

Moi bids Miller final farewell

President Moi yesterday led Kenyans in paying their last respects to Chief Justice Cecil Miller, who died early this month at the age of 73 after a short illness.

Mr Justice Miller was laid to rest on his farm at Kisingori in Cherangani, Trans Nzoia District.

The casket bearing his body was carried to the grave by judges of the High Court of Kenya escorted by seventeen administrative policemen in ceremonial uniform.

A funfare trumpet followed by a three-gun salute rent the air as the coffin was being lowered into the grave.

The Very Rev Peter Njenga of the All Saints Cathedral in Nairobi conducted the burial service at the graveside, which was also attended by the Vice-President and Minister for Finance, Professor George Saitoti.

Addressing hundreds of mourners, President Moi described Mr Justice Miller as "a brilliant and committed lawyer" who had served Kenya with total devotion.

The President said Mr Justice Miller was very conversant with Kenyan laws and that was why he was appointed the first chairman of the Kenya Law Reform Commission in 1983.

He said he had lost a great friend whom he had known for many years and who he respected for his commitment to the service of the nation.

President Moi told the mourners that the late Chief Justice had informed him of how his people in Guyana wanted him to go and serve there but because of his love for Kenya he had opted to remain here.

Noting that courts are the heart of justice, the President said it was befitting for the late justice Miller to be buried in the country.

The President assured the Miller family that the Government would continue to assist them whenever necessary.

The President later led the mourners in laying a wreath on the grave of the late Chief Justice.

Mr Justice Miller was appointed Chief Justice in November 1986.

He will also be remembered for his role as the chairman of the

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President Moi lays a wreath on the grave of Chief Justice Cecil Miller at Kipsingor in Trans Nzoia District yesterday.

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1983 judicial commission which inquired into allegations made within and outside Parliament against the former Minister for Constitutional Affairs, Mr Charles Njonjo.

The burial ceremony was also attended by Ministers Nicholas Biwott, Eliud Mwangi, Jackson Angira, Bercy Nabwera, Johnstone Mbatia, Dalmias Otieno, William O. Ngunjiri, the Speaker of the National Assembly, Mr Mwangi, a member of Assistant Ministers, Members of Parliament and the Head of the Public Service and Secretary to the Cabinet, Mr Joseph Leting. (KEN)