

Kadhi's courts will not touch other faiths, say lobbies

By NATION Correspondents

Muslim religious leaders yesterday defended Kadhi's courts being entrenched in the constitution, saying they had no jurisdiction over other faiths.

Addressing a press conference outside Mbaraq Mosque in Mombasa, officials of the Council of Imams and Preachers of Kenya and Supreme

Council of Kenya Muslims (Supkem) said they would not support a constitution that will do away with the courts.

Sheikh Mukhtar Khatamy, Supkem Coast branch chairman accused some Christian clerics of trying to create chaos by opposing the courts.

"The courts have nothing to do with the constitution making and some Christian leaders are being used to derail the

process," he said.

"But we will defend the presence of the courts in the constitution by all means," he added.

On Monday, religious leaders from Pentecostal churches said the Kadhi's courts should not be enshrined in the constitution because it would mean that the religion would be the one recognised by law.

However, the Muslim lead-

ers claimed that the Christian religious leaders opposed to the courts were acting on behalf of non reformists who were out to ensure that the country does not get a new constitution.

"The courts deal with three main issues affecting Muslims — marriage, divorce and inheritance — which have nothing to do with Christians," said Mr Khatamy.

COURT RULING

Judge gets Sh2.5m for defamation

Court says bank breached its agreement with customer

By RICHARD MUNGUTI

A bank was yesterday ordered to pay a judge Sh2.5 million for defamation.

Lady Justice Joyce Khaminwa ruled that Justice Nicholas Ombija was defamed by the bank when it claimed he had no money in his account.

Justice Khaminwa said the bank breached the contract it entered into with the judge when he opened the account.

Earning interest

She said the money will start earning interest on August 27, 2009, the date by which it should have been delivered to the judge.

Justice Ombija had asked the court, through his lawyer

Mr Cecil Miller, to award him Sh7 million.

Mr Miller had asked for Sh6 million for defamation and Sh 1 million for breach of contract.

Justice Khaminwa made the judgment two days after the Court of Appeal stayed the proceedings to await the outcome of an intended appeal, saying the bank had shown that it had an arguable appeal.

The judgment, therefore, could place the judge and the court of appeal on a collision course.

Was surprised

In his testimony, Justice Ombija told the court that he was defamed three times on April 19 and May 3 and 4, 2008.

"I was surprised to be told I lacked funds in my account yet I had deposited over Sh19,000 in my Visa account," the judge said.

He told Justice Khaminwa that the director of the Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission, Mr Justice (rt) Aaron Ringera, signed the contract forms as a witness when he opened the Visa account.

He told the court the bank subjected him to "considerable amount of distress, agony, mental torture, humiliation, scandal, opprobrium and contempt in the eyes of the public."

Justice Khaminwa made the judgment after proceedings were stayed

Kenya scores high in league of book pirates

By NATION Reporter

Kenya is rated third among the worst countries dogged by book piracy in Africa, the government admitted yesterday.

The Kenya National Examinations Council (KneC), Kenya Institute of Education, public universities and secondary schools are some of the biggest culprits, Kenya Copyright Board chairman Jimmi Makotsi said yesterday.

He said changes in the law will soon land culprits in court where a fine of not less than Sh5 million will be imposed. Currently, those found guilty of copyright infringements are fined Sh800,000.

Mr Makotsi said only Nigeria and South Africa were ahead of Kenya in dubious distinction of intellectual property thefts.

Speaking at a stakeholders' workshop, Mr Makotsi said authors were consigned to abject poverty when fraudsters

enjoyed from their sweat.

Knee was accused of setting examinations from text books without acknowledging the authors or paying requisite royalty.

Mr Makotsi said under the framework of international laws and being members of International Federation of Reproduction Rights Organisation (IFRRO), the world could soon compel the country to toe the line.

Main reason

Ministry of Education officials defended themselves saying lack of awareness was the main reason for the action in the institution mentioned.

They and challenged stakeholders to develop a strategy which they could use to seek funding in line with royalty compensation requirements.

Representative of the IFRRO, Mr Jon Willy Rudolf, said a clear cut policy should be developed by the country to deal with piracy rather than resorting to legal means.



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	Address		Telephone No.	Mobile Tel. No.		
Postal Address and Code		Town				
KCSE (Performance)	Mean Grade (Aggregate)	English		Mathematics	Physics	
		Clusters		Automotive	Surveying	Building/Civil
Preferred Course Specify your preference/choice by ticking one of the courses above in only two clusters	Mechanical	Agricultural Engineering	Electrical	Automotive	Surveying	Building/Civil
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