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1. The disturbances occurred from January 25th, 1998. Some of the areas in which the violent disturbances occurred are areas in which some of the University staff and students reside.
2. During the disturbances University staff and students were displaced. Some of those who were injured during the disturbances were University staff.

Two members of staff, John Njenga Kimani, a boiler operator in the Estates Department, and Peter Nderitu Mbogo, an Assistant Lecturer in the Department of Engineering subsequently died.

3. Many of the displaced families, who were members of the public, numbering about 400 people, sought refuge in University facilities and individual staff houses at our Njoro campus. In addition, the University provided accommodation to its undergraduate and postgraduate students who normally reside outside its Njoro campus. These included student mothers who had babies and dependents. Some of the University staff and students who live in areas affected by the disturbances were caught unawares and were stranded.
4. The University sent its vehicles to rescue the stranded students and staff, including the mother and children of the late Mr Nderitu Mbogo.

The vehicle KYF 283 reported by **The Star** does not belong to and has never been owned by Egerton University.

5. During the period of disturbances the normal public transport between Njoro and Nakuru stopped. Consequently, the University undertook to provide transport to its staff to and from Nakuru.
6. The University took the responsibility to provide free medical services to the injured members of the public and those with other ailments.
7. All affected families who took refuge in the campus were given food and water until they left on their own volition.
8. The University Council is perturbed that some sections of the print media, especially **The Star** newspaper, printed many untruths alleging that the University was involved in the instigations of the disturbances.

9. The malicious reports on the disturbances carried by **The Star** (3-5 and 6-9) February, 1998), alleging that senior Egerton University personnel and the University in general were responsible for the ma-



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