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Hi Guys,

Am not sure about Plan B's but if you are on an exit strategy you better leave now before the stampede... and would the last person out switch off the lights... assuming there is still electricity!

Seriously though, the saddest thing is that we are people with the most invested in this country – our children, our homes, businesses, shares, cars etc. How many of us have more assets outside Kenya than inside? Yet this is true of 99% of the middle classes. Yet we, with the most to lose, are the most timid. Instead of providing leadership, we have allowed the mob to take charge. When injustices were committed in our names, we kept quiet or silently cheered. When we saw the abject poverty around us, we shrugged helplessly and said “Shauri ya Mungu”. When corruption became rampant, we said it's the Kenyan way, even as children starved. Instead of getting angry, we looked for ways of creating room for us to join in at the feeding trough. We knew what was happening was wrong, but we kept our heads down, and hoped someone else would do the martyr bit and face down the thieves and liars with the truth. Now the chickens have truly come home to roost.

If you ever get to go to Jerusalem, make sure you visit Yad Vashem, the museum of the holocaust. You will see the famous quotation in the entrance hall by Martin Niemoeller, the German pastor imprisoned by the Nazis. I'm sure you've heard it before; but listen again:

*At first they came for the Jews, but I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. And then they came for the Communists, but I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Communist. And then they came for the gypsies and the Jehovah's Witnesses and the homosexuals and the handicapped and the mentally ill, but I didn't speak up because I was none of those things. Last of all they came for me. And there was no-one left to speak up for me.*

When will we have the guts to speak the truth to power? Maybe never. Sadly, or luckily, I have no plan B. I have absolutely no intention of being a refugee in anyone's country. My children maybe, but for me, I will struggle to find a voice or a platform to speak out against this madness.

Have a good day, if you can.

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Hi Guys,

Without wanting to sound alarmist, it looks like this country has gone to the dogs, I think we are on a downstream and therefore questions regarding our safety first as individuals and secondly as group starts to linger. Any plan B's.

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