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Hon. Prof Kithure Kindiki
The Cabinet Secretary.
Ministry of Interior & Co-Ordination of National Govt.

Dear *Mheshimiwa*,

COMPLAINTS BY KITENGELA, ATHI RIVER AND MLOLONGO BUSINESS COMMUNITY FOR RAMPANT CORRUPTION AND HARRASEMENT BY ATHI RIVER TRAFFIC BASE COMMANDER AGNES AND HIS OFFICER.

We the Motorists and residents of Kitengela and Athi River are worried by the rampant corruption which is spear-headed by the Current Base Commander Athi River Madam Agnes and his trusted confidant corporal Kipkemoi Amdany. The Base Commander who is regarded as very powerful and highly feared by her junior officers is believed to enjoy heavy immunity from the current police boss Njoroge Mbugua after she was handed over to Mbugua by the just retired Inspector General Hillary Mutyambai. Both Agnes and Former IG hail from the same area. Madam Agnes is regarded as a heroine, well connected and wields much power as she has put her bosses in her pocket. She is the true definition of "Wangu wa Makeri" of the current time. The very rude lady has groomed a police corporal Kipkemoi Amdany who is her personal assistant and is used to solicit bribes after harassing members of the public who fall victims of police dragnet on the road within Kitengela, Athi River and Mlolongo areas. Motorists decry the actions of this Corporal especially Matatu, pick-ups, Lorries and salons cars drivers. The Matatu drivers have to part with a bribe between 10-20k in order to secure their release each and every morning on arrival at Athi River traffic where you will find the comfortably seating Corporal in the traffic office registry. It is always a bee hive of activity at the station as roughly 60 vehicles enter and leave the station shortly after parting with a chunk of money. Our investigations revealed that Motorists are never taken to court despite being harassed by the mighty corporal since they are threatened of hefty court fines at the end should they step on the floor of the strict Mavoko court in Athi River. **My Lorry's driver happened to a victim whereby he was arrested thrice within one month. He had to buy his freedom from the corporal after giving out 5,000/, later after two weeks he parted with 3,000/-. The third time he was arrested, I begged to physically see Agnes but she chased me out of her office claiming that I shouldn't expect her to buy tyres for my lorry. She sent to me Amdany who took 3,000/ from me.** I personally fell a victim of Base Agnes and her PA Corporal Kipkemoi Amdany on 26.12.2022. The two officers together with others had erected a police barrier along Namanga road at about 8pm. (Night). I together with about ten other Motorists were nabbed for allegedly drunk driving. We were bundled onto a waiting police car after undergoing an alcohol test. It was alleged that I tested positive to alcohol since the mighty corporal was undertaking the test and according to an African Proverb, ""a goat cannot get justice in a court presided over by a Leopard "" . Consequently, my vehicle was towed to Athi River Police station despite pleading with the Base Commander and the mighty corporal allow my licensed wife drive the vehicle to station. I was compliant though. Other police officers watched helplessly as the two officers continued with their forced alcohol test. We were booked into police cell at around 9:15pm and spent the whole night in the cold cells after the ruthless Kipkemoi Amdany recorded our arrival at the station.

Sir, on 27.12.2022, I was released on a cash bail of 20,000/- (see annexed cash bail receipt) after my family members begged for my release. The Base Commander and her corporal heeded to my request. I left the station after paying exorbitantly high breakdown rates. I'd personally begged the corporal to let me have a check of the towing charges but he rudely sent me off. He alleged he doesn't own a breakdown. We learnt that the Base Commander colludes with the breakdown owners for an obvious kick back. I left the station a devastated man.

On 30.12.2022, very early in the morning and to my surprise, I received an anonymous call from a person who introduced himself as Corporal Amdany and ordered me to return the cash bail receipt since they had seen it wise to pardon me. He added that his boss wanted to "forgive" me but only after returning the government document, i.e. cash bail invoice.

