



# News Release

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## Funds are available to try suspects in the Magara murder case

Our attention has been drawn to the publication on Page 30 of the New Vision newspaper dated 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023 under the headline "**Magara Murder Suspects' Trial Deferred Due to Lack of Funds**", where the author thereof alleges that the trial of the suspects in the Susan Magara case has been suspended due to the lack of funds.

We clarify as follows:

The Magara case is a special case that involves several accused persons, Advocates, Assessors and witnesses both for the prosecution and defence. It thus calls for adequate preparation to achieve a meaningful trial within the confines of the law to the satisfaction of both the prosecution and accused persons.

The Criminal Division planned to handle this case separately as opposed to handling it alongside other cases that are heard on a day to day basis. And as such, the administrators at the Criminal Division are rather discussing possibilities of scheduling a special session for the trial.

The Judiciary Administration has already provided the necessary logistical support to the Division, including availing the necessary funds to hold the trial as soon as the internal modalities have been streamlined. Funds for handling of sessions are always planned and budgeted for and disbursements made on a quarterly basis.

Other ad hoc and unforeseeable eventualities like burials have no effect on the already planned activities of the Institution.

Prudence would therefore demand that the publishers of the said article retract the said publication and cause the publication of the clarification herein.

### ENQUIRIES

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