

# Civil Society reaction to the board of inquiry regarding last week's riot



## Press Statement

Transparency and democratic oversight can only be guaranteed through a truly independent inquiry into the incident at Lyster Barracks of February 25, 2014.



While we do not doubt the personal integrity of the individuals appointed to the Board, the fact that all of them are employed within the Ministry responsible for the police and the Detention Centres cannot but raise questions regarding the Board's independence.



While we welcome the Minister's decision to order an inquiry into the incidents at Lyster Barracks on February 25, we reiterate our call for the inquiry to be conducted by a truly independent and impartial authority.

We also reiterate the need for the inquiry to be a speedy one, and for it to result in the publication of concrete recommendations for follow-up action.



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