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Nation Media Group's statement on withdrawal by columnists

Nation Media Group notes with regret the position taken by columnists who have been writing for NMG platforms and have decided to stop writing for our publications. We respect their right to take a collective decision, although each of them had an individual contract that we have diligently honoured over the years we have worked with them. We wish to reiterate that overall we have honoured our obligation to respect their views and did not tamper with their positions except to correct basic errors.

NMG was founded more than half a century ago on the bedrock of independent voices, diversity and freedom of expression. It is in this regard that we developed, through a process of public participation and published our editorial policy to guide our conduct and journalism. We believe that the principles of independence, fairness and balance, as espoused in our editorial policy, are key to promoting the democratic space whilst being mindful of the impact that information in the public space plays in shaping opinions.

We wish to reassure our readers and stakeholders that we continue to be committed to media freedom whilst delivering value in line with their expectations.

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About Nation Media Group

Nation Media Group (NMG) was founded by His Highness the Aga Khan in 1959. It was publicly-listed in the Nairobi Stock Exchange since the early 1970s and is the most successful media company in East and Central Africa that currently boasts the largest digital footprint with visitors reaching more than 30 million monthly. It has operations in print, broadcast and digital media, which attract and serve unparalleled audiences in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Rwanda. The Group publishes the *Daily Nation*, *Business Daily* and *Taifa Leo* newspaper brands in Kenya, *The EastAfrican* regional newspaper; the *Daily Monitor* and *Enyanda* in Uganda, and *Mwananchi*, *The Citizen* and *Mwanaspoti* newspapers in Tanzania and a raft of e-papers and the largest portfolio of digital assets. Also in its stable are *NTV Kenya*, and *NTV Uganda* and *Spark* television stations as well as *KFM* and *Dembe* radios in Uganda. It also owns the *Nation FM* radio in Kenya.