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Public Relations

When it comes to managing public relations, Operation Linda Boni has a glossy, practiced feel to its communiques. The professionalism of the effort is reflected by the invitations to a press briefing to mark 60 days of Operation Linda Boni sent out by various security service accounts on *Twitter*.

Find a Press Brief on #OperationLindaBoni @citizentvkenya @ntvkenya @CapitalFM_kenya @KTNKenya @K24Tv @JBoinnet (NPSKenya, 2015)

The tweets included a poster which advertised a ‘Boni Media Team’:

(<https://twitter.com/InteriorKE/status/667604870334148608>).

The press conference yielded several talking points which were echoed on all media:

SIX AL-SHABAAB camps destroyed, weapons recovered in Boni forest in past two months through Operation Linda Boni, police spokesperson says (Nationbreakingnews, 2015)

@PoliceKE spokesman says 6 Al-Shabaab camps destroyed & weapons recovered in #BoniForest in past two months through #OperationLindaBoni (MbewaDavid, 2015)

In stark contrast, “a PR nightmare” is one definition of the tragedy that occurred at Strathmore University on 30 November 2015. Someone, right now the university and the police are looking for an appropriate scapegoat, intended to test “terror” preparedness with a surprise drill. The unfortunate result was the death of a member of staff who jumped out of a third storey window in order to escape what she thought was a real incursion. Thirty other people were injured as they also tried to make their escape.

Queries sent to Ma3Route asking for confirmation of an attack, were the first to appear on my timeline:

Is there an attack on Strathmore college? via @RobertJMWachira (Ma3Route, 2015)

Unconfirmed reports Strathmore university could be under attack. via @fmbithi (Ma3Route, 2015)

Soon after, trusty Moderncorps stated that it was a drill, which was confirmed by news agencies. Moderncorps indicated that he had mentioned the operation on his *Facebook* page (now we know how we might be able to get in touch, as those who ‘like’ his page are able to message him on that platform):

Alert!! A mock terror drill is being carried out at strathmore university live bullets being used but no Need to Panic (Moderncorps, 2015)

Sporadic gunfire heard at Strathmore (Madaraka). Shots heard are alleged to be part of a drill (Nationbreakingnews, 2015)

Please note what is happening at strathmore university is a terror attack drill. We had updated it since yesterday (Moderncorps, 2015)

Actually, Moderncorps *Facebook* post had directly mentioned Strathmore University, as it seems the intention from the get go was to keep the exercise a secret, but had turned out to be quite accurate, even prophetic:

A mock terror drill will be carried out tomorrow in one of the biggest universities in Nairobi live bullets will be used to see how emergence (sic) team is prepared, waoga watajirusha kwa ghorofa [cowards will throw themselves from the tall buildings] (Moderncorps, 2015)

Most people did not share Moderncorps enthusiasm for testing emergency readiness in this manner:

Please don't tell me this was a drill. I had to go evacuate my sister and it wasn't cool at all. Some people jumped from the windows... (Brendawambui, 2015)

That was not a drill, that was a terror attack at #Strathmore. A terror attack carried out by Strathmore University upon it's (sic) students (SamGichuru, 2015)

@SamGichuru that was really stupid. Wife was in strath. Called me to tell me they were under attack. Some admins are fools (AgostaL, 2015)

Doing terrorism drills is terrorism. What do you expect students will do when bullets are fired in a college? Gather by the exists (sic)? Foolish (WehliyeMohammed, 2015)

One of the students described the attack and voiced some of the broader issues with having three individuals of seemingly ethnic Somali descent, wearing Palestinian ‘Arafat’ scarves and other suitably ‘Muslim’ garb, walking into the Business School cafeteria and shooting live rounds:

These guys were of Somali ethnicity with arafats wrapped on their heads and wearing white kanzus. Shooting live bullets. This is not okay (Barely_tasty, 2015)

With accents and everything. Shooting live bullets. That isn't a drill. Come on. And what sort of stereotypes are these being perpetuated?, (Barely_tasty, 2015)

Moderncorps was undeterred and his arguments perhaps reveal the thinking of the organisers:

No terrorist wil (sic) give time and date of an attack, so those complaing (sic) about the strathmore drill should stop..I think thats (sic) how it should be (Moderncorps, 2015)

