Ruto, Jubilee MPs defend Waiguru over graft claims

The work done by NYS in Kibra for the last nine months is good, yet the former PM was the MP there for a long time—Waweru

IG seeks support in terror war

Inspector General of Police Joseph Boinnet (pictured) has called on Kenyans to cooperate with security forces to fight terrorism in the country.

He urged politicians to stop using religion to cause strained relations between Muslims and Christians.

Speaking during the celebration of the second United Nations International Yoga Day celebration in Nairobi yesterday, he warned that the move will fail in the trap of al-Shabaab militants who want to capitalise on the division.

"As Kenyans, we need to maintain the peaceful relations which has existed since the establishment of the country. We should not allow politicians to fast the division and create tension among us," he said during the event at the University of Nairobi.

Embassaya vehicles suspended

The National Transport and Safety Authority has suspended operations of vehicles belonging to Embassaya Sacco until they are certified for compliance.

This follows a fatal crash on logoo road involving a vehicle belonging to Embassaya and Fordward Sacco last Thursday morning, killing one person on the spot.

In a statement to newsmen, NTSA director general Francis Meja faulted the driver of Embassaya Sacco, saying his reckless driving occasioned the accident, which could have been avoided.

He said the driver of the Embassaya Sacco was killed in court with negligence.

Give us guns to protect universities, lecturers say

In a proposal with potentially far-reaching consequences, some University of Nairobi lecturers have demanded to be permitted to carry firearms to protect universities, lecturers say in the face of terrorism and corruption, saying the transformation agenda remains on course despite criticism.

In what was a coordinated approach to show unity in the Jubilee coalition and rally around Waiguru, 11 MPs joined Ruto for a Sunday service at St Peter’s ACK Church in Nyeri town while nine others spoke at Holy Mary Mother of God Church in Githunguri, Nyamburu constituency.

The nine legislators who joined Ruto were Gilbert Kariuki (Laikipia), Kimani Ichungwah, Mt Kenya MP James Kamau and his Dagoretti South counterpart Dennis Waweru, who criticised Ialia over his remarks that Waiguru should be probed over the NYS cash usage, telling the Opposition leader to first account for the "Kazi kwa Vijana" programme that was launched under the former Grand Coalition Government, in which he was the Prime Minister.

Last week, the Devolution Ministry was in the spotlight over an alleged Sh2.8 million scandal at the NYS, but Waiguru said some individuals had formed a habit of criticising all development and were now targeting the youth agenda being fronted by the government.

"Some people do not see anything good in their own motherland yet even foreign countries are recognising the fact that this nation is winning the fight against terror. They criticised retired President Mwai Kibaki when he was constructing the Thika Super Highway.

They did the same with projects like the Standard Gauge Railway, the laptops project and now they are busy complaining about NYS and the fight against terrorism. They will be surprised because as long as President Uhuru and I are in leadership, the transformation of this country is unstoppable," said Ruto.

The MPs praised the work President Kenyatta and Ruto have done so far and especially revamping the NYS, which they said has given many youths job opportunities, and urged the Opposition to work together and not to succumb to the demands of those opposing the project.

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