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#### News

On 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 the BBI Task Force together with political leaders officially inaugurated the BBI report to the public. In the report, it was noted that corruption was one of the nine major issues that were important to be looked upon if at all the nation wanted to prosper. In chapter eight of the report, corruption was discussed and recommendation were made hoping if implemented corruption will be a thing of the past,

### Comment

From the establishment of anticorruption authority to formation of hotlines, for sure a lot of measures have been recommended and put into effect to eradicate corruption but to no avail.

On Monday, April 11, 2016 in bid to fight graft, Macharia Gaitho recommended in an article in the Nation newspaper titled, **"Perhaps we need to borrow the 'Chinese solution' to fight graft.**" Nevertheless the so called Chinese solution was found to be unrealistic. According to the daily telegraph, the corruption crackdown in china despite having harsh laws against corruption was not seen to stop the vice but only increase the perpetrators. Critics say the campaign lacked transparency and was mare a tool to ensure potential rivals were removed from key positions.

In the yester years, the government embarked on the implementation of recommendations of strengthening the institution in order to fight corruption. Hence

new laws were enacted as well as institutions reformed and heavily resourced. During the anti-corruption and accountability Summit that was held at state house Nairobi on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2016, various heads of government agencies were questioned as to why the war on graft was not being won, they responded by playing the blame game over which institution was responsible for poor results in the war on corruption. Through the blame game, different agencies demonstrated how uncapable they were to win the war on graft despite being strengthened to the latter. Armed with the so called best constitution, the executives in a show of defeat on war on graft said, **"I have taken the actions that we can take within the Constitution, what do you want me to do?"** For sure the outcome of the accountability summit proved that having independent institutions in its self is not a solution to win the war on gainst graft.

During his second term of his presidency, President Uhuru decided to renew the war on graft by changing leadership of various institutions hoping this time the strategy would work and graft defeated.



Exhibiting satisfaction with this new tact, the president said, "After we cleaned up the office of DPP and the DCI we have a very committed team. You have started seeing big scandals being unearthed and this is just the beginning. You haven't seen anything yet," But with biasness found in this tact, a section of political leaders and their community disowned the new efforts to fight graft. DP. Ruto himself criticised the manner in which Director of Prosecutions (DPP) Noordin Haji and Director of Criminal Investigations (DCI) George Kinoti were carrying out investigations, terming it selective. During his speech in the LSK Conference in Mombasa, DP. Ruto said," A war on corruption that lacks integrity ceases to be a war on corruption and becomes corruption itself. A war that lacks integrity is impunity. An integrity war waged selectively, using convenient halftruths, with political outcomes in mind, is impunity,"

In short, the war on corruption cannot be worn through instruments formed by capitalist ideology, for its capitalism that has made people corrupt. When capitalism detached matter from spirit, made materialism as a purpose for life and the measure of action be benefits, then it was only natural that corruption would be the lifestyle of the society. Had matter not been detached from spirit, one would always inhibit the concept of reward and punishment, paradise and hell, good and bad before doing an action thereby avoiding corruption. Had mind not been made as a source of legislation, man would have rule by what God has revealed in regard to our way of life. As such, corruption would have been a thing of a past for the rules of God brings only tranquility and justice. Nevertheless, had man made the basis of action to be attainment of God's pleasure and not material benefit, man would have always been guided to do good and avoid evil such as graft.

In amidst of all this confusion of not knowing how best to tame graft especially after exhausting all the efforts, it's high time for the executive to listen to the deep and enlightened sound minds of political Islam. Just like it was prudent to adopt the partial concept of the so called Islamic financial system, a time has come to not only adopt a part of Islam, but rather a complete intellectual leadership of Islam. Indeed its only Islam, as an ideology that is an alternative to a corrupt capitalist ideology.

"And when it is said to them, "Do not cause corruption on the earth," they say, "We are but reformers!" TMQ Qur'an 2:11

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### WILL BBI SUCCED IN UNITING THE PEOPLE OF KENYA NATION ?



