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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

PERSONAL ATTACK ON THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE TANZANIA EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE (TEC) – REV. FR. CHARLES KITIMA

The Tanzania Episcopal Conference (TEC) is very much sad and condemns the personal attack, which caused serious injury, on the Secretary-General of the Tanzania Bishops Conference, Rev. Fr. Charles Kitima, which occurred on the 30th April, 2025, around 22:00 hours (10:00 PM EAT) in the residence premises and the Headquarters of the Bishops' Conference, Kurasini – Dar es salaam.

Fr Kitima got serious injuries and has been admitted in the Aga Khan Hospital, in Dar es Salaam. We are very grateful to all who helped him to get to the hospital early in time, and to all doctors and nurses who are still taking care of him.

Our plea to the concerned state organs

We call upon the Police Force and all other security organs to take urgent measures to identify and arrest all those who have been involved in planning and executing this heinous crime, and bring them to the courts of law immediately.

Moreover, an inquiry about this incidence should be conducted immediately and the report should be issued transparently without any kind of misinformation in order to bring back peace and hope to all our people. However, we are very grateful for the good cooperation we have received from the Government and from the security organs. We also thank individual persons, local and foreign institutions which are still condemning the incidence, and console us because of this very bad and shameful event to our nation.

We pray that all the catholic faithful and people of good will, may continue to pray for the grace of healing and full recovery of Fr Kitima, and also to pray for the Nation's peace and unity. Also, we request all to be patient and self-restraint while we are waiting for the results of the investigation from the relevant organs.

In the Risen Christ,

+Bp. Eusebius Nzigilwa
Pro-President – Tanzania Episcopal Conference
May 1st, 2025.