

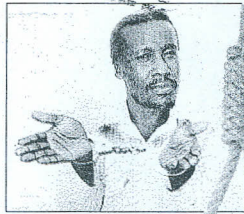
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MPs accuse CS of behaving like 'Prime Minister'

WHY RUTO'S URP WANTS WAIGURU OUT



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UoN students on al Shabaab payroll - police

BY ADOW MOHAMED

SOME University of Nairobi students are paid members of ISIS and al Shabaab, the head of the National Counter Terrorism Centre has said.

"We will come for you before you come for us," NCTC Director Isaac Ochieng' told a university audience yesterday.

He said he has "evidence some students are on the payroll" of the two terror groups in Nairobi and elsewhere.

He was addressing a forum on countering violent extremism hosted by the University of Nairobi and the Interior Ministry at the university's Taifa Hall.

He surprised the panelists, including Interior PS Monica Juma and Vice Chancellor Peter Mbithi, when he said ISIS is actively recruiting Kenyans on college and university campuses.

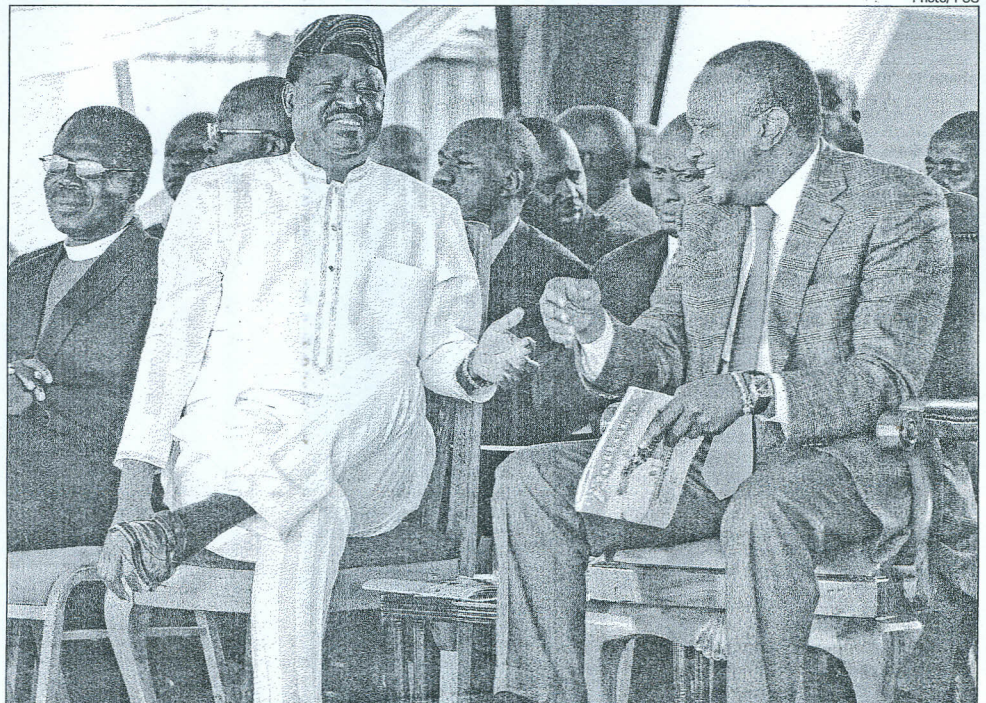
"We have serious evidence some students here in this hall are on the payroll of ISIS in Syria and Iraq," Ochieng said.

The Counter Terrorism Centre falls under the spy agency, the National Intelligence Service, headed by

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Uhuru, Raila differ on NYS in Kisumu fete

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LET ME TELL YOU: Cord leader Raila Odinga chats with President Uhuru Kenyatta in the Uzima University College grounds during the silver jubilee celebrations of the Kisumu Catholic Archdiocese yesterday.

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Why DP Ruto's URP wants Waiguru out

BY STAR TEAM

URP MPs want Devolution CS Anne Waiguru out of office because they say she behaves "like a Prime Minister".

Several MPs, some close to Deputy President William Ruto, yesterday told the Star she does not regard other ministers as equals.

They are unhappy the President has openly defended Waiguru instead of asking her to take responsibility for attempts to steal Sh828 million from the NYS and Sh250 million losses on NYS food deals.

Top officials in the EACC List of Shame have stepped aside to allow investigations. Waiguru is not on the list.

"The President reinforces the feeling Waiguru is the 'Prime Minister' by not asking her to step a side, just like other ministers forced out to facilitate investigations over graft allegations," said an MP who asked not to be named.

Nandi Hills MP Alfred Keter is one of URP's vocal politicians who insists Waiguru goes and makes no apologies.

"Our sister Charity Ngilu (Lands), Felix Koskei (Agriculture) and Kazungu Kambi (Labour) are out of the Cabinet because of allegations ... We are not saying Waiguru was directly involved but let her step aside," Keter said.

Waiguru has been under pressure to step a side over the failed attempt to steal Sh826 million through the Integrated Financial Management Information System (IFMIS). She requested CID investigate.

While their TNA counterparts accuse the opposition of pushing allegations against Waiguru, the URP MPs have asked the CS steps aside during investigations.



ARE YOU AWARE? Deputy President William Ruto with Bondo MP Gideon Ochanda during a fundraiser in aid of Bondo ACK church in Nyanza on Sunday.

Some URP politicians say Waiguru, who was on the team that created the new governance structure, awarded herself the plum Devolution position, giving her direct access to the President and considerable power across government.