# FROM A NATION OF BLOOD TIES TO A NATION OF IDEALS

On Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019, Kenyan people from all parts of the country assembled at Bomas of Kenya and celebrated the inauguration of the BBI report to the public. The 156 page report had nine points' agenda and a theme titled **Building Bridges to a united Kenya: from a nation of blood ties to a nation of ideas.** In its first page, the Presidential Task Force on Building Bridges to Unity addressed the President of the Republic with a commentary that stated, "...it was our privilege, as per the mandate to evaluate the national challenges outlined in the Joint Communique of Building Bridges to a new Kenyan Nation, and having done so, make practical recommendation and reform proposals that build lasting unity." In his Speech during the BBI launch, the President said, "Let us focus on what unites us and makes us cohesive and let us remove negative ethnicity."

In view of the above, It's well-known then that the BBI project is thought to call for unity hence finding various ways that would sustain unity in a nation. Indeed the call for unity and efforts to unify people living in Kenya is not a new phenomenon. On Sunday 6th of September 2016, majority leader of Kenyan parliament, Aden Duale at a rally in Mlango Kubwa was heard saying, **'The 2017 election will be between Jubilee that believes in unity of 42 tribes of Kenya and others who are out there to divide the country with tribal politics.''** Using the same platform, Johnstone Sakaja, nominated JAP MP said, **''It's about time that we said no to** 

### tribal cocoons in the name of political party. Jubilee has come to unite Kenya under one roof." During the launch on of Jubilee part at Kasarani, the party leader, Mr. Kenyatta said,"...the party we launch here today is an expression of our unity.."

This therefore means that back then, political leaders believed that unity would only be achieved through merging of political parties.

Similarly, Unity calls were also heard in 2008 when the nation was recovering from post-election violence. Through The Kenya National Dialogue and Reconciliation, President Mwai Kibaki and Prime Minister Raila Odinga signed an agreement for the implementation of the recommendations of the commission of inquiry into post-election violence hoping that Unity among people would be fostered once and for all.

# Umar ibn al Khatatab, the second Khalifah of Muslims said," There is no Islam without unity, no unity without leadership, no leadership without

**obedience.**" From such a quote, it is understood that the existence of any nation depends on existence of unity of people in such a nation. Furthermore, for a nation to realize success, unity must always exist in it. It's no wonder therefore that all nations would always strive to foster and maintain unity among its people.

Ever since independence, many African states have always thought that unity among its people of many tribes is achievable through political parties, dialogue and reconciliation forums. Indeed these narratives have sometimes seen states forming single political parties, calling for either merging or making coalition of different political parties, or forming dialogue forums and initiatives that end with signing peace accords or constitution amendments. Because of this false principle of bringing unity among people of a nation, it has always been natural to see states being fragile with possibility of braking away. The calls of cessations, post-election violence, tribal sentiments among the people of a nation are just a few examples of how disunited the people of Africa are. For sure it's only the mercy of western ideological states that makes people of Africa seem to hold in unity despite all odds.

Indeed it is a fact that political parties are not tools for uniting people in a country. It should be realized that the work of a political party is to recruit and campaign for a candidate so as to hold an office of authority and as well account the government.

Simmilarly, innitiative such as BBI are also not tools for uniting the people in a country. Infact such tools divide people more than unite them. This is because, the basis at which they are formed are that of securing interests of few individuals hence when such interest are no longer attainable so is the unity. Since BBI was formed at the behest of two leaders, it's then natural that BBI will find its self being opposed thus dividing people further as long as other people's interest are not captured .This was evident during the launching of BBI when Senator Murkomen said, **"The way Mr Mohamed is running the program defeats the whole purpose of this gathering,"** Mr Murkomen charged. **"It's very clear those perceived to hold alternative opinion have not been invited to speak,"** he said.



