



**ASALAAMU ALEIKUM WARAHMATULLAAHI
WABARAKATUHU.**

**THE FIFTH JAMHURI DAY SPEECH BY THE
GOVERNOR OF MANDERA COUNTY H.E CAPT. ALI
IBRAHIM ROBA ON THE 12TH DECEMBER 2017.**

HE the Deputy Governor, Hon Speaker of Mandera County Assembly, The County Commissioner, Members of the county executive, Members of Mandera County Assembly, the county security team, Religious leaders, Elders from various communities , Women, Youth and all other distinguished guests, my beloved people of Mandera County good morning.

Brothers and sisters,

Today, we celebrate the day, fifty four years ago, when Kenya was declared a republic. On that 12th day of December we decided that we shall run our affairs and be governed by our own laws. Our journey since then has been a journey of resilience and transformation as a country.



Ladies and gentlemen

Today we have gathered here to honor our forefathers who fought for this self-rule we are enjoying today. As a sign of our clear appreciation to our forefathers we must honor the bravery and integrity of our security teams who are charged with the responsibility of our security and the territorial integrity of our nation. Their professionalism in working in challenging conditions is an inspiration to us all. Tunasema asanteni.

Ladies and gentlemen

We appreciate how the National Government has provided adequate security supporting the people of Mandera. It is only under the leadership of President Uhuru Kenyatta that we got the right security support for our people. As a governor of this volatile region I can only be grateful to The Almighty Allah and president Uhuru for providing unprecedented support to the security crises of my County over the first four years of the County Government. While we know we are far from getting out of the crises yet, the people of Mandera can bear me witness that we are more secure today than we have ever been because of the support of our president.



Ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to thank our politicians both at the County and National levels, the National Government team both at the County and National level, as well as the County Government officials for standing together with the people of Mandera during these transitional political challenges of our society.

Brothers and sisters

As this is our first Jamuhuri day in the current term of my County Government, I would like to use this opportunity to highlight the general strategic direction that we intend to take our County towards. Over the next five years we would be investing heavily on the sectors of health, water, Agriculture and livestock, social protection programs aimed at alleviating the suffering of the poor in this County, strengthening of ECDE and establishment of essential colleges in partnership with the National Government and enhancing cross border trade as well as inter-county trade amongst our neighbors and communities respectively. This we feel will be critical in anchoring the solid foundation required for our economic growth.

Ladies and Gentlemen

Our engagement and partnership with the National Government has guaranteed us a positive lobbying environment that we can ride on. The



people of Mandera have delivered on their promise and I have no doubt the president will also provide us a conducive environment to discuss the strategic priorities of our people ranging from establishment of Regional Veterinary College, connection to the National Electricity Grid, completion of the connection to the fiber optic network for all our sub-counties, establishment of fully fledged joint border between Bullahawa and Mandera, Suftu and Mandera and Bullahawa and Elwak, construction of the following roads Kutulo-mandera, Mandera to lafey, Qofole to Wargadud, Takaba through Banisa to Rhamu, and Rhamu – Malka-Mari road, construction of the International Airport, Regional Cancer Treatment Center, Multipurpose dam on River Daua and at least two bridges across River Daua at Malka-Suftu and Rhamu, completion of the Technical University, and the Medical Training College among others.

Ladies and gentlemen,

In order to reduce on youth unemployment, due to lack of appropriate skills we need education that prepares our youth for a more competitive marketplace. That is why we will not stop investing in our Technical and Vocational Education and Training system. The skills gained will allow many more youth to be self-employed and be productive and competitive enough to secure decent employment.



Ladies and Gentlemen,

The election is over hence we must move forward as a County. There is need for us to have clear recognition for the need to look ahead together and resist being drawn into the dangerous bitterness that would hold us back and apart.

It is very sad that, there are still some among us whose entire political existence is based on resisting our will to move forward as a Mandera communities. I would like to invite our brothers and sisters to fight the urge for negative politics, hatred, finger-pointing and manipulation.

As a County, we have consciously chosen the path of inclusive peace and progress for all our people.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The transformation of our County requires that we scale up our investment in the areas I have mentioned above. Insha'Allah we shall invest and continue with the resilience and transformation of our County.

Ladies and gentlemen,

We have embarked on the process of cracking the whip on our staff in an attempt to entrench honesty and commitment in efficient service delivery to our people. Following this process, I would like to advise my



people of Mandera that we are in the process of radically redesigning staff management in all departments in order to improve service delivery to our citizens. We are aware that the process, which inevitably involves disciplinary action including demotions, transfers, reshuffles, dismissals and prosecution, will very likely create discomfort amongst the workforce and some members of the public. However, the County Management assures you of its impartiality in implementing these necessary actions with the worthy goal of improving government efficiency and a workforce free of corruption and impunity.

It is already apparent that few selfish individuals, driven by clan malice and a desire to obstruct the County's progress, have mischaracterized the process in the hope of stalling it. We firmly state that the process of recommitting our workforce to service delivery will continue unhindered, despite the propaganda being peddled around by very few detractors. I am happy to note that the people of Mandera are supportive of these processes being objectively undertaken. The sole overriding objective of the whole process is to improve service delivery through enhancing staff discipline, closing corruption loopholes and ensuring efficiency in all government departments.



