



STATEMENT ON ARREST OF KDF SOLDIERS IN LODWAR

Our attention has been drawn to videos, photos, and texts circulating on both mainstream and social media on the arrest of KDF soldiers at a Lodwar Police station yesterday, Wednesday 17 April 2024. The orchestration of the detainment is demeaning in context, intended to embarrass, humiliate, and to create alarm. The incident, though localized and occurring at a tactical level, is of great concern to the entire KDF fraternity. It also degrades the complementary spirit in Multi-Agency environments, and operations.

Notably, it has so far been established that; ***KDF soldiers NEITHER, “assaulted” police officers NOR, “stormed” the station as alleged.*** Joint investigations by the relevant competent authorities to further establish facts on this unfortunate incident are ongoing and the outcome will inform next course of action.

The exercise of professionalism, and restraint by KDF troops operating in Lodwar is recognized and commended. The troops deployed in Lodwar and in other areas remain professional, subordinate to civilian authority, as stipulated in the Constitution of Kenya 2010, and a reliable partner in the Multi-Agency approaches towards enhancement on the delivery of security dividends. KDF is fully seized of the obligation to co-operate, and assist other authorities in Multi-Agency efforts to provide security, and defence for Kenya.