

WATCH OUT – LAWYERS ARE AT RISK RIGHT NOW!

Defending the Legal Profession Against Growing
Threats

The Evolving Threat Landscape

- State Encroachments & Legislative Attacks: Restricting bar associations, judicial interference (Nigeria, Pakistan, Uganda)
- Targeting of Individual Lawyers: Arrests, intimidation, extrajudicial killings (Willie Kimani, Thulani Maseko, Eron Kiiza)
- Digital Surveillance & Cyber Threats: Pegasus spyware, database hacking, smear campaigns

The Role of the Organized Legal Profession

- Strengthening Bar Associations: Independence, self-regulation, legal defense funds
- Legal Reforms & Strategic Litigation: Challenging laws, advocating protections, international courts
- International Solidarity & Collaboration: Global networks, human rights mechanisms, diplomatic advocacy

Individual Measures for Lawyers

- Digital & Physical Security: Encrypted communication, cybersecurity, emergency protocols
- Professional Solidarity & Whistleblower Protections: Legal support, collective action
- Public Engagement & Awareness: Legal education, media advocacy, civil society partnerships

Conclusion – The Call to Action

- The attack on lawyers threatens democracy and justice
- Governments must be held accountable
- Lawyers must unite, strengthen institutions, and safeguard members
- ***“An independent legal profession is the last line of defense for justice. Protect it at all costs.”***