

Ombudsman looks into UoN's assistance to victims of GUC tragedy

The Office of the Ombudsman is assessing the role the University of Nairobi (UON) played to assist during the Garissa University College (GUC) tragedy victims.

During a meeting held today, May 21, 2015, between Commissioners from Ombudsman led by the Director in charge of Investigations, Mr. Micah Nguli and UoN management led by the [Vice-Chancellor](#), Prof. Peter Mbithi, the University presented a report on the services offered by the Chiromo Funeral Parlour.

The Commissioners sought clarification on the services offered at the Funeral Parlour to the victims of the GUC attack, the preparedness in handling emergencies of that magnitude by the facility, the stakeholders who assisted the University in offering the services, the cost implications and challenges, among other issues.

Mr. Nguli noted that the Office of the Ombudsman recognizes the role UoN played in assisting the victims of the GUC tragedy. He said that the Ombudsman is mandated to investigate the role government institutions and officers played during the tragedy and establish if there were any malpractices.

While presenting the report, Prof. Mbithi gave an elaborate account of the issues that unfolded while dealing with the tragedy. The University of Nairobi played a key role in not only ensuring that the bodies were well preserved and taken care of but also in offering material and psycho-social support to the affected families. Prof. Mbithi tabled some of the challenges faced and made recommendations on how better to deal with such issues in future. Key among the recommendations is turning the Chiromo Funeral Parlour into a well-equipped and furnished centre to give excellent funeral parlour services in East Africa. He also recognized the contributions of various organizations and officials.

Present during the meeting were Prof. Bernard Njoroge, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, [Administration and Finance](#), Prof. Henry Mutoro, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, [Academic Affairs](#), Prof. Isaac Kibwage, Principal, [College of Health Sciences](#), Prof. Hassan Saidi, Chairman, [Department of Human Anatomy](#), Ms. Rebecca Ngondo, [Chief Legal Officer](#) and Mr. Moses Sande, Senior Legal Officer.