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“East Africa would not accept coup”

- President Kenyatta -

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- Religious and racial profiling to fight terror? Not a bad idea
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We all seek recovery from last year's Westgate Mall attack, to the pro-repute of the Al Shabaab jihadist wing but thanks to the likes of the late 'Sheikh' Makaburi-as casual I regard him too much to state his real names-we now know we as a country greatly "deserved it" principled on an eye for an eye. Human Rights can never protect themselves without blemish; at the treasure of one comes trash of the other; time has proved again. I refer to the arbitrary search and arrests that of late has accosted the Kenyan Public mostly targeting persons of Somali origin, dubbed "Operation Usalama Watch". Is the operation too high handed that it beats necessity or is the patient rightly overdue: you decide.

As I welcome you to the 7th issue of Kenyan Legal magazine, I wish to take this chance to appreciate the committed team workmanship the Kenyan Legal Magazine's support team has demonstrated this far-from the Secretariat to the Branch co-coordinators, you've been a great team. And even much more thanks to the audience at large; those who take time to read at least an article from every publication, to those who follow up with correspondence and feedback; really appreciated and we shall continue so. They say the Sequel is never as good as the Original, but I say, for Kenyan Legal, The best is yet to come!

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Profiling to Fight Terror? Not a Bad Idea.

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Life doesn't imitate Perfection; not even an attempt at it; for even in Human relations, we forget so easily the wrongs we do unto others but we narrate every detail of every step on our toes to the basic of details. Nobody ever likes to play Villain but in this case I take stand with the "Villain"; woe unto you "Victim". It would be extreme to profile all Somali immigrants in Kenya as Terrorists, but hypocritical at is to deny that most, if not all of the Terrorists are Somali immigrants, and since we all love limiting factors, this is one fact that even the Government itself cannot turn away from-critics or no critics.

I see no sinister motive in the government's "Operation Usalama Watch" other than on the side of it, could further "fuel" radicalization amongst the Muslim youths-which to me is basically an Excuse Threat-but come off it, this is terrorism being fought, not a hostage situation where negotiation usually works. What does the radicalized youths have to lose? Their Lives? (Sic)-or is it their live ammunition? But we do as a country, Muslim or no Muslim we do, as a country have something to lose; our lives, our pride as a country, and most of all, our freedom of worship-maybe my priorities are a little in distort.

It is most cynical that once the "Operation Usalama Watch" started, the Government came under attack from various factions mostly grounded on "My People's Human Rights are being stepped on!"—but when your own installed 'Sheikh' Makaburi's "an eye for an eye" with no apology comes from your backyard, you all go Murmur, nowhere to shame his valor, till he's mured by some good old bullets(I wouldn't call it 'assassination', that would give him too much credit), pretty much without protest, or the failed attempt, he's buried a Martyr; So much for reckless bravery when 'Operation Usalama Watch' commences that now you regain your voice; Hear no evil—see no evil.

The Human Rights also have to please go fly their own kites...What does the radicalized youths have to lose? Their lives? (Sic)-or is it their live ammunition?"
demand, next it will demand for a glass of milk. In his statement before conviction for sedition, Nairobi Chief Magistrates Court-1988, Okong’o Arara is quoted saying: 

"I did not ask for leniency from this Court for to do so is to recognize its right to do judge me. I expect no mercy and ask for none, for if there is no mercy for millions of Kenyans, what will mercy to one individual serve?"

Reflect.

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