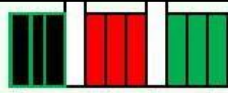


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**W**elcoming you to the fourth issue of The Kenyan Legal Magazine. I, on the Kenyan Legal Team's behalf wish to express our appreciation for your continued support.

Kenya is largely a patriarchal society and has long given justifications to sexual and gender based violence towards; it has always been the woman's fault even when bestiality is the subject matter at hand. Even though its well known that a woman is her own enemy, on mention of such violence the first person that always comes to mind has always been The Hon. Lady Justice Njoki Ndung'u, the architect behind

the Sexual Offences Bill, now Sexual Offences Act, 2006, introduced to parliament as a private member bill with an objective "to make provision about sexual offences, their definition, prevention and the protection of all persons from harm from unlawful sexual acts and for connected purposes", so when we hear of cases like three men accused of raping a 16 year old school girl and dumping her body in a latrine were ordered to cut grass as punishment, we ask, "WHAT WOULD HON. NJOKI NDUNG'U DO?"

This issue, therefore as always, comes as an improvement from the previous issues for we believe, at Kenyan Legal, that engaging the coming generation of legal minds in governance and legal discussions affecting the country is what shall move this country forward.

Its Real Kenya, Real Issues. Enjoy your read.

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## POWER PLAY»

Power, politics & governance

With Arnold Odiembo

# WHAT DOES OUR KENYA POLICE FORCE REALLY NEED?

**N**ot one nor twice but time without number has the quest to ensure the championing of the implementation of police reforms in Kenya been an issue of enormous kernelty.

All has been done from the implementation of the new constitution through to the creation of independent police bodies running down to the amendment of police reforms but none has brought ensconced and relief to Kenyans that may make them believe in the police force. The funniest part of it all is, what was jotted down under the police reforms has brought more harm to both the Kenyan citizens and the police body at large.

Rather than Kavilundi and Kimaiyo focusing on the 'core' they major on the 'co'.

Back in high school Mr Wara my teacher of English at Maranda, tried to distinguish the two. He intimated that 'Core' is used to implore the great importance of something or something important per se. 'Co' he stated is used as to bring about the meaning peripheral or rather AOB.

Kimayo and Kavilundi have majored their focus on the supremacy battle rather than focusing on providing the leadership that would bring the slightest betterment of the police force.

But that aint of much importance to my reason for writing. I feel the police force is pasted dark due to the fact that since time in memorial or rather the epoch of it all, the police force has been used as a pit for those who have not done well in their academics. The police force has always been a better positive alternative for 'academic misery' before the public. It is also a belief that most police officers have failed to undertake the complete educational syllabus.

The police force is where people with self low esteem have crowded and that is why the moment you tease or rather direct abusive verbatim to a police officer there are higher chances that he /she could blow of your head. When you tell a police officer '*wewe ni mjinga*', it hits him not in the head but at heart and he or she will act violently or rather aggressively because he is hurt by that fact.

Take a case where you intimate the same statement to a police officer with a master's degree in any major course. Surely if he or she is

a reasonable prudent individual he/she will take it upon him or herself to rather convince you, who is calling him stupid to be more stupid in a more amicable manner rather than violently.

I think in the quest to ensure the reduction of the police taking down citizens without

conscience, their educational status should be key in one's qualifications. Let us have the minimum requirement for one to join the police force to be a degree in any course not just any Tom Dick and Harry Jane inclusive who finds misery on his or her academic background

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