Ruto is supposed to be the coordinator of government and works through his Chief of Staff Maryanne Keitany who, according to multiple sources, does not get along with Waiguru. Keitany is suspended, facing EACC graft allegations.

The differences between Waiguru and Keitany date back to when both helped craft new governance structures.

"The CS has not filed her briefs as required and will only report to the President, not the DP. This is unacceptable. Being in charge of 23 semi-autonomous government agencies does not make one more important than the DP," another URP said.

Some people suggest Waiguru engineered corruption

charges against Keitany.

According to the allegations, Keitany took Sh100 million from the DP's office to bribe MPs to censure Waiguru last year.

The mover of the motion, Igembe South MP Mithika Linturi, withdrew it after meetings with Uhuru's Private Secretary Jomo Gecaga and Solicitor General Njee Muturi.

Last week, State House spokesman Manoa Esipisu said Waiguru will not be suspended because there is no investigation against her.

Other than the Keitany issue, Waiguru's problems with URP are linked to her dismissal of former NYS director General Kiplimo Rugutt.

Yesterday, Keter and Nandi woman representative Zipporah Kerring said Rugutt was fired from NYS to allow corruption cartels to take over.

"Last year I complained about how Rugutt was sacked from NYS, a calculated move to eliminate a straight-forward

individual to make way for another who would allow graft," Keter said.

Kerring said they had been approached, as female parliamentarians, to help the government lobby public support for Waiguru in the media and elsewhere.

"I refuse to be among women parliamentarians lobbying for public officials. It is wrong and a misuse of my responsibility to represent Kenyans," Kerring said.

Other URP MPs who have made similar demands are Kangogo Bowen (Marakwet East), Oscar Sudi (Kapseret), Jackson Kiptanui (Keiyo South), Arthur Odera (Teso North) and Cornel Serem (Aldai).

On Saturday, the MPs accused Uhuru of selectively applying the law by retaining Waiguru despite allegations of impropriety in her ministry.

"Previously, CSs stepped aside to allow investigations. We ask that Waiguru also steps aside," Bowen said.

University students on Shabaab pay – police

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Director General Philip Kameru.

He did not elaborate on the "evidence" or say how many students are estimated to be on terror payrolls.

Ochieng also did not say what the government is doing with its "evidence".

"There is a very serious resurgence of homegrown terrorism aimed at establishing an East African Caliphate by al Qaeda and al Shabaab. You think that we don't know. We will come for you before you come for us," Ochieng told the audience that included hundreds of students and experts on international terrorism from around the world.

Addressing student-terrorists, he asked: "Why do you participate in a war that is not yours? Why do you cross borders to join a terrorist group? Leave that thing alone."

Scholars need to debunk the "poisonous" ideology of terror groups, Ochieng said.

"As academics, you must do your part in fighting radicalisation and violent extremism in our learning institutions," he urged.

Interior PS Monica Juma did not address Ochieng's assertion of terrorists recruiting on Kenyan campuses but said terrorism remains "the premier global challenge" today.

"They aim to destroy and perpetuate violence against those they consider the opponent," she said.

Prof Michael Chege, a lecturer in Public Policy and Political Economy of International Development at the University of Nairobi, said military interventions against terrorism and radicalisation "are not always the best solution".

"We must look at what drives youth to extremism. The push and pull factors must be addressed," he said.

Chege said arguments that Kenya has come under al Shabaab attack because of the KDF intervention in Somalia is "nonsense".

President Uhuru, Raila differ on NYS in Kisumu fete

BY JUSTUS OCHIENG

PRESIDENT Uhuru Kenyatta and Cord leader Raila Odinga differed in Kisumu yesterday over the ongoing National Youth Service slum upgrading projects.

Addressing the youth working under the programme in Obunga slum, Uhuru said destructive politics should not be allowed to undermine the project.

In a thinly veiled attack on Raila, who has called for investigations into NYS procurement, the President said leaders should draw a line between politics and development.

"As leaders, we need to join hands irrespective of political affiliation to see our youth reap maximum benefits from the project because our aim is to improve the lives of all Kenyans,"

Uhuru said.

"There is time for politics and time for development and now it is time for development."

Uhuru later shared a podium with Raila at Uzima University College where the silver jubilee of the Kisumu Catholic Archdiocese was being celebrated.

The President said leaders must unite for development to flourish.

Uhuru said the NYS projects are transforming the lives of youths in Nairobi where they have been launched.

"Our aim is to eradicate poverty and transform the lives of citizens. We want Kenyans to live peacefully, in unity and be proud of their country," he said.

Raila told off leaders claiming he is against the projects.

"This is not the occasion for politicking, but I have to set the record straight. I am not against



ROUSING WELCOME: President Uhuru Kenyatta acknowledges greetings from youth working in the NYS Youth Empowerment Project at Obunga Informal Settlement when he toured Kisumu yesterday.

the NYS projects. I initiated the slum upgrading project when I was the Prime Minister and cannot oppose it," he said.

He added: "However, there

must be transparency in the procurement process."

Raila said the projects must be above board.

He was reacting to a statement

by Nominated Senator Joy Gwendu who criticised unnamed leaders for opposing the project that she said is beneficial to the youth.

"The NYS project has changed the lives of our youth and anybody against it is wrong," she said.

And in apparent reference to Devolution CS Anne Waiguru, whose docket the NYS projects fall under, Raila said: "I am the strongest supporter of women and fought for the two third majority rule thus have no problem with anybody."

Nyakach MP Aduma Owuor welcomed Uhuru's visit.

"You and our leader Raila Odinga share a common heritage and we urge you to continue visiting Kisumu on development matters accompanied by him for a warm reception," he said.