



PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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DESIST FROM DIVISIVE AND RECKLESS UTTERANCES

The National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) condemns in the strongest terms possible the reckless utterances made by the Orange Democratic Secretary General Hon. Edwin Sifuna and member of parliament Hon Aisha Jumwa on 11th December 2020 during the by election campaigns in Msambweni Constituency, Kwale County.

As a result, the Commission being very concerned at these reckless statements is closely following these insulting utterances that have spurred negative conversation across the country. The use of such political rhetoric and vulgar language is wrong, unethical and shameful, the fact that any leader, especially those of the stature of MP and secretary general, can even consider using such language is a low point for them and this nation. Because of this the two leaders have been summoned to NCIC to answer for their utterances.

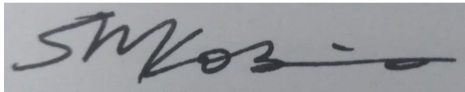
Further this might mutate (if it hasn't already) to hate speech thus disturbing the peaceful coexistence among Kenyans especially their followers. We therefore direct all politicians and leaders to remain civil and ethical at all times. We must remember that Kenya is a civilized society and the days of intolerant speech are far gone.

At this point we would like to also tell all Kenyans that even as we prosecute those we suspect of doing this dastardly acts we will also create at the commission a wall of fame and shame. Where we will name and fame the leaders and Kenyans who do well but also we will name and shame those who behave in uncouth manner.

Our quest for ethical and peaceful behavior will not stop there. We are working with the registrar of political parties to ensure that politicians who fail to meet chapter 6 requirements in the eye of the commission, the EACC and the registrar of political parties to be barred from political office forthwith.

Indeed as a commission we are committed to ensure that there is legal, societal and political consequence for bad behavior.

We urge all Kenyans to keep being vigilant and continue calling out bad behavior and statements wherever they occur.



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