



PRESS RELEASE ON THE ARREST AND UNLAWFUL DETENTION OF PEACEFUL PROTESTERS ON THE REJECTION OF THE FINANCE BILL 2024

The United Green Movement Party would like to commend Kenyans who came out in their numbers today, to protest against the passage and the debate of the Finance bill 2024 as it then was. The Party would like to in a special way pay tribute to Kenya's GEN Z. You have shown the world that you will protect the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 by sweat and blood.

No amount of armoury, guns, tear gas police brutality or maiming of the citizenry can hold a regime in power. People Power as enshrined in the Constitution at Art 37 and espoused by Art 10 of The Constitution of Kenya, 2010 is the best that our fore-bearers handed this nation. We urge Kenyans to forever use these provisions to ensure that the country does not glide into the dictatorship of the yester-years.

The cost of living in Kenya is currently unbearable. The government is in flagrant violation of all manner Economic Social Cultural Rights. The Government's appetite for debt is insatiable, they borrow to steal and want to tax Kenyans to repay their theft. Kenyans **MUST SAY NO!**

The Kenya Kwanza regime needs to be reminded that Governments, once voted into power, legitimately or illegitimately, start depreciating from day 1 in Office. If it is indeed true that the Kenya Kwanza administration won the election by a 50+1 % margin, then someone should tell them that that margin is now WELL BELOW 50% for an administration that is only about 2 years old.

The United Green Movement Party calls for the **IMMEDIATE** and **UNCONDITIONAL** release of the arrested protesters by the police officers. The Constitution of Kenya 2010 allows Kenyans to **PROTEST, PICKET and ASSEMBLE**. It is a **FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT**. The Police officers should be reminded that the squalor and penury that they live in, is as a result of thievery of regimes like this one and the ones before. The young protesters are speaking for them. Let us not protect the extractive ruling class at the behest of the People. We also take issue with the Police who lobbed tear gas at Advocates who went to represent and seek the release of the detained protesters. Art. 49 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 enshrines the right to advocate representation.

As a Political Party that believes in **NON-VIOLENCE**, we laud the protesters for disarming the police by not engaging in violence. They also did not rob or steal any property. This is the way it should be until the government listens to the voices of the People. Sovereignty belongs to us, Kenya Kwanza and this government should be reminded that they are only exercising it on behalf of the people of Kenya and **IT CAN BE TAKEN AWAY** when the people so wish.

We wish those who were hurt during these protests quick recovery. We pray you get on to your feet fast enough for the next round of protests until this Government comes to bear. The United Green Movement Party will be joining hands together with other Kenyans in protests around the **ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUALITY, RULE OF LAW and most importantly YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT**, now and the future until we get a responsive Kenya administration in place. **ALUTA CONTINUA** and God Bless Kenya.

Signed,

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