

Dear Esteemed Delegates,

I am delighted to welcome you to The Mau Mau Uprising: The Beginning of the End of British Kenya at UCBMUN XXI. Both Crisis Director Nuh Bahemia and I are very excited to be delivering this challenging committee and it will definitely push you to the limits of your debating and scheming abilities. As Head Chair, I foresee fervent, passionate debate; scheming directives aimed at infiltrating and bringing down the British resistance to your rebellion; and crisis ideas that will make us question whether you should be exposed to the rest of the world.

The committee will kick off in 1952 at the outbreak of the Uprising and will see you, leaders of the uprising, seek to gain an upper hand on your British counterparts. The committee will focus on a range of issues detailed in the background guide but delegates will have the ability to instigate their own crises. Once handed your individual position, it will be your responsibility to build your own networks of warriors and work with others to conduct plots to fight British forces. The background guide and character dossiers you will receive in due course will provide a vast understanding of the nature of the Uprising itself and your own powers to equip you for your time in committee.

A couple of things about myself: I am a senior majoring in Political Economy with a concentration in African Politics and Development and this is my fourth UCBMUN Conference, serving as Head Chair of last year's Obama's 2012-2016 Cabinet, as Vice Chair of the Ad-Hoc Committee in 2015 and as an ACD for the UN Security Council in 2014. I was born in London, England but have lived in Moscow, Russia and Mombasa, Kenya so I think of myself as quite a seasoned traveller. Outside of MUN, I am usually watching or playing any and all sports whether live, highlights or even analysis! I am a devout fan of Manchester United, Roger Federer and all Bay Area sports teams (Warriors, A's, Raiders) I enjoy spending time with friends and family while eating assortments of pastries and watching Game of Thrones (Hold the Door L), House of Cards (In politics, you either eat the baby or you are the baby).

I eagerly anticipate meeting all of you during the course of the conference, which promises to be a memorable four days. Please do not hesitate to contact Nuh or me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Cheers!

Rahim Daya, Head Chair

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Dear Delegates,

The time for scheming, decision-making and persuading is quickly approaching! The three days of committee will be filled with fast-paced debate, charismatic rhetoric and, most importantly imaginative crisis arcs. My name is Nuh Bahemia and I will be your Crisis Director for UCBMUN XXI. But, before we go any further, both Rahim and myself would like to welcome you to this year's Mau Mau Uprising: The Beginning of the End of British Kenya.

The committee will mainly focus on the conflict that existed between the Mau Mau rebels and the British Army, beginning in 1952. The path the committee will take will heavily depend on the crises generated by your arcs, with some twists and turns from our side along the way! I think something very important worth mentioning is that this committee does not have to follow the course of history, as the committee will decide how the crises evolve. Each of your characters will be assigned specific portfolio powers which you must use to reach your own personal goals as well as those of the committee. Your key tool here really is the background guide as it will provide you with most, if not all, the information you require to succeed in your endeavors.

Finally, a little about myself: I'm a sophomore at UC Berkeley with an intended major in Economics. This will be my second year at UCBMUN, serving as an ACD for the Rhodesian Government and CD for BayMun (Spring 16). I was born in the island Mark Twain once rivaled with Heaven: Mauritius. However, I grew up in the Middle East, Qatar to be specific, where I attended and organized multiple MUN conferences. Outside of conference, I am a fan of both Liverpool FC and Real Madrid FC, as well watching the Warriors win the championship!

I'm really looking forward to meeting all of you for what is to be a riveting conference. Please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Rahim if you have any questions concerning the committee or any of the procedures.

See you soon!

Nuh Bahemia, Crisis Director

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