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Press Statement: Concern and Disappointment at Violence against Journalists at FDC Party Headquarters in Najjanankumbi - Kampala.

Kampala, Uganda. The Media Challenge Initiative vehemently condemns today’s violent attack against journalists who were invited to cover developments at the party headquarters of the Forum for Democratic Change (FDC) in Najjanankumbi – Kampala.

During their duty to cover the postponement of the FDC internal party elections, a number of journalists including our Media Fellow Ainembabazi Nowamani, currently interning at the New Vision, were subjected to distressing and unacceptable aggression by violent unidentified persons outside the party headquarters.

We oppose any form of violence directed at journalists, who play an essential role in informing the public with unbiased and accurate information. Such acts not only endanger the safety of media professionals but also hinder the principles of press freedom that are vital for an informed and thriving society.

We urge all parties involved to respect the safety and security of journalists, ensuring they can carry out their responsibilities without fear of harm or intimidation.

Our heartfelt support and solidarity go out to all affected journalists during this difficult time. MCI will continue advocating for the protection of journalists across the country.

We remain committed to fostering a responsible and vibrant media environment and call upon all stakeholders to collaborate in creating a safe space for journalists to fulfill their crucial role in society.

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