

APs accused of abducting lawyer

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Administration Police officers at Syokimau camp have been accused of having a hand in the disappearance of a lawyer, his client and a taxi driver.

Ten rights organisations yesterday said Mr Willie Kimani and his client, Mr Josphat Mwendwa, were unlawfully detained at the camp on June 23, before being taken to an unknown location.

The three disappeared on Thursday after leaving Mavoko law courts and boarding Mr Joseph Muiruri's taxi.

The taxi was found two days later at Kamirithu Village in Tigoni, while Mr Kimani's phone was traced to a nearby plantation.

Mr Mwendwa was shot in the hand on April 10, 2015 by a senior AP officer. Four officers recorded statements as witnesses despite not being at the scene, according to Independent Medico Legal Unit Director Peter Kiama. Mr Mwendwa reported to the Independent Policing Oversight Authority.

On December 13, the same officer picked him up from his home and charged him with six traffic offences.

"This was despite the fact that he was still undergoing physiotherapy and, therefore unable to ride a motorcycle," Kenya National Commission on Human Rights chief executive Patricia Nyaundi said.

The rights agencies called for interdiction, investigation and holding to account the officers involved.

Yesterday, Nairobi lawyers marched to the Inspector-General of Police's offices to demand answers on the disappearance.

The lawyers who donned purple ribbons said they were convinced the three were abducted by AP officers.

Mr Edwin Sifuna and Mr Charles Kanjama (below) had wanted to meet with Mr Boinnet, who left the premises, claiming to be heading to a meeting.

