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ARRESTS AND THREATS TO PASTORALIST WOMEN COUNCIL STAFF AND INTIMIDATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS

We are deeply concerned about a worrying escalation of intimidation and arrests targeting NGOs Staffs and specifilly and recently staff from PWC which is an organization member of PINGOs Forum

Over the past two days, five staff of PWC have reportedly been abducted in Arusha . This have created fear and concern among different organization and human right organization working to raise legitimate concerns regarding the rights, welfare of community.

The reported abduction come in a context where pastoralist activists and community representatives have increasingly faced pressure when documenting human rights concerns and advocating for the rights of pastoralist communities.

On **October 6th** a house of one of the Staff of PWC **Naishorwa Masago in Arusha** was invaded by uniformed people who introduced themselves as police and thoroughly searched the house without producing a search warrant even when they were requested to do so by the people they met in the house. On the same day five peoples among them staffs of PWC and from Ngorongoro were arrested at Selian hospital when they were decieved through a phone call of a kidnaped relative that their patient who was admitted in Selian Hospital had died. The named of the arrested people are Nangei Meitaya, Salangat Makko, Ezekiel Kishau and Clamian Thadeus and Lobulu Tome. A young man, Lobulu Tome, who was accompanying the patient, was abducted in the hospital and his phone was used to call the victims. This sistuation is intimidating and is a serious threat to a NGO sector and the human right defenders

We call upon the relevant authorities to:

- **Immediately clarify** the reasons and legal basis for these arrests and residential invasions.
- **Ensure that all detainees** are afforded due process and immediate access to legal counsel.
- **Ensure that human rights defenders** are not intimidated, harassed or criminalised for peacefully exercising their fundamental rights.



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- **Take immediate measures to protect** pastoralist human rights defenders and community representatives from further intimidation, home invasions, or reprisals.
 - **Ensure that any allegations** against those arrested are handled transparently and in accordance with Tanzanian law and international human rights standards.

Dated. 7th October 2026