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Nairobi Senator Edwin Sifuna



Judith Pareno



John Mbadi



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DAY OF RECKONING

Simmering rows threaten to blow up Orange Party

Chairman Mbadi declares ready to quit; unresolved issues, anger go back to last elections

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ODM chairman John Mbadi on Wednesday confirmed there are some unresolved issues that have been left unattended and which ought to be resolved for the smooth

running of the party. Mbadi cited the last party primaries as some of the areas that remain unresolved and which disfranchised a section of the party members.

"As far as I am concerned we were meant to discuss some of the issues that arose at the party primaries and

generally looking at the last election to see where we probably went wrong," Mbadi said on phone.

Mbadi – the longest serving ODM chair – blamed the Elections Board for bungling the primaries.

"More importantly, we bungled the last primaries and the party needs to

discuss that. Remember after 2017 we discovered that there were messes and we constituted a task force, the recommendation of that task force was given to the same chair of the task force to implement," he said.

"Her tenure is even worse than Pareno's tenure. We need to ask

ourselves what went wrong."

Judith Pareno is a former nominated senator who served as NEB chair before Catherine Mumma took over.

On Wednesday, the nominated MP lifted the lid to a serious power struggle in the party, even threatening to resign his leadership position.

"Those who think being chairman is so important to them let them offer themselves to lead. I am very ready to leave the position to them. Right now I am the chair but I am not dying to be the chair. I have done my bit," Mbadi declared.

"They took away my position as the minority leader, I am still alive, they can still take away the chairmanship, I will still be alive. I want to repeat it for the record: I want to leave this position of ODM chair."

He spoke on a day nine MPs affiliated to ODM broke ranks with the party and held closed door meeting with the President at State House.

ODM has publicly stated that it does not recognise President Ruto and his administration.

The nine include Kisumu senator Tom Ojienda, MPs Felix Odiwuor (Langata), Mark Nyamita (Urii), Caroli Omondi (Suba South), Gideon Ochanda (Bondo), Elisha Odhiambo (Gem), Paul Abuor (Rongo) and Walter Owino (Awendo).

Independent MP Shakeel Shabir (Kisumu East) who has been voting with the minority side in Parliament also attended the morning State House meeting.

Two of the nine MPs are victims of the sham nominations by the party.

Gem MP Elisha Odhiambo had to take the party to the Political Parties Dispute Tribunal before he was handed the party certificate, even after emerging the winner during the party's primaries.

Yesterday, Odhiambo said there is a need for urgent cleanup of the party to make it responsive to the expectations of members.

AG ADVISORY

State slams breaks on Mombasa plans to collect port levy



President William Ruto and Mombasa Governor Abdulsamad Nassir during a meeting at State House, Nairobi, on January 11 /HANDOUT

CHARLES MGHENYI/ Plans by the Mombasa county government to collect levy from the port of Mombasa have hit a dead end after Attorney General Justin Muturi said it is beyond its powers.

In the Mombasa County Finance Bill 2022/2023, the county has pro-

posed Port Users Infrastructure and Support Maintenance Levy to be charged at a rate of \$5 per imported motor vehicle, \$10 per container per TEU, and \$0.5 per metric tonne of all loose cargo.

The bill excluded charges on all transit and export cargo.

Mombasa Governor Abdulsamad Nassir has had several meetings with President William Ruto and Transport Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen on the new proposal.

On the New Year's day, Ruto paid a courtesy call on Nassir at his office and later at night hosted the governor and other coastal leaders at State House, Mombasa.

On January 11, Ruto and Nassir met at State House, Nairobi, where by Nassir disclosed that the national and county governments would be working in collaboration on various projects to improve the lives of the people of Mombasa.

A week ago, Nassir met with Murkomen at his office in Nairobi to discuss how Mombasa will get its share of port revenue.

"I expressed my commitment to working with the national government to ensure that Mombasa benefits from the port's economic activities. The port is a major source of income for residents of our county and it is important to ensure that the county government is fully involved in the decisions that shape the industry," Nassir said.

He said Murkomen expressed his commitment to working together with Mombasa county to ensure they get their fair share of port revenue. They agreed to set up a joint technical team to look into the issue.



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Thika Water & Sewerage Company Ltd invited interested and eligible bidders for Tender No. **THIWASCO/046/RWOTP/2022-2023** Upgrade of Thika Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project Phase II which appeared on **My Gov, printed by The Star Newspaper**, our website and on the Public Procurement Information Portal on **January 10, 2023**.

THIWASCO wishes to amend bills in the tender and therefore interested and eligible bidders are urged to obtain further information and clarifications that have been uploaded in our website **www.thikawater.co.ke** and also in the Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP).

The bid closing/submission date and time remain unchanged.

Yours faithfully

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