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### PUBLIC STATEMENT

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The Legal Assistance Centre as a public interest law firm respects the need for the police to maintain law and order. What the Legal Assistance Centre does NOT CONDONE is the heavy handed response to the protestors against SGBV that has rocked our capital in the last days. The police should only use reasonable and justified measures to avert damage to life or property. The use of tear gas against the protestors is neither reasonable not justified.

In a democratic country we are permitted to raise our voices. SGBV has become a scourge in our country. The Government's lack of action has prompted the current protest.

The President and government are called upon to respond to the pain of its people and take the needed action to prevent SGBV urgently.

In the meantime, let the people raise their voices without fear.

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