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TAARIFA KWA VYOMBO VYA HABARI

Asasi za kiraia zatoa wito wa haki yenye mizani katika kesi za ukatili wa kijinsia

Asasi za kiraia zinazoshughulikia masuala ya wanawake na uongozi, zimepokea kwa tafakuri kubwa hukumu iliyotolewa katika kesi ya tukio la ukatili lililohusisha wake wenza lililotokea tarehe 9 Februari 2025 huko Chukwani Wilaya ya Magharibi "B Unguja, ambapo mshtakiwa amehukumiwa kifungo cha miaka 20 jela kwa kosa la kujaribu kuua.

Asasi hizo zinasisitiza kuwa, tukio hili halipaswi kutazamwa kwa kumlenga mhusika mmoja pekee, bali kwa kuchambua mchango wa mifumo, mahusiano ya kifamilia na wajibu wa wahusika wote waliokuwepo katika mazingira yaliyopelekea tukio hilo.

Aidha, asasi hizo ambazo ni Jumuiya ya Wanawake wenye Ulemavu Zanzibar (JUWAUZA), Jumuiya ya Wanasheria Wanawake Zanzibar (ZAFELA), Jumuiya ya Mazingira, Jinsia na Utetezi Pemba (PEGAO) na Chama cha Waandishi wa Habari Wanawake Tanzania, Zanzibar (TAMWA ZNZ) zinaona umuhimu wa mamlaka husika kuangalia kwa kina nafasi na mchango wa mume katika tukio hili, ikiwemo wajibu wake wa kisheria, kijamii na kimaadili katika kusimamia familia yake na kuzuia mazingira yanayoweza kuchochea migogoro na hatimaye ukatili. Haki ya kweli inapaswa kuzingatia wajibu wa kila mhusika, bila upendeleo wa kijinsia au misingi ya kimfumo dume.

Vilevile, asasi hizo zinaeleza wasiwasi wao kuhusu mwenendo wa haki katika kesi za ukatili wa kijinsia, hasa mauaji na vipigo dhidi ya wanawake, ambapo kesi nyingi zimekuwa zikichukua muda mrefu bila kupatiwa hukumu.

Kwa mujibu wa rikodi za TAMWA ZNZ, matukio 33 ya mauwaji ya wanawake na watoto yameripotiwa (wanawake 27 na Watoto 6) tokea mwishoni mwa mwaka 2016 hadi mwanzoni mwa mwaka 2026.

Kwa mujibu wa taarifa kutoka kwa Afisi ya Mkurugenzi wa Mashtaka Zanzibar (DPP) imeeleza kuwa jumla ya kesi sita zilipatiwa hatia za sheria ikiwemo kuachiwa huru watuhumiwa (kesi 2), kufungwa kwa jalada (1), kunyongwa hadi kufa (2) na kifungo (1). Ambapo kesi nyengine sita (6) zimeelezwa kuwa zipo mahakamani zinaendelea na nyengine zimekuwa ngumu kupatikana kwa taarifa kutokana na kukosekana kwa namba za kesi kutoka vituo vya polisi na mahakamani pamoja na kukosekana kwa majina ya washitakiwa.

JUWAUZA, PEGAO, ZAFELA na TAMWA - ZNZ zinatoa wito kwa vyombo vya haki kuhakikisha kuwa kasi na uzito uliotumika katika kesi hii utumike pia katika kesi nyingine zote za ukatili dhidi ya wanawake na watoto bila ubaguzi wa mhusika au mazingira ya tukio.

Kwa kuzingatia muktadha wa kijamii na kidini Zanzibar, asasi hizo zinakumbusha kuwa katika dini ya Kiislamu, ndoa ya wake zaidi ya mmoja ina masharti ya kufanya haki, uadilifu, uwajibikaji na ulinzi kwa wake na watoto. Hivyo, tunatoa wito kwa viongozi wa dini kuendelea kutoa elimu sahihi kwa jamii, hususan kwa wanaume, kuhusu wajibu wao wa kusimamia haki, amani na ustawi wa familia zao.

Sambamba na hilo, JUWAUZA, PEGAO, ZAFELA na TAMWA - ZNZ zinaishauri Serikali kuangalia uwezekano wa kuweka au kuimarisha mifumo na taratibu zitakazosaidia kudhibiti ndoa za wake wengi zisizo na maandalizi ya kutosha, ili kuzuia migogoro ya kifamilia na vitendo vya ukatili vinavyoathiri wanawake na watoto.

