



STATEMENT BY THE NATIONAL POLICE SERVICE COMMISSION FOLLOWING THE INCIDENT AT LANGATA PRIMARY SCHOOL ON 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2015 WHERE CHILDREN PROTESTING THE GRABBING OF A SECTION OF THE SCHOOL'S PLAYING GROUNDS WERE TEARGASSED BY POLICE.

Following the incident yesterday at Langa'ta Primary School where the police used tear gas to disperse protesters, among them school children, the Commission would like to state that the use of excessive force against defenseless children is unacceptable and indefensible.

As the body mandated to exercise disciplinary control over the Service, the Commission would like to support the administrative action taken by the Inspector-General to interdict the officer in-charge of the operation in order to pave for thorough investigations that would ensure fair administrative action in line with Article 47 of the Constitution.

The Commission is also aware that the Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA) and the Law Society of Kenya are conducting investigations into the matter with a view to ensuring that justice is done. The Commission is liaising with these institutions on their findings which will be key in determining the administrative action to be taken by the Commission, regardless of any court action that may be instituted.

The Commission would like to reiterate its commitment to reforms and to taking action that see the transformation of the Police from a force to a service become a reality.

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