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Farewell to an Enigma



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STATE FUNERAL PROGRAMME RT. HON. RAILA AMOLO ODINGA, E.G.H.

Order of Events Thursday, 16th October 2025

REPATRIATION, STATE RECEPTION & LYING-IN-STATE

Time	Event
8:00 a.m.	The State Funeral Procession led by His Excellency Hon. William Samoei Ruto, PhD., C.G.H., President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces, accompanied by Her Excellency Rachel Ruto, E.G.H., arrives at State Pavilion, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA).
8:30 a.m.	Arrival of the casket for the Rt. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga, E.G.H., former Prime Minister of the Republic of Kenya at State Pavilion, JKIA. Repatriation Ceremony. Guard of Honour marches into position (Troop-in-Line). His Excellency the President, Hon. William Samoei Ruto, PhD., C.G.H., and Her Excellency the First Lady Rachel Ruto, E.G.H., the Family of the Rt. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga, E.G.H., and senior Government officials receives the body. NATIONAL ANTHEM. EAST AFRICA COMMUNITY ANTHEM.



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Event

Prayers.

The Casket is escorted to the Lee Funeral Home.

Prayers.

The State Funeral Procession departs from the Lee Funeral Home to Parliament for the Lying-in-State Ceremony.

Troops-in-Line at Parliament Buildings.

Reception of the State Funeral Procession at Parliament Buildings.

The Casket is mounted on the Catafalque at the Speakers Walk, National Assembly Building.

Arrival of His Excellency Hon. William Samoei Ruto, PhD., C.G.H., President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces accompanied by Her Excellency Rachel Ruto, E.G.H. First Lady of the Republic of Kenya.

NATIONAL ANTHEM.

EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY ANTHEM.

Musical Honours and Tribute.

The Committal Service.

His Excellency the President accompanied by the First Lady lead the Nation in paying tribute and last respect to the former Prime Minister.

One Minute of National Silence.

Presidential Retreat.

NATIONAL ANTHEM.

Paying of last Respects.

The Casket is escorted to the Lee Funeral Home for overnight stay.



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Friday, 17th October, 2025

NATIONAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>
8.00 a.m.	Members of the public to be seated at the Nyayo National Stadium. Musical honors and tribute.
8.20 a.m.	The solemn procession departs from Lee Funeral Home for Nyayo National Stadium.
8.30 a.m.	Arrival of Ambassadors and High Commissioners, Principal Secretaries, Judges, Members of the National Assembly, Senators, County Governors, the Cabinet, Judges of the Supreme Court, Heads of Arms of Government and his Excellency the Deputy President.
8.50 a.m.	Arrival of visiting Heads of States and Governments.
9.00 a.m.	Arrival of His Excellency Hon. William Ruto, PhD., C.G.H., President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces, accompanied by Her Excellency Rachael Ruto, E.G.H., The First Lady of the Republic of Kenya. NATIONAL ANTHEM . EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY ANTHEM.



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<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>
9.30 a.m.	The State reception of the funeral procession of the Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga, E.G.H., former Prime Minister of the Republic of Kenya. The guard of honor (Troops-in Line). Procession to the Altar. Head of State, CDF, VCDF and SVC Comds witness the mounting of the casket on the catafalque. Paying of last respects by visiting Heads of States and Governments. The State Funeral Service. Memorial service in celebration of the life of Rt. Hon Raila Odinga, E.G.H. Tributes. Retreat of the cortege of Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga, E.G.H. His Excellency the President leaves the Nyayo National Stadium followed by other visiting Heads of States and Governments.



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Saturday, 18th October, 2025

STATE FUNERAL (CORTEGE) PROCESSION

Time	Event
7.00 a.m.	The State Funeral Cortege departs from the Lee Funeral Home to the JKIA Airport.
8.30 a.m.	Arrival of the Cortege for the late Rt. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga, E.G.H., former Prime Minister of the Republic of Kenya at Kisumu International Airport
9.00a.m.–9.20a.m.	Family and Dignitaries receive the casket at Kisumu International Airport Kisumu City, Kisumu County. The State Funeral Cortege departs for the Jomo Kenyatta International Stadium, Mombasa Reception of the State Funeral Cortege
9.30a.m.–2.00p.m.	Prayers of Commendation The Cortege lies in repose Paying of Last Respects (Public Viewing)
2.30 p.m.	State Funeral Cortege leaves for Bondo, Siaya County for an overnight Stay
4.30 p.m.	State Funeral Cortege arrives in Bondo, Siaya County
4.40 p.m.	Commendation Prayers Anglican Church of Kenya (ACK)



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Sunday, 19th October, 2025

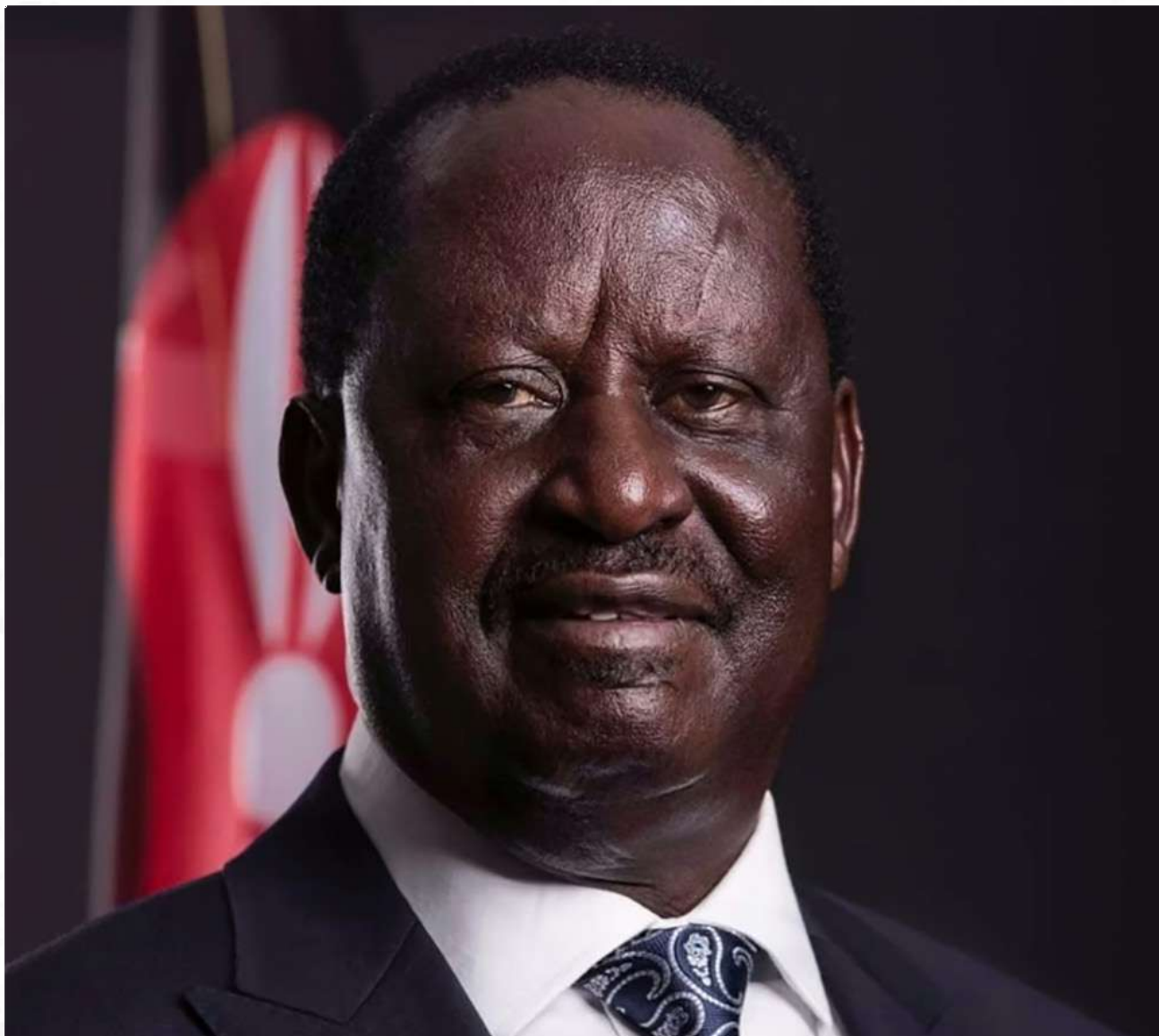
STATE BURIAL/INTERMENT/FINAL RESTING CEREMONY

Time	Event	Time	Event
7.00 a.m.	Guests Seated at Jaramong Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology Grounds.		The Deputy President His Excellency Hon. Prof. Kithure Kindiki, E.G.H., invites His Excellency the President to make his tribute.
8.00 a.m.	Family Arrives .		His Excellency the President, Hon. William Samoei Ruto, PhD., C.G.H., makes his Tribute.
8.30 a.m.	Dignitaries + VIPs Arrive .		State Procession/Funeral Cortege departs for Kang'o Ka Jaramogi.
9.00 a.m.	His Excellency Hon. William Samoei Ruto, PhD., C.G.H., President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces, accompanied by Her Excellency Rachel Ruto, E.G.H., the First Lady of the Republic of Kenya arrives at Jaramong Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology Grounds.		Private Interment Ceremony/Committal Rites at Kang'o Ka Jaramogi, Bondo, Siaya County.
	The State Funeral Procession Arrives .		The Interment Ceremony: Final Rites at the Graveside
	Interment Service led by The Rt. Prof. David Kodia, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Bondo.		• Military/State Honours • The Committal Prayer • Interment • Musical Tribute • Floral Tributes • Votes of Thanks
	Tributes .		



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EULOGY

The Life and Times of THE RT. HON. RAILA AMOLO ODINGA, E.G.H. THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA

“Raila Amolo Odinga is truly a once-in-a-generation leader, a man whose ideals transcended politics and whose legacy will shape Kenya’s destiny for generations to come”. These are the timeless words of President William Ruto while announcing the passing on of the former premier on October 15, 2025. This is the man we mourn today.

On October 15, 2025, the mortal journey of the Rt. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga came to an end, but his spirit is immortalised in the story of a life that began on January 7, 1945. For eighty years, he embodied resilience, boundless optimism, a will to test limits, ventured into new frontiers and imagined new horizons, all in steadfast love for country. He was a leader who never wavered in his belief in the good of his people.

Raila Odinga lived a life of purpose. He chose to fly high, urged the nation to dare, and challenged Africa to fight for its place in the world and retrace the dreams of the continent’s founders.

Over the past three days, we have witnessed an outpouring of emotions of a nation gripped in grief. Africa has grieved for him. Indeed, the world has grieved for him. A nation and a world struggling with the





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question, “did we really know him?”, is fighting to find hope in his enduring legacy.

Raila Odinga may not have been there to fight the country’s war for independence. But he bows out as an undisputed leader of the national rebirth of the Kenyan nation. He easily became the bridge between our generation and

that of his father, the late Jaramogi Oginga Odinga, who fought for our country’s independence from colonialism.

He learnt at the feet of Kenya and Africa’s most revered leaders. He witnessed the liberation ideals and struggles of Pan-African heroes, including his father Jaramogi, Jomo Kenyatta, Julius Nyerere, Kwame Nkrumah,



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Gamel Abdel Nasser and Kenneth Kaunda, among others. He followed and internalised Nelson Mandela's struggles and agreed with his philosophy that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it; that the brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear. Raila conquered fear and mastered courage. Possibility of death in pursuit of an ideal was not a reason for Raila to retreat. For he also internalised William Shakespeare's words; that cowards die many times before their deaths; the valiant never taste of death but once.

It is from that perch that Raila began his own long walk for freedom and liberation, applying himself to the cause as a debt owed to past and due to the present generations. Many times he appeared to be on a cause much larger than himself, a mission almost impossible. But that seemed to be the way he loved it, and he gave his life to it.

In emulating the giant footsteps of his father and the spirit of selflessness that run deep in his heritage, Raila Odinga, just as his father once declared that there could be no freedom without the release of their leader Jomo Kenyatta, proclaimed "Kibaki Tosha," a declaration that propelled NARC to bring an end to KANU's forty-year rule.

This defining act was emblematic of the man himself. Raila Odinga was Raila Odinga. He never cared what others thought about him or his actions. He cared whether people bought into his vision and mission. Once he felt he had the mandate of the people, there would be



no turning back.

In the process, he became Kenya's ultimate political prisoner and one of Africa's best known freedom fighters, a dedicated and down to earth servant of the people of Kenya, a headache to the corrupt elite, and a beacon of hope for those struggling for freedom not only in Kenya but across Africa and beyond. Generations to come will honour him and offer gratitude.

