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REPORTED FATAL SHOOTING INCIDENTS BY THE POLICE

The Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA) was established to provide oversight over the work of police on behalf of the Public. IPOA's primary objective is to hold the police to account for their actions and ensure infusion of professionalism in the scope of their work.

IPOA continues to thank the media for your support in highlighting the policing agenda and efforts to professionalise the police services. The fourth estate is key in national development and in ensuring realisation of public good through highlighting of topical issues that affect Wananchi.

Concerning your enquiry, from January to 22nd September, 2016, IPOA has received a total of 28 complaints of alleged instances in which people lost their lives due to police action. However, this is specific to shooting related incidents only. There are 34 other reported incidents in which members of the public lost their lives allegedly due to actions by the police. These broadly include allegations of death during arrests, in unknown circumstances especially after they reported threats against their lives, deaths due to assault by police, deaths in police custody and deaths during public demonstrations.

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