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## OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON THE EVENTS OF THE MATCH AGAINST ULINZI STARS

On behalf of AFC Leopards Sports Club, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our loyal fans who traveled to Meru to support the team. Your dedication is both recognized and deeply appreciated, and it's for you that we continuously strive to build a stronger, more successful team.

We want to remind everyone of the immense effort and commitment from our management team, the National Executive Council (NEC), the Technical Bench (TB), and the players in preparing for every match. Every training session, every tactical discussion, and every ounce of effort on the field is dedicated to achieving success not defeat. The match against Ulinzi Stars was no exception and anyone who watched could see the grit, spirit and determination our players exhibited throughout the game.

Regrettably, after Ulinzi scored their first goal the atmosphere took an unfortunate and hostile turn. Officials became targets of insults and most distressingly after the second goal our head coach Thomas Trucha was assaulted and had to be swiftly escorted out of Kinooru Stadium. This incident is unacceptable and as AFC Leopards' management we condemn these unwarranted actions in the strongest terms possible.

**To our fans, let this serve as a clear reminder:** you are the heart of this club but with that honour comes responsibilities. If you have concerns or grievances we have well-established channels where these can be raised constructively. Hooliganism, violence and intimidation have no place in football and AFC Leopards will not tolerate them under any circumstances. Our brand as AFC Leopards and the brands of our esteemed partners are at risk if we allow such behaviour to return to our midst. In fact, our partners are concerned with the turn of events.

We have taken immediate action by reporting the matter to the authorities and several individuals involved in the incident have been identified. We will fully cooperate with law enforces to ensure that those responsible are held accountable under the law.

Furthermore, just as we have taken disciplinary action against players for misconduct in the past we shall apply the same standard here. Any fan found guilty of participating in these acts of violence will face a **BAN** from stadia and Club's activities.

AFC Leopards Sports Club remains committed to a future defined by respect, unity and sportsmanship. We call upon our true fans to join us in rejecting any behaviour that brings shame to the club, sponsors and to Kenyan football.

**Together, let's uphold the values that make AFC Leopards a proud and powerful force on and off the field.**

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**AFC Leopards Sports Club Management**  
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