Pia zinawaasa wanawake na jamii kwa ujumla kutambua madhara makubwa ya maamuzi yanayochochewa na hasira, kwani mara nyingi huzaa hasara kubwa kwa wahusika na familia zao. Tukio hili limeacha watoto wanaohitaji malezi, ulinzi na msaada, hali inayoibua maswali mengi ya kijamii yanayohitaji majibu ya pamoja.

JUWAUZA, PEGAO, ZAFELA na TAMWA - ZNZ zinasisitiza kuwa hatua stahiki za kisheria zinapaswa kuchukuliwa kwa wahusika wote katika mazingira yanayopelekea matukio ya ukatili, ili kuhakikisha haki inatendeka kwa pande zote mbili bila ya kuupa nafasi mfumo dume.

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JUWAUZA, PEGAO, ZAFELA na TAMWA ZANZIBAR

PRESS STATEMENT

Civil Society Organizations Call for Balanced Justice in Gender-Based Violence Cases

Civil society organizations working on women's rights and leadership issues have received with deep reflection the judgment delivered in a Gender-Based Violence case involving co-wives, which occurred on 9th February 2025 in Chukwani, Magharibi "B" District, Unguja. In this case, the accused was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment for the offense of attempted murder.

The organizations emphasize that this incident should not be viewed by focusing on one individual alone, but rather by critically examining the role of systemic factors, family relationships, and the responsibilities of all parties who were present within the circumstances that led to the incident.

Furthermore, the organisations namely Association of Women with Disabilities Zanzibar (JUWAUZA), Zanzibar Female Lawyers Association (ZAFELA), Pemba Environment, Gender and Advocacy Organization (PEGAO), and the Tanzania Media Women's Association, Zanzibar (TAMWA ZNZ) stress the importance of relevant authorities thoroughly examining the role and contribution of the husband in this case, including his legal, social, and moral responsibilities in managing his family and preventing environments that may fuel conflict and ultimately violence.

True justice must take into account the responsibilities of every involved party, without gender bias or patriarchal systemic influence.

Moreover, the organizations express concern about the overall administration of justice in cases of Gender-Based Violence, particularly murders and severe assaults against women, where many cases have taken a long time without reaching final judgments.

According to records from TAMWA ZNZ, a total of 33 cases of killings of women and children have been reported (27 women and 6 children) from the end of 2016 to the beginning of 2026.

Information from the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) Zanzibar indicates that six cases have reached legal determinations, including acquittals (2 cases), closure of case files (1), death sentences by hanging (2), and imprisonment (1). A further six (6) cases are reported to be ongoing in court, while information on other cases has been difficult to

obtain due to the absence of case numbers from police stations and courts, as well as the lack of names of the accused persons.

JUWAUZA, PEGAO, ZAFELA, and TAMWA ZNZ call upon justice institutions to ensure that the same speed and seriousness applied in this case are also applied to all other cases of violence against women and children, without discrimination based on the identity of the perpetrator or the circumstances of the incident.

Taking into account the social and religious context of Zanzibar, the organizations remind the public that in Islam, polygamous marriage is subject to strict conditions of fairness, justice, accountability, and protection of wives and children. Therefore, they call upon religious leaders to continue providing accurate education to communities especially to men on their responsibilities to uphold justice, peace, and the well-being of their families.

In addition, JUWAUZA, PEGAO, ZAFELA, and TAMWA ZNZ advise the Government to consider establishing or strengthening systems and procedures to regulate polygamous marriages that are entered into without adequate preparation, in order to prevent family conflicts and acts of violence that disproportionately affect women and children.

The organizations also urge women and the wider community to recognize the serious consequences of decisions driven by anger, as such decisions often result in significant harm to individuals and their families. This incident has left children in need of care, protection, and support, raising broader social questions that require collective responses.

JUWAUZA, PEGAO, ZAFELA, and TAMWA ZNZ reiterate that appropriate legal action should be taken against all parties whose actions or omissions contribute to environments that lead to violence, in order to ensure that justice is served fairly for all, without reinforcing patriarchal systems.

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