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**PRESS STATEMENT**

**HUNT FOR KCSE EARLY EXPOSURE MASTERMINDS**

Today marks the fourth day of the KCSE examination that involves 664,550 candidates countrywide. I am happy to announce that the level of precision in the administration of the all-important examination has been remarkable. We have, for instance, managed to strictly comply with the daily 6am schedule of distributing all examination materials from containers to all centres. We haven't recorded a single case where any examination question or paper has been leaked since the examination started on Monday true to our promise. All the papers have been delivered to every examination centres with all the unique KNEC security features intact. I repeat: No examination paper has been leaked, none will. Even doomsayers should take this to the bank.

For all this commendable scenario, I thank all the thousands of KNEC-contracted personnel who have put aside all their personal and official demands to ensure the examination is as flawless as it can get. I once again thank all my Cabinet colleagues, chief administrative secretaries and principal secretaries who - like was the case during the KCPE – have continued to join my Ministry to travel to all corners of the country to monitor and supervise the examination.

However, having sealed all the loopholes of leaking examinations, a few unscrupulous people have over the last three years devised new criminal tricks of opening examination packages a few minutes before the start time, in what we call "early exposure". Usually, the target of these unethical people is the second paper of the day. Their game-plan usually is to smuggle all or some of the examination questions, take them to hired goons outside who are expected to tackle the questions and then smuggle the "answers" back into the examination rooms. Fortunately for our candidates and our country, days of these people are quickly coming to an end.

This morning, I wish to announce that some of the masterminds of this early exposure scheme have entered the police and KNEC dragnet thanks to a manhunt staged by a combined team of officers under the Multi-Sectoral Team of government experts. So Since the KCSE began on Monday the following has happened;

1. An early exposure ring of 15 people was arrested in Kisii as they prepared to answer questions from a photocopied examination paper with the intention of

smuggling responses to candidates at the Munianku secondary school in Kisii. The case has been taken to court.

2. As a result of the case in Munianku secondary, the TSC secretary Nancy Macharia has announced that disciplinary action has been initiated against the administration of the school.
3. At least four people have been arrested and arraigned in court in after they were caught in a classroom with pre-prepared notes in Kakamega that were fake.
4. More fundamentally, I am this morning happy to announce that two of the greatest masterminds of the “early exposure” ring are now in the custody of KNEC and security officials. The two were hunted down last evening after a long and meticulous investigative process. I wish to promise that these two suspects, who are expected in court later today, must serve to show that existing stringent examination security measures will net all cheats wherever they hide and be dealt with harshly. We expect these suspects to face the full force of the law in a manner that will send a perfect warning to evil-minded people that their days are numbered and that all their efforts will come to naught. There can never be any mercy against anyone intent on messing up the lives of our innocent children and our collective future.
5. I also wish to direct all centre managers and examination officials of all centres to ensure that they abide with all examination guidelines issued to them to the letter. Particularly, I wish to remind them that our countrywide monitoring teams have, over the last three days, noted a few missteps that must be corrected immediately:
  - (a) All school gates must be kept wide open throughout the day’s examination hours to allow ease of monitoring.
  - (b) Security officers must sit at positions where they have a full view of the examination materials for the second paper as the morning paper is underway.
  - (c) Examination officials must not take any time off from the examination rooms to for tea or any other activities while examinations are in progress.
  - (d) Centre managers must not allow any unauthorised teacher(s) or staff including secretaries and clerks to hang around the precincts of the school compounds during the examination season. Only teachers handling practical subjects will be allowed in examination centres during the days the subjects are taken, like will be the case tomorrow during the chemistry practicals. Teachers whose houses are used for any illegal purpose will be sent away and houses closed as crime scenes until investigations are over. They will be prosecuted.

Failure to enforce these, and many other broad guidelines already issued, will be punished severely.

I urge all the officers contracted from across government departments to do all they can to ensure we do our work. We can then as a country be proud once again of the real achievements of our children as we deliver a credible examination devoid of irregularities.

Thank you and let's honour the Almighty by doing the right thing.

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