Raila Odinga cared deeply about Africa and worried eternally about its decline. For that, he applied himself to peace and reconciliation missions across the continent whenever called upon. During the 1990s, he worked closely with the International Republican Institute as a resource person for peace and conflict resolution in the



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then war-torn countries of Mozambique and Burundi and offered similar support to peaceful electoral processes in Nigeria and Zimbabwe. He mastered Africa's conflicts and the forces and issues behind them.

The highest executive position he ever rose to was that of Prime Minister of the Republic of Kenya, following the signing of a National Accord and Reconciliation Act 2008 which created the office to facilitate power-sharing after the controversial 2007 elections. Earlier, he had served as Member of Parliament for Langata Constituency within the city of Nairobi from 1992.

However, the hallmark of Raila's life and career was not in executive mansions and offices. It was in the struggle for freedom and democracy in Kenya and across Africa, many times telling the continent's dictators to set their people free. It earned him outright enemies, cynical friends and admirers in Africa and beyond.

It is this record that saw him appointed Special Peace Envoy of the African Union in February 2011, following the post-election crisis in Côte d'Ivoire. He juggled politics, entrepreneurship and scholarship with ease.

Besides his career in politics, Mr Odinga is also a successful businessman and entrepreneur, having founded the flagship family business, East Africa Spectre, a manufacturer of gas cylinders for Kenya and the East African region. Subsequently, he founded Spectre International.

Before that, he had taught at the University of Nairobi's Department of Mechanical Engineering between 1970





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and 1974 and served at the Kenya Bureau of Standards, which he was instrumental in establishing.

Even as he pursued all these other careers, Raila understood that social, political and economic changes in a country come through politics and that although all politics is local, politics is also substantially international.

So, even as he appeared to be rabble-rousing in the trenches of Kibera and Kondele, he understood that an hour comes when he needed to dust himself off and sit in board rooms or take a plane to global capitols to negotiate politics and policies.

He did that effortlessly, moving from dusty Kamukunji Grounds to a meeting in diplomatic circuits of the country within the hour. It was normal for Raila to be teargassed, water hosed and even shot at only for him to show up at the boardroom for meetings with his tormentors as if torture at the field did not happen. He understood the place of man to man negotiations in the quest to influence policy and power. Raila disagreed fundamentally with many politicians about the state of the Kenyan nation and how to transform it. But those disagreements never stopped him from sitting down with those he disagreed with or sympathizing with the views of fellow politicians.

Raila believed in political parties as vehicles for advancing democracy and good governance. It is upon this belief that he was a founder member of the Forum for the Restoration of Democracy (FORD, later FORD-Kenya) in 1991, the National Democratic Party in 1996,

the Liberal Democratic Party in 1997, and in 2005 his present political vehicle, the Orange Democratic Party of Kenya. In 2013, he led his party into a coalition with other parties to form the Coalition for Reforms and Democracy (CORD) on whose ticket he ran for President. He challenged the election results at the Supreme Court, which ruled in favour of his opponents. He accepted the verdict and took up the leadership of the Opposition.

He contested the 2017 presidential election on the ticket of the National Super Alliance (NASA), which election ended up being nullified by the Supreme Court but he stayed out of the subsequent contest.

Mr Odinga was again picked by his coalition, Azimio la Umoja One Kenya Coalition Party, for the presidency in 2022 whose results were confirmed against him by the Supreme Court. He accepted the verdict and has led the Opposition coalition.

Raila's early life prepared him to be a consummate African and citizen of the world, with early education in Kisumu and Siaya before leaving for Germany where he began his high school education at the Herder Institute in Leipzig. He later transitioned to the Otto von Guericke University, Magdeburg, in the then East Germany, where he obtained a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering, specializing in Production Technology.

In February 2024, Raila visited and extensively toured the two institutions, reliving his days there and recalling that when he arrived in Otto von Guericke, there were not more than five black students in the whole college.



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As a leader, Raila believed in and exercised unity, selflessness, sacrifice, collective leadership, humility, honesty, discipline and hard work. Other than Kenya, Raila's other greater love was Africa. He celebrated the continent's potential, and mourned its poverty. He mourned the dearth of leadership on the continent, and felt the pain of its people being left behind by less endowed regions of the world because of failure of leadership.

Indeed, the last major political project Raila quietly embarked on just days before his death was a third biography dedicated purely to Pan-Africanism and what needs to be done to take the continent forward.

In October 2018, Raila was appointed as the Africa Union High Representative for Infrastructure Development in Africa. He moved into the position with the swiftness and certainty of fish in water. He named the continental highway networks corridors, railways and airports as if they were here in Kenya. He was at ease with Africa's trade deficit figures in comparison to other parts of the world.

In politics, Raila communicated the importance of reconciliation, forgiveness and putting country over self. He forgave his jailers and worked with them to move the country forward. He emphasised that building a progressive country demanded that leaders rise above anger and the desire for revenge.

He also believed strongly that the preservation of a nation requires the triumph of pragmatism over ideology; that when the nation is under extreme threat, leaders must embrace extreme compromise. He believed power was not an end but a means to an end and it should be used towards the desired end. He believed power should be used to ensure the existence of the nation, not the demise of the nation. He wanted power to be used to ensure progress, prosperity and peace of and among nations and not for any causes that would yield contrary outcomes.

We will cherish Raila's memory in the heart of our nation and, I believe, in the hearts of many African nations.

Fare Thee Well, Our Champion, Our Freedom Fighter, Our Baba. You have fought the long fight, you have finished the arduous race, you have kept the unshakeable faith. Your work here is done. The struggle continues. Rest in Perfect and Eternal Peace.



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PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION

With respect to

The death of RT. HON. RAILA AMOLO ODINGA, E.G.H. SOLEMNLY ISSUED AT STATE HOUSE, NAIROBI, on the fifteenth day of October, 2025

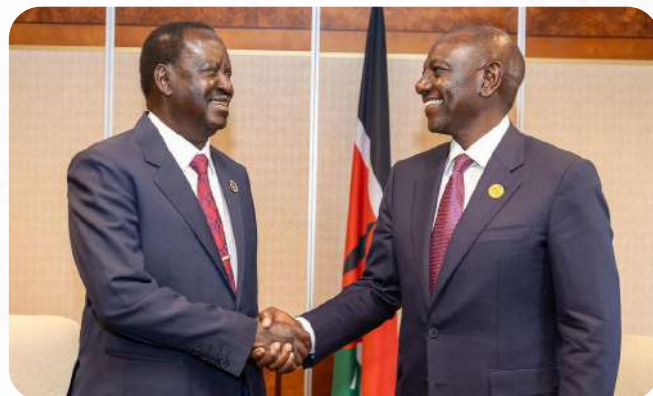
To the People of the Republic of Kenya;

IT IS WITH profound sorrow and the deepest sense of loss that I discharge my solemn duty to notify Kenya, Africa, and the World of the passing of The Right Honourable Raila Amolo Odinga, EGH, the former Prime Minister of the Republic of Kenya.

THE RT. HON. RAILA AMOLO ODINGA passed away this morning in India, where he was receiving medical treatment.

BORN ON 7th January 1945, Raila Odinga dedicated his entire adult life to the service of our nation. The father of our democracy, a tireless champion for social justice, a renowned Pan-Africanist, and a statesman without equal, Hon. Raila Odinga, played a defining role in shaping Kenya's modern political history.

HON. RAILA ODINGA'S name is etched indelibly in the annals of our Republic's journey towards greater freedom, democracy, and prosperity. As we mourn this immeasurable loss, we recall that his was a voice that fearlessly spoke truth to power, championed reform, and summoned us always to the higher ideals of nationhood.



WITH ETERNAL GRATITUDE, the nation remembers Prime Minister Raila Odinga's patriotic journey in the service of our country. This journey made him the most consequential figure in the Second Liberation of our Republic, and the torchbearer in our march toward the Constitution of Kenya, 2010.

AS A UNIVERSITY lecturer, a Member of Parliament on both sides of the aisle of the National Assembly, a Cabinet Minister, the de facto Leader of the Official Opposition, and as the 2nd Prime Minister of the Republic, Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga was the very embodiment of patriotism and selfless servant-leadership. His unwavering belief in Kenya's potential and his lifelong commitment to justice and equity will endure as an inspiration to generations of Kenyans yet unborn.



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WE HONOUR AND REMEMBER the values by which he lived, his dignity, diligence, candour, courage, and profound concern for the well-being of all Kenyans.

IN HIS PASSING, our nation, our continent, and our world have lost a titan of conscience, a visionary of uncommon resolve, and a defender of the defenceless whose legacy will illuminate Kenya's democratic path for all time.

THE FORMER Prime Minister's central role in shepherding Kenya into a new constitutional dispensation is a towering legacy that immortalises him. Kenya is undoubtedly a much better place today because of the struggles, sacrifice, leadership, vision, and courage of a son of the soil, who never tired in the pursuit of a better Kenya.

AS WE MOURN THE PASSING of an icon, we rejoice in the lifelong companionship he enjoyed with his beloved wife, Mama Idah Odinga, and his extended family. Our sincere sympathy to his children – Rosemary Odinga, Raila Odinga Junior, Winnie Odinga and their families, the entire Odinga Odinga family and to all Kenyans. As the former Prime Minister served Kenya, Africa, and the world, he remained a deeply devoted family man, an avid football enthusiast, and an earnest friend to many.

IN HONOUR OF THE LIFE AND TIMES OF THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER RAILA AMOLO ODINGA, and on behalf of a grateful nation, I, WILLIAM SAMOEI RUTO, under the authority vested in me as the President of the Republic of Kenya and the Commander in Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT: –

I. THAT, in testimony of the highest esteem in which all Kenyans hold the person and the memory of Prime Minister Raila Amollo Odinga, the nation will observe a period of national mourning from today until sunset of the day of his interment.

II. THAT Prime Minister Raila Odinga shall be accorded a State Funeral, with military honours and the attendant State protocols being rendered and observed;

III. THAT the flag of the Republic of Kenya shall be flown at half-mast at State House and all Kenyan diplomatic missions, public buildings and public grounds, all military bases, posts, and stations on all naval vessels of the Republic of Kenya, and however elsewhere throughout the entire territory of the Republic of Kenya, from today until sunset on the day of his interment; and

IV. THAT the President, the Deputy-President, the Prime Cabinet Secretary, the Chief Justice, Cabinet Secretaries, the Speaker of the National Assembly, the Speaker of the Senate, Kenya's diplomats abroad, and whomsoever else is so authorised by law, shall not fly the national flag on their official motor vehicles from today until sunset on the day of his interment.

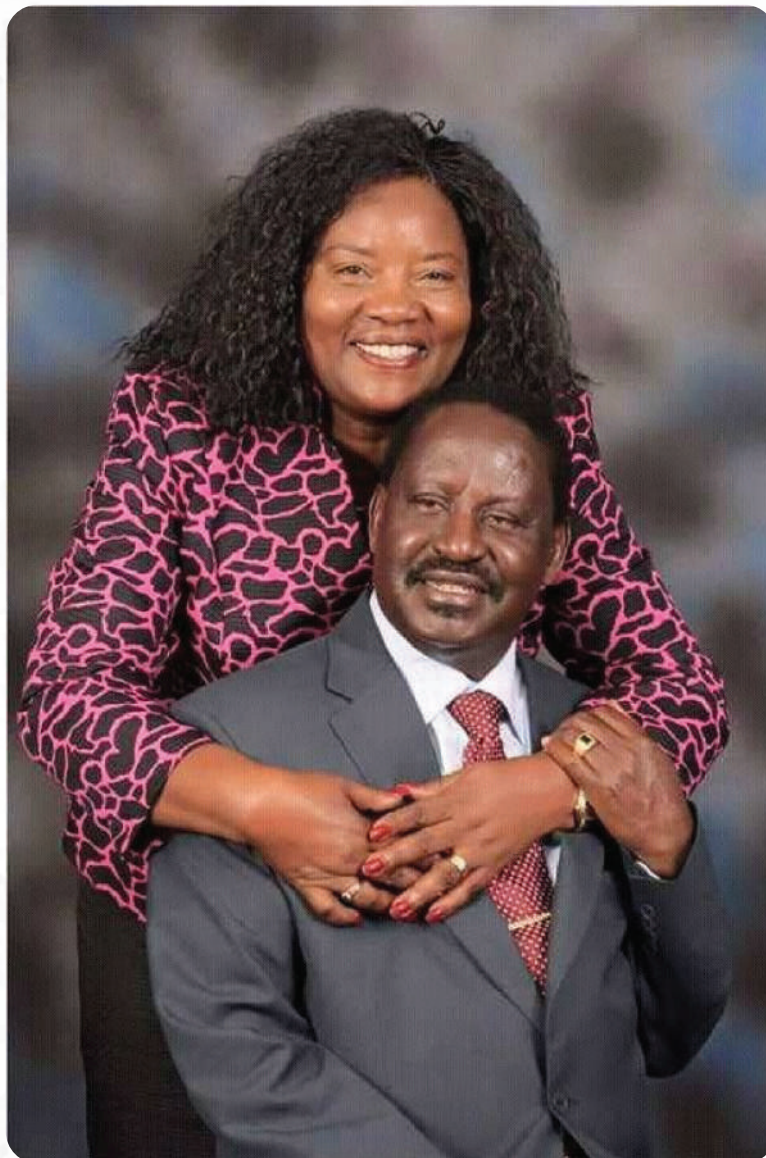
May Prime Minister Raila Odinga's family be comforted; may his memory be honoured; and may his example be emulated."

