

THE DAMMING REPORT EXPOSING FLAWS & FRAUD IN ODM-K (UK Chapter) ELECTIONS.

Introduction:

This is a concise preliminary report of what were supposedly the long awaited ODM-K (UKChapter) Elections held on 19thMay 2007 in London. Pending meanwhile, is the comprehensive version detailing the extent of the debacle complete with Harvard referencing, Bibliography and incriminating appendixes. During my short tenure and in my capacity as a nominated **Electoral Committee Taskforce Member**, as part of a team were delegated with the due responsibility of planning and implementing systems to deliver a Free and Fair Elections. Our mandate also corporately included, ensuring that the prevailing atmosphere was that of accountability and transparency whilst erecting these systems and structures. We in turn consistently reported the progress feedback to 'The Executive' in line with tracking the usurping of authority by any individuals with enormous vested interests.

I am deeply saddened of the timing in the issuing of this dossier especially with the celebratory and congratulatory remarks streaming in from the ends of the earth. Established truth is unrestrainable and reporting that the elections planning and implementation were bogged down with serious irregularities and malpractices is a duty and takes precedence over everything. Neither these irregularities nor the malpractices were due to genuine errors, but deliberate and strategic methodologies deployed towards perverting a candid and trustworthy process. They were calculatively a designed by specific taskforce persons in their bid of empowering themselves with disproportionate clout to hoist themselves in posts as a result of lack of competition from potential contenders. As was intended in predicting the outcome with a mockingly flawed framework in place, the elections thus failed to meet the **bare minimum civilized standards** of free and fair elections.

Truly the exercise undertaken on Saturday by **Mrs. Mabel Mark, Mr. Isaac Aluchier, Mr. Jerry Odes, Ms Rose Ochwada, Mr. Isaac Mutula, JR Otieno and Mr. Rogers Orero** were not, even remotely, elections of any nature anywhere and cannot pass for 'elections' even in the most primitive of the most undemocratic,

dictatorial and totalitarian regimes known. Tentatively, this was a project of Mrs. Mabel Mark and her above named cohorts who were set out to propagate and perpetrate illegality in a wholesale scale. The irregularities were mainly in pre-polling exercise as featured in the following enbolded headlines:

Printing and Distribution of Membership Cards were controlled from a single source by one of the above a partisan official who deliberately hoarded the distribution from regions perceived as opponent's strongholds. He restricted the issuing of the booklets to various activists such as me cards as a tactful means of controlling the registration of eligible voters that they could not determine their vote inclination. This was executed with a bit of debonair but punctuated with stubbornness. With the Elections' hurriedly fixed deadline looming, the general cadres of ODMK supporters went into frenzy with the revelation of the impossibility of obtaining the cards in time. This hence pulled the trigger of anxiety drama that unleashed the tsunami of emails from all over regional UK cities of people feeling systematically marginalized and inherently duped. The hoarding strategy had worked wonders for the conniving taskforce official's hell bent in immobilizing the voter's registration and thereby causing a catalogue of systems complete failure.

Withdrawals of Candidates with Credentials, genuine and well-reasoned pleas of people seeking the postponement of the elections inundated the Electoral Committee Taskforce and the Executive Committee. But these fell on deaf ear of compromised officials who having restricted the distribution of cards, had now arrogated themselves the full authority of the organ. Power had shifted, consensus was totally disregarded and individual's wishes became the rule. Even the muting of the Interim Executive Committee assumed normality. Following this new punitive and oppressive approach by self-seeking individuals, what ensued was overt disenchantment by the silent majoritarians. Party hopefuls started withdrawing and calling for total boycott of the entire process. Credible Party Candidates with renowned popularity, and with impeccable integrity, started submitting their resignations. These included the following **Mr. Charlse Bosire, Dr. Ken Chelule, Dr. Abdi Greek**, (The People's top guns) **all withdrew plus Mr. George Ogembo, Mr. Rogers Odhiambo, Mr. Mohamed Adan. Mr. Benjamin Kubo, Mr. Paul Otieno** just to mention a few. Ardent supporters threatened abdication of their Interim Executive portfolios followed unless

leadership was provided in terms of stern intervention(s) against these wayward self-seeking characters. The Interim executive Office wisely and swiftly stepped in and nullified the proposed elections. Subsequent to the boycott by a substantial amount of candidates, as it were, would later result to the inability of filling all critical functionality-wise positions in the organ like the Secretary General. The guilty parties resorted to trying to lure back the dispirited and dejected candidates who had already boycotted.

Ferrying of Voters. Inexpiably and with one track mind of bulldozing on with the elections regardless, compromised officials like Mr. J.Odus grafted in the employee of his security company whilst Mrs. Mark ferried her employees in mini buses also loaded with food and refreshments.

Compromised Officials, some Key members of the Taskforce namely Isaac Mutual who was charged with presiding of the whole process conducted himself in a manner that made me believe that he was partisan and not an impartial umpire in the sacred duty of holding a free and fair election. And he inadvertently in the process emasculated and endangered the entire process towards one of the most corrupt and sleaze-ridden elections ever in the Queens soil. In doing so he also effectively, brought to disrepute the seriousness of his candidature for the Matuga Constituency where he is 'now' comically trying to unseat a cabinet Minister (Kibaki's long-term ally Mr.Ali Mwakere) by giving sleaze a new definition.

Manipulations and its inadequacies: whilst planning the elections, the neutrality of the venue the Taskforce Members used was of cardinal value in distancing the process away from sleaze but due to high handedness of certain individuals such efforts were simply curtailed. They instead favored the use of a palatial office of one of the official and thereby exposing the entire taskforce team to the vulnerability of being compromised with excess entertainment of 'nyama choma' and refreshments. When I vehemently objected to such irregularities it was meted by deep hostility and Mr.Aluochier and Mrs. Mark moved through the chair (R.Ochwada) that I be expelled from the meeting without any due process.

CONCLUSION:

Many critical people void of gullibility who are going to read this report are going to be left wanting with some inescapable questions i.e. what is the rationalization behind a prolonged list of unfilled posts. What about the voters turnout, or were there any losers? Or was it just coronation and endorsements? Etc.

All this is an unprecedented insult to the peoples of this reputable Diaspora constituency who have been cunningly disenfranchised and denied the very basic human rights and it's very sacrosanct by such opportunistic people who would stop at nothing in feeding their insatiable appetite for absolute power. This charade solidifies apathy among sincere supporters who are in total disillusionment of the capabilities of the ballot box systems in delivering democracy. These corrupt characters are darkening the hope in the Orange Movement and dampening the Spirit of it by proving correctly what Stalin coined as '**It is not the people that vote who count; it's the people who count the vote**'.

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