

Advocacy against Extrajudicial Killings in Kenya #EndUnlawfulKillingsKE

The status of extrajudicial killings in Kenya is alarming. Cases of police brutality intertwined with extrajudicial killings, often of youth in informal settlements, are so prevalent in Kenya, yet arrests of perpetrators leave alone prosecutions are ironically lacking. As per reports by Amnesty International and the Independent Medico-Legal Unit (IMLU) 122 and 152 deaths of civilians were reported at the hands of police in 2016 and 2017 respectively. Ironically, majority of these cases went unreported and of those that were reported, IPOA has only secured 4 convictions. With this in mind, the KHRC, along with the Police Reforms Working Group (PRWG) and Community Social Justice Centers representatives undertook an in-depth discussion on Twitter #EndUnlawfulKillingsKE within the context factors that hinder the fight against police killings and sensitizing the public on avenues of reporting cases of extrajudicial killings. The framework of discussions revolved around five questions that sought to highlight some of the root causes of extrajudicial killings, as well as recommendations on curbing and reporting cases of extrajudicial killings.

The messages developed included;

1. **Why are extrajudicial police killings dreadfully prevalent in Kenya?** This sought to highlight the root causes of extrajudicial killings in Kenya and the context in which extrajudicial killings occur.
2. **What responsibility should the police bear for extrajudicial violations committed in the process of community policing?** There is a confirmation of increase in cases of extrajudicial killings by the police, thus this question aimed to advocate for more prosecutions whenever unlawful killings occur and the role of the police in preventive actions in regards to unlawful killings
3. **If you are harmed by the police, what does it take to find justice in court?** This question sought to highlight options available to families of victims of extrajudicial killings in reporting and prosecuting perpetrators
4. **What are some of the hindrances that make it difficult for victims of extrajudicial killings to find justice in court?** What are some of the issues that backtrack prosecution of extrajudicial killings?
5. **Are high profile extrajudicial killing cases that receive wide media coverage better prosecuted in court than those not in the media limelight?** In Kenya, high profile cases of extrajudicial killings documented by the media always tend to lead to prosecutions of perpetrators. As such, this question aimed to provide recommendations to ensure all cases of extrajudicial killings are prosecuted with the same vigor

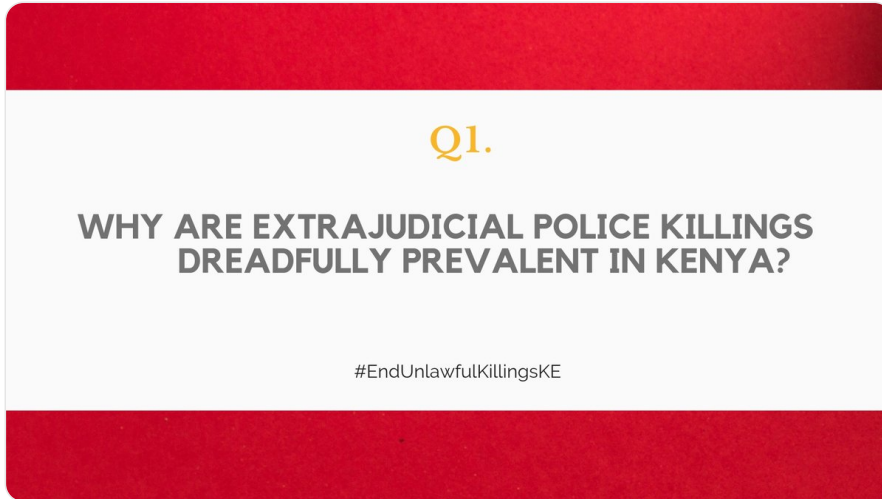
Some of the key questions addressed and resultant conversations are attached on the document below.



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Extra Judicial Killings are prevalent in Kenya because there is a culture of impunity within the National Police Service. Very few officers have been held to account
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A1. When confronted with human rights or media accounts, authorities always deny or dismiss allegations of police misconduct and responsibility in extrajudicial killings, creating a culture of denial and defense when officers are implicated in killings [#EndUnlawfulKillingsKE](#)

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A.1 Lack of meaningful investigation by [@IPOA_KE](#) & the fact they usually take long time has created a conducive environment for Police Officers 2 continue unlawful shooting innocent youth
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Police graduates have no idea of handling crisis. The strict code of following orders from superiors without strategy and thought while executing their duties is baffling.