*William Samoei Ruto,
President*



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Courage with Humility

A TRIBUTE FROM DR. IDA ODINGA

My Dear, my heart is heavy as I write these words, my beloved. The news of your sudden passing feels like an ache that cannot be soothed. It's a pain so deep; I find myself praying for strength, for courage, and for the peace that surpasses all understanding.

For over five decades, you weren't just my husband — you were my partner, my confidant, my greatest supporter. I had dreamed of retiring together, of growing old hand in hand, sharing quiet sunsets and dreams fulfilled. But now, I realise life's plans are in the hands of a higher power. Still, I hold onto the memories of the life we built — full of love, resilience and unwavering hope.

You taught me what true courage with humanity looks like. Through your actions and words, you showed us that forgiveness is a virtue worth cultivating, that bravery is rooted in facing storms head-on with unwavering faith. Your strength inspired not just me, but the countless Kenyans who looked up to you as a beacon of hope.

I am eternally grateful to God for the honour and privilege of sharing my life with you. Every moment, every challenge we faced and every victory — these will be treasures I hold close to my heart. You opened not only our home, but also your heart, extending your fatherly love beyond our nuclear family. Your guidance, your sacrifices, your unwavering dedication — they left a legacy that will forever shine brightly in our family and in the fabric of this nation.

Losing you feels like losing a pillar, a foundation of strength for us all. Your love wrapped us, protected us, and your unwavering commitment to Kenya was evident until your very last breath. I am proud of the man you were; a man



who fought tirelessly for justice, for democracy and for the future of this country. Your legacy is etched in the lives you touched, in the ideals you championed.

The outpouring of love and solidarity from across Kenya and the world has overwhelmed me in the most humbling way. It reassures me that your spirit lives on in every heart you touched.

To all Kenyans and friends near and far, I extend my deepest condolences. May you find comfort during this difficult time, knowing that your love and prayers sustain us.

Farewell, my Dear. You have run your race with honour, with courage and with unwavering love for Kenya. May the Lord rest your soul in eternal peace. Until we meet again, know that you are forever in my heart.



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**Tribute from H.E. Hon. William Ruto, C.G.H.,
The President of the Republic of Kenya**



It has been an immense privilege, in the course of my journey in leadership and politics, to work and engage with my dear late brother, the Rt. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga, in different seasons, while playing diverse roles and under various colours.

In that time, I can say that we came to know each other very well, and forged a relationship that transcended mutual understanding and became a perennial bond, which withstood the furious tempests of our dynamic politics.

As a freshman legislator, I found in the National Assembly a restless and tireless Hon. Raila, who had already made an indelible mark as a determined firebrand who never hesitated when called upon to prove his mettle. In 1996, Hon. Raila had done the unthinkable by resigning in his first term as Member of Parliament for Langata due to irreconcilable differences with the leadership of Ford Kenya.

Consequently, he contested the subsequent by-election under the then unknown National Development Party, whose symbol, a tractor, would earn him the nickname Tinga Tinga or Tinga in short. It helped that Tinga happened to rhyme with Odinga, and that is what I, with countless others, called him for a long time.

Hon. Raila mobilised non-stop and built the new party



from scratch. By 1997, NDP had eclipsed Ford Kenya with 21 members. Following the election, Hon. Raila executed a political strategy that confounded friend and foe, which involved finding common ground with KANU and President Daniel Arap Moi, then anathema and implacable foe respectively. In Moi's succession, Hon Raila had spotted a golden political opportunity he could not turn away from and, in NDP and Hon Raila, Moi saw not only safety in parliamentary numbers, but also a chance to build a broad national support base for his succession plan.

It was during this time that I found myself working more closely with Hon. Raila as we tightened the nuts and bolts



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of the KANU-NDP ‘cooperation’ before transitioning it into the full-blown merger that shook Kenya’s political landscape with reverberations that gave rise to NARC and swept KANU out of power to date.

It was immediately clear that, politically speaking, Hon Raila and I had a number of fundamental characteristics in common. Firstly, is his energy and zeal, especially when it came to networking, mobilising and overseeing operations and the implementation of competitive political strategies.

Secondly, his sharp focus, total commitment and unstoppable motivation in the pursuit of what he believed in. Thirdly, his pragmatism and impressive, yet thoroughly principled flexibility when it came to building alliances, negotiation, reviewing and even changing course.

Fourthly, Hon. Raila believed in the people as the foremost if not the sole reason for political leadership. Finally, he and I believed in the importance of strong, national parties for strengthening democracy and anchoring good governance. Together with other colleagues, we built a strong party that endures as a powerful institution of our democracy. Afterwards, I have taken part in building equally formidable parties and coalitions from the bottom up.

This similarity had two fundamental implications: When Hon. Raila and I were on the same page, we were utterly unstoppable. However, whenever we found ourselves at odds, the going got really tough. It will be

an understatement for me to state that, in 2002, things got a little difficult after he left KANU and launched a turbocharged NARC.

Between 2005 and 2010, we were a formidable team. However, between 2010 and 2022, we were once more at loggerheads. I will always be grateful to Hon. Raila because, in the last few years, we rediscovered once more the sweet spot and shared a moment of divine grace. I have benefitted immensely from Hon Raila’s wisdom and experience as my parliamentary colleague, team leader, Prime Minister, elder Statesman and friend.

For me, working with Hon. Raila affirmed certain important truths that, I believe, no leader should ever neglect: Respect for opponents, acknowledging our diversity and different opinions, never underestimating competitors and never losing sight of the humanity of all persons, including our adversaries.

In all the years I knew Hon. Raila, I was privileged to witness his devotion to his family, his loyalty to his friends and comrades, his pursuit of the abundant life made up of diverse engagements, all energetically pursued: From sport, business and engineering to innovation, devolution, pan-Africanism and farming; from dancing, statecraft and African culture to social democracy.

He impressed me most with the clarity of his conviction that the Kenya we want is within reach if we are committed to do the hard work and make bold decisions; that our democratic experiment must be nurtured vigilantly and



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matured ambitiously; that leadership always creates space for the youth now, and that Kenya always comes first, and our ambitions are always subordinate to the greater good.

To his last day, Hon Raila was steadfast in the struggle to deliver the Africa Union's Agenda 2063 and the Kenya Vision 2030, beginning at the devolved units. I am a witness of Hon. Raila's fiery patriotism, which never dimmed. I know because we had many deep conversations; and we shared the perspective that economic development was the crowning glory of the struggle for freedom, democracy and justice. Hon Raila never lost an opportunity to reiterate the words of the National Anthem, especially the lines: "Justice be our shield and defender" and, "Plenty be found within our borders".

I honour my dear departed brother not only because he believed in the best of the right things for our country, but also because he never hesitated to stand up for his

convictions, and many a time, pay a painful price for them. I celebrate his courage and respect his compassion. I remember his sense of humility, humanity, honour and humour. In a time when politics often beat, broke and reduced the best and brightest into indifference, ambiguity or cowardice, Hon. Raila stood tall, walked proudly and fought the good fight with a smile and a kitendawili.

His legacy calls on us to contemplate the real possibility of a gracious, selfless, principled and patriotic politics. It also demonstrates, beyond any doubt, that it is impossible to attempt a modern history of Kenya without devoting a number of rich chapters to the life and work of Raila Odinga.

As we bid farewell to a much beloved and towering patriot, I want to persuade all Kenyans that the best way of honouring him is by standing together in one accord, working with determination to deliver prosperity for all Kenyans within a generation.



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Tribute from Her Excellency the First Lady Rachel Ruto, E.G.H.



I join the nation in mourning the passing of Rt. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga, a towering Statesman; a father of democracy, and a patriot whose life's work shaped the soul of our Republic. For decades, Hon. Raila stood at the forefront of Kenya's struggle for freedom, justice and unity. His courage in the face of adversity, his resilience through moments of trial and his unwavering belief in Kenya's promise left a lasting imprint on our national story.

His voice carried the weight of a generation's hopes. His actions challenged us to become better as a people, to speak truth, to stand for what is right, and to believe in the power of dialogue and reconciliation. His passing is a profound loss, not only to his family and those who knew him personally, but also to the entire nation and continent.

Yet, even in this moment of sorrow, we find comfort in the words of John 16:22 — “So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice and no one will take your joy from you.” His legacy will continue to inspire generations to come, reminding us that from loss can rise lasting hope.

Hon. Raila Odinga was more than a leader; he was a symbol of courage, sacrifice and unity, a patriot who gave his all for justice, equity, and freedom. His ideals transcended politics and his legacy will continue to inspire Kenyans. I extend my deepest condolences to Mama Ida Odinga, their children Rosemary, Raila Junior, and Winnie, the grandchildren and the entire Odinga family. May God grant you strength and comfort during this difficult time. May his soul rest in eternal peace!



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**Tribute from H.E. Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, C.G.H.,
former President of the Republic of Kenya**



My heart is heavy, and my spirit is burdened with a grief that is both profound and deeply personal. The news of Raila's passing has left a silence that echoes across our nation, a silence where once there was a voice of thunder and conviction.

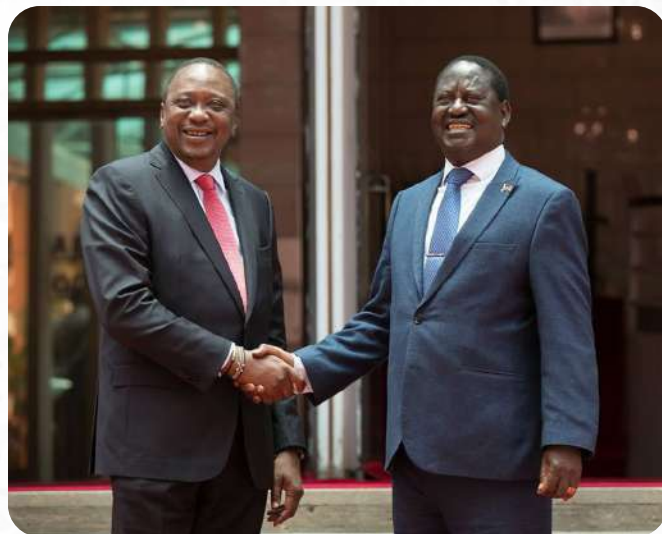
To me, Raila was more than a political colleague; he was a defining part of my own journey, in public service and in life. Raila and I were navigators on opposing currents, charting different courses for the nation we both loved. At some point along that journey, we became political opponents and often, the weight of that competition felt immense.

Baba, as we fondly referred to him, was a man who made you sharpen your own ideas, compelling you to defend your positions with rigour and passion.

However, in the recent years, a different bond was forged; one of respect, of shared patriotism and a common desire to see a united Kenya.

That journey from fierce political opponents to partners in the pursuit of "Handshake" unity taught me the true measure of the man. I saw firsthand his unwavering passion for this country, his deep-seated belief in justice, and his incredible capacity to think beyond personal ambition for the sake of national peace. He was a formidable opponent, but he was an even more invaluable ally in the cause of reconciliation.

I have lost a friend and a brother. I will miss our



conversations sometimes challenging, always insightful and the fire of belief that never left his eyes.

To Mama Ida, the children and the entire Odinga family, I extend my deepest, most heartfelt condolences. You have shared Baba with Kenya for a lifetime, and we mourn with you. We have lost a father to the nation, a steadfast champion for the people, and a true son of Kenya.

His legacy is not just in the political battles he fought, but in the peace he helped build. It is etched in the very fabric of our nation. Rest in peace, my friend. Your work here is done, but your echo will never fade.



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Tribute from Rosemary Odinga



You were Baba to millions of people in Kenya but to me you were more than that; you were the loving Dad to me and my siblings; a loving husband to my mother, and a loving granddad to my daughters.

You were also my confidant, my adviser and my dear friend.

You were a family man of unparalleled integrity. You believed in doing the right thing, even when it was hard or unpopular.

You were my evergreen source of wisdom and my best life coach. You had a way of sharing advice, wisdom or lessons without making them sound like lectures.

Baba, you taught me to sharpen my own ideas, to think deeply, to question, to stand for what I believe in even when it's not easy. You showed me that true strength lies not intransigent, but in conviction guided by compassion.

