

PRESS STATEMENT ON AZIMIO VIOLENCE, DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY, DEATH OF INNOCENTS AND ECONOMIC SABOTAGE

1. Yesterday, Kenyans witnessed yet another orgy of senseless violence, destruction of property and maiming of innocent lives by an anarchist Azimio leadership intent on violent power grab. This forceful intent for power grab flies in the face of alleged democratic credentials of Azimio leadership.

Azimio Anarchy

2. Azimio anarchy is clearly treason in as far it is targeted at sabotaging the economy. Kenyans of goodwill must begin to question whether the ego trip of an individual is worth destroying what a nation has built for 60-years, and also its future.

Political Deceit

3. It is habitual now that election after election circle, Raila Odinga must stage a vicious destructive spectacle so as to be rewarded with accommodation in government. Such gimmicks would be laughed off as comedy were they not a serious blow to lives, property and peace.
4. Kenyans must also question the rationale of a political cabal taking advantage of their temporary disillusionment to cause havoc on private and public facilities. Does this mayhem result in lower cost of living, or worsens the cost of living through increased costs of repairs to destroyed infrastructure and therefore inability to lower taxes? Who will pay for the destruction of the Nairobi Superhighway?

Justice for Victims of Cruel Azimio

5. It is time to call in the law. The Azimio leaders are responsible for leading riots under guise of peaceful demonstrations that have resulted in wanton destruction of property and loss of lives. The rule of law must apply to all equally. Azimio must be held accountable. They must compensate for the losses. Justice for victims must be the burden of cruel Azimio leaders. Enforced reparations must come from the courts.

Violation of Personal Data Privacy

6. One may be tempted to dismiss the illegal signature collection by Azimio as only one more scam by Azimio leaders to draw attention to their own sense importance. That it is meant to blindfold supporters that violence and sabotage will improve their lives. This is true. However, there is serious violation of personal data privacy in the making in the ongoing charade.
7. The Data Protection Act, No. 24 of 2019 grants Kenyans rights regarding their personal data. These rights include the right of access, right to rectification, right to erasure, right to restrict processing, right to data portability, right to object, and rights in relation to automated decision-making. In other words, restrictions are placed on the use of personal data.
8. Furthermore, to protect these rights, the law requires Azimio to appoint a Data Protection Officer (DPO) responsible for overseeing data protection activities, ensuring compliance with the Act, and serving as a point of contact for data subjects and the Data Protection Commissioner.
9. So far, without publication of these requirements, the signature collection is in gross violation of Kenyan citizens' rights. Kenyans should beware that the current signature collection campaign led by Azimio, only serves as a deceptive means to gather citizens' data for potentially dubious purposes.

10. In this era when identity theft and online scams are prevalent, I strongly advise caution in sharing personal information with third parties like Azimio, who lack clear data protection policies and transparent intentions.
11. I therefore urge Kenyans to diligently safeguard personal information and data. By unknowingly providing your details, you may become vulnerable to online harassment and the theft of your sensitive information. This could have severe consequences, including potential misuse of your data that may take significant time and effort to rectify and clear your name. It is also crucial to recognize that the collection of these signatures has no legitimate legal or constitutional basis.

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