Kamotho warns on 'corrupt rulers'

By ADERI MULIA
Kamu secretary-general Joseph Kamotho has criticised people who are saying it is whites who have lost direction, Mr Kamotho said during colonial times, the colonisers used all means possible to consolidate their rule over Africans.

Mr Kamotho, the Minister for Education, was speaking at Kenya International Conference Centre on Friday night when he helped to raise funds for Mission Kakai Dili Kamayo, who is travelling to Britain for a course in computer science.

The function was attended by among others, Assistant Minister Nasir Arte, Moyale MF, Mohamed Galgalo, and Narok State MP, Mr Gerishon Kimba.

At Independence 32 years ago, we promised Kenya that we would work hand-in-hand to fight illiteracy, poverty and disease but not to undermine our own leadership.

We told cleaning Kamu factions in the party's Nairobi branch to resolve their differences and forge a united front to fight their common enemy, the Opposition. He said Nairobi belongs to all the 42 tribes of Kenya.

The Minister criticised politicians who are striving for leadership because they claim to come from "big tribes."

He said the Kikuyu, Luo, Luhyia, Kamba and Kalenjin are big tribes but observed that Kenya's President could be elected from among the El Molo, the smallest community.

Since the dissolution of the Nairobi Kanu branch by President Moi some months ago, several factions have been wrangling and jostling for seats.

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Three were in a group of eight herdsmen who set off from Narok with 199 head of cattle destined for Solai. They camped at Rikia trading centre but at night, villagers confronted them, demanding that they produce permits.

Yesterday, about 100 young men were being held at Nyoro Police Station for questioning and Mr Diffu said they would be released as soon as "we are through with them."

At the station where the police are also holding the livestock, Nakuru DC, Mr Noor Aided, said 11 animals out of the 19 that were still missing by Friday evening have been recovered. He said the Government will ensure the rest are traced and returned to their owners.

Addressing the owners at the police station, Mr Aiden said plans were on to have people who slashed eight of the animals arrested. He asked the aggrieved parties not to take the law into their hands.

The DC also asked the Veterinary Department to treat the animals at Government expense.

Red Cross warns on emblem

By SUNDAY NATION Correspondent

The Kenya Red Cross Society has given institutions bearing its emblem until October 1 to pull it down.

The society's deputy secretary general, Mrs Emma Naniori Karanja, said the emblem was misused for commercial gains by businessmen in trib- als.

She said the Red Cross should be used with either blue or green for hospitals and pharmaceuti- cals, respectively, which were the internationally recognised symbols.

Mrs Karanja said the Red Cross and Red Crescent were protected symbols under the National Flag, Emblem and Names Act Cap 99 of the Laws of Kenya.

"The public cannot differenti- ate between the Red Cross em- blem and those which have hos- pitals, " she said.

Mrs Karanja said this when she rubbed off the emblem in Highview Medical Centre, Nairobi, yesterday.

This campaign has been ne- cessitated by the fact that there was rampant abuse of the em- blem in the country by some in- stitutions and businessmen for commercial purposes, contrary to the ideals of the movement," she said.

She said those who will not ad- here to the notice will be prose- cuted.

The campaign was launched by Attorney-General Amos Wako on May 8.

She said a total of 300 misuse of the emblem were rubbed off in the one week long exercise.

"The Kenya delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Mr Job Off Loma said the Red Cross em- blem was a device created in or- der to prevent people who were not participating in hostilities during the time of conflict.

The emblem was meant to many as a symbol of neutrality and humanity," he said.
Time to assess morals

Violence that put rule of law in sharp focus

The mob violence witnessed in Nakuru on August 19 thrust shockwaves far and wide, eliciting sharp reactions from Kenyans as well as foreigners.

Yet while the condemnation was categorical and universal (except for Sheriff Nassir’s spirited remarks, the opinions were sharply divided as to what the incident said about the status of the rule of law in Kenya today.

Was the Nakuru incident an ‘isolated case’ of hooliganism or was it indicative of the lawlessness that has come to characterise Kenyan society?

One man who feels confident that the rule of law still prevails in Kenya is nominated MP Moses Wetang’ula.

Commenting Attorney-General Anna Wako for ordering an investigation into the incident, Mr Wetang’ula, chairman of Kanu’s standing committee on human rights, said it would be ‘unwise to pass any value judgment on the case at this time since such might prejudice the on-going investigations.’

Nonetheless, he was confident that the law was taking its course in the matter and that the cul-prits will be prosecuted.

But while Mr Kibere believes there is still rule of law in Kenya, he says “there is need for more respect for the law on the part of the authorities.”

The Rev Jephthah Gathaka, concurs with Wetang’ula that there is too much sabre-rattling in Kenya today.

“There is just too much of a ‘tooth for a tooth and eye for an eye’ attitude in our society today,” he said.

But if the Nakuru violence was not an isolated case, does that mean that the rule of law in Kenya has largely collapsed?

Clearly no, said Gichugu MP Martha Karua who is convinced that her rights and those of all Kenyans are protected by law.

Which is why she believes in taking the Government to court every time someone’s rights have been violated, be it in a police station, assistant chief, district oti- cer or even the Attorney-General himself.

“We have a duty to defend our rights,” says Ms Karua. “We also have a duty to respond whenever any citizen’s rights are violated.”

Describing last week’s incident in Nakuru as ‘yet another illustration of Kanu’s culture of violence,’ Ms Karua said there was a critical difference between Nakuru’s and other incidents of violence.

“Rioting is wrong whoever it is,” she said, adding that public security is such a serious issue that the Government needs to address it squarely.

Those charged with maintaining security need to instil a sense of confidence in the citizenry,“ she said adding that the incident had the opposite effect.

“The fact that both incidents took place outside the law court and the prison, means that law enforcers were watching events unfold,” Ms Githu said.

As far as she is concerned, everyone has a part to play in protecting the rule of law in Kenya.

“I am not saying that citizens are to be blamed for the non-enforcement of law, but I do believe we share culpability for not condoning every violation of citi- zen’s rights,” she said.

Ms Githu added it does not matter how far the investigation goes. “It’s our duty to censor the Gov-ernment when it is in the wrong.”

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