Through your example, I learned forgiveness; that healing comes not from holding on, but from letting go and choosing peace.

And most beautifully, you taught me to appreciate diversity and to embrace those who see the world differently. You lived your truth with openness and tolerance, reminding us that Kenya's strength is in her many voices.

You are not just my father, Baba. You are my teacher, my compass and my greatest example of grace in the face of struggle.



Your life was a gift and I will forever cherish the memories of the personal moments we shared.

Thank you for your guidance support and the unwavering and unconditional love you showed me. I can't imagine how I will be able to live without you but I know the Almighty will give me the strength and wisdom to do.

I will forever honour your legacy. I will carry on your memories and values, and I promise to live a life that would make you proud. Everything I will, I will do it for you.

Your memory will forever be a treasure.
UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN



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Tribute from Raila Junior Odinga



My beloved Mum, My sisters Rosie and Winnie, My extended family, Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, My fellow Kenyans, Since I learnt of Dad's demise, I have agonised over how best to mourn him.

My father was many things to many people, but to my siblings and I, he was simply Dad.

Dad embodied resilience, courage and an unwavering commitment to the ideals of freedom and justice. He always stood for what he believed was right, sometimes at great family and personal cost. He was my hero — and his legacy lives on in me, in my siblings and in all those whose lives he touched. I am my Dad's son.

And that is why I will continue to fight for the values he believed in — justice, fairness and service to others.

I am very alive to the fact that with my brother Fidel gone, I remain the gentleman of the family. Dad, I want to assure you that I will take care of our family — Mum, Rosie, Winnie — and the larger political family you have left behind. Ero kamano. Thank you, Dad. Thank you for the gift of life. Thank you for giving me your name and for never heaping the weight of it on me. Thank you for a beautiful childhood, even in the challenging times. Thank you for always believing in me, encouraging me to speak up, to try new things and for always hearing me out.

Thank you for standing by me even when I fell short or outright failed, and for always showing me grace. Thank you for your wisdom, your guidance and your unwavering love — not just for me, but for our entire family: Mama, Fidel, Rosie, Winnie, my wife, my children, my in-laws and my friends.



Thank you for grounding me in the ways and mores of our people while encouraging me to be a modern man. I will deeply miss our family moments, our laughter and our conversations. I will miss watching Arsenal with you — (this is our year!). I will miss making new memories with you, but I will forever treasure those we shared. I thank God for you and for everything you have meant to me. You have run your race with honour. May grace now lead you home, and may the ancestors receive and rest you well. Nind gi kwe, Baba. Aheri.



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Tribute by Winnie Odinga (Mama)



I don't know who I'll miss more; My Dad or my Superhero.

I am the luckiest girl in the world, because you are my Dad. Only three other human beings were as lucky as me. Fidel, Rozzy and Junior.

Dad you were a light — steady, unyielding and deeply human. To the world, you were known by many names, (you also gave almost everyone you met a nickname too), but to me you were simply Dad; a man whose presence froze rooms around the world. Our home was the vitendawili testing ground, filled with trivia; quizzes that challenged the four of us, in a good way... sometimes.

When I learnt that you willed to be buried in 72 hours, I laughed, “Good old Dad! Testing and planning for us beyond the grave!” I can see you now, laughing in your heaving manner; knowing that your wish will be done.

To my fellow mourners, I learned from him that love for country is not just in words, but in sacrifice. That justice must be pursued even when the path is lonely. That true leadership is service — not power. Millions of you are in despair, but take heart, because he left a plan for you too. He led all of us, he taught us, he carried us, we know what he expects from all of us and we shall rise together in his honour.

I watched him at his best, I watched him fall and rise again — each time with grace, forgiveness and hope. He taught us that defeat is not failure; that conviction is not arrogance and that peace is always greater than pride.

At home, he was gentle and humorous — he loved storytelling, music and the simple joy of family. Ask his grandchildren in the front; I started getting sidelined for holidays.



I'd just wake up and see Baba in Kasarani with Saphie or Malindi with Senayi, or insisting the Captain must land the plane with Laiyon at the cockpit.

He loved Saphie, Allay, Senayi Laiyon and Jara with all his heart and he sang his love to his grandchildren time and again. Even in the busiest moments of national duty, he would send me to check on all of you. I now know it was to remind us to stay grounded, for me to teach you how to dream boldly and to always stand firm for what is right.

Today, as we celebrate his life, I choose to remember not only the leader the world knew, but the father I loved with every fibre of my being. The biggest part of me died on the October 15, 2025, but the Spirit of the Lion roars on forever.

The King is dead but long live the crown!



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Tribute by Yvonne Wambui Odinga



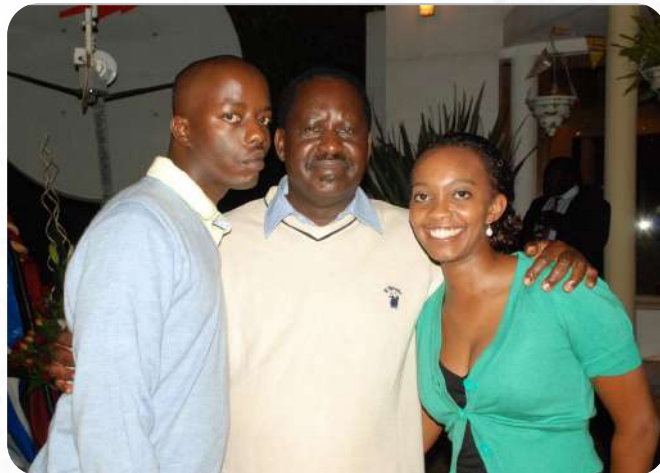
I mourn the passing of Raila Amollo Odinga a remarkable Kenyan leader, a true fighter for democracy and a man whose life embodied resilience, humility and unwavering dedication to his country and its people.

To me, he was not just a national figure, but the head of our family; a guiding force whose simplicity, grace and warmth touched our lives in countless ways. As a loving grandfather to our children, Laiyon Amolo and Jara Oginga, he brought light and laughter into our home. His support and affection enriched our lives deeply, and I will forever be grateful for the way he welcomed me into the family with open arms, showing kindness and acceptance that knew no bounds.

I first met Raila in 2009 on his birthday. I remember feeling nervous and a little intimidated, knowing I was about to meet a man of such greatness. But all that melted away the moment he smiled. He was so warm, so lovable a man of quiet strength and deep gentleness that instantly put me at ease. That first encounter left an impression I will never forget.

Through all his trials detention, exile and immense personal sacrifice he carried himself with grace and dignity, always mindful of the toll it took on his loved ones, especially his devoted wife, Mama Ida. His ability to extend compassion and understanding, even in hardship, remains one of the greatest lessons he gave us. I am grateful, too, that my husband, Raila Junior, carries within him that same quiet strength, humility, and loving nature inherited from his father. It is a living testament to the immense legacy Raila Odinga leaves behind a legacy of courage, empathy and unwavering love.

One of my most cherished memories of him was when our boys were born. The joy on his face was unforgettable



he would be the first to arrive, singing loud, joyful songs that filled the room with love. You could feel how proud he was, how deeply he loved Laiyon and Jara. Those moments will forever live in our hearts.

He taught us all what family truly means love, patience, laughter and showing up for one another. Even though he is no longer with us, his spirit lives on in the values he passed down, in the stories we tell, and in the bright smiles of Laiyon and Jara, who carry a piece of him wherever they go.

We miss him dearly his voice, his laughter and his songs. But I thank God for the time we shared and for the love he gave so freely. His memory will always be a blessing, and his legacy will live on through us.

Rest in peace, Raila Amollo Odinga. Your spirit and dedication will forever live on in the hearts of those you touched.



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Tribute from Maurice Ogeta Personal Aide



Jakom,

The journey home has never felt this long, this heavy. For most of my adult life, I've had the singular honour of being by your side, and you have been so much more than a leader—you were a father, a trusted confidant, a friend, and a demanding but inspiring Boss.

From the moment our paths converged, the trajectory of my life was fundamentally altered. You took me in and deliberately shaped my course. The man I am today, the principles I hold, the training and mentoring I received, all bear your indelible mark. I have been totally transformed thanks to your wisdom, your guidance, and your unwavering belief.

You didn't just give me a job; you gave me a masterclass in service, resilience, and patriotism. The opportunity to serve you, a genuine VVIP and a colossus of our nation, has been the greatest privilege of my professional life. Thank you, Jakom. May your extraordinary soul find eternal peace. The light you lit in my life, and in the lives of countless others, will never be extinguished. With deepest respect and profound gratitude.

MOTHERS

Tribute from Mama Betty Oginga



Nyakwar onea k'angonga, wuod waya my beloved son. From the day you came to this world, I knew your heart would belong to people. You have always cared for the family dedicatedly, gathering us with tenderness and firmness, especially at Christmas when laughter and stories braided us together. Even with the demands of public life, you found time to stop by, sit, share a simple meal, and make each person feel seen. I will miss your phone calls that began, “nyar nera, gimoro oikre kanyo?” your way of asking if anything needed mending, if any heart needed holding. You took your father's political seat and carried it with uncommon commitment and dignity. You became a steady captain in rough waters courageous, tireless, unbent by storms. You listened to the humble and challenged the mighty; you believed that justice must reach every homestead, that truth must stand upright in the marketplace. Your footsteps stitched communities together, and your voice taught us to hope with discipline, to organize our compassion, to make room at the table for those left outside the door. Today, I celebrate you: a son who honored his name and enlarged it; A leader who kept faith with the people; a brother and uncle whose embrace turned a house into a home. I pledge to keep your legacy alive in the ways I can: by nurturing unity in our family, by choosing courage over comfort, by insisting on fairness, and by reminding the young ones that service is a sacred duty. We will keep the light you lit burning—steadily, kindly, bravely. Rest well, okew oneya. Rest well, wuod waya. Rest well, my beloved son. Your work is planted in us; your song will not be silenced. We will carry it forward, step by step, until we meet again.



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Tribute from Mama Susan Oginga



Nyathina, chakre nadag dala kajaramogi e higa mar 1975, isebedo ka nyathina manyuolo. Isenyisa hera mang'eny! Iluon ga mana ni "Owila" gi hera kendo giluor mangeny! Kanachopo iri kawechek tek kuoma, kata ka an gi welo, nepokilokona toki. To kiseloso tipenja mana ni "donge koro ber Owila?" Nyaka ne Jaramogi nind, iseuma gi joga duto te! E mor kata e kuyo omiyo goyoni oriti ditama sani Jakawuor.. hera gi nguono mari nobed karapar. Kwe kende! To nyagem gi family alamonu Zaburi 34:18.

GRANDDAUGHTER

Tribute from Saphie A. Akasa



To most people, he's Baba the leader, the Statesman, the icon. But to me, he's simply Babu, my grandfather, my friend, my safe space.

I've grown up watching him not just as a public figure, but as the man who always made time to listen, to laugh, to teach and to remind us what really matters, family, faith and fairness.

He has this quiet strength that makes you believe that no matter how tough things get, you don't give up; you just keep showing up.

Babu has taught me that kindness is power, that forgiveness frees you, and that standing for what's right is never out of fashion.

He's the one who made storytelling at the table feel like history coming alive. And every time he'd call me "Saphie" with that twinkle in his eye, I knew, this is someone who's seen so much, yet still carries hope like a light.

What I'll carry forward from him isn't just his name, but his spirit the way he treats people with respect, the way he listens even when he disagrees, the way he always believes tomorrow can be better.

Thank you, Babu, for being my guide, my friend and my greatest teacher, not through big speeches, but how you live every single day. I love you deeply Babu.





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SIBLINGS

A Tribute from Sen. Dr. Oburu Odinga

My brother was more than a sibling to me; he was my blossom friend, my agemate (with just a year and two months between us), my leader, my business partner and my confidant. He was, simply put, everything to me.

From the earliest days of our childhood, we shared a bond that was deep and unshakeable. We grew up as the closest friends in the family — a bond forged in laughter, in shared secrets and in countless memories. And yet, even in our closeness, we held each other accountable. Ours was a no-nonsense relationship when it came to truth and honesty. If one of us strayed, the other would speak up — firm but loving — because that's what real friendship, real brotherhood demands.

He was fearless — in every sense of the word; fearless in physical confrontation, fearless in debate and above all, fearless in the pursuit of his goals. Whether it was politics, business or social causes, once he set his mind to something, there was no backing down. He carried a determination and confidence that could light up a room and inspire action.

Academically, he shone with brilliance. Always number one in class, he made excellence look effortless. He was a leader not just in our eyes but in every sphere he touched. People followed him because he knew where he was going, and he led with both strength and heart.

But even with all his drive and brilliance, he had his joys. He loved football — a true Arsenal fan through and through. You could always count on him to bring passion to the game,



whether on the field or in front of the TV, cheering (or arguing!) with the kind of fire only he could bring.

