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OFFICIAL STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO WIDELY CIRCULATING CLAIM OF NOTIFICATION FOR COMPENSATION: SPACE DEBRIS INCIDENT IN MAKUENI COUNTY

Our attention has been drawn to widely circulating disinformation on social media under the Subject: Notification of Compensation Demand for Space Debris Incident Originating from ISRO Mission, dated 31 December 2024; and a social media posting by Nation Africa on 3 January 2025 captioned:

Rocket Debris: Kenya notifies India of Compensation demand over 500Kg ring from India Space Research Organization's Docking Experiment, Spadex, which risked lives, property in Makueni.

The Kenya Space Agency wishes to clarify that investigations into the space object fragments incident in Mukuku Village, Makueni County, are still ongoing and the Kenya Space Agency has not reached any conclusions or attributed the space object to any space actor yet. Accordingly, the claim for notification for compensation demand allegedly made by the Government of Kenya is false and should be ignored. Neither the Kenya Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs nor the Kenya Space Agency, nor any other Government of Kenya entity has made any such notification.

The Kenya Space Agency is working with partners to identify the particular space object and/or space activity that led to the dropping of the fragments in a populated area, and attribute ownership. The general public will be advised as necessary in due course as the matter progresses and more information becomes available. The matter will be pursued through the laid down channels and as provided for under International Space Law. Members of the public are advised to be cautious of unverified or unofficial statements on the matter, refrain from circulating false information and await official communications from Government Agencies.



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