

POST ELECTION CRISIS EXORTATION TO KENYAN LEADERS

BY
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SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT !!

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INTRODUCTION

Ez. 34, 11-12: For thus says the Lord God: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I'll rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark.

We the Spiritual Leaders of Korogocho feel impelled to advocate for the rights of the common mwananchi against all kinds of exploitation and manipulation. The recent skirmishes occasioned by the just ended general election have prompted in us the following concerns which we feel need urgent addressed.

1- INSECURITY

The community has witnessed unacceptable mass killing of the poor, destruction of property, people forced to leave their homes and become refugees elsewhere just because they belong to a particular ethnic group or have a particular political stand. This situation of insecurity has subjected the entire community to a life of constant fear. We condemn this situation in the strongest term possible and appeal for an immediate security reinforcement in the slum.

2 – POLICE PARTIALITY

In The midst of these skirmishes the conduct of the police leaves a lot to be desired. This law enforcement establishment has evidently taken sides in relation to the opposing parties. Furthermore people have had to bribe the police in return to their services namely escort.

An other incident is where a police O.C.S adamantly ask a particular community to go to their tribal national leader for provisional security. The compromise of the police impartiality is shameful and unfortunate. We invite them to take up their role in sincerity and transparency for the love of the community.

3 – COMMUNITY POLARISATION

The present political, ethnic and tribal differences in the slum is alarming. People who have coexisted together for many years are today strangers with each other living in open suspicion and fear of each other. We therefore call for sincere dialogue within the community irrespective of one's political and ethnic affiliation. We further recommend this dialogue among our political leaders.

1 John 4: 20-21: If anyone says "I love God" but hates his brother he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God who he has not seen. This is the commandment we have from HIM: whoever loves God must also live his brother.

4 – DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The poor have a God-given right to participate in deciding on issues that touch common interest. They have a right to contribute directly or by representation to the cultural, economic, political and social life of the civil community to which they belong. This right is not restricted only to a certain

class of people, namely, the haves. We note with shame and sadness that the decisions are restricted to the discernment and will of a few: the powerful. This is very unfair given that this country belongs to all and not just a chosen few. The poor common people have no say in their own Government. They are refugees and aliens in their own country. We all need to have a say in decision-making. The people have to be really represented by someone in Parliament.

5 – BASIC COMMODITIES

This situation has related to further hiking of already high of prices of essential commodities namely food, medication drinking water etc.

As previously mentioned in our 2006 end year declaration entitled: “THE CRY OF THE POOR IN KOROGOCHO” we condemn this unjust price hike. All those in business must ensure that the community in which they work represents the good of everyone and not a structure that permit the satisfaction of someone’s mere personal interest. As in creates situation favorable to the free exercise of the economical activity, the state must be inspired by the principle of solidarity and establish limits for the autonomy of the parties to defend the weak. In addition, we appeal to the government the NGO’s, and other well wishes to come to the aid of the many families currently homeless, without food medication and others basic needs to alleviate the most immediate human pain and sufferings.

6 – HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS

Being in Korogocho slum, we witness many others situations that call for immediate attention.

These include:

- a. Landlord-tenants disputes
- b. The health and environmental hazardous Dandora dumping site
- c. Lack of infrastructures
- d. The slum upgrading process
- e. Unemployment and idleness
- f. Substance abuse and indiscriminate alcohol consumption.

These are just but a few of the many issues that require a just, fair, wise and sober government.

CONCLUSION

We believe that God is the protagonist of all events. It is his desire that his children live in harmony, justice, peace and reconciliation. We as religious leaders are ready to collaborate with all persons of good will in order to create a society where all we feel at home. But we seek sincerity and transparency from all parties involved.

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