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Armed forces intervention in internal conflicts especially in the war against terror at the Coastal Region #EndUnlawfulKillingsKE

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Regina @KenyanReg · Jan 11

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The "utado" culture..... Accountability and Justice for victims is elusive

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#Lubito @AgapetusWamalwa · Jan 11

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#EndUnlawfulKillingsKE the National Police Service need professionalism and skills in their line of duty.

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Dif Madara @OgutuM · Jan 12

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@MarthaKarua militarized police is a culture we have nurtured since independence. hard to undo but RETRAINING may go along way



Gobu Ibido @Gobulbido · Jan 11

Replying to @thekhrc @MarthaKarua

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The mentality police can't enforce law without threats of shoot kill is the epitome of police laziness and public disrespect of law enforcers. Stray bullet and extra judicial killings will dip when policeman on the beat is disarmed and SWAT squads armed when situation demand.



Pho Khin @otishwe · Jan 11

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Because they earn menial salaries, they have families, they are frustrated, they lack the right tools to succeed, they are valued as an antithesis to the country due to the many limitations they encounter.



Wuod Maggy @wuod_m · Jan 11

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the system is rotten...



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Its because some of the police killings are done under the guise of dealing with armed criminals or thugs #EndUnlawfulKillingsKE



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Policemen are trained with the colonial mindset; which is essentially to hate the civilian populace. Reforms in this have failed. Because of the existing history of impunity, then it is easy for police to kill and go scot-free.

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All talk & no action for stakeholders responsible for police accountability



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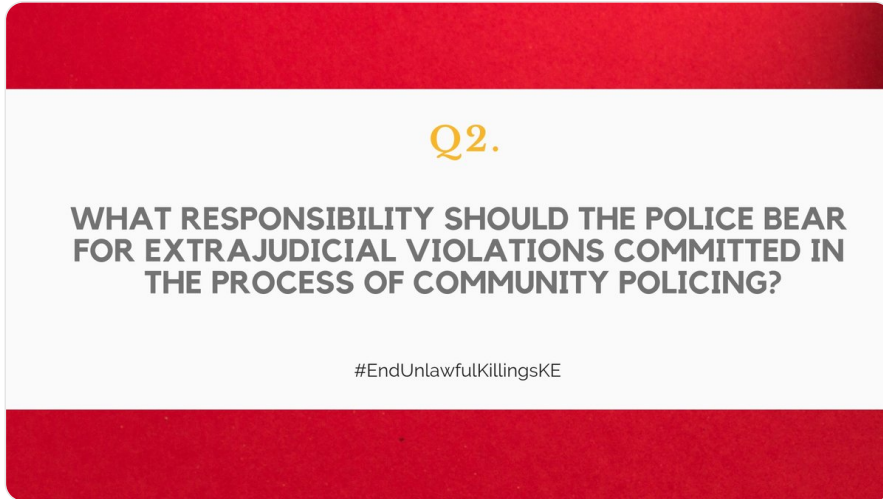




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 Police leadership need to self-audit and constitute reforms that will help them improve their human rights track record while combating crime
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[@NPSOfficial_KE](#) & [@NPSC_KE](#) should conduct impartial & credible investigations whenever they are allegations of unlawful Killings by Police Officers. @thekhrc @ICJKenya @MissingVoicesKE @hakimorara @nchrkenya @Maskani254 @_CSV @GabrielDolan1 @INCLOnet #EndUnlawfulKillingsKE


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The police responsibility is to protect the people and not to kill them unlawfully
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extrajudicial killings are actually murder crimes. Police and their masters who support such should be charged with murder and maximum sentence give, #EndunlawfulkillingsKe