I boarded a motor cycle and got the Corporal waiting for my arrival. He'd worn his uniform and his name tag with capital letters "KIPKEMBOI AMDANY and some medals. Without any welcome note, he showed me where to sign at the bottom of the receipt and out of the total cash bail of 20,000/-, nothing was sincerely returned to me. I'm happy that I was able to take a photo of the receipt after signing and before parting ways with the greedy Corporal. He chased me like a dog after appending on the paper. I was not taken to court. Luckily, on the 29.12.2022, I called two of my friends who had fallen victim of alleged drunk driving the same night and they confirmed that Amdany had called them to return the papers. We were treated the same way altogether. They only signed to have received the cash, but nothing was actually returned to them. We learnt that out of the ten alleged drunk drivers, no one was taken to court. It was just a police barrier erected with an aim of siphoning money from the already burdened tax payers. To our dismay, we're all residents of Kitengela in Kajiado County.

While sharing a bottle or two at a local restaurant within Kitengela, I was lucky to get an old friend who had coincidentally suffered the mistreatment of the Traffic Boss and her PA. My old friend had been involved in a road traffic accident at around 20.12.2022 whereby he was not to blame. A rider had been injured during the accident when he was driving his car that involved a motorcycle. By bad luck, the investigating officer happened to be Amdany. During the time of his statement recording, the Corporal took him round in circles and forced him to deposit a cash bail of 10,000/-. The Corporal wanted to be give him a free bond after parting with a bribe of 20,000/. My friend declined. The free bond was as a result cancelled after Amdany consulted his untouchable boss. The free bond was substituted with a Cash bail of 10,000/. (The receipt is annexed too and see the alterations from free bond to 10,000/=). My friend left the station helplessly yet some other persons were to blame for the accident. He showed me his photographed and saved receipt in his phones gallery but it differed with mine. It seemed it was not the prescribed receipt but a paper purportedly used to solicit bribes from unsuspecting Kenyans. Amdany later called him after about 5 days and ordered him to return the 'receipt'. He pleaded with the officer to equally share the amount but the officer turned violent and unruly. He threatened to throw him into cells if he continued with the unwelcoming requests and advances. He left the police premises the same way I had left.

We learnt that many Kitengela and Athi river motorists had resulted to other alternative routes to use whenever the boss lady and his PA are out on traffic checks. Others prefer to park on the roadside to avoid a similar scenario and only drive when the two pull away.

Additionally, many Kitengela motorists especially Matatu drivers and hardware operators have formed up groups whereby they collect money on weekly basis which is handed over to Madam Agnes through the notorious police corporal. The money is referred to as 'Protection fee' by the business community. The police lady is believed to be pocketing millions of money which she uses to bribe her stay and position at her current office. She is untouchable and does what she

want at will. Many officers including unconnected seniors have arrived and departed the same station leaving her behind. It is believed that she is the current Kenya Police Boss (Mbugua) closest friend if not lover. Mbugua uses her to collect money on his behalf from other traffic base commanders within Eastern region and Kajiado.

Sir, we are thus asking you, the new and able Inspector General Mr. Koome and other government urgencies to move with speed and protect the vulnerable resident of Kitengela and Athi River. We know that you are Zealous and vigorous government officials who do not tolerate police nonsense and corruption. EACC is an able body which can lay a trap and eradicate the vice enjoyed by the single police traffic boss and her notorious but trusted partner-in- crime Corporal Kipkemboi Amdany. We do have trust with the Integrity body.

We also call for the speedy investigations by the IPOA and Internal Affairs Unit of the police and bring the two officers to book. Else, the motorists will continue to suffer in the hands of the duo. We're are thankful that last year 2022, the notorious former OCS of Kitengela (Bensouda) and who wielded much power was transferred to another station after we made similar concerns. We hope that speedy action will be taken to protect our hand working Kenyans and their hard earned resources from the gluttonous duo.

Sir, we'll be grateful and appreciative at the end and will let you know through the same channel when you act.

For and on behalf of **The Association of Kitengela & Athi River residents and Kitengela Business Community.**

Copies to
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(see annexed copies of cash bail receipts.)