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Chief Justice of Kenya chairman return to teaching. Ms Baraza has supported her move to as the

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The world of academia is different from the Judiciary where she was dispensing justice. Nothing would bar her from pursuing a career in teaching even in a public institution like the University of Nairobi, Mr Mutua said.

The standards that were applied at the Judiciary are not the same in the world of academia where she will be empowering students, he added.

Alongside Ms Baraza, other law lecturers including Justice Ang’awa and International law scholar, Dr Geoffrey Musila, were being considered for positions at the School of Law.

Justice Ang’awa is one of the judges found unsuitable to continue serving in the Judiciary by the judges and Magistrates Vetting Board. As part of efforts to meet the requirements of the Council of Legal Education for renewal of accreditation, the university last year appointed Prof Kamathi Mbote as the Dean of Faculty while Prof Musili Wambu and Prof Albert Mumma were appointed her deputies.

Founded in 1970, the school has failed to meet the requirements in terms of the number of lecturers, books (both online and hardcopies) as well as physical facilities. According to the requirements, an institution offering a law degree must have at least five copies of core titles for each course and 2,000 electronic journals and other relevant books on law.

Prof Kamathi-Mbote noted that the school has since constructed a state-of-the-art moot court for students to simulate cases and now ready for renewal of its certificate of accreditation.

“Whatever happened during her (Baraza) tenure at the Judiciary and we believe that it will not influence her ability to teach law. Her CV is very impressive and she has a lot to offer our students,” Prof Magoha said. The former DCJ served as a lesson in humility as the country watched the proceedings of a tribunal appointed by President Kibaki to investigate her conduct and suitability to remain in office after she had pinned the nose of a security guard who tried to screen her at the entrance of a shopping mall.

Ms Rebecca Kerubo later lodged a complaint with the police claiming Ms Baraza had assaulted her, threatened her with a gun and warned her that “you should know people”. The incident sparked public uproar prompting the Judicial Service Commission to petition the President to suspend Ms Baraza and form a tribunal to look into her conduct.

Then, Ms Baraza had only been in office as the deputy chief justice of the Supreme Court for six months.

The public was treated as drama by the country’s second most powerful judge became the subject of a prosecution. And, although witnesses gave contradictory accounts of what happened that fateful evening, the tribunal concluded that Ms Baraza had acted improperly and recommended her removal from office.

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People’s National Congress (PNC) coalition, which brings together 60 groups that work with over one million farmers, said it was in bad faith for Dr Kibaki to say the decision was political. “Dr Kibaki must be careful before contradicting a directive made by Cabinet,” said KNOC.

MIGORI

Man drowns as he tries to cross flooded river in boat

A man drowned in Migori County yesterday. Mr George Otieno was trying to cross the swollen Sere stream in a canoe in Nyabanga when he died. Area police boss Richard Bitonga said another man escaped death as he tried to cross the same stream. Divers were yesterday still looking for Mr Otieno’s body. 

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A human rights lobby yesterday called for a ban on the use of the term cattle rustling, saying it legitimises the crime. The Kenya Human Rights Commission said the raids, which have left some 100 people dead, were no longer a cultural activity and the Internal Security ministry should reclassify them.

“The ruthless theft should be deemed as robbery with violence so that the law deals with it,” KNHC official George Morare said. “It has been turned into a booming commercial activity,” said Ms Lilian Karis, another official.

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