



MURANGÁ COUNTY ASSEMBLY

PRESS STATEMENT

CULTURAL REVOLUTION IN THE COMMUNITY

Taking into consideration that cases of violence against women, bestiality, homosexuality and lawlessness are continually being reported in the county and in the whole republic, Murang'a County Assembly today 2nd December 2014 adjourned the normal sitting of the assembly to debate these issues and in particular the recent immoral, culturally cursed, public undressing of women by men on the pretext that they were protesting what they thought was indecent dressing by the woman.

After a long debate, we came up with the following resolutions: -

1. That public undressing of women under any pretext is an act of gross immorality and decadence. It is an act that in our community and that of most Kenyan Communities would call for a curse of all those involved.
2. That these behaviors including rape, homosexuality and homosexual rape, raping of old women by young men, bestiality and acceptance of money to kill or harm people from criminals and terrorists. These acts are alien to our culture and traditions and are partly as result of abandonment of our cultural and traditional values and a wholesome acceptance and assimilation of our young people to the worst of Western culture that worships only the material wellbeing and gratifying the body in whatever way.
3. That this seems to be a fast growing trend in our community and that of other Kenyan communities and if unchecked we believe we are feeding a disaster.
4. Our country as expected, while acceptably investing a lot in our material wellbeing it is not investing adequately in positive motivation and discipline of our youth.

5. That the Eastern countries that have achieved admirable economic growth in the last few decades like Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore etc had one thing in common: Discipline of their people and work ethics. We believe that even Vision 2030 and Oil revenues without a disciplined society will be a disaster.
6. That the responsibility for bringing about a cultural revolution that will be in tandem with agricultural and industrial growth is necessary.
7. Bringing sanity, moral adjustment, patriotism and a sense of public responsibility is the duty of all Kenyans including Government, religious bodies and all industrial and social organizations. Our security is not a matter that can be left to the Government and Politicians alone.
8. We believe that all Kenyan tribes and communities have some traditions, laws and norms which if enforced persuasively or by moral force can with adjustment fill the gap left by our common law and statutes.
9. We call upon our Kikuyu Council of Elders to be more active in guiding our community and to revive those customs and traditions that can guide the youth and community to a more self respecting youth.
10. We call upon the Religious organizations and all Kenyan traditional elders to offer prayers of repentance to God for the shame suffered by the Nation by the cursed actions of some men.
11. We call upon educational authorities to research and introduce into our school syllabus, subjects oriented to good traditional morals and customs.
12. We call upon all Christian parents to send their children for Sunday school classes to start being indoctrinated with the right morals and a disciplined life from the beginning.

13. We call upon all County Assemblies to take this matter seriously and research with assistance of traditional elders and our legal experts as to what role customary laws and traditions if encoded can assist in bringing discipline in their respective communities while observing national laws and Christian and other religious ethics.
14. To enhance security and discipline, we call upon County Assemblies to start discussions on what role the '*Nyumba Kumi*' concept can play in all this and how to enforce it.
15. Our traditions and customs do not accept the concept that there should be people eating square meals everyday without working. We therefore call upon County Governments to come up with creative ideas about how to utilize the energies of our young people by giving them facilities to: -
 - Offer voluntary labour to our communities.
 - Train on some skills.
 - Develop talents and games.

Signed

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Speaker of Murangá County Assembly

On Behalf of all Members of Murangá County Assembly