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PRESS RELEASE

UPDATE ON THE WEEKEND INCIDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI HALLS OF RESIDENCE

On 20th June, 2015 at about 3.00 am, a student left his room and was headed to the Architecture, Design and Development (ADD) Building which is normally open 24 hours to the students, for studies. As he was nearing Hall 6, he saw five young men approaching from ADD. The five men accosted him and snatched his bag containing a laptop and its accessories. The student made noise that he had been attacked and robbed of his laptop. Other students responded by coming out of their rooms and pursued the suspects towards State House Road.

The students caught up with the group along State House Road next to YMCA and started beating them up. While three of the suspects managed to escape, the other two were caught and were frog-marched towards Hall 2. The beating continued but the University security personnel who condemned the act on the spot intervened and were hurt in the course of rescuing the injured suspects whom they rushed to the Clinic at the University Health Services. One of the suspects passed on while at the University Health Services, the other one was rushed to MP Shah Hospital where he was admitted but passed on thereafter. The two suspects were later identified as non-resident students by the names:

- (i) Julius Omondi Omollo, Reg. No. C01/32948/2015.
- (ii) Fetya Mohammed Yusuf, Reg No. D33/33701/2015.

The police were called in, arrived at 4.00 am and started investigations. The University of Nairobi highly regrets this unfortunate incident. The University reiterates that it upholds the rule of law and has no place for the law of the jungle where people take the law in their own hands and condemns strongly the act of mob-justice by the students involved.

The University has already contacted the respective parents of the deceased students to condole with them during this difficult time.

Earlier today in a meeting with the University Management Board, I condemned the incidence and promise thorough and expeditious investigations and will continue to brief the two families and the entire University fraternity as and when more facts emerge.

I appeal to all students, staff and stakeholders to remain calm as the investigations continue.

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