Strathmore students/staff had been trained on response & informed there will b a drill. Its (sic) only that the time of the drill wasn't disclosed (Moderncorps, 2015)

However, it seems that not everyone had received the memo and none had been warned:

@moderncorps @TheKimutai Lies. I'm a student and no information of this sort was passed on (Winniesongok, 2015)

@kenyanpundit Training not delivered to all on campus. @kiva staff (office in biz school) never trained. Other staff+students said the same (Elizacday, 2015)

News of the casualties and confirmation of the severity of the injuries drove home the folly of the exercise:

Strathmore Drill Update: Unconfirmed no. of casualties reported. 2 ambulances dispatched to support with evacuation of casualties to hospital (KenyaRedCross, 2015)

One woman is killed and '30 others injured' following a mock security drill at #Kenya's Strathmore University <http://bbc.in/1MQLfyt> (BBCAfrica, 2015)

In a leaked email, tweeted by the appropriately named *Kenya Leaks*, the Dean of Strathmore's Law School, Dr Luis G Franceschi who was away in Naivasha at the time, stated that he had no idea that a drill of any kind was scheduled (KELeaks, 2015). (His webpage indicates that he is editor of: L.G.Franceschi, L. Muthoni, E. W. Senge, eds., *Problematizing a Legal Chaos: A Critical Analysis of the Security Laws (Amendment) Act, 2014, Kenya in publication*, which may make him a worthwhile contact for the project). Franceschi also seemed extremely irritated by a letter generated by Strathmore's communications office

which indicated that the university had known about the drill, but it had gone wrong because people panicked (KELeaks, 2015). Corresponding tweets from Strathmore University:

1. In liaison with OCPD Lang'ata after security training we have carried out a drill to test readiness of students & staff #SecurityatStrath (StrathU, 2015)

Confirming one fatality, staff member Esther Kidemba succumbed to severe head injuries. Family has been informed (StrathU, 2015)

Confirming numbers of students and staff in hospitals currently: Nairobi West hospital-18, Nairobi Hospital-9; Mater Hospital – 4 (StrathU, 2015)

The following day, the University and the Police were scrambling to tell their respective stories. It seems that management highest levels at the University were not involved in the planning and neither was management at the highest level of the security services:

Prof. Odhiambo; we are trying to unravel how a drill of that magnitude took place without prerequisite communication (StrathU, 2015)

Police Spokesperson #Owino to issue a statement on the Strathmore drill incident at the University complex today at 12 midday. #SecureKE (InteriorKE, 2015)

The police were not aware of terror drill that went bad on Monday at the Strathmore University.~ Police spokesman Charles Owino. (Nationbreakingnews, 2015)

Strathmore University should have coordinated with the Interior ministry and the government.~ Police spokesman Charles Owino. (Nationbreakingnews, 2015)

@sarahkimani IG Boinnet says Strathmore University did not inform police of the terror drill <http://www.standardmedia.co.ke/article/2000184161/ig-boinnet-says-strathmore-university-did-not-inform-police-of-the-terror-drill...via>
@StandardKenya (Lindaoguttu, 2015)

It seemed that the Police wanted to distance themselves from the lone ranger, OCPD of Lang'ata but in doing so, were pointing the finger solely at Strathmore. The general public were not amused by the lack of accountability:

@NationBreaking @PoliceKE @JBoinnet at least bado hamjasahau kuruka story! [At least you haven't forgotten how to escape culpability] U were not aware? Really? So who fired th shots? #StrathmoreDrill (nibbanna, 2015)

Haiya [exclamation of surprise] looks like the VC & IG of Police have rukad [escaped culpability for] that #StrathmoreDrill looks like it's gonna be one of those things without responsibility (mountainous, 2015)

To be sure, earlier in the month news that National Police Services would be undertaking training sessions at institutions of higher learning around the country was well received:

The IG has prepared and is now rolling out sensitization of institutions of higher learning in respect to countering terrorism.1/3 (NPSOfficial_KE, 2015)

Students will see simulation of how to disarm, attack, overcome or safely take flight in the event of attack. 2/3 (NPSOfficial_KE, 2015)

They will also be taken through how to intelligently fish out criminals or agents of terrorism among themselves. 3/3 (NPSOfficial_KE, 2015)

@NPSOfficial_KE @JBoinnet That is a good initiative, we await to see the schedule and we hope to see you soon in our University (TaitaTavetaUni, 2015)

