



Kenya Medical Association

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

KMA CENTRE, CHYULU ROAD, P.O. BOX 48502 – 00100 GPO, NAIROBI-KENYA

Mobile: 0722-275695

Email: nec@kma.co.ke

Website: www.kma.co.ke

29th February 2024

Kenya Medical Association Statement Condemning Police Brutality Against KMPDU Secretary General while Advocating for the Rights of Young Doctors.

Kenya Medical Association is the umbrella professional association for doctors in Kenya. It has a twin mandate; To champion for the welfare of doctors and advocate for the highest standard of quality healthcare in the country and beyond.

The Kenya Medical Association vehemently condemns the recent act of police brutality against Dr. Davji Bhimji the Secretary General and CEO of Kenya Medical Practitioners, Pharmacists and Dentists' Union (KMPDU), an unarmed Kenyan citizen who was advocating for the rights of young doctors exhibited via peaceful legal demonstrations. Violence against healthcare professionals is unacceptable and goes against the principles of compassion and care that the medical profession stands for.

Peaceful protest is a fundamental right and the use of excessive force by law enforcement authorities is unacceptable and undermines the principles of a just and democratic society. We call for a thorough investigation into this incident and urge the authorities to hold those responsible accountable for their actions. We cannot be a nation which attacks its doctors.

Further to this we urge the Ministry of Health to resolve the issue of internship posting for new doctors. We express great disappointment and concern that doctors are forced to picket to be posted as medical interns by the government. This delay not only affects the career progression but has a significant impact on the entire healthcare system and the capacity to meet the health needs of the Kenyan population.

The Kenya Medical Association remains committed to advocating for the rights and welfare of healthcare professionals and will continue to work towards creating a conducive environment for the practice of medicine in Kenya. We call upon all stakeholders to join hands in ensuring the protection of human rights and the promotion of excellence in healthcare delivery. To this end we stand in solidarity with the young doctors, KMPDU and wish Dr. Davji a quick recovery.

DR. DIANA MARION
SECRETARY GENERAL

KENYA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

President
Dr. Simon Kigundu

Vice-President
Dr. Amos Otara

Secretary-General
Dr. Diana Marion

Assistant Secretary-General
Dr. Elizabeth Gitau

Treasurer-General
Dr. Lyndah Kemunto