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Evidence fails to directly link minister

# • EMU PINS NGILU'S MINISTRY

BY FRANCIS MUREITHI

AUDITORS from the Office of the Prime Minister yesterday adduced evidence of shoddy deals at the Ministry of Water headed by Charity Ngilu.

The Efficiency Monitoring Unit, which operates directly under Prime Minister Raila Odinga, tabled before the Parliamentary Committee on Lands and Natural Resources a voluminous audit report exposing dozens of cases that could have cost the taxpayer millions of shillings.

Ngilu is a close ally of Raila and was an ODM Pentagon member in the 2007 election campaigns.

However, the evidence presented in Parliament yesterday did not link Ngilu personally to any wrongdoing in her ministry.

EMU director Vincent Nyagiro told the committee that his office found evidence of doctored



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PROBE: Efficiency Monitoring Unit Director Gen Vincent Nyangito yesterday.

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Photo/CHARLES KIMANI



PROTEST: Sonko supporters demonstrate.

## 'Sonko' remanded till Friday

BY ROY AGOYA AND ISAAC ONGIRI

MAKADARA MP Gidion 'Sonko' Mbuvi who was yesterday charged with various counts of fraud is being pressured to resign, Narc Kenya party leader Martha Karua told Parliament yesterday.

Sonko was remanded in custody until Friday when his application for bail will be determined. Scores of his supporters staged a demonstration in Buru Buru and the city centre to protest his arrest but were dispersed by riot police.

Sonko was escorted to Kibera court under tight security where he denied defrauding Shiraq Shangrajka of Tile and Carpet Centre along Mombasa Road in Nairobi of Sh2.8 million by pretending he could sell him a plot in Kwale. Sonko jumped bail after being released on a police bond of Sh50,000 in 2006.

His co-accused in the August 11, 2006 fraud, Daniel Ndung'u, has been attending the court for the hearing of the case.

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# Ogot criticises African varsities for irrelevance

BY NJENGA GICHEHA

AFRICA'S universities are out of touch and must be made relevant to the continent's needs, renowned historian Bethwel Ogot has said.

The Moi University Chancellor said colleges remain the best place to transform Africa from a sick and begging continent to a proud and confident player looking to the future with optimism.

He said many college administrators are trapped in a time warp and mindlessly copied systems from former colonial rulers instead of charting out a new and relevant independent path.

African colleges should find inspiration in the United States, Canada, Europe, India, Japan, South Korea, Singapore, Taiwan and Malaysia which have all adapted to their needs.

The continent is ravaged by war, civil strife, hunger and disease, yet colleges churn out graduates who are not equipped to handle the challenges.

"Each country and region must adapt its educational and research systems according to the requirements of its economic, political, cultural, social and technological development," said Ogot when he opened Kenyatta University's silver jubilee celebrations. Other speakers at the ceremony included KU Vice-Chancellor Olive Mugenda.

Kenyatta University was a college of the University of Nairobi until 1985 when it became a full-fledged university.

Ogot drafted the University of Nairobi Bill and was the chairman of the constitutional committee that drafted the Kenyatta University Bill.



**SILVER JUBILEE:** From left, front, Dr Edwin Gimode, Prof Bethwel Ogot and KU's Prof Mugenda. Back row, Prof John Okumu (L) and Dr Edward Kisiang'anj (R).

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## Mwalimu now enters Oxford dictionary

BY JOHN MUCHANGI

IT has been a long time coming, Kiswahili is the new English.

Next time you rifle through your English dictionary, the word Mwalimu will have become an English word.

Its not the only one — Ugali and Sukuma Wiki, the Kenyan staple — has too found a place in the high table.

The three have pride of place in the eighth edition of Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary.

Other Swahili words that make the list for the first time are: Mzee, Sufuria and Matatu. Vuvuzela, the ear splitting organ that shouted itself to fame in the World Cup in South Africa, has also found voice on paper.

Students will not have to worry about losing marks for using the words as standard English.

"The words earned their place in the dictionary because of their frequent usage in the day to day lives of Kenyans and the greater Eastern African nations."

## EMU investigators pin Ngilu's ministry

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vouchers, payments done without LPOs, double payment to various contractors and forgery of signatures to permit questionable payments among other malpractices.

Ngilu is fighting allegations of nepotism and graft in her ministry since her former assistant minister Mwangi Kiunjuri tabled documents before the committee early this month.

There are allegations that Ngilu's daughters, son-in-law and brother have been doing business with agencies under the ministry.

Three weeks ago Raila, during a tour of Kitui, appeared to support Ngilu against the accusations by Kiunjuri. However, Raila later issued a statement clarifying that he only supported Ngilu's development efforts but would not condone corruption in her ministry.

Yesterday the EMU boss said he focused his investigation on the National Water Conservation and Pipeline Corporation and the Tana-Athi Water Services Board that are under Ngilu's ministry.

It emerged that Raila may have already been briefed on the contents of the report prepared by EMU.

Nyagiro told the committee chaired by Gachoka MP Mutava Musyimi that the EMU had already shared the contents of the report with the Office of the PM Permanent Secretary Mohamed Isahakia who agreed to sign the report and officially hand a copy to the parliamentary committee.

