

Press Release

Democracy Attacks Itself in Kenya by Perpetrating Tribal Hatred and Divisions

Kenya has been a focus by the international arena after the National Super Alliance (NASA) leader Raila Odinga took a self-oath as president in a ceremony attended by thousands of his supporters on Tuesday 30 January 2018. This step termed as violation to the current constitution of the country more so after the swearing in of Uhuru Kenyatta November last year as the president after the conclusion of last October elections that were boycotted by Odinga. While the event continues to draw reactions, **The Islamic Party of Hizb ut Tahrir / Kenya** would like to state the following:

The ceremony gave a picture of how Kenya is suffering from a serious disease of tribal and regional divisions instigated by its politicians. Despite continuous calling of feeble patriotic and nationalistic thoughts, it is obvious that the thoughts are weak and thus can never bring a permanent unity between people. Nevertheless, tribalism, classism and regionalism are among the tactics of democratic politicians who employ them in order to ascend to power or maintaining power. In addition, this fact is not only witnessed here in Kenya but also in big states like the US as witnessed from President Trump's racist utterances. Nevertheless, his administration is if full of politicians with racist and hate policies against foreign emigrants especially those with African origin and Muslims.

It is clear that despite the sovereignty in crafting constitution and legislation that the secular society conferred itself to, it is clear that its leaders do not accord respect to the constitution rather they follow and violate them based on their interests and whims. While the government termed Raila's step as against the constitution, on his side, Raila and his supporters maintain that the move was in line with the constitution! The drama continued further; when the government decided to switch off the mainstream media houses threatening journalists that airing the NASA's event amounts to violation of the constitution, while the media insisting that events broadcasting is their constitutional right. This is how fragile manmade legislation is; those who make them and purport to protect them are the same ones who violate and break them.

We caution the Kenyan community in general and the Muslim community in particular not to fall in this trap between NASA and JUBILEE since in origin it is just part of the vast tactics of imperialist politicians in competing for chances to affluence and self-enrichment while the community languish as laggards! The truth of the matter is both camps unite and break ties based on interests. We saw recently how they came together in parliament to grant themselves an opportunity of awarding themselves shillings 2.1 billion to buy posh cars at the expense of the cost of living which keeps on skyrocketing!

We conclude by reiterating that only Islam has the capability of producing sound politics and best politicians who possess policies to political, economic and social prosperity as witnessed in the past thirteen centuries during the Khilafah (Caliphate) rule. And we believe, Allah willing, that Khilafah will return back so soon to once again lead the world with sincere politics which will fill the entire world with truth and justice.

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