



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

PRESS STATEMENT

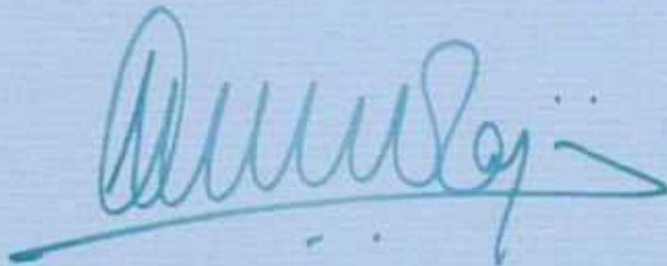
DPP'S PRESS STATEMENT ON INVESTIGATIONS INTO ALLEGATIONS OF MISAPPROPRIATION OF PUBLIC FUNDS BY THE PRINCIPAL AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THIKA TECHNICAL TRAINING INSTITUTE

1. On 24th July 2018, the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) received a report that the Principal and other officers of Thika Technical Training Institute (TTTI) had misappropriated public funds leading to the loss of Kshs. 27,981,233/=. Being an institution that seeks to empower youth with skills, the impact of corruption has far reaching implications on their future.
2. As such DCI undertook investigations which established the allegations. The offences were committed between January 2016 and June 2018. During this period it emerged that the officials withdrew money from the Institution's account without authorization and proper procedures as provided under the Public Finance and Management Act, 2012.
3. On 30th August 2018 the DCI submitted the file to the Director of Public Prosecutions for review and directions. After perusal, I identified some certain areas that required further investigations in order to strengthen the prosecution case and returned the file to the DCI through letter dated 20th September 2018 with directions to cover.
4. On 26th September, 2018 the DCI resubmitted the file to my Office. After review I am satisfied that all the areas for further investigations have been covered and that there is cogent evidence to charge the following persons:
 - a) Jefferson Ndichu Kariuki, former Principal;
 - b) Michael Muturi Gacheru, former finance officer;
 - c) John Macharia Mwangi, former Board of Governors Chairman;
 - d) Mary Mumbua Kyengo, current Principal;
 - e) Johnson Ichugu Kihumba, former internal auditor;
 - f) Eunice Wairimu Njuguna, former external auditor;
 - g) Samuel Gakumo, former employee.

5. The above-named are to be charged with the following offences:-

- (a) Stealing by persons employed in public service contrary to Section 280 of the Penal Code.
- (b) Abuse of office contrary to Section 46 of the Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Act 2003 as read with Section 48 thereof.
- (c) Neglect of official duty contrary to Section 128 of the Penal Code.
- (d) Fraudulent false accounting contrary to Section 330 of the Penal Code.
- (e) False statement by auditors contrary to Section 329 (a) of the Penal Code.
- (f) False claims by persons employed in the public service contrary to Section 100 of the Penal Code.
- (g) Making a document without authority contrary to Section 357 (a) of Penal Code.
- (h) Willful failure to comply with laws relating to the management of funds contrary to Section 45(2) (b) of the Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Act, 2003 as read with Section 48 thereof.

6. Accordingly, I have directed the DCI to immediately arraign the named persons in court today **Monday 8th October, 2018.**



NOORDIN M. HAJI, OGW
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTION

Dated: 8th October, 2018.