



PRESS STATEMENT ON INSECURITY AND CORRUPTION (For Immediate Release)

NARC Kenya is deeply saddened by the massacre of defenseless and innocent students at the Garissa University by blood thirsty terrorists. We offer our heartfelt condolences to the one hundred and forty seven plus families of the departed and our wishes for quick recovery to the injured.

Despite numerous Government assurances that the security of Kenyans is guaranteed and contemptuously dismissing warnings from friendly governments, we were caught by surprise barely a day after. This clearly points to a weakness on our intelligence gathering system and its usage. Increasing the number of security personnel alone may not address the problem.

Narc Kenya believes there is a direct link between corruption, insecurity and patriotism. The guns, ammunitions and explosives used by these evil people come through our borders and road blocks because of “kitu kidogo/chai”. The terrorists come and live among us and because of lack of patriotism we do not report their presence to the authorities.

We commend the President on the recent move to rid the government of big time corruption at its highest echelons but this will come to naught if the move is not followed by serious investigations, prosecutions and convictions. We must stop criminals from benefitting from their crime.

The Government is making a mockery of Chapter Six of The Constitution of Kenya 2010 on integrity by recycling individuals who should not hold public office again.

Conscious of our duty as citizens to lend support to our security, we propose as follows:

1. That the war on graft be accelerated and the EACC be strengthened through constitutional means rather than coercing the Commissioners to resign.
2. Police reforms be deepened by restructuring the police force, retraining the officers and revamping the force with appropriate technology and equipment and commensurately addressing their welfare issues.
3. We should take advantage of shared intelligence and have an inter-agency response team and further seek to collaborate with friendly nations on the war on terror, especially those with tested prowess in combating terrorism.
4. The national government immediately enlists the collaboration and active support of county governments in security matters.
5. The government adopts a bipartisan approach on all matters of national importance especially security issues in order to win the confidence and support of all Kenyans.
6. Key institutions that support the rule of law - Judiciary, Police, Office of the Auditor General, EACC, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions be adequately facilitated to effectively play their role in securing the nation. The President's directive regarding police recruits which ignores an existing Court order undermines the judiciary and runs against the spirit of his stated commitment to fight corruption using the same institutions. Those manning these institutions must discharge their duties in a manner that gives confidence to the citizens to whom they owe their high offices.

Dated this **4th day of April, 2015**

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