@GKKiarie We have been to various Universities and we are still going to others. (NPSOfficial, 2015)

One person who received the training at United States International University (USIU) gave a favourable review which was retweeted by NPSOfficial_KE:

I learned a lot of tactics this day. thanks to @NPSOfficial_KE @USIUAfrica (Wa_Waruingi, 2015)

It looks like the exercise at Strathmore was the brainchild of the OCPD of Lang'ata Division and an overachieving security official at Strathmore University. The OCPD of Lang'ata previously gained infamy for teargassing primary school children in a protest organised by Boniface Mwangi. He appears to be a believer in the tough love approach to law enforcement. Strathmore University has admitted culpability and will be paying whatever liabilities are determined to have accrued to them.

A Tale of Two Terror Suspects

On 28 November, the Ministry of the Interior posted an alert regarding a suspected terrorist, Malik Yassin, who had recently entered the country with alleged plans of executing attacks:

Alert: We seek your assistance & cooperation in hunting down the pict'd suspect whose profile is as below. #SecureKE (InteriorKE, 2015)

Wanted! Malik Yassin, British national has sneaked into the country to coordinate Attacks. Help the police find Him (ModernCorps, 2015)

Shortly afterwards, the same accounts reported that two different individuals had been arrested and had admitted to planning attacks on foreigners.

Alert: Two Iranians arrested by KE security agencies with a plan to mount a terror attack in NBI. The plan was foiled and suspects arrested (InteriorKE, 2015)

KE security agencies have arrested Abubakar Sadiq Louw & Yassin Sambai Juma who have admitted to conspiring to mount terror attacks in KE (InteriorKE, 2015)

IG @JBoinnet has briefed the press on the development in relation to the terror Suspects who are in custody. #SecureKE (InteriorKE, 2015)

Abubakar Sadiq Louw, 69, is a senior figure in NBI Shiite community. O/of the recruits is 25 year old Yassin Sambai Juma, from NBI. #SecureKE (InteriorKE, 2015)

The proximity of the alerts was slightly confusing. Were they related? Also, Abubakar Sadiq Louw's nationality and branch of Islam were puzzling; to my knowledge Al Shabaab and Al Qaeda are Sunni outfits. Plugging his name into the *Twitter* search engine added much complexity to the tale and I was slightly rueful about doing so. First, there was this tweet by a GrantBrooke which seemed to provide some rationale to the notion an Iranian plot.

Anyone follow-up on this report from 3 years ago? Grant added, ABC News @ABC Iranians Said to Plot Attack on US Targets in Kenya <http://abcn.ws/NqxfT9> (GrantBrooke, 2015)

Alongside the new tweets related to the arrest, were older posts by friends and family going back several months that suggested that Mr. Louw had been detained much longer than indicated, by the Armed Terrorism Police Unit (ATPU). One tweet linked me to this posting by a person identifying themselves as Sadiq Louw's daughter; all emphasis is hers:

Dear friends. It is with so much grief that I write this. My 70 year old father Abubakar Sadiq Louw was brutally abducted on Thursday 29th October 2015 at 1:40 pm. It is while I weep that I relate to you the pain of knowing that while he innocently went to the local hardware store, Thugs claiming to be police pounced on him, cuffed him and shoved him into their double cabin pickup. It is by Allah's Grace that he was with a relative who gave chase. Driving around Nairobi at speeds of 120 kph while frantically calling the police to give them the whereabouts of the car resulted in the CID & Other police units creating a road block at Karen area. The thugs were caught. The abductors left my father cuffed and hooded in the car. They exited the vehicle and slept on the ground as directed. To our shock, these were the dreaded Anti Terror Police Unit (ATPU)! After identifying themselves, and threatening the one who chased them, THEY DRIVE OFF WITH MY FATHER! YA ALLAH!!!! Hours felt like days. Not knowing who to turn to for help. Where did they take him? Why? He has never been involved in any crimes. Abductions like these are common place in