This therefore confirms that BBI will actually divide more than unite. While attending a church service at the Full Gospel Gatunduri Church in Embu, William Ruto said that the BBI would be stopped if it will divide Kenyans. "This story we're being told about nobody can stop reggae, if the reggae is what we're seeing — the ethnicity that is being preached in BBI rallies, the ethnic profiling of communities, hate and the campaign pitting one community against another, if that is the reggae they're talking about, my friends, reggae will stop." He said.

In conclusion, BBI initiative is not going to bring everlasting unity among the people of Kenya. What shall bring unity among the people of a nation is an ideology in which a civilization emanates. When people of a nation believe in a certain ideology, its expected of them to have a common thought, sensation and a system of running their affairs. The commonness of thought, sensation and a system naturally results to see people of a nation being united at all times in either the presences or absence of initiatives and political parties.

For unity of people to be realized, the dream of making a country to be an ideological state needs to be made into reality. Political leaders therefore for the purpose of uniting the people of a nation, need to intensify the calls for their African nations to seize from being subservient states orbiting around the leading colonialist states. Such sincere calls would eventually make a state being Ideological hence bringing unity among the people of a nation.

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## THE BBI AND THE POLITICS OF 2022



The self-swearing in ceremony by Raila Odinga as People's President on March, 2018 was a step towards sending a signal to the ruler President Kenyatta that their exist an opportunity of dialogue between them. As such, a hand shake between the two occurred which led to the birth of formation of BBI Steering Committee that was gazetted officially on 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 in the Kenyan Gazette. On Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019, the two leaders officially received the BBI Report and on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019, the BBI report was the officially inaugurated to the public and this was just after the Steering Committee had completed taking peoples opinion on the nine point agenda that all in total talked about improvement of the Country leadership, Economy, Nepotism, Corruption and Unity.

Many of whom do not comprehend politics believed that the formation and appointment of BBI steering Committee members was all about to bring change. But upon looking at many of the BBI Committee members, whom many are political advisers of the two leaders, one can deduce that the two leaders were in control of the entails of the BBI and that the BBI it's self was a government project that would use public resources while conducting its affairs.

This is what had happened; approximately 10 billion Kenya Shillings were used in formulating the BBI report. Its crista clears that the BBI is a political project that is

related to the succession of President Uhuru Kenyatta. There is no doubt that William Ruto and Railla Odinga have intentions of succeeding the presidency. Even though Raila Odinga was yet to publicly declare this intention, the comments of his inner circles do indicate that he is going to vie for the presidency and win the sit just like William Ruto who believes he will eventually capture the seat.

Mr.Raila has been in the for front in the selling of the BBI agendas to the public through the style commonly known as "Populist Aproach" which he has been using more often to hoodwink the masses. The BBI has been one of the new strategies of Raila Odinga as he himself mentions in his speech during the burial ceremony of the mother of Gem MP Joe Donde; "You have seen me change tack, this is strategy. There are several ways than can lead us to where our ambition is." Through the BBI its seems he, Raila is arranging a team that includes people like Ann Waiguru, Wyclife Oparanya, Fred Matiangi and Eugen Wamalwa. In addition Raila has allowed the proposal of coastal people as mentioned by Amoson Kingi to be adopted so as to make BBI reflect as people's project rather than a project of the two individual. These steps of Raila have made jitters to the "Tangatanga team" supporters of William Ruto who view that the BBI agenda would squash the ambitions of vying for presidency.

• Mt. Kenyan Politics

In the year 2016, William Kabongo pronounced that Ruto would be required to work extra hard so as to obtain the votes from the Kikuyu Community. During his stepping down as a Jubilee Vice Chairman, David Murathe said, "I now find that it is no longer tenable to stay on as the party vice-chairman, given that I will have to sit in the same National Executive Council with a man I am taking to court to block from running for president," In addition Murathe had once said that Mt Kenya was not indebted to William Ruto.

