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SENATE SURPORT RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS REGULATION FOLLOWING SHAKAHOLA DEATHS

The Ad Hoc committee lawmakers insisted that tough actions needs to be taken against the perpetrators.

"As a country, we have the responsibility to ensure that such senseless loss of lives will never be experienced again in this country .

The actions of Paul Mackenzie

ought to be condemned and all appropriate measures adoptedto ensure such actsare not repeated in the future." Said

Senator Danson Mungatana who chaired the committee. The Sanate adopted the report with a call to the executive to ensure unnecessary loss of life doesnt happen on similar incidences like what was witnessed in Shakahola. Untill the exercise and the search stopped, 428 people had been confirmed dead in the Shakahola incident. The committee made a raft of recommendations to various entities to ensure that those who aided the crimes in Shakahola are brought to justice as soon as possible. Lawmakers welcomed the proposal in the report for the

proposed Religious Organizations Bill,2023. The bill will provide detailed legislative frameworks for the strict regulation of religious organizations that operate within

the borders of Kenya. Among other things in the proposal was the formulation of an office of the registrar of

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religious organizations who will ensure utmost regulation for organisations that will want to be considered religious in the country. Among other include, registration frameworks of these organizations,qualifications of the various religious leaders who will operate the said organisations together with offenses and penalties that will be laid upon organizations that does not comply with the law. This will be a win for the nation considering the outcry of Kenyans to regulate the religious sector following Shakahola tragedy.

2023 KCPE RESULTS DOUBTS

Senator Crystal Asige requested the education committee of the Senate to present a well detailed report concerning allegations that the national exams body, KNEC didn't do their job the right way resulting to students being rewarded fake KCPE results after working for eight years in school. She requested a report on the marks that were allegedly made up and presented in the recently announced results. The committee was further obligated to see that students' complaints were submitted and solved within an appropriate time before the secondary education placements take place. She was joined by Senate Minority Leader Stewart Madzayo who raised additional concerns mistakes made regarding the 2023 KCPE results. The kilifi senator asked the Senate to look into the issue and help restore public faith on the national exams which students take after a really hard work. He further lamented that a similar situation cannot be seen in the upcoming CBC programme.

ELDORET: THE CITY OF CHAMPIONS

"Based on the above findings and considerations, the committee on development and intergovernmental relations recommend that the Eldoret municipality be granted city status having met the requirements set out in the section 5 and the first schedule of the urban areas and cities act 2011." read part of the report in the Senate.

Eldoret is poised to becoming Kenya's fifth city after numerous considerations and analysis by the urban development and intergovernmental committee. Requirements for city status stated in the law require that a municipality must meet the 250,000 population threshold which some sanators argued to be an old way of evaluation since Eldoret is ripe for the status considering it's infrastructure. Another requirement is the ability to collect enough revenue to sustain the city. Eldorets revenue collection in the last financial year was reportedly Kshs. 0.99 billion and is said to have a potential to collect upto Kshs. 2.5 billion of revenue in the coming years.

"Allow the people to have their city" Sanator Khalwale said in the Senate debate. Section 7 provides that after the resolution of the Senate the president may confirm the status of a city on a municipality by grant of a cheater. This will see Eldoret become Kenya's fifth city after Nakuru.

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