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PRESS STATEMENT

BAN THE PRACTICE OF PUBLIC VIEWING OF DEAD BODIES

We call upon the Government of Kenya to **BAN the practice of public viewing of the bodies of the deceased** during funerals. This practice is archaic, unhealthy, and defunct.

According to research, there are potential cognitive effects of having viewed a deceased body, something called **“false recognitions”**. This is when a person thinks they hear or see the deceased in the immediate environment, followed by the realization that the person is dead. These anomalous experiences can cause people to be afraid, sad, or even feel unhappy.

There are better ways to treat our dead, understand death and find closure.

We urge Kenyans to embrace cremation. There is a need to create awareness of cremation so as to reduce the likelihood of cultural offense.

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