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The Raila Doctrine is a phrase which has been used to describe how Raila Odinga has been reacting to his losses in Elections in Kenya. The phrase was coined in mischief by Senior Counsel Ahmednasir Abdullahi representing the IEBC, during the Kenya Presidential Election Petition that was heard by the Supreme Court of Kenya in March 2013. The doctrine simply states:

“...a presidential election can never be declared to have been free and/or fair unless Raila Odinga wins the election.”

-Source: Wikipedia-

Ours is an age long rivalry, subtly inherited by matter of fate and fact, so I chose to win in this game but if he decided to stay forever in opposition, let him impress daddy that way. Every time I look at the flag, it inspires in me an idea, that of a Blinded (black) growing (green) spirit and blood (red) of Peace (white) of the Kenyan population, that where his political faction shall turn against him and eventually grow in support of me, and I shall shield that dream, that idea, for that also is an emblem part of our Kenyan flag.

So why would I consider myself better than the Man Raila, the novice master, a characteristic Machiavellian prince with a puzzling aura around him; one whose name made and destroyed careers as he morphed from Tinga to Agwambo to Hammer, and now affectionately ‘Baba’. It would be hypocritical of me to deny that Raila has been the Kenyan politics and Kenyan politics has been Raila, the master always at reinvention. All good without an unholy exaggeration, I respect this man, and shall hold it utmost always. But as nature has it, even the honey drips to an end, eventually, so it’s only natural of him too, as the great Abraham Lincoln once said “We should be irrevocably cut off from our past, and be forced to splice the ragged ends of our lives upon whatever new conditions chance might leave dangling for us”, hence here’s why I am better now than him.

1. Putting my house in Order:

Politics is a game of ‘my convenience’ and not necessarily ‘our convenience’ as aptly put, there’s no permanent foes or friends in politics, or is it ‘politricks’, how much I would agree. Knowing this all too well as to put it in practice, I resolved from the start to keep my house in order, not that it really matters, am still the president right? But see, I chose to win against an enigma Raila in this game, how best to beat him than capitalize on his weaknesses (if any).

The puzzling aura around him and which he tries so much to protect has failed him on this;
from losing considerably strong allies towards the last general election, to the “Peeling Back the Mask”, to the “handpicked” candidates in the 2013 elections run-up, to the “men in Black”, to the now viral Magerer ouster, and the young Turks now want a big piece of their own but you remain adamant in keeping your old allies closer than most, if it kills you, for they've been around for a long time and deserve that respect-remember the ‘my convenience’ part? One of my newest political acquaintances Dr. Kidero now vows to use all means possible to lead Nyanza into power in the 2017 General election; Your own creation is turning out to destroy you-or maybe it’s another one of them ploys you play to confuse your opponents into putting their guards down; I hope not, but if the whole situation works for me, so be it. If only you’d listen to Kisumu East MP Shakeel Shabir’s call for an overhaul of the ODM secretariat to salvage the party from it’s already dented image.

On my side, I Have been trying my best to keep my fort intact man, by hook or crook. You should have seen me read the riot act to Charity Ngilu (Mama Rainbow) and Mohamed Swazuri, “how dare you! Keep it below the radar if you have to”, it was a truce between two bitter rivals as Ruto and I oversaw the signing of an agreement that is to give back Kenyans confidence that my govern-ment is committed to the agenda on land-beat that!

2. **Soft power:**

In his work on rhetoric, the great Aristotle established the framework with which many of us, perhaps most of us, still approach the subject of persuasion through character. In particular, the Stagirite recognized three modes of persuasion: namely,

1. **Through the character of the orator;**

2. **Through the emotions of the hearers; and**

3. **Through the arguments of the speech.**

These three I seek so much to master and even my better Half Megg has joined me in this mission. You see her in those marathons am trying to get a grasp of, the maternal health campaigns and such-man, she even won the U.N personality of the year 2014; its beyond what I’d expected of her as she assisted in oath-taking after the elections, I remember it like it was yesterday-you missed a great ceremony I must say. She adds to my character and kind of levels out some stuff.

Overtime I have also been working on my presence, as the President, naturally the country expects I’ll refrain so much to interact directly with them, but do I? From taking selfies with an elated Kenyan crowd, to invitations to the statehouse, making their dreams come true sort of, to selfies in the Matatu with my man Collymore, to visiting your ‘turf’ Kibra without security detail (or so they thought); it gets better; every time I do any of these, someone is always around with a camera to take them pictures of me and the people. Lest I forget, Am yet to get over the shoes throwing thing at Migori but Megg says she’ll handle it, last I saw her walking down the modeling runway, I hear its called strutting; that’s supposed to make her look human and reachable? I guess.

The belief that we are the masters of our own destiny surely ranks among the most fundamental of human conceits. This overarching self-perception is viewed by many scholars as a prerequisite to personal adjustment, enabling us to face un-certainty with conviction and challenges with perseverance, so, In recognition of the primacy of influence in the social landscape, G. W. Allport (1968) defined the field
of social psychology as “an attempt to understand . . . how the thought, feeling, and behavior of the individual are influenced by the actual, imagined, or implied presence of others.” No other topic in social psychology can lay claim to such centrality. In the long run my presence has earned me acquaintance with your cousin Barrack Obama. This mine is a slow process but earning clout.

3. Olive branch and safe politics:

In as much as one conquers his own turf so well or relatively so, in the political field it’s also prudent to seek external control, which is, seeking to manipulate the rival by “soft means”. As you display your ire on my ways of government, I play victim by being the ‘good one’, “come on, let’s talk...where can you assist? We ain’t perfect you know and we admit” and this game never gets old. But it’s prudent to mix politics and development sometimes, or is it to balance? Whichever, been long since I left the economics class anyway-(you remember that from my reign in Finance docket-my bad). So, in the name of development, I mix with your point men to your protest, and the ‘good one’ line comes to suffice again. Who’s Dr. Kidero if not just a tour-buddy on development projects, but you call him a mole now?

This goes beyond the Kenyan borders as the record roundup of support I marshaled on the ICC cases. While you watched the ICC vulture circle around my head waiting for me to drop dead, I put a name tag on its claws so it seemed to belong to you-all I had to say now was “See, he sent this my way, he’s a villain!”. We both know how that went down; its politricks, nothing personal.

Maybe you’re holding your cards too close to your chest, a strategy probably, but me thinks you have no cards at all! You’re holding a mirror in your hand wondering “What in the Proverbial Happened to me?” tell you what, its history that done happened; put your career down and call it a day while you can still have a little bit of dignity doing it.

So take it or leave it, am the better one now and I’ll enjoy it while it last; if it rains let it rain, the wilder weather the better.

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