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County Government
of Homa Bay

PRESS STATEMENT

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Strong Condemnation of Violence and Hooliganism at Raila Odinga Stadium, Homa Bay

As the government, we are deeply troubled by the incident that occurred at the Raila Odinga Stadium in Homa Bay Town during the Kenyan Premier League match between Shabana and Muhoroni Youth on Saturday.

The outbreak of violence and the injury to a fan is unacceptable and contradicts the spirit of sportsmanship and peaceful coexistence that we aim to promote in our county. We strongly condemn such acts of violence.

It is disheartening to see how the passion for the game escalated into such a disturbing incident, with supporters damaging facilities at the stadium, throwing water bottles onto the pitch, and engaging in confrontations with each other.

The County Government of Homa Bay urges all sports fans to show restraint and uphold the principles of respect and fair play when attending matches. We also call upon the clubs, players, and officials to work together to prevent such incidents from happening in the future.

Furthermore, we will collaborate closely with the National Government to enhance security at events and discourage civilians from entering the field with any weapons. Investigations are ongoing regarding the response by county enforcement officers and allegations of excessive force.

Our thoughts are with the injured fan, and we wish them a speedy recovery.

As a community, let us unite to promote a culture of peaceful and enjoyable sporting experiences for all. We are committed to fostering a safe and inclusive environment for sports in Homa Bay.

Thank you.

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