



**UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI**

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**PRESS STATEMENT BY PROF. PETER M.F. MBITHI, VICE  
CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI DELIVERED ON  
WEDNESDAY APRIL 6, 2016 IN THE VICE CHANCELLOR'S  
BOARDROOM AT 3.30 P.M.**

**Ladies and Gentlemen of the press, welcome to the University of Nairobi.**

**I invited you this afternoon to give clarification on certain issues of public concern following three days of students' unrest and subsequent closure of the University.**

**Yesterday the senate made a decision to close the University when it became apparent that the rowdy students were determined to continue engaging in lawlessness- destroying property and posing danger to fellow students and the public.**

**We regret that we had to close even the peaceful campuses and postpone our academic programs.**

**As the Management of the University, this incident provides us with an opportunity to reflect on some salient challenges and find solutions on how to deal with them.**

**They include:**

- **Students' indiscipline – Goons at the University**
- **Management of SONU affairs.**

**As the Vice Chancellor of the University, I have already ordered a thorough investigation into the underlying causes of the student unrest.**

**I have also ordered for the investigation to identify students who participated in the destruction of property and the magnitude of damage. Once investigations are over, we shall take firm disciplinary action against the perpetrators.**

**I have also ordered a thorough audit of SONU and review of its electoral process. A senate Committee comprising of senior staff with powers to incorporate other key stakeholders have been appointed.**

**Meanwhile, I wish to state that the University has already put in place certain long term measures including on how to deal with students indiscipline. They include:**

- **Student mentorship programme**
- **Pedagogy and Andragogy**
- **Intergrated student security and safety programme.**

**Finally, I wish to clarify that:**

- **No life was lost**
- **There were no serious injuries as has been alleged in the media.**
- **All were treated for soft tissue injuries and discharged.**
- **There was no rape case and the police did not invade the halls of residence.**

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