

STATEMENT ON INCREASED CASES OF SEXUAL AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN.

Reaction to the incident of a boda boda rider sexually assaulting a female motorist that occurred on Friday, March 4, but came to the limelight on Monday, March 7.

The Young Women's Christian Association, Kenya in its role to secure and promote the human dignity and rights of women and girls while promoting gender equality and women's empowerment expresses the deep concern of most Kenyans regarding the increased cases of Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) in the Country.

Our attention has been particularly drawn to the harassment incident of a female motorist perpetrated by boda boda riders that took place along Nairobi's Wangari Maathai road last Friday. An act that we as an association highly condemn as it was targeted towards a young woman, reaffirming that women and girls continue to suffer disproportionately from SGBV and other forms of harassment in our society. Gender based violence is a violation of human rights and as such must never be accepted in the streets of Nairobi.

As the world celebrates International Women's Day today, we call on the protective arms of the Government and all members of the public to join hands in ensuring the protection, respect and dignity of all women and girls is upheld in public spaces.

Let us all invest in building a culture free of violence.

#KomeshaDhuluma #StopGenderBasedViolence

Signed,



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