my beloved Kenya. And they usually result in extra judicial killings. We reported to every authority we could think of. Nothing. No news. Just fear on top of fear. I didn't know who to console. My mother my children or myself. Prayers and tears were now our companions. On Sunday at 10pm a number of cars pulled up in front of our house. My father stepped out! Wearing the same clothes, filthy and looking visibly confused he broke down. He cried like a man broken. He hugged his children and his beloved wife. Then came the shock. The head of that unit of the ATPU walked in and causally informed those in the house that my father was not there to stay. They brought him back after four days to take a bath and eat. They wanted to search the house. So began the second part of the nightmare. He ordered everyone to give up their phones. They confiscated EVERYONE'S phone and laptops. Then they searched for only God knows what. When my mother protested their abduction and obvious torture of her husband, reminding them that my old father is a citizen of this country and that his rights were violated, the man simply replied "yes mama, even the dead have rights. Sawa?" My poor mother. Glory be to God. They took him away! They took him away again. He was so so so broken. So confused. He was mumbling at times and crying at others. Looking at corners of the house asking for help from his family. "They want a paper" was all he kept saying. Speaking to him it was clear he was confused and completely disoriented. After a few very ill timed and tasteless jokes and poorly covered threats they took him away. They causally informed us that "Now" he would be at the ATPU station near Kenyatta hospital. We could pay him a visit if we so wished. And they took off. They went with the root of our family, the love of our lives, and a father to more people than I can count. And yes, or phones and laptops. As I write this none has been returned. Monday morning we got a lawyer. We were advised to get as much info as possible. We also learnt something chilly. This was likely a botched execution. To our relief, our father was indeed at the ATPU, physically he was able to walk and talk. But mentally, the man sitting in that room was NOT my father. Relief was swiftly replaced with horror. The ATPU boys dissuaded us from getting a lawyer because it would "complicate" the case. Big names were mentioned. Countries were mentioned. WHAT THE HELL WAS GOING ON?!?!?! MY father simply sat there. Now the most shocking part. He begged not to have a lawyer! "They want to release me. Please don't get a lawyer". He was frightened. Very frightened. My very strong father had been tortured, threatened and humiliated to a point of thinking that these animals were his friends! They took him to Court without our knowledge on Monday morning and got a 30 day extension on his "arrest". No lawyer was present for my dad. They got him to accept a WHOLE THIRTY DAYS EXTENSION!!!! WHAT HAVE THEY DONE TO MY FATHER!!!! GLORY BE TO GOD! Now we realise we have been lied to and our rights violated. They have admitted to bugging the house and all our phones. We are at this point on Thursday morning November 5 th. #freedomforsadiq. Friends and family, I implore you will do whatever you can to help get this message out there. They have abducted tortured and forced confessions out of my 70 year old father and denied him all forms of legal counsel. #MyFatherIsNotATerrorist! #FreedomForSadiq

Nosheen's friends rallied around her on Facebook:

I speak from my first hand knowledge of this man who is gentle, kind, compassionate and a loving father. He is innocent of these charges - he wouldn't hurt a fly. People, together with your prayers and sadness, we need your support to all come together and demand his unconditional release by the Kenyan security. (Khan, 2015)

Nosheen Louw I was in tears just reading this story. It's hard to imagine what your dad and you all must be feeling, and that this sort of thing can happen in a civilized nation. My prayers with you, may the God of justice plead his case and preserve his life. (Karanja, 2015)

Meanwhile, news that two aspiring terrorists had been arrested prompted much jubilation and somewhat bloodthirsty commentary:

@InteriorKE Nipeni kazi ya kuwanyonga (Let me have the job of hanging them)
(MwangiR, 2015)

However, some respondents quietly tried to spread Nosheen's version of the story. Samyra2009 provided a screen caption of an update by Nosheen Louw when she joined a conversation between a GrantBrooke and suemc_phee (i.e. Crime Watch Nairobi). Grant seemed incredulous about Said Louw's age; Crime Watch urged vigilance. Samyra2009 responded with a mobile phone screenshot of Nosheen Louw's *Facebook* post:

Best believe...we really need to be alert and vigilant... Crime Watch Nairobi added, Grant @GrantBrooke 69 year old terrorist? (Suemc_phee, 2015)

@suemc_phee @GrantBrooke you be the judge of it and determine how 'alert' you need to be!!! (Samyra2009, 2015)

The *Facebook* posting alleged that the family were warned about publicising their father's detention as it would delay his release. They were therefore blindsided by the social media blasts that touted the arrest of Louw and another suspect who they alleged was an orphan under mentorship of Louw. They also allege that the situation originated from a dispute with a neighbour. Nosheen Louw's *Facebook* page is public:

<https://www.facebook.com/nosheen.louw>.⁷ and includes this news report compiled by NTV that can be viewed on the *Daily Nation*'s website but that allegedly did not make in onto the news broadcast: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ojF8rH4yj4&feature=youtu.be>

Family disputes police terror claim <http://www.nation.co.ke/news/Family-disputes-police-terror-claim/-/1056/2976088/-/mdvt89z/-/index.html> ... via @dailynation (HassanLali, 2015)

Whatever the case may be, it is tragic and quite unsettling to imagine an old man who has lived and raised his family in Kenya as either terrorist or terrified. I have been reading up on the *Security Act*, its amendments and high court rulings; of the provisions was related to long-term detention without legal counsel. (It also governs media and speech, which might explain why the media is treading carefully—all of this conjecture but it should become more clear as I become more familiar with it). It could be that the legally allowed time elapsed and they had to formally arrest Louw and Juma.

The other arrest of the British Yassin passed without controversy. Hopefully, the court proceedings will bring to light the evidence and processes that led to his arrest.

Other

Here are a series of tweets (in bibliographic reference format) that may fit the research interest but do not fit the tales above.

Boniface Mwangi reports on a robbery and infrastructural inefficacies.

Bonifacemwangi, (2015), Photographer @petercacah has been beaten,robbed at gunpoint in his studio at Uniafric Hse. @NPSOfficial_KE do the CCTV in the city work?, (Online), *Twitter*, 8 November, Available from <https://twitter.com/bonifacemwangi/status/670595718067970048>, [Accessed 8, November, 2015]

Bonifacemwangi, (2015), President @UKenyatta it's a national shame that Kenya police @NPSOfficial_KE isn't monitored 24/7.@JBoinnet budgetary problems? #TeamCourage, (Online), *Twitter*, 28 November, Available from <https://twitter.com/bonifacemwangi/status/670600026293460992>, [Accessed 28, November, 2015]

The tweeting chief is creating an app and continues to conduct community policing via his Twitter account:

Chiefkariuki, (2015), John wa Domboro ameiba drum area ya Baraka. Ameibeba na pikipiki. Ukimuona munyanganye na uniambie [John of Domboro has stolen a drum in Baraka. He has carried it off with a motorcycle. If you see him, wrestle it from him and let me know], (Online), *Twitter*, 30 November, Available from

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confused. He was mumbling at times and crying at others. Looking at corners of the house asking for help from his family. "They want a paper" was all he kept saying. Speaking to him it was clear he was confused and completely disoriented. After a few very ill timed and tasteless jokes and poorly covered threats they took him away. They causally informed us that "Now" he would be at the ATPU station near Kenyatta hospital. We could pay him a visit if we so wished. And they took off. They went with the root of our family, the love of our lives, and a father to more people than I can count. And yes, or phones and laptops. As I write this none has been returned. Monday morning we got a lawyer. We were advised to get as much info as possible. We also learnt something chilly. This was likely a botched execution. To our relief, our father was indeed at the ATPU, physically he was able to walk and talk. But mentally, the man sitting in that room was not my father. Relief was swiftly replaced with horror. The ATPU boys dissuaded us from getting a lawyer because it would "complicate" the case. Big names were mentioned. Countries were mentioned. What the hell was going on?!!?! MY father simply sat there. Now the most shocking part. He begged not to have a lawyer! "They want to release me. Please don't get a lawyer". He was frightened. Very frightened. My very strong father had been tortured, threatened and humiliated to a point of thinking that these animals were his friends! They took him to Court without our knowledge on Monday morning and got a 30 day extension on his "arrest". No lawyer was present for my dad. They got him to accept a whole thirty days extension!!!! What have they done to my father!!!! Glory to be God! Now we realise we have been lied to and our rights violated. They have admitted to bugging the house and all our phones. We are at this point on Thursday morning November 5th. #freedomforsadiq. Friends and family, I implore you will do whatever you can to help get this message out there. They have abducted tortured and forced confessions out of my 70 year old father and denied him all forms of legal counsel. #MyFatherIsNotATerrorist! #FreedomForSadiq, (Online), *Facebook*, 05 November, Available from <https://m.facebook.com/nosheen.louw.7/posts/10200934149593614>, [Accessed 30, November, 2015]

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