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ASSAULT OF HON. FATUMA GEDI IN PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

The National Gender and Equality Commission takes great exception at the ugly incident that occurred this morning at Parliament buildings where Wajir East MP Hon. Rashid Kassim Amin reportedly assaulted Wajir Woman Representative Hon. Fatuma Gedi in a manner most horrible.

This is the height of intolerance that reeks of sheer arrogance punctuated by total disrespect for women and venerated public spaces of honour. Hon. Rashid must be told that he cannot use his elevated office of member of Parliament for Wajir East to assault honourable or ordinary members of public especially when they are pursuing legitimate issues of public interest.

We wish to bring to Hon. Rashid's attention the provisions of section 34 (1) and (2) of the Leadership and Integrity Act that states that a State Officer shall not behave in a cruel, malicious or humiliating manner intended at undermining a person. Assaulting a woman Member of Parliament in this day and age by no less a fellow member of the August House is simply unacceptable.

NGEC wishes to condemn the attack in the strongest terms possible. We urge relevant law enforcement arms of government to move with speed and ensure justice is served and guarantee the safety and security of Hon. Gedi.

We affirm our solidarity and commitment to promote equality of all persons before the law.



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