



NEWS ALERT:

MUTHOKI MUMO AND ANGELA QUINTAL ARE FREE

The two journalist human rights defenders who were arrested last night by individuals who identified themselves as Immigration Officers, are free and their confiscated passports have been returned. Angela Quintal (South African national) and Muthoki Mumo (Kenyan national) are working with the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ). The Immigration Department has recently confirmed to have arrested the two for their alleged breach of their visa conditions. “...Earlier, Angela and Muthoki were granted transit visa but according to Tanzania Immigration, the two have been conducting meetings with journalists...”, said Public Relation Officer, Ally Mtanda from the Tanzanian Immigration.

Angela and Muthoki were arrested at around 10:30 pm and released at around 3:00 am. The two have signed to have received their passports a while ago after the Immigration officers came to the Hotel in which they are currently residing. Angela and Muthoki were not given any condition for the release of their travel documents. They were assured security and told to continue with their work. No charges are currently pending in any authority in Tanzania against the two HRDs.

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TAARIFA KWA UMMA:

MUTHOKI MUMO NA ANGELA QUINTAL WAKO HURU

Waandishi na watetezi hao wawili wa Haki za Binadamu walikamatwa hapo awali na watu waliojitambulisha kama maafisa Uhamiaji usiku wa jana wameachiwa huru na kurudishiwa nakala zao za kusafiria (Passport ID). Angela Quintal (Muafrika Kusini) na Muthoki Mumo (Mkenya) wanafanya kazi na CPJ. Idara ya Uhamiaji imesema kwamba ni kweli idara hiyo iliwakamata waandishi hao, kwa sababu ya uchunguzi uliofanyika na kubaini walienda kinyume na masharti yaliyoainishwa katika madhumuni ya ujio wao hapa nchini. Msemaji wa Idara ya Uhamiaji Ally Mtanda anasema kwamba, “...Hapo mwanzo, Angela na Muthoki walipewa kibali cha kusafiria, badala yake wakawa wanafanya mahojiano na waandishi wa habari...”

Angela na Muthoki walikamatwa mnamo saa nne na nusu usiku wa tarehe 07 Novemba 2018 na kuachiwa huru mnamo saa tisa alifajiri ya tarehe 08 Novemba 2018. Wawili hao wamesaini ukubali wa kupokea nyaraka zao za kusafiria (Passport ID) baada ya afisa uhamiaji kutembelea hoteli walipofikia kwa ajili ya mapumziko. Angela na Muthoki hawakupewa masharti yoyote juu ya kukabidhiwa nyaraka zao za kusafiria. Wamehakikishiwa usalama wao na kukubaliwa kuendelea na majukumu yao. Hakuna madai yoyote juu ya Watetezi hao na vyombo vya dola nchini.

Imetolewa na;

Mtandao wa Watetezi wa Haki za Binadamu Tanzania (THRDC),

Tarehe 8 Novemba, 2018