

Terrorism cannot be defeated by the Military Alone – Renzi



The Italian Prime Minister, Matteo Renzi delivering his lecture entitled "Challenges of development: Building bridges to combat extremism" at the University of Nairobi

The Italian Prime Minister, Matteo Renzi has said that education is a viable tool in combating terror and extremism. Renzi said that "Education is the key for the future. Invest in education, invest in the future. We will not tolerate terror in any university in the world".

While giving a lecture at the University of Nairobi entitled "Challenges of development: Building bridges to combat extremism" on May 15, 2015, the Prime Minister affirmed that institutions of higher learning play a vital role in reducing radicalization while fostering developments.



Participants following Prime Minister's Lecture at the University of Nairobi

Renzi said that radicalization thrives best in impoverished society and fighting poverty reduces the threat of radicalization. He said that “the responsibility to build a better world is anchored against hope, values, strategies and ideas. Let all of us embrace the future we yearn for today”. He stressed that the best approach to conquer the goals of the terrorist groups is to cherish and support national unity and harmony rather than embracing divisions and hatred among different religious and tribal groups.

"National unity is one of the best strategies in combating terrorism. Let Kenyans not give in to fear but retain the values of dialogue, hope and tolerance”.

Renzi added that terrorism cannot be defeated by the military alone. The society needs to cherish strong ethics and build bridges in order to dismantle the tactics and efficiency of terrorists.

Present during the lecture were Cabinet secretaries Jacob Kaimenyi (Education), Amina Mohamed (Foreign Affairs), Dr. Idle Farah (Foreign Affairs and International Trade) and Prof. Peter Mbithi (Vice Chancellor) among other guests.