

# LETTERS

## Arrest authors of leaflets

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poration, claimed that the defec- tion of opposition leaders to Kanu had angered some elements who wanted to start ethnic clashes.

He was reacting to last week's incidents in which nine houses were burnt in Aldai Division following the circulation of leaflets in the area.

Meanwhile, a newly-formed lobby group has asked Nandi

leaders to complete projects which were initiated by the late Tinderet MP, Mr Jeanne-Marie Seroney, and the late CPK Bishop Alexander Muge.

The group, which includes uni- versity students and other acade- micians, said Bishop Muge and Mr Seroney died while fighting for the rights of Nandi people and that leaders should complete

the projects the two had initiat- ed. The lobby group, The Watch- dog and Voice of Nandis, said in a press statement that some lead- ers did not recognise the good work done by the Mr Seroney and Bishop Muge.

The statement, signed by Mr Paul Meli, Mr Seroney Chelulei and Mr Henry Chepkwony, said Bishop Muge and Mr Seroney de- fended the interests of Nandis.

mind their integrity, if they have any, and to concentrate their energies on such pertinent issues as the utilisation of Lessos Technical Institute, the completion of Kapsabet Boys High School, the honoring of the late Jean-Marie Seroney whose contribution to the Nandi, is being shelved by the same people who benefited from rigging him out. Also menacingly stark is the reality of falling rock boulders that threaten our peoples lives. Leaders should look into how people who live in steep parts of Tinderet could be allocated land elsewhere. Today most of our people are poor, and are hoping to see someone who can pull them out of the mud that is politics in Nandi. The district is awash with sinister money used to buy critics, both real and imaginary and this issue should be addressed. Un- less the present crop of leaders changes and begins to think about the common man, I am sorry a thorough purging of the district is just round the corner and every one of them will face the trial by fire. I ap- peal to the intellectuals now, more than ever, to contem- plate joining politics and intro- duce reason to this polluted game whose players are out for personal gains. A warning to our leaders: If you do not stop this madness then you are no longer leaders and my gen- eration is watching very keenly and we are determined not to be bought. We will lib- erate our society from the dirty fingers of shameful ma- nipulation. Change is the mes- sage.

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## Nandi leaders lying Moi, says ex-MP

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By TOM MATOKE

Tempers flared during a Kanu rally in Kapsabet town when a former Assistant Minister, Mr Kiptum Choge, and angry youths accused Nandi leaders of telling lies to President Moi while the community suffered.

Mr Choge and the rowdy youths disagreed with local leaders on Monday over claims that Nandis had received less develop- ment as compared to the time of President Jomo Kenyatta.

Mr Choge claimed that Nandi leaders were not telling the truth to President Moi on matters af- fecting them.

Mr Choge and the youths, led by Mr Selone Chelule and Philip Kosgei, challenged the leaders to accept or deny that they had failed to deliver the goods to the community.

Tension mounted when Mr Choge alleged that Nandi leaders

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were telling President Moi that he (Choge) and his son were the mastermind of defections by Nandis to FORD-K.

The meeting was held to con- demn those calling for the oppo- sition in Nandi and to assure President Moi that the Nandi would remain loyal to him and the Kanu Government.

Ex-MP Ezekiel Barngetuny told the Press later that as an elder he should have been given a chance to address the Kanu rally.

Former Cabinet Minister Hen- ry Kosgei, who hosted the meet- ing, said nobody would be victimised for expressing their views at the rally since it was democratic.

The former Nandi Kanu branch chairman, Mr Mark Too, said that he had done a lot for the Nandis although he held no elec- tive post.

members of the Luo community must be discarded now. The so-called grand match to state house is bound to fail, and will have serious repercussions and a detrimental effect on the Luo community unless the community frees itself from these prophets of doom who have taken them hostage in and denied them their constitutional right to enjoy the fruits of uhuru like other Kenyan tribes. The late Odinga took the three million Luos as his political hostages for well over thirty years, denying them their right to actively participate in the government's effort to develop all parts of the country, and now Orengo and Karan want to isolate the Luos from the mainstream of Kenyan politics.

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Kisumu.*

### Nandi politics

SIR—Being a keen follower of what goes on in Nandi dis- trict, I am obliged to enter the fray that has been triggered by selfish men whose concern is no longer the welfare of the common Nandi but to engage in worthless, time-wasting and negative attacks at the ex- pense of development and with total disregard to per- tinent issues of importance to the Nandis. I wish to appeal to all the players in this fool- ish game of tossing words at each other. I want leaders to

SIR—The threat by

... will enable him to save his face from the inevitable

## Students donate books

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EGERTON University students from Nandi District on Saturday donated books worth Shs 30,000 to four schools in the district.

The students, led by their chair- man, Mr Chelulei Cheison, also presented the Jean Marie Seroney Education Award to the best stu- dent in the four schools.

Mr Chelulei decried the lack of textbooks in most secondary

schools in the district, saying this contributed to poor performance in examinations.

He urged local leaders to spear- head the development of schools instead of wasting time attacking one another on petty issues.

A former nominated MP, Mr Ezekiel Barngetuny, who accom- panied the students, thanked them for the donations. —KNA

parliamentary politics. One wonders what logic is behind Orengo's utterances. Hon. Orengo is insignificant in

government in order to alleviate the suffering of the people of Kano caused by the floods. He should invite

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