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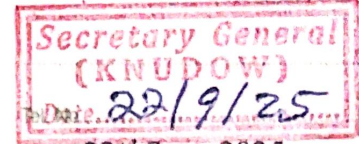
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Date: 22nd Sept. 2025

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BY: **Bonface**

DATE: **23/9/2025**

Dear Sir,

**RE: PEACEFUL FAMILY AND DOMESTIC WORKERS
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We are informing your good office that the demonstration is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 24th September, 2025, starting 10.00 am to 4.00pm and ^{the} movement will be as follows:-

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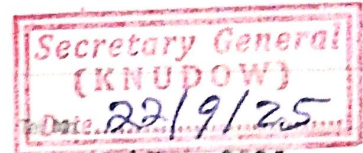
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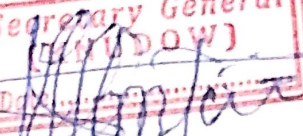
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4. The following individuals will be addressing the demonstrators/gathering.

1. Secretary General of the Union
2. Two members of the family of the late Zaituni Kavaya

Thanking you in advance for your unfailing cooperation and assistance.

Yours faithfully,


Secretary General
(WIDOW)

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UNION STATEMENT ON DEMONSTRATION

PEACEFUL FAMILY AND DOMESTIC WORKERS DEMANDS ON DEMONSTRATION – 24/9/2025

1. We have been informed that after work, the employer called Zaituni back while on her way going home.
2. Reason for calling her back was that there was missing money in the clothes she was cleaning.
3. It is when she went back, that she was found dead.
4. We demand to see the place where she was working and the place where the body was found lying.
5. We demand to be informed about how much money was missing and also be informed by police officers if there was any money found on her body as evidence and for approval.
6. We demand an independent postmortem of the body, and the union insists that the postmortem be carried out by the chief Government pathologist Dr Johnston Oduor.
7. We have been informed by the DCI Kilimani Police Station that this is the second murder to have been committed by the accused persons.

The union requests the Government to ensure security of Domestic Workers and that they shall be equally treated by the Government of this County as other workers and citizens of Kenya.

Statement prepared by

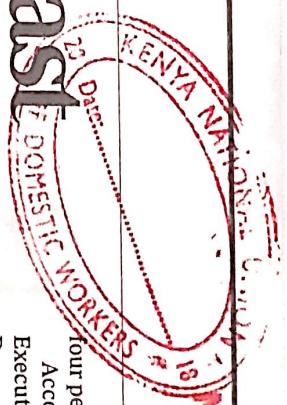
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New video shows house help's last moments as kin demand justice



▶ Amateur video shows Zeituni Kavya hanging onto the grills on a third-floor balcony.

▶ Family, friends and relatives deny claims that the domestic worker killed herself.

EMMANUEL KIPCHUMBA, NAIROBI

The mystery surrounding the death of a domestic worker at an apartment in Kilimani, Nairobi, deepened as a gruesome video on her last moments surfaced.

Yesterday, family members, friends and relatives demanded justice for Zeituni Kavya, as colleague workers protested.

The amateur video shows Kavya hanging onto the grills on a third-floor balcony at the Mpuuga Gardens apartments with one hand.

The demonstrators dismissed suggestions that she took her own life, insisting that she was murdered.

This protesters marched from Kibera to Mpuuga Gardens, Kilimani Police Station, and the City Mortuary, where the body of the 55-year-old lies.

"Are our mothers really safe? They wake up in the morning, go and hustle only to be killed. If indeed she stole the money in question, why didn't they bring her to the police station and report?" one protester said.

According to her colleague, Jane Musembi, Kavya had been asked to report to work alone on the day she died.

"I was working with the late Zeituni on (September) 17th. After work, the boss asked us that the following day, only Zeituni was to report to work. She tried convincing him that work in his house was a lot and could not be done by one person, but the boss refused. That night, he still called and insisted that the following day she comes alone," she said.

She narrated how Kavya's daughter called her on the evening of the following day, saying the mother had not returned home.

"When she called her phone, someone else picked and said Zeituni was in Kilimani Police Station. On Friday, we were told she was no more. I want justice to be served?"

Kavya's brother, Bakari Mohamed, said the family was struggling to accept the death, pleading for justice. "My sister did not kill herself. She



Domestic workers protest in Kilimani, Nairobi, over the death of Zeituni Kavya. [Collins Odun, Standard]

was a single mum, she brought up all her kids alone?"

Her daughter, Faith Kavya, also disputed claims of suicide.

"She had already left work before she was called back by the son of her boss. She was very obedient, that is why she agreed to go back," said Faith.

four people are in custody," he said. According to Edith Murrugu, the Executive Director of the Centre for Domestic Training and Development, the incident is a serious violation of worker safety.

"Someone who left her home in perfect health went to work doing decent work, believing she had an opportunity to take care of her children, was not able to return home safely. Domestic workers labour in very unprotected environments. Zeituni's case is a clear example that we need to strengthen protections so that they can be safe at the workplace," he said.

Meanwhile, the suspects' lawyer has dismissed the murder narrative. Prof Hassan Nandwa maintained that Kavya climbed the balcony on her own.

"On Thursday she finished her work at 3pm, received her pay, and left. She was also given some foodstuff by the family. Shortly afterward, she was recalled by the son of the house, Hassan, who claimed Sh5,000 was missing from one of the clothes she had washed," he said.

The lawyer claimed she returned without the bag she had left with.

"During the questioning, she denied taking the money. When they threatened to take her to the police, she attempted to escape through the balcony. She managed to descend from the fifth floor to the fourth floor, but when she tried to reach the third floor, she found the balcony closed with grills and window panes." ekipchumba@standardmedia.co.ke