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# PRESS STATEMENT

## THE DEATH OF REBECCA CHEPTEGEI

It is with great sorrow that we have learned of the passing of Olympic athlete Rebecca Cheptegei, who tragically died days after being attacked with petrol and set ablaze by a former partner.

This appalling incident highlights the deeply rooted power imbalances between men and women, which have historically resulted in the oppression and discrimination of women by men, hindering their full progress in society. Violence against women serves as a significant social mechanism that enforces their subjugation in comparison to men.

The Atheists In Kenya Society call upon the authorities to expedite their investigations and ensure the perpetrator is held accountable. Additionally, we urge the Kenyan Government to formulate national action plans aimed at enhancing the protection of women from all forms of violence.

Sincerely,

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President, Atheists In Kenya Society