• War on Corruption

There are many claims from Ruto camp that the war on Corruption is a war on Ruto. Oscar Sudi and Senator Murkomen have frequently mentioned that the Director of Criminal Investigation Mr. George Kinoti is being used to fight Ruto. During his speech in the LSK Conference in Mombasa, Ruto said," A war on corruption that lacks integrity ceases to be a war on corruption and becomes corruption itself. A war that lacks integrity is impunity. An integrity war waged selectively, using convenient half-truths, with political outcomes in mind, is impunity," As for what has been done recently against Mike Sonko and Ferdinad Waititu, the Ruto camp has perceived this to be a smear campaign against the Deputy President. It's important to understand that resources are very important during elections and campaigning period. Therefore, these wars are to be little Ruto financial muscles hence becoming incapable in campaigning and buying people. Such a method in politics is called Containment policy.

Logical, upon looking at the BBI report, one understands that there is nothing knew except a new political card is being played by the politician against the people. When looking in depth, one deduces that all that has been suggested by the BBI report are actually functions of the state. This means that when a state implements its functions its citizens are likely to reach a higher level of satisfaction thus not requiring any commissions or reports.



In his BBI rally speech at Mama Ngina water front, Raila Odinga said, "No one cannot stop Reggea." Meaning the beats played by politicians are of no doubt that the public will dance for it. Wandia Njoya, a writer, mentions regarding BBI that it's a, "declaration of war by the political elite on the people".

Since many ordinary citizens do not have that which is called political awareness, politicians tend to utilize this weakness hence put forward solutions that they benefit

the politicians themselves. In addition to that, these politicians have been taking advantage of the umma's yawn for change against colonialist ideology by giving them agendas that captures their instincts and sensations.

The difference of opinions in political agendas that occurs most of the time is a result of difference of interests among the politicians themselves and not other than the interests of the public. William Clay says; "This is quite a game of Politics. There are no permanent enemies and no permanent friends, only permanent interests."

logically, this means that the basis of the differences and agreements of politicians are their self-interest and not the interest of the public. One of the camps is for continuation of the status quo while the other is of not. Importantly when politicians vie for positions, they normally divide the ordinary citizens by inciting tribalism and regionalism hence never at all object to unite the people.

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### PRESS STATEMENT

### HIZB UT TAHRIR / KENYA OFFICIAL LAUNCHING OF COMPREHENSIVE CAMPAIGN UNDER THE SLOGAN: BBI OLD GAME NEW STRATEGY

Hizb ut Tahrir / Kenya is pleased to launch officially a Comprehensive Campaign that will run for three months on the theme: "**BBI Old Game New Strategy**" commencing on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020 ending 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

The Building Bridges Initiative Report (BBI) gazetted on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and made open to public on November last year for public engagement, has been deemed as a 'New Dawn' imagined that will bring inclusivity, economic revolution and deal with cronyism and corruption-chronic which have recurrent crises facing Kenya more than a half century. The BBI, which has already created divisions within the political class, comes barely ten years since the promulgation of the new Constitution that introduced newly devolved system of Government and yet the country faces the same problems.

This campaign aims at highlighting the root cause of all crises facing the Kenya and the world at large which is none other than Capitalism and its political system of Democracy that prioritize the interests of political elites who arrogantly leave out many struggling in their lives. It will also present the strength of the Islamic creed in binding together a society permanently to be a unified nation all being the servants of Allah (swt) as well as addressing all economic, political and social challenges facing not only Kenyan society but the whole humanity.

In realizing this Campaign, Hizb ut Tahrir / Kenya will organize a number of events including public talks in different venues, street walking, holding seminars with prominent academics and intellectuals amongst other activities.

In conclusion, we call on the Ummah in general especially the Muslim Ummah to participate with us in this noble campaign that we intend to present widely which will aid us in this Dunya and Akhira.

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