

## **UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI STUDENTS INJURED IN STAMPEDE**

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2015, injured students were rushed to Kenyatta National Hospital for emergency treatment following an explosion at the Kikuyu campus hostels. One student died, while 167 others were injured in a stampede as a result of panic among them as they thought that they were under attack. Some of the students jumped from as high as fifth floor of the building.

Under the auspices of the mass accident team, the College of Health Sciences and the Kenyatta National Hospital teams manned casualty services. The surgical departments and laboratory services were in the frontline assisting our injured colleagues.

Over 80 patients with musculoskeletal injuries were seen and attended to. About twenty were admitted and done surgery.

Professor Atinga head of orthopedic department of the university of Nairobi and Dr. James Mogire head of Orthopedics at Kenyatta National Hospital co-ordinated care of the orthopedic injuries with the assistance of over ten orthopedic surgeons and ten registrars

Department of surgery wishes to commend the student community for their quick and coordinated response to the accident. We acknowledge the medical students who were quick to the casualty department to see what assistance they could offer. Also to the student community from the various campuses in donating blood for their injured colleagues.

The department of orthopedic surgery wish to send condolences to the family of the student who passed on.

Medical authorities confirmed that all hospitalized students were in stable condition. Dr. Rattansi gave each a message of comfort wishing them quick recovery. She also visited the Garissa terror attack victims recovering in the same ward. Accompanying her were the Chairman of Council, Dr. Idle Omar Farah, Vice-Chancellor, [Prof. Peter Mbithi](#), KNH Director, Lily Koros Tare, Principal-CHS [Prof. Isaac O. Kibwage](#) including other officials from the [University of Nairobi](#).