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UGANDA LAW SOCIETY STATEMENT ON THE MEDICAL STATUS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST NANA MWAFRIKA MBARIKIWA

The Uganda Law Society (ULS) has learnt with profound shock about the attack on human rights activist Nana Mwafrika Mbarikiwa.

According to information obtained from Front Line Defenders, human rights defender Nana Mwafrika Mbarikiwa was hospitalized as a result of a violent assault by a group of police officers at the main entrance to the Uganda Police Force headquarters in Naguru, Kampala District on 24th April 2019. The said human rights defender, who was seven months pregnant at the time, was attacked while she was trying to obtain permission to organize a peaceful protest against human rights violations committed by security forces.

As a result of the said physical assault, ULS has learnt from the Legal Aid Service Providers Network (LASNET) that Nana Mwafrika suffered physically debilitating injuries and lost her uterus. As a result, she had a premature baby and is in need of assistance.

ULS condemns such brutality against human rights defenders. Therefore, we call upon the Inspector General of Police (IGP) to expeditiously investigate this matter and render to us a report of findings within five (5) days from the date of this statement, failure of which we shall move Court for individual prosecution of the officers involved.

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