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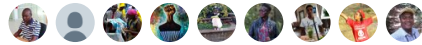
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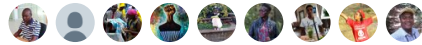
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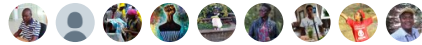
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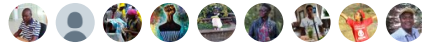
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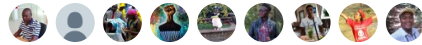
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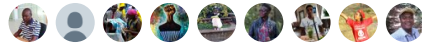
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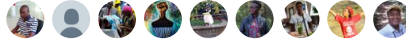
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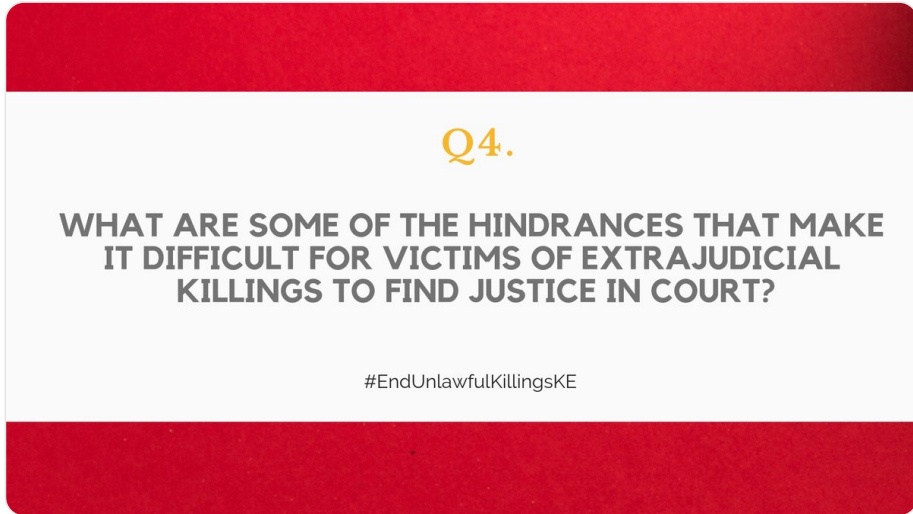




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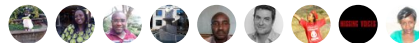
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Q4. What are some of the hindrances that make it difficult for victims of extrajudicial killings to find justice in court?
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A4. Investigations are problematic due to a lack of experts in the police force or deliberate sabotage in handling evidence #EndUnlawfulKillingsKE

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#EndUnlawfulKillingsKE it is the entire society set up, the criminal justice system processes and the relationship between the entire organs of CJS.

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ZamaZama @ZamaZama254 · Jan 11

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For my people perish for they lack knowledge...

I personally think it's because they (most) don't understand the way forward to pursue justice

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ICJ Kenya @ICJKenya · Jan 11

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#EndUnlawfulKillingsKE #JusticeForMaina The justice system can be difficult to understand and navigate due to lack of financial resources especially for the poor and marginalized.

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@thekhrc the laws are designed by rich for poor to follow.



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Poor forensic and investigations. Witnesses also fear becoming victimized by police if they come forward. So the diabolic silence continues.

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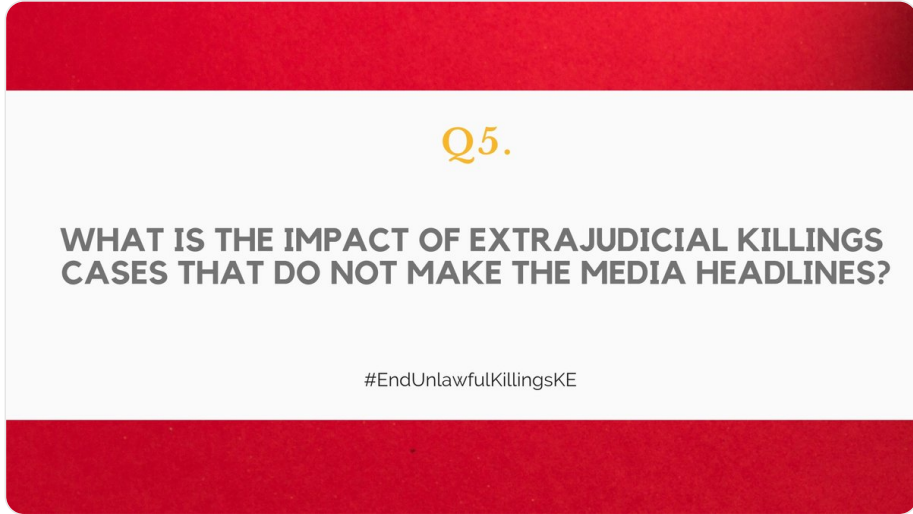




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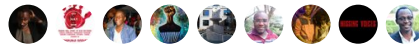
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They entrenches the culture of extra Judicial killings since police believe if they got away with it once, why not do it again. #EndUnlawfulKillingsKE

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#EndUnlawfulKillingsKE we have orphanage and widow issues and also social and economic impacts to families and friends of the victim.

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Most of the police responsible acquire an aura of being untouchable once they engage in extra judicial killings & no action is taken against them. Take for example the unanimous Hessay wa Dandora #Endunlawfulkillings



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#EndUnlawfulKillingsKE creates and give room for offenders of the act to go away with it and also makes them champions of the act.

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