

Gambia Civil Society Press Statement

On the Killing of The Two Police Officers and the Injury of one Police officer of Intervention Unit (PIU)

It is with deep concern and dismay that we received the news of the killing of two Police Intervention Unit officers and the injuring of another officer in the line of executing their duties. The Gambian Civil Society unequivocally condemns in the strongest terms this heinous act against our security officers at Sukuta- Jabang traffic lights.

Our security officers are tasked with protecting our lives and property. Like every concerned Gambian, we are searching for answers and trying to understand why and how this has happened. What caused the escalation?

We urged the government of The Gambia to take matters of national security with utmost urgency and care and call on the Gambia Police Force to ensure due diligence in bringing the culprits to book.

We extend our deepest condolences to the bereaved families and the entire security forces in the country and pray for the injured officer to recover fully. To our men and women in the security services, we appreciate your priceless sacrifices and service to our dear Motherland and urge you to continue the tireless work you have been doing in protecting the internal peace of our dear country.

In conclusion, we wish to remind the government of The Gambia and His Excellency, President Adama Barrow that they bear primary responsibility in ensuring that democracy, good governance, respect for human rights and the observance of the rule of law prevails in The Gambia. Therefore, as Civil Society, we continue our call to the government of The Gambia to carry out the agenda of Security Sector Reform as required to ensure every Gambian is protected and feels safe in our dear Motherland.

Signed

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