

# Lawyers to engage judges during Judiciary open day

Acquitted duo threatens to sue A-G over murder charge

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LAWYERS are bracing for a tough two-day discourse with judges at the Judiciary open days to be held at KICC grounds in Nairobi starting tomorrow.

The learned friends plan to take to task the judicial officers whom they accuse of slow dispensation of justice in the country.

Led by lawyer Evans Ondieki of Ondieki & Ondieki Advocates, the lawyers are marching around a ground calling itself "Sauti ya Mungu" yesterday said they will aggressively put up Kenyans' case before the judicial officers and urged them (Kenyans) to turn up in large numbers to witness.

According to Ondieki, they will first converge at the Central Park before marching to KICC where they will fearlessly "demystify the administration of justice".

Speaking at the park, the lawyer asked the public to

attend the open days forum and put judges on spot over the pending cases which are taking too long to be cleared.

He appealed to the public to be aggressive and put the judiciary to task come the time in order to be aware of their rights.

The judiciary has set up Friday and Saturday as inaugural public days in which the public and stakeholders in the administration of justice will engage judicial officers including the Chief Justice Evan Gicheru on matters of justice.

Meanwhile, the case lodged by two women battling to control the estate of the late Moyale Member of Parliament Dr. Wilson Guracho Galgalo yesterday stalled following the transfer of the trial judge Lady Justice Kalpana Rawal.

Justice Rawal has been transferred from the Family Division to the Civil Division thereby affecting the hearing of the case commenced by Rehema Dida

Jaldesa against the first wife of the deceased MP Bernadetta Okotu Shama.

Lawyer Cecil Miller for Rehema informed the judge that he complied with the directive that he files affidavits replying to the issues raised by Bernadetta.

Miller stated he filed the documents on Monday this week as per the court directive. He indicated that he also served the necessary parties.

The lawyer informed the judge that he was ready to proceed with the suit which has raised serious triable legal issues pertaining to marriage, faith and administration of the estate of the deceased MP who died in a plane crash.

Justice Rawal regretted that the case could not proceed despite the fact that she had listed it for hearing.

The judge however allowed Lawyer Alfred Nyandieka for Bernadetta to respond to 14 affidavits filed in support of the suit filed by Rehema.

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Magarini MP Harrison Kombe (l) confers with his lawyer G. Kikandi after the hearing of his election petition at the Court of Appeal in Nairobi yesterday.

RICHARD MUNGUTI

THE lawyers defending two freed murder suspects have threatened to commence a case against Attorney-General Amos Wako.

The two were acquitted two weeks ago over the murder of a son of slain drug baron Akasha Ibrahim.

The law firm of Mohammed Muigai have also threatened to commence a suit against lawyer Dr John Khaminwa for allegedly instigating the arrest of a Yugoslavian Stojanovic Milan alias Allan and businessman Jackson Ng'ang'a Waweru. Milan and Waweru were acquitted for lack of evidence by Justice Nicholas Ombija for lack of evidence.

Milan, Waweru and Abdalla were charged with murdering Kamadin Alex at Zan Zam Pet of Station 3507 were cleared by Justice Ombija who said the real killers were not brought to book.

Milan and Waweru were represented by Prof. Giddu Muigai of Mohamed Muigai Advocates.

# Scouts protest use of its 3-fingure salute by Narc-K

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THE Kenya Scouts Association (KSA) has protested the continued use by Narc-Kenya of the three-finger salute associated with the scouts and girl guides movements world wide.

Yesterday as the controversy surrounding the symbol resurfaced at a media forum in Nairobi, KSA demanded that the party stops using it "once and for all."

During the unveiling of a programme for the celebrations to mark 100 years of the movement's existence around the world, the association's officials sent a passionate appeal to the party to reconsider its decision and stop using the salute.

The officials expressed fears that continued use of the salute by Narc-Kenya will cause a clash of symbols between a political movement and a social one.

KSA's National Executive Commissioner Mangu Miriti said following its foundation, the scouts movement would not want to battle with anybody over the symbol and called for its respect. He said it represents peace.

The symbol drew contro-

versy last year when Narc-Kenya was founded. Then, a cross section of civil society organisations and top world individuals associated with the scouts movement noticed the anomaly and raised an eyebrow over the hijacking of the salute.

The World Organisation of Scouts Movement Secretary General, Eduardo Missoni supported KSA's sentiments that, the use of the salute by Narc-Kenya would mean an imminent clash of salutes.

National Assembly Speaker Francis Ole Kaparo who is also the Scouts Commissioner General last year while presiding over a scouts function in Kapenguria, West Pokot, called on Narc-Kenya to reconsider the decision to use the salute as its symbol and even suggested that they should change and use the lake.

"Scouting is a non-political movement and we will not want to enter political battles," warned Miriti.

However, despite this clash, the officials said that the emblem is a patented symbol at the global level but since it was not a problem in Kenya initially, KSA did not catch to patent it.

"But, since it's a problem in Kenya now, we have instituted our legal adviser, P.L.O. Lumumba to work on the patenting the symbol," said Miriti.

The officials, Miriti said are exploring possibilities of sharing their predicament with KSA Patron, President Mwai Kibaki and implore him to intervene if Narc-Kenya insists on using the salute. Since the establishment of the party, the president has been associated with it as a vehicle through which he is likely to seek another term at State House.

At the same time, he said the Scouts Movement Leadership was following up on the matter.

The association's emblem is captured in Cap 2 (19) of the Kenyan laws as an Act of Parliament was established in 1909 and is protected.

Lord Baden Powell of Gilwell in the UK, founded Scouting in 1907 and therefore, 2007 will mark 100 years of Scouting into the Second Century.

"It will be a century year for successes with the public and demonstrate the unity of scouting from Scouts, their parents and

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