Ladies and Gentlemen,

During the final political term of my government, my commitment is that of leaving a legacy of efficiency in service delivery and a commitment by all County staff to their respective responsibilities. In our efforts to achieve the aforementioned goal, no one will be spared by the rigorous process. The only friendship I intend to keep within the county workforce shall be determined by one's commitment to service delivery to the people of Mandera. The culture of impunity is over and the professionalism of our workforce will be non-negotiable

Ladies and gentlemen,

Entrenching a culture of service is the most important priority for my Government. Corruption is our great enemy hence we need to fight it with the tenacity and unity of purpose. Corruption is corrosive: it has brought us destructive ethnic politics which associate public office with the accumulation of wealth creating an environment that has turned into a plague that is so contagious that societal corruption is becoming an acceptable norm within our communities in Kenya. We will not defeat corruption unless we all keep our eyes on the prize which is that of a County in which corruption is shunned by all.



Ladies and Gentlemen,

No one who is called to account should ever hide under the false claim that their community or group is under siege. Your community or group was not there when you were stealing.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

With the help of the Almighty Allah, we commit to continuously improve cohesion and integration of our communities over the next five years. Our aim is to completely eradicate inter-clan animosity and rebuild our society's sense of oneness and foster a complete sense of brotherhood and patriotism to our great county. We should be recommitted to teach our society that the bond that holds us together as the great people of Mandera is stronger than the minor differences in our clans. The Department of Peace Building, Cohesion and Integration will be strengthened to continue resolving emerging challenges and peace building initiatives within Mandera communities.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Department of Education is committed to enhancing access to equity, quality and relevant education at devolved levels. It is also committed in enhancing access to technical, vocational education and training with a view to providing skilled and globally competitive



employable human resource in line with the Mandera County Integrated development plan and Kenya vision 2030.

The County has constructed 210 ECDE Centres with an enrollment of 34,341 learners, manned by 530 ECDE teachers. Six vocational training centers are operational with an enrollment of 365 students undertaking different courses. In January 2018, Rhamu Dimtu vocational training Centre will be operational.

In January 2018, my Government will provide school meals program to 216 ECDE Centers with breakfast and lunch. This will boost the nutritional status to enhance enrollment. Stable foundation for our early childhood program will mean guaranteed better academic performance.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In the 2017 KCPE, the County registered 5,344 candidates of which 3,393 were boys and 1,951 were girls and attained a means score of 234.68, an improvement of +22.96 compared to 2016 KCPE performance. I commend the teachers, parents and the students for this wonderful achievement. I also want to commend the top three candidates who led not only Mandera County, but also the greater North Eastern province. Hongera to the best Girl Yasmin Muktar Issack from Alhuda Primary School in Mandera East Sub- County who scored 422 marks. The County is proud of you. The second best student in the County was



Abdimajid Dakane Muktar from Lafey primary School in Lafey Sub-County who scored 418 marks. Congratulation! .Third in position was Mohamed Abdirahman Abdullahi from Lafey primary School in Lafey Sub- County who scored 413 marks. The best three Public schools in the County were Damasa primary school in Lafey sub- County with a mean score of 300.74, followed by Elbofa Primary School in Mandera West Sub- county with a mean score of 299.03. Third in position was Waranqara primary School in Lafey Sub- County with a mean score of 293.55. Out of the 5,344 students who sat for the exams in the County, 1,419 students got the quality grade of 250 marks and above.

In the ECDE College, 260 students sat for this year's exams. Out of this, 105 have done ECDE Proficiency exams, 98 have done certificate exams while 57 students did their diplomas.

In the youth polytechnics, it is projected that about 130 students will be sitting for NITA Examination on April 2018.

Mandera Youth Polytechnic is also a center for KASNEB exams. 35 candidates did this year's KASNEB exams.

Mandera teachers training college and Mandera technical training institute are both operational through the support of my government. It is projected that Mandera Teachers Training College will present over 100 students for P1 exams by September 2018. Very soon, shortage of



teachers will be a history in this County. In Mandera technical training institute, 170 students sat for this year's exams.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Mandera County is alive to the fact that no single sector can realize any meaningful growth without adequate water supply. The construction of Mandera town water and sewerage system will commence in late January we are doing final design validation. The ministry of water has already secured the funding of 2.4 billion shillings for this project. In the meantime the local supply is now up and running though limited to the old pipelines.

Brothers and sisters

I would like to thank you immensely for observing peaceful coexistence between yourselves and for standing together as Mandera community and plead with you to continue with the same spirit in the foreseeable future. We are better together as Manderians. Let our clans be only used for purposes of identity as envisaged in our religion but not a source of hatred for one another without any good reason at all. I was extremely touched and immensely appreciate the trust you have shown in my leadership as Mandera communities. I emotionally say a big Thank you very much for voting for us. I promise that I will not fail you. You have re-energized my commitment to service delivery for all. I will still need



your support in managing our county. Insha'Allah together we will succeed.

Finally, Mandera's political environment cannot be different from the prevailing political environment within our nation. So let us all understand that and embrace the wind of political maturity and political democracy blowing across our nation. We are proud of Kenya and we are proud to be Kenyans of modern day.

**RABBI ARIN HAQA HAQAN WARZUQNATIBA'A WA
ARINILBATILA BATILAN WARZUQNAIJTINABA.**

Asanteni na Mungu awabariki.