Losing him feels like losing a part of myself — the part that always understood me without words, which always stood with me through every challenge, every victory and every plan we ever dreamed up together.

He may be gone from sight, but never from my heart. His legacy lives on — in the lessons he taught, the love he gave, and the example he set.

Rest well, my brother. You were, and always will be, irreplaceable.

A Tribute from Dr. Wenwa Akinyi Odinga

I can't believe you're gone. I do not know how to eulogize you. How can one summarize a whole lifetime in a few sentences? You are the family pillar, our umbrella, the glue that binds us together. Our to-go-to person in times of trouble and pleasure. Everybody knows you as "Owad Gi Akinyi" which makes me very proud and humbled. 26th December every year is circled in your calendar to visit me, in my home in Nyatindo in Oyugis. The villagers know that on 26th December every year, a helicopter lands in Nyatindo primary school. It's their day for feasting with you, and it's my day to have fun with you, family, and friends. Our villagers are already heartbroken at the thought of losing that privilege of the 26th of December. Please greet Mama, Baba, Agola, Margaret, Osewe, Fidel, and Omondi. Fare thee well, brother. Until we meet again. I love you and I will miss you. My children Jaramogi and Myriam will miss you too.



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A Tribute from Beryl Achieng



As the three daughters of Jaramogi Oginga Odinga and his first wife Mary, we, Wenwa Akinyi Odinga, Beryl Achieng Odinga and Ruth Adhiambo Odinga grew up in comfort of the love of our big family. We did not anticipate that death and political difficulties would separate our family again and again.....

Once again, we are in mourning.... Does it not stop! This one still fresh... has hit hard.

Raila Amolo Odinga as he's known to all, has been a giant figure in all our lives.... especially us, his sisters....

He believed a lot in women empowerment, and this is evident in all his political life.

We his sisters are evidence of his magnitude in that. We can write chapters in his eulogy, but time does not allow.

Go well owadwa, osiepwa, Babawa.... With our utmost love. To those who have come from far and wide to be with us in this send-off, we do not take it for granted, and we deeply appreciate you!

Tribute from Hon. Ruth Adhiambo Odinga



When my brother came back from Germany, he found mom had just given birth to a baby girl.

He was so amused because the gap between Osewe and the girl was more than six years. The next time he visited, he bought me a black doll while in the 60s, there was no black doll. This doll was the highlight of my childhood because every child in the neighborhood wanted to play with it. He also bought me an electric trail in the whole of Kisumu. He fondly used to call me chok mama; (last born) and he named me NYAMAMA. Nyamama was Railas name. Raila has always been my mentor, he used to carry me on his back while going to rallies and the most significant was in Russia 1969.

I was a naughty girl, but Baba Fidel was my mentor and father. When I was being over naughty, he decided to

take up my education and brought me from Asumbi to

Kenya High where he could monitor me since I was a cheeky girl. He used to chase me around the corridors to make sure I passed and when I did he bought me my first Oris watch and platform shoes from African Boots company.

My brother Raila is a stickler of rules and you dare not get late even with 10 minutes. He was tough and I take after him in toughness and this I see in the way he made me the CEO of the biggest company in Kenya and I performed!

He also supported me in the first gubernatorial seat for Kisumu county. He named me the family doctor "laktar mar odwa" and Im glad to have been a "laktar" on his final rest.



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Tribute by Amb. Dr Akinyi Walkowa



My brother, the Rt. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga, served as the cohesive force within our family, much as he did for the nation. In his absence, we are left to ponder: Who will now unite us? Who will serve as our guardian now?

Who will instill in us the confidence to persevere regardless of circumstances? As a nation, we often gravitate towards those who share our perspectives and behaviours, forming exclusive groups. This inclination can create barriers for others. However, with Raila, affectionately known as Baba, no challenge was insurmountable. He confronted obstacles directly always leading us to success with grace and ease.

Regardless of the situation, or which side of the divide he found himself, he excelled. Who will address our challenges now? Baba was tireless and persistent, approaching tasks with unwavering dedication. He was always eager to help, needing just a simple request, and even without advance notice, his support never faltered. Who will now provide us with such cooperation, friendship and love? Lately, he seemed to act with

urgency, pushing forward with determination despite his limitations.

It was as if he was driven by the pressure of time constraints. The last time we were together, barely a week ago, he inquired if I was working with the Museum Project, a question he had posed several times before. He listened attentively as I explained our progress and the budgetary challenges, assuring him of my efforts to find partners to expand the project and meet standards similar to other international museum/libraries.

His eyes blinked, and he suddenly relaxed. I believe Baba was assigning us tasks. He devoted much time to caring for us, and he has recently entrusted us with various responsibilities. As Baba's own, be it individually or collectively, we owe it to him to ensure these tasks are completed. Those tasked with uniting us, those responsible for protection and guidance, and those like myself with projects to execute, must strive to honour Baba's legacy. Let us celebrate Baba's life by ensuring his legacy endures.

Tribute by Chorazon Aquino Oginga



Nyadhi is a great word courageous, daring, going beyond the line, that is what he has left us. Explore your limits; a fighter till the end you shall be remembered.



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Tribute by Albert Adur



I don't know how to process all these emotions, to be honest sometimes it was kinda scary how much faith you had in me, we'd celebrate even the tiniest wins and you'd encourage me to keep pushing. I definitely will forever miss catching up over breakfast. Thank you for always being in my corner and believing in me, nind gi kwe Jakawuor.

Tribute by Dr. Pauline Oginga



Baba Raila, my brother, you meant more to me than just family; you were my friend, my supporter, my confidant, my inspiration. In Mombasa, our breakfasts by the water grounded me; We would sit long after the morning rush, sharing truths we told no one else, revisiting yesterday's worries, and celebrating small as well as significant milestones. You always asked me to raise the bar higher. You listened wholeheartedly, challenged me kindly, and protected me with courage.

You were a light that knew when to be gentle and when to stand firm. At home, you created space for tenderness; in the world, you carried an unwavering sense of duty. In our family, in the social circles that shaped us, and on the political paths you took, you taught me that leadership is service, and service begins with love.

Today, the table feels too wide, the sea quieter, the morning slower. I reach for the chair beside me and hear your laugh, see how your eyes softened when we talked about hope. I long for one more question answered, one more story, one more unhurried morning with you.

Your shoes are far too big for any of us to fill. Yet the values you instilled honesty, resilience, courage, and generosity will guide our steps. We will lean on each other, trust in the people, and carry your stubborn hope forward. No one can replace you, and no one ever will. But we will honor you by living the lessons you demonstrated: listening before speaking, building bridges before walls, choosing others before ourselves with humility, patience, and unwavering joy.

Brother, friend, counselor, cheerleader, thank you for believing in me, for loving me unconditionally, for lighting the path when the night felt endless. Travel well, Baba. We will keep raising the bar, together, in your memory.

With love, Pauline Oginga

Tribute by Hon. Emily Oginga



Jakawuor, You were not just that ordinary human! That man with a BIG heart! bigger than the world!! You built a legacy that lit so many candles and we pray that we keep them shining brighter and brighter in your honour. Ating'oni ni osimbo baba!! Go well my hero! Go well wuod Kang'o!



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Tribute by Kevin Oginga



My dear brother, your life was a blessing and your memory a treasure. You were more than a brother, you were my guardian, mentor, and friend. Through your sacrifices, I found my path in life, through your grace, I learned compassion, through your strength, I learnt what resilience looks like. You saw me through school, through my hardships and through my personal challenges with a heart full of love and kindness. You never sought recognition, only the joy of seeing others rise. Though you are gone, your spirit lives within me, in every achievement, in every act of love. Rest well, wuon gweng Your legacy endures forever. Go well Aluo.

Tribute by Omondi Oginga



My brother calls me “Thuon” which means Tough. Yes, baba, you shaped my political life, you taught me what loyalty and love meant. Your absence has left a permanent space in my soul.

I will always be great full that I had you as a brother. I learnt a lot through you, Jakom, even in silence, your spirit talks to me, reminding me of your greatness. You had a strong and brave heart.

As a brother I had admired your footsteps, strength and braveness that you carried with a lot of grace and humility. The pieces of advise you kept on telling me as a big brother and a father figure will forever hold me jakawuor. know you are gone from my sight, but never from my heart.” will forever be my guiding light.

IN-LAWS

Tribute From Dr. Anna Oburu



My beloved brother-in-law who i respected so much and I still remember you because the last time I spoke to him was last Saturday. He was in a jovial mood, we joked and laughed. When I learnt of his passing, I was sn shocked. But his memory will always be with me. He loved people so much. He was forgiving and helpful. That was Raila. He loved to correct people. When you lied, he'd bring you to order gently. God gave him a lot of wisdom and knowledge. He knew how to talk to you no matter how annoyed you were, you'd soften and leave laughing and happy. What hurts me most, w have lost a diamond in our family and the whole of Kenya. Even globally. We may never have appreciated him, but we will now understand his goodness and we will miss him. I thank God that we had Raila. He made me understand us understand a lot of things about life that i didn't know. I always cherish him in my heart. I know, we will meet again in heaven when my time comes. Fair thee well my brother-in-law, my friend, my prime minister and the President we never had.



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Tribute by Lynne Yaya



A Tribute to a Beloved Shimeji am deeply saddened by the passing away of my great Shimeji Raila Amolo Odinga. He always met me with alot of joy, laughter and stories. He would start with a song by Harry Belafonte - “Down the way where the lights are grey and the sun shine daily on the mountain top” song.
I have lost a great friend and Shimeji. May he rest in eternal peace because he loved peace. Shalom. Amen

Tribute from Connie Eunice Sigei



Today, we gather to honour and celebrate the life of a remarkable man — my brother-in-law, Raila Odinga. Raila was not just a family member; he was a beacon of love, strength and wisdom who profoundly impacted everyone around him.

Raila’s love for his family was boundless. He took pride in nurturing relationships, always making time for his wife, children and siblings. His warmth and support created a home filled with laughter and affection, reminding us what it means to be a family.

Throughout his life, Raila dedicated himself to public service. He was a tireless advocate for equality and justice, using his voice to uplift the marginalised and fight for the rights of all. His passion for making a positive impact on society inspired many, and he left an indelible mark on our nation.

Raila had an extraordinary ability to connect with people. He was not only a leader but also a friend and mentor to

many. His guidance and wisdom were invaluable, and he took the time to listen, offering encouragement to those who sought his counsel. His light-hearted spirit and infectious laughter brought joy to every gathering.

Though Raila is no longer with us, his spirit will forever live on in our hearts.

He taught us the importance of resilience and dedication, and his commitment to improving the lives of others sets a powerful example for us all. We are reminded to embrace love, compassion, and the pursuit of justice in our own lives.

As we reflect on his incredible journey, let us cherish the memories we shared and carry forward his legacy. Raila Odinga was a remarkable man whose influence will continue to inspire and unite us. Rest in peace my Brother.



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Tribute by Hon. Clarice Dolly Oyoo



The news of Monsieur being promoted to heavenly realm as was broken to me by my blood sister Dr Ida Odinga hit me like a thunderbolt.

It was like having a nightmare in a broad daylight. If I say was shocked, it would be an understatement.

I looked up in heaven, where our help comes from and got a revelation that Monsieur was more of a brother to me, rather than a brother-in-law. A trustworthy brother, a confidant and a counsellor we shared a lot together.

During his wedding with my sister Ida, I had the privilege of being the Best Maid.

Prior to that, I had not even been a Flower Girl let alone a bridesmaid. But at the turn of events the wedding lasted for two days. This was brought about by the wish of none other than Hon Dr Eng Raila Amolo Odinga's father – the Great Jaramogi, who averred that White Wedding Gown had graced his homestead in Bondi; as his first son Dr Oburu wedded in Europe. So the second son Eng. Raila Amolo Odinga had to wed in Kisumu on Saturday and in Bondo the following day (Sunday).

Monsieur Raila was a forceful character with a heart of gold. Never held grudges with anybody, was quick to anger and quick to forgive and reconcile.

When he had classified material or press release to make, he'd approach me to the editing for him. There's this time he had made up his mind to resign his Langata Parliamentary seat (Ford Kenya) and vie for the same seat on an LDP ticket.

He approached me with a terse sentence: "Mademoiselle, can you edit this (draft) press release for me to be ready by tomorrow morning? Before I tender my resignation, let this be just between me and you." A phrase I understood very well. At 8.05am the following day, he came and found his document ready.

Monsieur embraced Kenya as his nuclear family; but alas Kenya was not so kind to him. With a number of detentions without trials, came a time when we thought enough was enough. It was, therefore, decided that going out of the country was the best option. He moved into my apartment in Westlands to get some peace and solitude wherein I moved to his place. This is documented in his autobiography entitled *Raila Odinga – An Enigma in Kenya Politics by Prof. Babafemi Badejo.

