



PRESS STATEMENT

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THE GREEN PARADOX AND STATE CAPTURE: THE SYSTEMATIC DESTRUCTION OF KENYA'S ECOSYSTEMS UNDER THE RUTO REGIME

1. The Wholesale Slaughter of Kenya's Green Heritage

The **United Green Movement (UGM) Party** strongly condemns the ongoing, systemic decimation of Kenya's public forests, national parks, and urban green spaces over the last four years under the William Ruto administration. The regime has weaponized empty rhetoric and cosmetic public relations campaigns to mask an unprecedented ecological assault, creating a deep paradox between state declarations and the grim reality on the ground. While the state orchestrates highly publicized tree-planting events, the country's ancient, carbon-sink mature trees are systematically felled to satisfy commercial greed and political patronage. This is not development; it is an organized ecocide driven by state capture and absolute impunity.

2. The Ecocide in Nairobi and Public Forest Destruction

The visual and structural destruction of our environment has scaled up aggressively, penetrating deep into our capital city and vital national water towers over the last 48 months:-

- **Nairobi's Chainsaw Massacre:** Decades-old, irreplaceable indigenous and exotic canopy trees along Lower State House Road, Waiyaki Way, Parklands, and areas surrounding Karura Forest have been completely flattened under the guise of infrastructure extension.
- **Institutional Accountability Failure:** State organs like KURA and KeNHA bypass local environmental frameworks and cut down trees without county regulatory approvals, shifting blame while fast-tracking concrete deserts.
- **The Mau Forest and Logging Invalidation:** The administration's unilateral decision to lift the logging ban opened the floodgates for illegal loggers and well-connected land grabbers to infiltrate the Mau Forest Complex, erasing vital biodiversity corridors.
- **Protected Areas Encroachment:** Gazette notices and public forest borders are being systematically altered to pave the way for private commercial developments, directly threatening national parks, such as the Nairobi National Park.

3. The Failure and Deep-Seated Corruption of the 15-Billion Tree Campaign

The regime's heavily financed campaign to plant 15 billion trees by 2032 has completely failed to achieve real ecological restoration, serving instead as a massive financial distraction and a front for corruption:-

- **A Money Laundering Apparatus:** Whistleblower accounts and public investigations reveal

that the national tree-planting initiative functions largely as a cover for multi-billion shilling financial impropriety.

- **Bypassing Treasury Frameworks:** High-ranking former government insiders have exposed systemic attempts to route over USD 1 billion in international climate financing directly through the Ministry of Environment, deliberately bypassing the National Treasury's stringent oversight mechanisms.
- **Carbon Offset Exploitation:** The state's strategy prioritizes selling cheap carbon credit clearances to large-scale global greenhouse gas pollutants and carbon cowboys at the expense of local communities while allowing indigenous local forests to be commercialized and degraded.
- **Institutionalized Graft:** The dismissal of dozens of forest rangers and managers for aiding forest destruction highlights the corruption embedded within the state's environmental apparatus. It provides clear evidence that Kenya's environmental law enforcement agencies have been compromised from within.

4. State Capture, Impunity, and the Menace of the Current Regime

Environmental lawlessness in Kenya is not accidental; it is a direct symptom of state capture. The executive branch has repeatedly demonstrated contempt for judicial boundaries, deliberately defying rulings from the Environment and Land Courts that seek to freeze illegal logging and public land allocations. Independent conservation bodies and state regulatory watchdog agencies have been systematically weakened or placed under the control of executive cartels. Public lands, vital water catchments, and civic green spaces are treated as political currencies to reward loyalists and secure regime survival, effectively locking out citizen participation and scientific oversight.

5. The Post-2027 Green Paradigm Shift

The 2027 general election represents a critical turning point to dismantle state capture and usher in an eco-socialist governance model that prioritizes natural heritage. A UGM-led Green Government will radically change Kenya's environmental landscape:-

Current Regime Status Quo	A Green Government Paradigm by UGM Party
Deforestation disguised as commercial development	Absolute constitutional and physical locking of all water towers, public forests, urban green spaces.
Cosmetic tree planting used for financial corruption	Community-based agroforestry linked to direct financial incentives.
Systemic destruction of urban parks and open spaces	Strict protection and mandatory expansion and clean-up of civic green spaces.
Widespread youth unemployment and economic alienation	Creation of millions of sustainable green jobs in conservation, waste management, and renewable energy sectors.

6. A Call to Citizen Defiance and Voting for Hon. David Maraga CJ Emeritus

In the face of official lawlessness, compliance is complicity. The United Green Movement Party (UGM) calls upon all Kenyan citizens to exercise organized, peaceful civic defiance against any ongoing destruction of trees in their neighborhoods. Demand valid environmental impact assessment permits from operators on public lands, map and expose land grabbers, and physically shield our remaining urban forests from chainsaws. To permanently repair our broken environmental systems, we need an executive leader of tested, unshakeable integrity. The UGM Party has proudly presented Chief Justice Emeritus Hon. David Maraga as the ideal presidential candidate for the 2027 elections. Hon. Maraga's unmatched record of defending constitutionalism, resisting executive intimidation, and preserving institutional rule of law makes him the only leader capable of dismantling environmental cartels. A vote for Hon. David Maraga and our green candidates for MCA and MP positions is a vote to reclaim Kenya's water towers, save our cities from ecological collapse, and restore our green heritage.



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