



PRESS RELEASE

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Top leaders of NARC KENYA from **Counties West of the Rift Valley** have been meeting in Nakuru for the purpose of strengthening the Party as an institution to play its constitutional oversight role as a minority party. We are committed to work with other opposition parties to provide a strong alternative voice in Kenya's political discourse.

We are saddened by the dereliction of duty by the Jubilee Administration with regard to unifying and equalizing the country in infrastructure and service delivery. The constitution provides for the equalization fund which the Jubilee Administration has so far allocated a paltry ten billion shillings and which is yet to be utilized.

The insecurity in the counties of Northern Kenya: **Wajir , Garissa and Mandera** which has caused loss of life, and denied our children in these areas education becomes difficult to fight without basic infrastructure such as roads , electricity and reliable communications . It will take serious budgetary allocation and commitment and collaboration between the national and county governments to end the exclusion and marginalization of these areas that has gone on for decades. It will further require great political will and commitment to fight corruption which if left unchecked will undermine and or render impossible any quest to secure the Nation.

President Obama publicly and in the presence of president Kenyatta and a sizeable part of his cabinet stated the obvious , that Kenya (read) government tolerates corruption, and is perpetuating inequalities . He further stated that by failing to fight corruption the government was undermining the jobless saying up to **250,000 jobs are lost to corruption** every year. Corruption is also causing many deaths by contributing to persistent insecurity all over the country.

We urge **President Kenyatta** to deal with these and other very serious issues afflicting Kenyans and not to purport to teach the opposition how to play its role. The opposition cannot, and **NARC KENYA** will certainly not, be a praise choir for the Jubilee Administration. We shall continue to perform our constitutionally ordained role of pointing

out shortcomings of the regime which are a legion. The intolerance of this regime suggests a failure on their part to appreciate this dispensation and, therefore, continue to behave as though we are in the old **KANU** days.

Kenyans must not forget how hard they fought and the sacrifices they made to get the freedoms we so cherish. We have a duty as Kenyans to stand together and say enough is enough we want action not words from the Jubilee Administration - we must say no to intimidation and influence peddling aimed at weakening the opposition and hence governance

We are dismayed to see Jubilee Administration troops attacking independent offices like the office of the auditor general for delivering on its mandate of auditing accounts of the various offices. The world over audit queries are responded to by the various government agencies by production of documentary evidence to rebut the presumption of loss or abuse of funds. The government ministries and agencies with audit queries must produce proof of proper use of public funds under their care otherwise the conclusion will be that they have squandered funds. The **Auditor General's** report is a government report and the government cannot reject its own document. It appears that the attack on the auditor general is part of a Jubilee plot to weaken independent offices in order to loot public coffers unchecked. We witnessed this week Parliament dismissing a report of the Public Accounts Committees on irregular and wasteful procurement of a jet for the **Deputy President** otherwise known as "Hustler Jet". Parliament is quickly becoming a rubber stamp just like in the old **KANU** days.

It is our collective duty as Kenyans to safe guard the gains secured in the Constitution and to nurture Democracy and constitutionalism.

We call upon those serving in our institutions and especially our key institutions of governance to exhibit patriotism by discharging their duties in accordance with the Constitution and our laws. It is our collective efforts that will make a better, secure and just Kenya.

We need constructive engagement with all stakeholders in government and opposition to come up with the necessary and urgent reforms in IEBC and the Office of Registrar of Political Parties.