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# **PRESS STATEMENT**

## **SILENCE IS NO LONGER AN OPTION**

Yesterday's protests were not just about isolated grievances. It is a culmination of years—decades of unaccountable governance, broken promises, and political elites disconnected from the lived realities of ordinary Kenyans. What we are witnessing in Kenya is not chaos for chaos' sake; it is the people's response to a system that has normalized corruption, inequality, and impunity.

At the heart of the growing unrest in Kenya lies a deep rupture in the social contract. Citizens are taxed heavily, yet receive little in return. Essential services such as healthcare, education, and infrastructure remain chronically underfunded or mismanaged. Meanwhile, reports of state excesses — ballooning public debt, bloated government spending, and opaque deals — continue to surface with little consequence.

**The Atheists In Kenya Society urges Kenyans not to stay silent. Across social media platforms and in the streets, citizens must boldly reclaim their voices.**

And while the state may label yesterday's protests as disruptive, history teaches us that progress often begins with discomfort.

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Normalization of dysfunction is the biggest threat to democracy. Every time we shrug off scandals, tolerate incompetence, or allow public servants to act with impunity, we inch closer to collapse.

Silence is complicity.

President William Ruto has failed Kenyans.

Kenya needs a new vision — one anchored in accountability, equity, and responsive leadership. We must move beyond personality-driven politics and begin reimagining governance as a collective responsibility. Civic education must be revitalized. Public participation must be strengthened. Transparency must be demanded at every level.

The people must continue to speak through protest, through art, through organizing.

Sincerely,

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