Nyagiro adduced evidence of four cheques that could have been irregularly drawn by the NWCPC in September 2009 and cashed within four days to unknown persons and for unknown services.

The first cheque, dated September 22, 2009, was for Sh4,330,000; the second for Sh4,950,080; the third for Sh 5,245,020; and the fourth for Sh6

million.

"When we interviewed the finance manager, he said he was not aware of the accounts where the monies had been paid to. He also said his signature had been forged," said the EMU boss. Nyagiro said EMU has since asked the CID to investigate the holders of the said accounts.

EMU said it found that five companies demanding about Sh540 million without supporting documents are all owned or associated with one Stephen Ndung'u.

"These claims, as far as the owner of the company is concerned, were not exhaustive. There are many others," said Nyagiro.

EMU told the committee that junior officers who drafted the said cheques were suspended and later sacked. Nyagiro said the Inspectorate of State Corporations, which also falls under Raila, is surcharging the junior officers.

"It was not in order for the Inspectorate of State Corporations to surcharge them. The work of these clerks was only to draft the cheques. The people to be surcharged are those who gave the orders," he told the committee.

Earlier on, Nyagiro had requested officials of the Inspectorate of State Corporations to leave the committee room to allow EMU to adduce its evidence. The Inspectorate of State Corporations, represented by director Peter Ondieki and others, had earlier adduced its evidence before the committee.

The Inspectorate mainly touched on generalities but cited payment of Sh19 million to Elburgon Stores by the NWCPC as among queries it had uncovered during its probe.

After the Inspectorate officials left the room, the EMU explained the request was made because some Inspectorate officials served as board members of some state corporations

being probed. The EMU also tabled a report prepared by Ministry of Public Works stating that arson was behind a fire that gutted the offices of the NWCPC on Machakos Road in Nairobi's Industrial Area on September 25, 2009 destroying all the records.

The fire began at 3am after an explosion destroyed the offices of the Managing Director, accounts and other crucial departments.

EMU zeroed in on the Chief Executive Officer of the Tana-Athi Water Services Board saying he had asked the board to pay him Sh8.4 million for unnamed services.

"What raised curiosity is what made the CEO to ask that he be paid in cash," said the EMU boss noting that the Water Act of 2002 requires that such payment be made after supporting documents have been adduced. The board was also found to be advancing imprest of up to Sh6 million and that it had an outstanding imprest of Sh 80 million.

"We felt that it was risky for an institution to do that," he said.

Before the EMU, the Kenya National Audit Office which falls under the Auditor General had also tabled evidence to uncover corruption at the Water ministry.

Deputy director Stanley Muriuki said that in the 2000/09 financial year, questionable transactions at the Water ministry included withdrawal of Sh19 million that cannot be accounted for. The auditor said Sh900,000 was paid in connection for supply of fuel in relation with an irrigation project in Mandera West but there were no supporting documents.

A further Sh300,000 was spent with the auditor saying the expenditure was not justified. The auditor also questioned Sh3 million spent in distributing water in Mandera. In Kitui West, the auditor said Sh700,000 was paid for water pipes that were not supplied.

## Makadara MP 'Sonko' remanded till Friday

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Sonko also denied conning businesswoman Patience Chepchumba out of Sh500,000 by pretending he would import a car for her. The offence was allegedly committed on November 24 2009 in Mombasa.

The police objected to Sonko's application for bail saying he had previously jumped bail and was likely to interfere with witnesses in other investigations.

The police said he needed to be held in remand custody as the CID were still investigating a series of complaints against the MP.

These include one in which German businessman Roehr Hans has accused the MP of defrauding him out of Sh13 million. This case is before the Nairobi Chief Magistrate's court.

The CID were also investigating at least five outstanding warrants of arrest pending since 2005 including one issued by the Kibera court when he first appeared there.

The police said Sonko had many aliases including Mike Munga Musa, Hamisi Muoki, Norwan Muoki and was being investigated for a string of fraud cases.

"The director of CID is investigating other allegations against the MP including a case where he escaped from custody while admitted at Coast General Hospital on April 6 1998 while serving a sentence for impersonation," prosecutor Joseph

Musyoka said.

Sonko's lawyers — Paul Muite and Cecil Miller — faulted the police for not arresting him since 2005 if they were serious about their claims that there were five outstanding warrants of arrest.

The MP's father Gideon Kioko Kivanguli, Embakasi MP Ferdinand Waititu and a host of powerful city businessmen were in court to show their solidarity with Sonko.

Sonko's court appearance was delayed for an hour when hundreds of his supporters thronged the premises waving placards and demanding his release.

In Parliament, Karua did not identify the people who had asked Sonko to resign. "The MP for Makadara is being held for what might be more than legal reasons. In fact I have information that the pressure is being put on him to resign," Karua said adding Sonko's wife was the source of the information.

Garsen MP Danson Mungatana accused unnamed Sonko opponents who were out to ensure another by-election is held.

Cherangany MP Joshua Kuttuny said Sonko was being intimidated by police and called for justice to be done.

Mbui was elected MP for Makadara on September 20 when he defeated former assistant minister Dick Wathika of PNU and Reuben Ndolo of ODM.