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NO BIAS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE KATANGA CASE

The attention of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) has been drawn to an article in Chimpreports titled: “Opinion: Breaking the Silence: Uncovering the Gender Bias in the Katanga Murder Case”, by Jane Naigaga.

The article highlights concern about societal bias toward violence against women and alludes to similar bias by the ODPP in the management of the Katanga Case.

We hereby assure the public that there is absolutely no bias in the management of the Katanga case by the ODPP. Whatever decisions have been taken by the office thus far are founded on evidence duly collected by the Uganda Police Force, and the law. Besides, the matter is still under investigation.

It suffices to note that the Office of the DPP is independent and committed to upholding the principles of fairness, justice and gender neutrality in its operations.

As the matter is currently before the court, we respect the subjudice rule and accordingly refrain from discussing the merits of the case in the public domain. In the same spirit, we implore members of the public and parties to similarly refrain from discussing the merits of the case and allow the legal process to unfold without undue external influence in order to prevent prejudice.

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