Monsieur, you will forever remain embalmed in our hearts. Rest in Power.



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Tribute from Joe Owaka Ager Wuod Min

MORE THAN A FRIEND, MORE THAN A BROTHER
Wuod min, wuod min, wuod min, In the end you covered
my back. In the end I covered your back.

Intrinsically, we covered each other's backs. At the
foundation, you were an upper primary school boy at
Maranda.

I was a raw-faced lower primary schoolboy at Maranda.
You protected me against the bullies, who always sought
to regularly shower generous portions of caning on
younger kids just because they were older. Thanks for
that childhood protection.

Even at that early stage, you were an accomplished
athlete, excelling in Triple Jump.

Maranda Secondary School at one time cheated in the
provincial inter secondary schools athletics competition
in Kisumu, by borrowing you, a primary school boy, to
represent them in the Triple Jump event. You won the
event.

In academics, you were top of your class all the way
from year Five to year Eight. Generational peers, who
can confirm this fact include Eng. Caleb Olali and Eng.
James Jamwa Ogado.

Your leadership credentials were established at the
primary school by your appointment as the school
captain.

Then you left to study in Germany, returning with a
Masters degree in Mechanical Engineering, then teaching
at the University of Nairobi before being appointed as
the Deputy Managing Director of the Kenya Bureau of
Standards.

Your life was premised on the philosophy that the
purpose for living is to create continuous improvement
for all people in equity, freedom and fairness.

You always preached the following simple, if somewhat
risky, rule: If you believe some act against the people to
be wrong and you have a right to correct it, then it is

your obligation to try and correct it, regardless of any
possible peril to yourself.

This sense of selflessness on behalf of the oppressed
often put you into trouble with authorities.

It certainly cost you nine years in political detention.
Those who know you closely can testify that you never
regretted that loss of freedom or the possibility that your
destiny could have been even worse.

Having learned at your feet, I retain deep pride in the
inspiration and encouragement you gave me when
I maintained clandestine communication with you
throughout your detention years.

Belatedly discovered by the authorities, these so called
“seditious”; letters were to earn me two separate stints
at the Nyayo House torture chambers, and one stint
at Kamiti Maximum Security Prison where I lived in
Block D with Prof Edward Oyugi, Prof Ngogho Kariuki,
Hon Njeru Kathangu and the late Hon George Anyona.
Needless to say, whenever I came out of incarceration,
you were always there to reassure me and provide
a somewhat caustic encouragement. With your
characteristic chuckle followed by a long laugh, you
would ask me, “Joe, if I did eight years plus in detention,
I know I can trust you to survive about six months here
and six months there”; Some encouragement, my foot
!!!!

But I was strengthened. Thank you for it.

When I come over to join you in heaven, you and I will
sing to the angels our favourite duet, Oyugi Tobys song,
which goes: *“Chieng; onogo no nyiri gikelo mangeny
matara gana! Chieng; onogo no sirwari gitweyo matek
nya diboro! Jakinda owad gi Akinyi nitimo kindi gi
sirwari.*

This song is slightly naughty. But who is to pretend here
that all the things you and I ever discussed were serious
leadership stuff? *Oriti ma kawuono Wuonya Alego.*



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Tribute from Tabu Osewe Oginga



Baba, I wouldnt have wanted a better person, you were indeed, my brother in-law, uncle to my children, Jakom you were my best friend and above all. To koro nyo in Babana. Samora and Aywak are indeed devastated. Sleep peacefully for you are not dead but sleeping.

Tribute from Dr. Shadrack and Dr. Jela Ojwang



Dear sister Ida and family. Accept our deepest condolences from my family and I. It is very shocking. I grew up with ori and Oburu as small kids in Maseno Veterinary. I can't remember when I did not know him. Since then our family has been entangled beyond imagination. Let our loving God give you strength st this difficult time. Let his soul rest in eternal peace.

Tribute from Israel O. Agina and Family



Dear Sister Dr. Ida B.Odinga,nieces and nephew Rosemary, Raila Jr, Winnie and the Jaramogi family please receive our deepest condolences on the tragic and shocking passing of Comrade, brother in struggle,brother in law, leader and business associate, Eng. Raila Amolo Odinga. The Agina family treasures and cherishes our decades long journey together. As we send off a man who left an indelible mark in Kenya and Africa's freedom struggle, we stand together now and in the future. Jakom,Baba Fidel Rest in Power Rest in Eternal Peace Brother in law.

Tribute from the Sibondo Family



"Jakom, we are going to miss you so much. We are forever indebted to you for the sacrifices you made for our country Kenya. Rest in Peace Jakom."

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Tribute by Vicky & Elijah Oburu



The Lord gives, and The Lord takes away. Blessed be The Lord Who gave you to us,and Blessed be The Lord Who has taken you when your vision was strong and your sight sharp, neither was your hand weakened nor your feet. As you lived, so have you left, strong and full of life. You have lived a full life greater than most. We will surely Miss you more than words can say. Go well my Father. We Love you.



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Tribute by Jaoko Oburu Odinga



BABA , my mentor and my Father Today, I bid farewell to a political giant. To me, he was the man I fondly called BABA, to my children he was a loving grandfather. The world knew him as the enigmatic leader and the seasoned political General. Yet, for me he was simply BABA, or Uncle Raila, a title conveying profound reverence and affection. In this intimate capacity, he was defined by his immense personal qualities: he was the stabilizing force, the very glue of our family. His profound empathy and love governed his interactions, his integrity was absolute, and his word was his bond, coupled with a deep, inherent generosity.

Despite the ceaseless demands of public life, he was a deeply committed family man who always prioritized our welfare. He was a firm but fair disciplinarian, instilling in us a strong foundation rooted in principle and resilience. His commitment to inclusion meant an absolute rejection of marginalization at any level; every person was afforded dignity, respect and justice , regardless of station or background. For me, Uncle Raila served as my political mentor. He taught me that true strength is not found in avoiding confrontation, but in ensuring that the cause is just. I consistently sought his counsel on critical matters in my personal and professional life, and he never failed to provide grounded, thoughtful, and wise guidance. His resilience was most evident in moments of defeat. In the aftermath of electoral setbacks, we would converge to offer him solace, only to find ourselves receiving comfort from his own unwavering optimism, captured in his enduring philosophy: “Maintain your resolve; a fresh opportunity for democratic change awaits us in the subsequent general election.” Long Live the Spirit of BABA. Long Live the King! I loved you in this life and in the next - May you rest in Glory.

Tribute by Ami Auma Ambala



My dearest Baba... from the days you used to visit us in Zimbabwe to the love and support you have shown to us as the children of your sister in our most trying time! Words can never express the gratitude, respect, and love we have for you.... You’ve just taken a short trip, and we’ll be joining you soon! Till then, fly with angels, Jakom!

Tribute by Evelyn Awino Agola Odinga



Baba,you were th father we never had and always went above and beyond for us especially the Agolla’s we love you now and forever in our hearts. R I P Baba.

Tribute by Angel Samoei



Uncle Raila, it is a sad day for me because you always supported me and encouraged me to do my best. Thank you so much for all your kindness.



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Tribute by Akoth Agolla Oginga



My Tribute To Baba

It doesn't even feel right to say this, but I guess this is where we are. Baba holds so many special qualities that made him so special and unique, one very special one, was holding the entire Odinga family together, individualizing each and every one of us... (a shared photo that Baba took with all Agola Children, grandchildren and great grandchildren)

The most positive impact Baba left in my life and will continue to inspire me, is the belief he had in me and my capabilities. He told me "Nyakawuor, I want you to continue working so hard that you lift Agolas house to where it should be... and he made every way possible for me to achieve this, even though, his death is so sudden, I hold dear the last moment that I shared with him, the Friday before he left to India when my Auntie Walkowa and I paid him a visit to wish him well and pray, as I held his shoulders, and said "Baba, you are our trooper, and we know by God's grace you are healed, he then answered me and said," it is well Nyar Kango, I will be fine. This would be my last goodbye to Baba

May God rest Babas soul in Eternal peace.



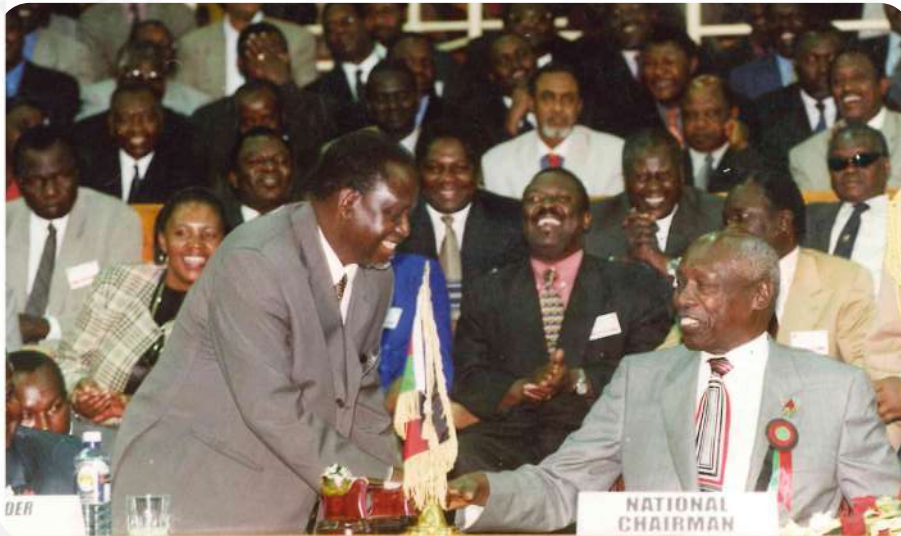
Tribute by Ochieng Oneko



Baba, today we mourn you as a family and as a nation but we also celebrate your life. We celebrate every kindness you gave to us and every sacrifice you made for the country. We strive to live in the same love you had for the country. That love lives long after you have left us.



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Tribute by Sheila Yaya

Everyone calls him Jakom, I call him Uncle Raila because that is what he was to me, my dear uncle. He called me Nyargoye. When Uncle Raila was marrying my Aunty Ida, my concern was what kind of a name is Raila and why doesn't he have an English name like James or Tom and aren't the Odingas in trouble with the President, Jomo Kenyatta? Are we safe? What's happening here? I was just six years

and in Standard One. And then comes Fidel Castro, another strange name and isn't President Fidel

Castro in trouble with the US, are we safe? This was the beginning of a wonderful relationship with my Uncle Raila. A steadfast, determined, honest and dependable man.

I remember when I was in Form 2, he challenged me and promised that he would buy me a transistor radio if I came top in my class. Which I did in second term in Form 2, showed him my certificate and received my transistor radio with much joy.

August 1982 turned things around for us, all of us. When Uncle Raila was in detention, I learnt how to pray feverently and together with our weekly Word of Life Bible study group at school prayed for his release, and we Thank God he was released. The morning

of his second detention arrest, as was our routine, he gave me a lift to work. He would sit back left while I would read to him the headlines from the newspapers only for him to on the front page the following day.

Uncle Raila called me Nyargoye. We would have long conversations about many things,

including how the Luos came from Egypt (Cairo is actually Ka-Iro, a place for smoking...yes fish) walked along the Nile and others decided to turn right and went to West Africa.

And we would laugh. Uncle Raila would always attend our family events, weddings, birthdays and funerals. He was so proud of my children, his grandchildren and supported genuinely and authentically. Uncle Raila was a strong, steadfast, dependable, kind, honest, loving and generous man. I really shall miss our banters and laughter, and even serious discussions.

Most of all we shall his love and care for the Yaya family and the nation of Kenya.

The Lord gave and The Lord has taken away; may The Name of The Lord be Praised.

Job 1:28 Until we meet again, rest is peace Uncle Raila Odinga. Wuod Nyaralego.

Tribute by Akinyi Okach

Uncle Aluo, a true Kenyan hero, may your legacy of fearless determination continue to inspire us, guiding us to make a lasting impact in our communities. Your giant shoes have left big footprints, reminding us to step into opportunities with courage and humility.



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Tribute by Boaz “BH” Yaya



I personally feel honoured to have been a part of Uncle Raila’s life, he was as deliberate, steadfast and forthright as they come. He always reminded us where we came from not as a tribe but as a people, not to limit our scope to those around us but embrace multitudes and to never to stand by when we could make a difference. Countless people around the world mourn his passing and as he goes forth towards everlasting rest, I look to

the “measure of a man” and say let us not look at how he died, but at how he lived. Let us not ask what he gained, but rather look at what he gave. His giving changed our country and set the foundation that millions will stand on towards a greater Kenya.

We celebrate you and remain perpetually thankful for your life and legacy. May the Lord grant you eternal rest.

