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## MASSACRE OF THE KENYAN PEACEFUL DEMONTRATORS BY KENYAN SECURITY FORCES

The Kenyan community living in Diaspora South Africa is deeply disturbed by the unfolding events happening in our motherland Kenya where report reaching us shows intentional massacre of peaceful marching demonstrators by the Kenya security forces.

We strongly believe that our constitution is the supreme doctrine and in it there are provisions for dissatisfied citizens to express their grievances and for those in authority to offer accountability.

The brutal force exerted on the peaceful protestors is unacceptable and we demand that those responsible must be held to account.

The proposed Finance Bill seemed to be the trigger of calling up for the demonstrations and we the Kenyans in Diaspora understand that policies and new laws are always being developed. However, we have the anger intensity the Finance Bill 2024 contents have agitated among the Kenyans and therefore express our solidarity who are calling for its rejection in totality.

We in the Diaspora have found the incidents caused by the continuation of the draft Bill protests extremely disturbing. Kenyans and Africans must not be displayed on global stage as deadly or deserving death. Any death or destruction of African life is extremely difficult to accept.

Its very clear now that all Kenyans of all walks of life and ages are largely opposed to the Finance Bill 2024 and we stand with the people to have their voices heard.

We call for financial discipline and good governance in the way that the nation's resources are managed. There is a lot of wastage, corruption, lack of accountability, misplaced priorities and practices that fall short of international standards

Among the ridiculous proposal on the Bill include

- 1. Taxing of sanitary pads
- 2. Issue of Land ownership
- 3. Allocation of funds to offices that do not exist
- 4. Invasion of personal privacy
- 5. Taxes on Cancer treatment

We have also witnessed the death of activists like Rex Masai (29), Evans Kiratu (21) just to mention a few and other countless injured while expressing their voices.

We call upon the Kenyan Government to respect Kenyan lives that all lives of Kenyans Matter indeed and all have the right to be heard by their respectful representatives in Parliament We strongly condemn the unconstitutional deployment of the Kenya National Defense Forces against civilians. We also demand the immediate reconstitution of an independent electoral and boundaries committee and Call for the immediate cessation of the abduction and incommunicado detention of the youth.

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