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### **PRESS STATEMENT BY THE INSTITUTION OF SURVEYORS OF KENYA (ISK) ON THE ASSASSINATION OF ADVOCATE KYALO MBOBU, AND THE GROWING MENACE OF MOTORCYCLE-RELATED VIOLENCE**

The Institution of Surveyors of Kenya (ISK) expresses profound grief and outrage following the brutal killing of Mr. Kyalo Mbobu, a highly respected Advocate of the High Court of Kenya on the evening of 9th September 2025. This cowardly act of violence marks yet another tragic reminder of the growing wave of insecurity fueled by the misuse of motorcycles in our country. We convey our deepest condolences to the family, friends, and the Law Society of Kenya (LSK).

This senseless death underscores the urgent need to confront the menace of motorcycle-enabled crime, which has claimed far too many lives in Kenya. ISK condemns in the strongest terms the recurrent acts of lawlessness by bodaboda riders, who, following road accidents, often resort to mob injustice and burning of motor vehicles. Such acts not only destroy property but also erode the rule of law, instill fear in road users, and worsen public insecurity.

These incidents point to deep-seated gaps in regulation, enforcement, and accountability within the bodaboda sector. They also embolden criminals who exploit the anonymity and weak regulation of motorcycles to execute heinous crimes and escape swiftly.

In light of these developments, ISK calls upon the Government to take immediate and decisive action, including:

1. Comprehensive investigations into the assassination of Mr. Kyalo Mbobu, with the perpetrators swiftly brought to justice.
2. Institutional reforms in motorcycle registration and identification, including the adoption of large, prominently displayed number plates similar to Rwanda's model, which would make it easier to trace offenders and deter impunity.
3. Tight regulation and enforcement in the bodaboda sector, including stronger oversight mechanisms, structured associations, and enforcement of traffic laws including a

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requirement that a motorcycle only carries one passenger as a deterrent to the increasing lawlessness and accidents.

4. Enhanced protection of all professionals and citizens, to ensure that no Kenyan is left vulnerable to violence, intimidation, or mob injustice.
5. The Inspector General of Police to immediately conduct thorough investigation and bring the perpetrators to of motorcycle related violence to justice.

Kenya cannot afford to continue losing lives and property to criminal elements hiding under the guise of bodaboda transport. Such levels of insecurity undermine public confidence in our justice system and place our country at grave risk of sliding into anarchy.

**We therefore urge the security agencies, policymakers, and the bodaboda sector leadership to treat this as a national priority. The lives of our people must come first.**

Our thoughts and prayers remain with the family of the late Mr. Kyalo Mbobu, the legal fraternity, and all Kenyans who continue to suffer from the consequences of unchecked motorcycle-related insecurity with related security agencies doing nothing to bring these incidents to a stop. ISK stands in solidarity with all professionals and citizens in demanding justice, accountability, and urgent reform.

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### **About ISK**

The Institution of Surveyors of Kenya (ISK) is the professional body that brings together professionals who provide services in the Land built sector. The professionals fall within eight major disciplines of the surveying profession namely Land Surveying, Valuation, Building Surveying, Land Administration Management, Engineering Surveying, Geospatial Information Management, Estate Agents and Property Management. Our membership of over 6,500 is widely spread across the Country.

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