanding a thorough, impartial, and transparent investigation into this incident.

As an institution committed to upholding justice, integrity, and the rule of law, ISK strongly condemns any actions that compromise human rights and due process. The reported signs of severe physical trauma on Mr. Ojwang's body, which contradict the initial police statement of him hitting his head against a cell wall, raise serious questions about the conduct of the officers involved and the safety of individuals in police custody. The judicial process is clear on channels followed on various malfeasance; in this case the allegation was libel which requires a complainant to sue the offender. This did not warrant the nature of arrest and the resultant execution.

The Institution of Surveyors of Kenya urges the relevant authorities to:

- 1. **Expedite the investigation:** The inquiry into Mr. Ojwang's death must be swift and comprehensive, leaving no questions unanswered.
- 2. **Ensure transparency:** The findings of the investigation, including all evidence and reports, must be made public to foster trust and accountability.
- 3. Hold perpetrators accountable: Any officer found culpable in Mr. Ojwang's death must be prosecuted to the full extent of the law, regardless of their rank or

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position. This will send a clear message that extrajudicial actions will not be tolerated.

4. **Safeguard human rights:** This incident underscores the urgent need to review and strengthen protocols for the treatment of detainees in police custody to prevent similar tragedies from ever occurring.

The ISK believes that a fair and just resolution to this case is paramount to restoring public confidence in our law enforcement institutions.

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