

Press Statement
**Dissolve Cabinet: It Undermines Reforms, perpetuate Impunity
and Pose Threat to National Peace and Security**

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The International Center for Policy and Conflict is urging the President and Prime Minister to urgently overhaul and reconstitute the cabinet to avert the imminent collapse of the reforms progress. We are calling for the immediate dissolution of the current cabinet. It is irrelevant, risky and no longer serving national goals, objectives and aspirations of Kenyan people.

Further we are demanding accountability and value of the public tax money that the President and Prime Minister used to take cabinet to a bonding re-treat only for the cabinet to denigrate on its own decisions. It is impossible to move the agreed reforms and accountability an inch in highly politically poisoned environment, the cabinet is the top policy making body but it seems divided on the national agenda. This defeats its purpose. Kenyans are fed up with insensitive, raw political power hungry and impunity inspired ministers.

We warn that the implementation of the agreed reforms is facing serious danger of forestalling caused by appalling wrangles and chest thumping of cabinet ministers. The cabinet does not seem to recognize and appreciate their main duty which will determine whether Kenyans are able to attain a new social equilibrium for long-term stability and peace or whether the country will further degenerate into chaos, despair and violence.

It is essential that the coalition government remain focused to facilitate the realization of agreed reforms which needs to be completed within the specified time period. It is therefore necessary to create an appropriate climate in which all sectors can participate and building consensus on the critical reforms especially the constitutional review and criminal accountability.

With the current deploring scenario, this cabinet is not the right policy making vehicle to facilitate this noble objectives of the reforms. The levels of impunity at the cabinet are untenable and jeopardize the national peace security and development, this is a cabinet that Kenya least needs if there is something positive to be achieved in the country.

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