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Mlimani City discriminates against cyclists

Cyclists of Dar es Salaam today gathered at Mlimani City Shopping Centre to protest against the unfair and discriminatory treatment by the management of Mlimani City towards customers who cycle as their means of transport.

Mlimani City does not allow cyclists to park in the parking area of the complex, and does not even allow cyclists to enter the parking area. This is despite the fact that customers arriving on other private means of transport (cars, motorbikes) are allowed to use the parking facilities. Mlimani City has had this policy since it started operations and cyclists continually face inconvenience and harassment when they arrive at the complex in order to do shopping or avail of other services.

An NGO made up of cyclists in Dar es Salaam Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli (UWABA) has written to Mlimani City several times on this issue, has visited management offices and has done its best to resolve this issue amicably, however, management have been highly uncooperative, have made promises which were subsequently not implemented and have refused to provide the courtesy of a reply in writing to UWABA's letters despite UWABA explicitly requesting a written reply and following up frequently on this request.

UWABA calls for cyclists to be given equal rights to other customers of Mlimani City and to be treated with respect. UWABA also calls on Mlimani City to respond in writing to UWABA's complaints.

Background - Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam (UWABA)

UWABA is an NGO formed in January 2006 by a group of Dar es Salaam cyclists. It currently has more than 200 members, all of whom regularly use cycling as a mode of transport in Dar es Salaam. Its objectives include encouraging cycling as a sustainable means of transport in Dar es Salaam, lobbying the Government to improve conditions, safety and infrastructure for Dar es Salaam cyclists, and educating cyclists on safe cycling. UWABA meets every Saturday morning at 10am at their office in Manzese Sisi kwa Sisi. Further information about UWABA can be found at www.uwaba.or.tz or by phone to chairman Mejah Mbuya (0713652642) or secretary Elaine Baker-Guni (0715568512).



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Mlimani City wanafukuza wapanda baisikeli

Wapanda Baisikeli wa Dar es Salaam leo tumefika pamoja Mlimani City Shopping Centre kulalamikia kuhusu jinsi uongozi na menejimenti ya Mlimani City wasivyoheshimu na wanawafukuza wateja wanaotumia baisikeli kama chombo cha usafiri.

Mlimani City hawaruhusu wapanda baisikeli kugesha baisikeli kwenye maeneo ya maegesho ya Mlimani City, na wamepiga marufuku wapanda baisikeli kuingia sehemu ya maegesho. Wateja wanaofika na vyombo vingine vya usafiri binafsi (kama magari, piki piki) wanaruhusiwa kuingia na kugesha. Mlimani City imekuwa na sera hiyo tangu imeanza kazi, na wapanda baisikeli wanafukuzwa wanapofika kufanya shopping au kutumia huduma zingine.

NGO ya wapanda baisikeli wa Dar es Salaam Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli (UWABA) wameandika barua kwa Mlimani City mara nyingi, na wametembelea ofisi ya menejimenti na wamejaribu kurekebisha tatizo hili kwa mawasiliano ya kawaida, lakini manejimenti hawajashirikiana nao, wanatoa ahadi ambazo hawatekelezi na wanakataa kujibu barua kwa maandishi, hata kama UWABA wameomba jibu la maandishi mara nyingi na kufuatalia.

UWABA tunataka wapanda baisikeli wawe na haki sawa na wateja wengine wa Mlimani City na waheshimikwe. UWABA pia tunataka Mlimani City waandike barua kujibu barua za malalamiko za UWABA.

Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam (UWABA)

UWABA ni NGO iliyoanzishwa Januari 2006 na wapanda baisikeli wa Dar es Salaam. Kwa sasa ina wanachama zaidi ya 200, wote wanatumia baisikeli kama chombo cha usafiri cha kila siku hapa Dar es Salaam. Malengo ya UWABA ni kuhamasisha baisikeli kama chombo kizuri cha usafiri Dar es Salaam, kuhamasisha serikali kuboresha usalama na mazingira kwa wapanda baisikeli, kulinda haki za wapanda baisikeli, kuhamasisha waendesha magari kuheshimu wapanda baisikeli na kuelimisha wapanda baisikeli kuhusu usalama barabarani. UWABA tunakutana kila jumamosi saa nne asubuhi kwenye ofisi yetu Manzese Sisi kwa Sisi. Taarifa zaidi zinapatikana kwenye tovuti yetu www.uwaba.or.tz au kwa simu - mwenyekiti Mejah Mbuya (0713652642) au katibu Elaine Baker-Guni (0715568512).