



REMARKS BY THE ACTING INSPECTOR-GENERAL, NATIONAL POLICE SERVICE, MR. NOOR Y. GABOW, CBS, OGW, DURING THE NATIONAL JOINT THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR UNIFORMED DISCIPLINED SERVICES AT THE HOLY FAMILY MINOR BASILICA- NAIROBI ON SUNDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2022.

- ❖ **H.E Dr. William Samoei Ruto, C.G.H President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-In-Chief of the Defence Forces**
- ❖ **H.E the First Lady, Mama. Rachel Ruto;**
- ❖ **H.E the Deputy President, Hon. Rigathi Gachagua,**
- ❖ **Cabinet Secretaries present;**
- ❖ **Most Rev. Philip A. Anyolo, Archbishop of Metropolitan Archdiocese of Nairobi;**
- ❖ **All Service Commanders present,**
- ❖ **Members of the Clergy;**
- ❖ **All officers present, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.**

Good afternoon,

Your Excellency Sir,

Firstly, allow me to commence my remarks by thanking the Almighty God for bringing us all this far. This is despite numerous challenges we have faced collectively as a Nation and also in our individual capacities. Our being together this afternoon is enough evidence of the abounding love the Lord Almighty has in place for this great

Nation and her loving people, including us serving in the Disciplined Uniform Services.

And this great love manifests more clearly on this bright day, a day when members of the Disciplined Services leave their work stations and gather here at the Basilica to worship the living God and give thanks. As the Holy Bible says, many were healed but only a few returned in thanksgiving. For us in the Disciplined Services and owing to the tough terrain of our service delivery to the people of God, we are full of good testimonies on all the overflowing Grace and love that the lord has showered us during our daily vocation.

It is for this reason that we congregate here today. We do not take God's mercies for granted. We gather here to pray together as

brothers and sisters for our great Nation, its people and our work. We also congregate here to cry out to God for knowledge and wisdom on how to serve and protect our communities, their people including their properties better.

Today's theme is from Isaiah Chapter 41 verse 10: **"Do not fear I am with you."** The more I reflect on this verse the more I realize its relevance to the work we officers of the Disciplined Services perform daily. His Grace – the presiding archbishop has already given a befitting homily on these great words spoken by Prophet Isiah. But with His Grace's indulgence, allow me to make a brief commentary on them too.

The work environment of officers of the Disciplined Services is fraught with not only danger but also unanticipated challenges. This reality makes most of us security practitioners doubt our capacity to serve others and forge on in the face of evil and adversity. In the best of circumstances, we face backlash from those we serve, and in the worst, we lose some of our beloved comrades-at-arms during the fight against evil. Therefore, without strength - and strength that only comes from the Almighty God - some of us may not endure on and serve humanity as ordained.

We therefore come here today to surrender to God and ask for his fortitude and guidance. As officers of the law, we should not be fearful, but continue to serve and protect in the full knowledge that we are covered by the full amour of God.

We further come in supplication to ask for forgiveness for those we may have knowingly or unknowingly erred against in the course of our service delivery. And as we ask for forgiveness, we also pray that the Good Lord favor us with the heart to also forgive those who may have transgressed against us.

And to dear colleagues-in-service, I exhort you all to keep your oaths of service, oaths through which you invoked God's name to serve His people "without fear or favor". We must strive to live by this undertaking. And always remember that as protectors of people and their properties, you are God's ordained instruments for justice.

Your Excellency,

Allow me to sincerely thank His Grace the Most Rev Phillip Anyolo, Archbishop of the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Nairobi for finding time not only to lead us in prayers but also to congregate with us. To the clergy, we appreciate your daily spiritual guidance and nourishment, which greatly contributes towards our respective services' staff welfare. As we move forward, we assure the Church and other religious places of worship of our continued collaboration and partnership in entrenching spiritual guidance as a core need within our work environment.

As I conclude, I encourage members of the Disciplined Services to remain committed towards achieving the highest standards of professionalism and discipline. Let us continue to do so in pursuant to the Constitution and respect for human rights.

Finally, I wish to appreciate all the Service Commanders of the various Disciplined Uniformed Services present for their immense and unwavering support during the preparations of this year's National Joint Thanksgiving Service, and for the continued close collaboration for effective implementation of our mandates. Special appreciation goes to the Directorate of Criminal Investigation, which is holding this year's thanksgiving rotational chair, for leading us exemplarily.

I also take this opportunity to thank God for the gift of our families. Without their unwavering support, we would not have had the drive and motivation to serve whenever the going gets tough.

Thank you and may God bless you all.

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