Tribute by Biko Oyoo



Words cannot express how I feel. Knowing Jakom changed my way of viewing life. If you aim for the moon and miss, don’t give up continue aiming. Rest my hero.

Tribute by Harry Oyoo



With heavy hearts, we remember and honour the life of Jakom, a father whose love, kindness and strength touched so many lives. He was more than a father, you were a source of unwavering support; a guiding light and a comforting presence in the lives of all who knew him. Your heart open to everyone and your generosity knew no limits. Though you are no longer with us, your presence

will forever be felt in the countless memories we hold dear. Your love will continue to guide us, your wisdom will continue to shape us and your spirit will remain a part of us always. While we mourn your passing, we also celebrate the beautiful life you lived and the impact you had on so many.” Forever loved, forever missed and forever in our hearts. Fare thee well Uncle Raila

Tribute by Pauline Godson Oyoo



Uncle Raila’s passing fills our hearts with deep sadness. He was more than an uncle — he was a pillar of wisdom, courage, and vision. He inspired us to believe in ourselves and to stand for what is right. I will always remember his kindness, his laughter, and the strength with which he faced life. He taught us that true leadership begins with service, and that love for family and country is a legacy

worth protecting.

As we mourn, we find comfort in the words of Jesus: “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die.” — John 11:25 May Auntie Ida and our cousins — Rosemary, Junior, and Winnie — find peace and solace in God’s unending love and grace. Rest peacefully, Uncle.



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Tribute from Niece Millicent Okatch (Babie)



Your passing leaves a huge void. You were more than family; a father, leader and symbol of hope. Your leadership was about serving others, and your voice spoke for those who needed it most. You were out uncle, but the world knew you as a true Statesman and the

peoples' President. We'll deeply miss you. As you take your rest, we find a small comfort in knowing you are not alone Baba. Please pass our love to Dad, Okatch wuod Mon Bondo. Your legacy lives on through the lives you touched. Rest in peace, dear Uncle.

Tribute from Alando Family



It's hard to put into words what Baba meant to us not just as a leader known across the world, but as family. To us, he was warm, wise, and wonderfully human. He carried the weight of a nation with such grace, yet always had time for those closest to him. Baba taught us the

meaning of resilience, of staying grounded in principle, and of walking with dignity, even when the road was hard. His presence will be deeply missed but his legacy lives on in every life he touched. Rest well, Baba you have fought the good fight and finished the race. Amen.

Tribute from Jacque Odongo Okello



To me, Uncle Raila was more than a national icon; he was my uncle. Steady, strong and full of heart. His presence was powerful, yet his love for family always

shone through. I carry with me his courage, his grace under pressure and his deep sense of purpose. Rest in power, Uncle

Tribute from the Korieyo family



Way a Piny ni iye tek. We prayed and pleaded for more time with uncle because the Kenya he dreamt of isn't here yet but God's will is supreme. Death is heavy. It reaches deep into the heart and soul. Mos waya kuom lalo uncle,

a flame, a light, a gallant fighter for this country and continent. May we honour his sacrifices by protecting the peace he gave everything for. pole



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Tribute from Peter Ojwang



“Baba” — a true champion of freedom, democracy, and justice. His courage, sacrifice, and unwavering belief in the people shaped Kenya’s democratic journey and inspired generations. Baba’s legacy of resilience, unity, and hope will live on in the hearts of all who believed in

his vision for a better Kenya. My deepest condolences to Mama Ida, the Odinga family, and all who mourn this great son of Africa. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Tribute from Eddah & Daniel Gachukia, and Family



We join the nation of Kenya and the world in celebrating the remarkable life and legacy of Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga, a statesman, patriot and visionary leader whose unwavering dedication to justice, democracy and the empowerment of all Kenyans has left an indelible mark on our nation’s history.

His courage, resilience and commitment to truth have inspired generations to dream boldly, stand firm in their convictions and serve with integrity.

Today, we remember not just the loss, but the gift of knowing our very dear friend and in-law. As we honour his memory, we celebrate a life that taught us that leadership is not about power, but about purpose, not about self, but about service.

The Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga was a man who always showed up. We thank him and Mama Ida for taking care

of our granddaughter, Yvonne, for all these years and for raising a perfect gentleman, Junior, whom we have, for many years, loved as our grandson. Asanteni, we also fondly remember his support at Slate House when His Excellency, Dr. William Samoei Ruto, awarded the Riara University a charter in March this year.

To our dear friend Mama Ida, please accept our deepest and most sincere condolences on this enormous loss.

You and your beloved children remain in our prayers and we ask that God embrace, comfort and fortify you all. His journey on earth may have ended, but his legacy lives on not only in the hearts of those who knew him, but also in the spirit of the great nation of Kenya, which he served and loved. May his legacy and exemplary work continue to inspire us all to be courageous, compassionate, and committed to building a better Kenya for everyone.



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GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

Tribute from Deputy President Hon. Prof. Kithure Kindiki, E.G.H.



I am shocked to learn of the passing on of former Prime Minister Hon. Raila Odinga, Kenya's most consequential politician of this generation.

A patriotic and distinguished son of Kenya, Hon. Raila Odinga believed that it is better for us to have an imperfect country struggling to perfect its value and institutional systems than to have no country at all.

He loved Kenya and believed in Africa. His illustrious political career spanning decades is the most remarkable example of wit, energy, acumen and ability to make complex decisions rapidly.

Kenya mourns a Statesman, visionary and revolutionary leader who served with dignified focus, one who put the people before self.

Condolences to his family and friends.

May his soul find rest in eternity.





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**Tribute from H.E. Hon. Musalia Mudavadi, E.G.H.,
Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs**



Woud Mary, Raila Amollo Odinga

To the family of my late brother Raila Amollo Odinga; Mama Ida and the larger Kang'o ka Jaramogi family, the people of Bondo and Siaya. Please receive my heartfelt condolences.

Your agony is bottomless. Your grief is unfathomable, and is shared with the millions of Ken-yans in mourning. Raila's demise has rattled the nerves of a Nation.

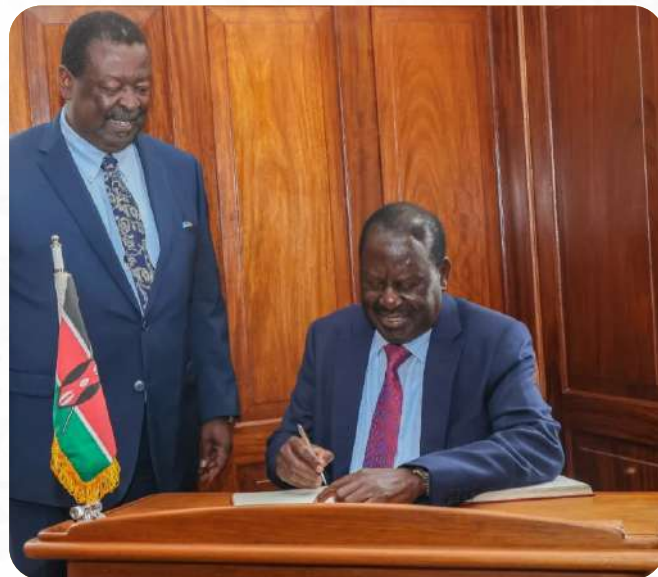
On Thursday, it was no helicopter for Raila. The people demanded he tread the last mile on earth, amongst them that he lived for. It took over five exhausting hours for stoic Kenyans to escort Baba from JKIA to Kasarani Stadium.

It was a great guard of honour. No mourning; just a celebration of a hero.

I too had the honour of a pilgrimage to bring Raila home to his people. In a Kenya-India round trip. On our trip back with Raila, our Flight KQ 203 became India-to-Kenya Flight RAO 001 homecoming. I must commend the Government of India and Kenya Airways for making an in-tractable journey extremely smooth.

The coincident? Kenya Airways – the Pride of Africa – brought home the Pride of Kenya - Raila Amollo Odinga. It must have been that the Enigma spirit was our guide.

To Mama Ida and Family; your painful tears water the nation Angwambo has left behind for us. For it is this



Nation that he fought to protect – by any means possible - conventional and unconventional.

Allow me therefore to speak to my brother: Raila alias Tinga, alias Agwambo alias Enigma ul-timately Baba. Remember our moments of reflection?

You fondly called me *Mwana wa Hannah* and I responded with *Woud Mary!* And you would break into that deep-throat laughter, punctuated with hiccups.

I cannot remember a day you weren't *Unbwogable!* All I know is you always played on the edges of extremes.



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Always going against the grain. If it wasn't Raila mania, it was Raila phobia. No middle ground for you. It is this tip-toeing that got us the 2010 Constitution.

You became the father of devolution and I, the architect who built devolution. Thank you for that.

How else would I remember you! You knew the fragility of our road to a Nation State. And so, you became the moderator of Government transitions, and for three decades gave new entic-ing lexicons to Kenyan politics and government;

- With President Moi – Corporation 1997 - 2002
- With President Kibaki 1 – National Rainbow Coalition (Narc) 2002-2005
- With President Kibaki 2 – Grand Coalition Government 2008-2012
- With President Uhuru – Handshake 2018-2022
- And with President Ruto – Broad-based Government 2025.

You once tickled me when you asked me; “Omwami, we don't go to elections to form the Op-position, do we?” Then, you reminded me of the Egyptian version of the fabled divine guardian Sphinx and the riddle about three ages of man.

Or how else did you, effortlessly, manage relevance in Ford 1991; Ford Kenya 1992-1993; NDP 1994-2001; KANU 2000-2002; LDP/Narc 2002-2005; ODM 2005-2022; plus, Cord 2013 and Azimio 2022? Need I remind you of the hilarious NASA Hao! of 2017! How about the Pentagon of 2007?

I ask not of you because you were our Moses. But who will be your Joshua?

It's sad to say fair thee well, brother. But sing for us a “Jamaica Farewell” verse in the peace of everlasting life. God grant you that hallowed seat that you so deserve.



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**Tribute from Chief Justice
Hon. Martha Koome, E.G.H.**



I received with profound sorrow and deep sadness the news of the passing of the Rt. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga, E.G.H., former Prime Minister of the Republic of Kenya.

I first came to know Hon. Raila during one of the most difficult chapters of his life; his detention without trial in the 1980s and early 1990s. His dear wife, Mama Ida Odinga, instructed me as part of the legal team to represent him before the Detention Review Board, whose mandate was limited to examining the conditions of political detainees. That experience gave me a firsthand

appreciation of his remarkable courage, unbreakable spirit, and deep faith in the ideals of freedom and justice even under the most oppressive circumstances.

Our paths crossed again after his release, when we worked together in the 1990s in the struggle for a new constitutional order and the widening of Kenya's democratic space. In those defining years, Hon. Raila distinguished himself as a leader of conviction - committed to constitutionalism, the rule of law and democratic governance. His vision for a freer and more



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just Kenya inspired a generation to believe that change, though long deferred, was possible through courage, resilience, and collective action.

Kenya has lost a Statesman whose name will forever be inscribed in the annals of our democracy. He was a towering figure who, through courage and sacrifice, helped hold together the fragile threads of our national unity. Throughout his life of public service, he embodied resilience and the audacity of hope. His struggle for political freedom, constitutional reform and justice transformed Kenya's political landscape and anchored the principles of equality, accountability and good governance that guide us today.

He was a patriot whose love for Kenya transcended politics; a visionary leader admired at home and abroad for his eloquence, fortitude and steadfast pursuit of social justice. His unwavering support for women's empowerment and inclusive leadership marked him as a true believer in equality. He championed the recognition of women as equal partners in shaping Kenya's destiny and ensured they were visible and supported as leaders in national life.

His respect for the rule of law was evident in his decision to seek judicial resolution of electoral disputes, filing three presidential election petitions over the last 13 years. In doing so, he strengthened our constitutional order and deepened national commitment to resolving conflict through the courts rather than violence.

Hon. Raila's lifelong struggle for democracy enriched Kenya's political and civic culture and inspired

movements for freedom across Africa. He reminded us that liberty is never free; it must be defended with courage, patience and integrity.

As a nation, we celebrate his enduring legacy; a legacy of courage in adversity, dialogue over division and hope over despair. His life's work calls upon every Kenyan to uphold the freedoms for which he so tirelessly fought and to continue building a nation grounded in unity, justice, equality and human dignity.

May his family, friends and all Kenyans find comfort in the knowledge that his life's mission was not in vain. The dream he lived for — a just, free, and united Kenya, will continue to guide and inspire generations to come.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

His legacy will endure in the democratic gains he championed, the bridges he built and the generations he inspired to believe in a better Kenya.

