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PRESS RELEASE

NAPE DEMANDS FOR UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ANTI-EACOP ACTIVISTS ARRESTED FOR HOLDING PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION

Today, May 27, Uganda Police Force arrested 8 activists marching to the Chinese Embassy in Kampala to deliver a protest letter against the East African Crude Oil pipeline funding (<https://mwanzotv.com/2024/05/27/anti-eacop-activists-arrested-in-uganda/>).

National Association of Professional Environmentalists (NAPE) is concerned that instead of being engaged meaningfully, they were arrested. It says this kind of humiliation and inhuman treatment is not only a human rights abuse but also has no place in the modern world and should be condemned at all costs.

“Use of excessive force to arrest peaceful and unarmed civilians is a big shame to a civilian force like police and violates the Ugandan constitution. NAPE strongly warns and calls upon Police to stop this harassment and intimidation of environmental activists and calls for their unconditional release. NAPE maintains that detaining environmentalists for peacefully protesting is unlawful and culprits should be punished,” said Frank Muramuzi, the Executive Director NAPE.

“In any case, this EACOP and other oil development projects are public investments that should be kept under scrutiny by the citizens. If these investments are to come at a cost of denying citizens their rights, then they need to be fought at any cost,” Muramuzi added

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