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## **MONITORING OF POLICE CONDUCT DURING THE AZIMIO DEMONSTRATIONS**

The Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA), in execution of its mandate under Section 6 (c) of its Act today monitored how the Police engaged in public order management in the protests called for by the Azimio la Umoja–One Kenya Coalition Party across the country.

The Authority has noted and taken up four matters for investigations which will seek to establish the level of police compliance with Article 244 of the Constitution, the Public Order Act and any other laws related to public management and the use of force. The matters under investigation include but are not limited to:

1. An incident where a man was shot and killed allegedly by police in Kisumu County.
2. An incident where a man was shot and injured allegedly by police in Kisumu County.
3. An incident where a man was shot and injured allegedly by police in Migori County.
4. Two incidents in which police failed to provide adequate security to protect private property in Nairobi County.

IPOA Monitors will remain deployed on the ground to ensure accountability is served where due.

The Authority strongly calls upon the police to abide by the law in exercising their constitutional function of protection of life and property in line with the National Police Service Act, Section 24 (d).

The Authority can be reached via toll free number 1559, [complaints@ipoa.go.ke](mailto:complaints@ipoa.go.ke) to lodge cases of misconduct or commendations of the Police during today's and future demonstrations.

IPOA remains committed to being independent, impartial and fair.



**ANNE MAKORI, E.B.S.**  
**CHAIRPERSON.**

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**Notes:**

**CONDITIONS AS TO THE USE OF FORCE AS PER NPS ACT AND SERVICE STANDING ORDERS**

- A police officer shall always attempt to use non-violent means first.
- The force used shall be proportional to the objective to be achieved, the seriousness of the offence, and the resistance of the person against whom it is used.
- When the use of force results in injuries the police officers present shall provide medical assistance immediately and unless there are good reasons, failing to do so is a criminal offence.
- A police officer who uses any form of force shall immediately, report to his or her superior.
- Any use of force that leads to death, serious injury and other grave consequences shall be reported immediately to the **Independent Policing Oversight Authority**.
- It shall be a disciplinary offence for a police officer to fail to report in accordance with these regulations.
- A Police officer in uniform shall at all times affix a nametag or identifiable Service number in a clearly visible part of the uniform.
- Following the orders of a superior is no excuse for unlawful use of force.

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