



**Statement by H.E. Professor Arthur Peter Mutharika
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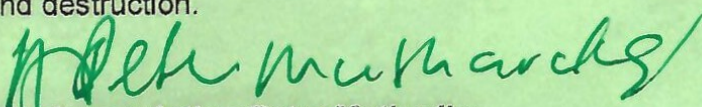
The Southern African Development Community (SADC) continues to closely monitor developments in the United Republic of Tanzania following the General Elections held on 29 October 2025.

We are deeply concerned by the ongoing loss of life, injuries, and destruction of property and public infrastructure. SADC calls upon all stakeholders to exercise maximum restraint and refrain from actions that may further escalate violence and unrest.

SADC reaffirms its readiness to assist, through appropriate mechanisms, in facilitating a peaceful resolution to the current challenges. We therefore appeal for an immediate cessation of hostilities and urge all parties to prioritise the well-being and livelihoods of the people of the United Republic of Tanzania.

We stress the importance of embracing peaceful and constructive dialogue as the preferred avenue for addressing grievances. Our collective aspiration remains the restoration of harmony and stability in the United Republic of Tanzania, in line with our shared vision of good governance, social cohesion, and sustainable development across the region.

SADC encourages security services to act with restraint in the use of force while maintaining law and order. Furthermore, we urge the Government and the people of the United Republic of Tanzania to pursue peaceful solutions to the crisis in order to prevent further loss of life and destruction.


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