On behalf of my wife Tessie, my family, the Office of the Prime Cabinet Secretary, the Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, and in my personal capacity, I extend heartfelt condolences to Mama Ida Odinga, the entire Odinga family, his supporters across the country, and the people of Kenya.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

May Kenya find strength in his enduring legacy



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**Tribute from the Speaker National Assembly
Hon. Moses Wetangula, E.G.H.**

Under a sombre cloud, we mourn the loss of a towering figure, the Rt. Hon. Raila Amollo Odinga, E.G.H., Second Prime Minister of the Republic of Kenya. His passing on marks the end of an era, yet his legacy will continue to illuminate Kenya's path for generations to come.

Born in 1945 to Kenya's first Vice President, Raila Odinga was destined for public service. Educated in Kenya and Germany, he returned home to teach and build, founding East African Spectre Limited, a testament to his belief in African enterprise. His political journey, spanning over four decades, was marked by resilience, sacrifice, and an unwavering commitment to democracy.

From Lang'ata MP to Prime Minister, Raila's fingerprints are on every chapter of Kenya's democratic evolution. He championed multiparty democracy, led constitutional reforms, and played a pivotal role in birthing the 2010 Constitution. As Minister for Roads, he reshaped infrastructure; as Prime Minister, he steered reconciliation after the 2007–2008 crisis, working with President Mwai Kibaki and international mediators to restore peace.

Even in contest, Raila chose unity over division. His leadership transcended politics, serving as the African Union High Representative for Infrastructure and earning admiration across the continent. Known fondly as Agwambo, Baba, Jakom, and Tinga, he was a man of the people, whose courage and compassion inspired millions.



On behalf of the National Assembly, the Parliamentary Service Commission, and myself, I extend heartfelt condolences to Mama Ida, his children, Senator Oburu Odinga, Hon. Ruth Odinga, and all Kenyans. May we honour his legacy by upholding the values he lived for. May his soul rest in eternal peace.



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Tribute from the Senate Speaker Hon. Amason Jeffah Kingi, E.G.H.

A colossus has fallen.

With deep shock and grief, I've learnt of the death of a true son of the soil, apatriot, Pan Africanist, the father of devolution, a champion of multipartysm and a fearless defender of democracy and the rule of law - Raila Amolo Odinga. Baba was a political giant who mentored many. He was my political mentor and father figure. I was privileged to have passed through the Raila Odinga Academy of Politics. He shaped the politics of this country and was loved and celebrated by many. The political terrain of this country will never be the same again.

The country and the continent have lost a great son, an icon.

As they say, "*Mti mkubwa ukianguka, wana wa ndege huyumba*" Baba, we are devastated by this huge loss. Kenya will miss you, Africa will miss you and the World will miss you.

My condolences to Mama Ida and family. May the Good Lord Rest his soul in eternal peace.





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POLITICAL PARTIES



Tribute from the National Executive Council and National Secretariat of the Orange Democratic Movement (ODM)

Tribute by the National Executive Council and National Secretariat of the Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) to H.E. Raila Amolo Odinga, E.G.H. The Orange Democratic Movement family bows its head in profound sorrow as we mourn the passing of our beloved Party Leader, H.E. Raila Amolo Odinga the beacon of our nation's struggle for democracy, justice, and equitable development.

Raila Odinga was not merely a political leader; he was a living institution a symbol of courage, sacrifice, and steadfast conviction. For over four decades, he stood at the vanguard of Kenya's democratic transformation, enduring detention, exile, and relentless persecution so that future generations could live in freedom. His was a life defined by service to party, country, continent, and humanity.

Under his visionary leadership, ODM grew from a movement of resistance into Kenya's most formidable political organization — a house of progressive ideas, unity, and hope for millions. His dream of a just,

inclusive, and prosperous Kenya inspired the young and old alike, transcending ethnicity, class, and creed. He built bridges across communities, generations, and nations — always guided by his unwavering belief in the sovereignty of the people.

To us in the NEC, National Secretariat and all our branches across the country, Raila Odinga was more than our Party Leader. He was our mentor, compass, and conscience. His humility amidst greatness, patience amidst provocation, and optimism amidst adversity will forever remain our guiding light.

As we mourn his departure, we rededicate ourselves to the ideals he lived and died for democracy, social justice, national unity, and Pan-African solidarity. The flame he lit will never be extinguished.

Fare thee well, Baba. Your spirit lives on in the Orange Movement and in the heart of every Kenyan who dares to dream of a better tomorrow. May your soul rest in eternal peace.



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UNITED DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE

UDA TRIBUTE TO THE INDEFATIGABLE GIANT OF KENYA'S DEMOCRACY

The United Democratic Alliance (UDA) Party joins the nation and the world in mourning the passing of the Rt. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga, a towering statesman, a Pan Africanist, a patriot, and true champion of democracy and justice.

Kenya has lost one of her brightest lights, and Africa has lost one of its most steadfast voices for freedom, unity, and good governance.

Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga's life was defined by courage, sacrifice, and an unyielding belief in a better Kenya. From his years of detention in the struggle for multiparty democracy, his central role in the making of the 2010 Constitution, to his tireless advocacy for social justice and inclusive development, Raila stood tall as a symbol of resilience and the enduring spirit of the Kenyan people.

The Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga will be remembered as a man who selflessly contributed to Kenya's achievement of political pluralism and freedom, principal architect of constitutional reform and a unifying leader who played

a significant role in guiding Kenya through national reconciliation on numerous occasions.

Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga's tenure as the African Union's High Representative for Infrastructure Development reflected his continental vision, advancing Africa's connectivity and integration. His voice for justice and democracy resonated across the globe, earning him admiration and respect among world leaders and international institutions alike.

The outpouring of tributes from across Africa and the world stands as a testament to his stature as a global leader and a true son of Africa.

As the UDA Party, we extend our deepest condolences to Mama Ida Odinga, her family, the ODM fraternity, Africans and all Kenyans who drew inspiration from his life of service. May the memory of Baba continue to inspire unity, justice, and devotion to the ideals of democracy that he so passionately championed.

May Agwambo's soul rest in eternal peace



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Tribute Homa Bay Governor and ODM Chairperson Gladys Wanga

This whole day has been like a nightmare, impossible to fathom. Two days ago when we spoke, you were full of life, jokes and laughter. We discussed the ODM@20 activities and the upcoming by-elections and you said you would be back early next week!

I lost my father early in life and in politics you became my father. I was little known when I ran to become Women Representative of Homa Bay against giants and yet once I won you embraced me and I quickly enrolled in the Raila Odinga Academy of Leadership and with your consistent support and mentorship I have grown from a novice to a grounded leader.

Baba was consistent, when he believed in an issue, you were sure to receive the same position from him whether you spoke in the day or woke him in the middle of the night. Baba believed in devolution for instance, he remained firm and committed to the ideals of a devolved system of governance for Kenya however unpopular his views were.

Baba was a visionary. He had grand ideas for Kenya and believed in Kenya's potential. He implemented many of his ideas during the grand coalition government and spoke passionately about them to President Ruto on many occasions.

Baba united Kenya. My last physical meeting with Baba was on 3rd October at Serena as we updated him on the preparations for the ODM@20 celebrations. Baba built the ODM party into a national juggernaut that held

the whole country from Vanga in Kwale to Todonhang' in Turkana and Nyatike Wuoth Oruko. ODM united Kenyans and has produced almost every political leader in the current political landscape. I am deeply honored that he nominated me to be the first woman Chairperson of the largest party south of Sahara and North of River Limpopo.

Baba is the image of resilience and perseverance. Baba fought for democracy and freedom in this country. He paid heavy prices including serving 9 years in jail. On many occasions we faced electoral challenges but he never gave up on his quest for justice nor walked with his head down. He walked tall, exuded hope and carried even the greatest injustices with grace.

For Baba, Kenya always came first. Whenever the fabric of the nation was at stake, he was quick to put his personal interests aside and Kenya first! June 2024 was difficult for this country and Baba would have taken the easy path but he chose a less traveled path of unity and reconciliation putting Kenya first one last time.

Baba, you have fought a good fight and have run the race - we your loyal students promise to never let go of the ideals you so painstakingly bequeathed us. To Min Piny Dr Ida Odinga, Rosemary, Junior and Winnie as well as the larger Jaramogi family, may God give you grace and fortitude during this very difficult time.

Go well Agwambo, Tinga, Wuod Nyalego, Wuon Fidel, Chuor Nyar Gem. Jowi! Jowi! Jowi!



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Tribute from Dr Edwin Namachanja Chief Principal, Maranda High School



It is with profound sorrow and a heavy heart that we, the entire Maranda High School fraternity, extend our deepest condolences to the family, friends and the people of Kenya on the passing of one of our most distinguished alumni, the Rt. Honorable Raila Amollo Odinga. On behalf of the Board of Management Chairman, BOM members, Parents Association Chairman and members,

the Chairman and members of the Maranda High School Alumni Association (MAHISA), the Chief Principal, teachers, non-teaching staff, parents, students and all who hold Maranda High dear, we mourn the loss of a visionary leader, a national icon and a true son of Maranda.

Rt. Hon Raila was not just an alumnus of Maranda High School; he was its beacon. His legacy is etched into the very fabric of our institution. In 2019, he led us in celebrating 100 years of Maranda's existence, a milestone that was made even more meaningful by his presence and unwavering support. His love for the school was evident in his tireless efforts to uplift its infrastructure, champion academic excellence, and mentor generations of students and alumni.

He was a man of goodwill, a pillar of strength and a force behind the school's growth and development. Through his influence, many Maranda alumni found their footing in politics, public service and various professional spheres. His belief in the power of education and his commitment to nurturing leadership will continue to inspire us for generations.

Kenya has lost an enigma of politics; a Statesman whose voice echoed the hopes of millions. Maranda High School has lost a father figure, a mentor and a proud ambassador whose legacy will forever live in our hearts and halls.

As we mourn, we also celebrate a life well lived a life that touched countless others and left an indelible mark on our nation and our school. May his soul rest in eternal peace, and may his legacy continue to guide us toward unity, excellence, and service. Fare thee well, Rt. Hon Raila Amollo Odinga. Forever Maranda. Forever Kenya.



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Tribute from Hon. Dr. Otiende Amollo, M.P. Rarieda, Vice-Chair, ODM.



JAKOM, for about three decades we have interacted; Navigating through registration of ODM to the NO campaign; From Political mentorship to a Successful Referendum, From Street Battles to Court Duels. And

in all these, you never tired, never relented, and never cowed. Agwambo's, you're gone, but the Spirit of AGWAMBO will liberate in us forever!

Tribute from Management and staff of East Africa Spectre Ltd.



We the family and the fraternity of East Africa Spectre Ltd. are heartbroken to hear about the sudden death of our beloved Senior Director Rt. Hon. Eng. Raila Odinga.

Please know that we share your loss and we are here for you, and our thoughts and prayers are with you during this tough time. Our dear MD, our heart goes out to you and your loved ones. May you find strength and comfort.

Baba loved all of us at Spectre and cherished the Company, he would visit unexpectedly just to check if operations were ongoing and would give advice where needed. We will miss Baba and his legacy will live on.

May Baba Rest in eternal peace. Managing Director Dr. Ida B. Odinga, E.G.H., our Finance Director, Mr Raila Junior and the entire Odinga family.

Tribute from Silas Jakakimba

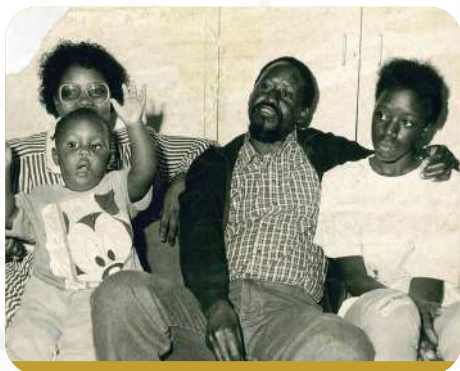
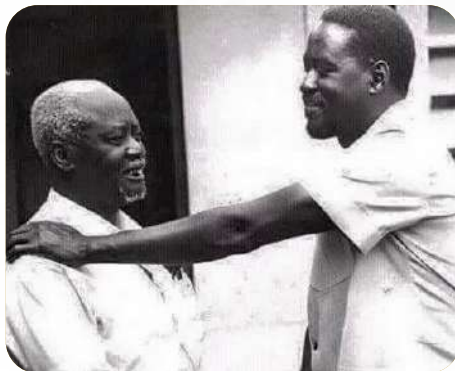


JAKOM, That the commitment in the years-old service to and under you, and the undeniably very close nexus that blossomed to both comradeship of trust and a near-son relationship, have seen me grow into what I am today in the Leadership space, can neither be gainsaid nor overstressed. From the opportunity you entrusted to me as your Personal Aide for close to 18 years, I confess I know no other human being on the African continent

came close to you as the First Among Equals on the quest for a freer and more equal continent, outside Nelson Mandela. In the historical quest for a better Kenyan nation, your legacy was marked with personal sacrifices, powers on. Thank you for being a dependable Father and Mentor. RIP, PM.



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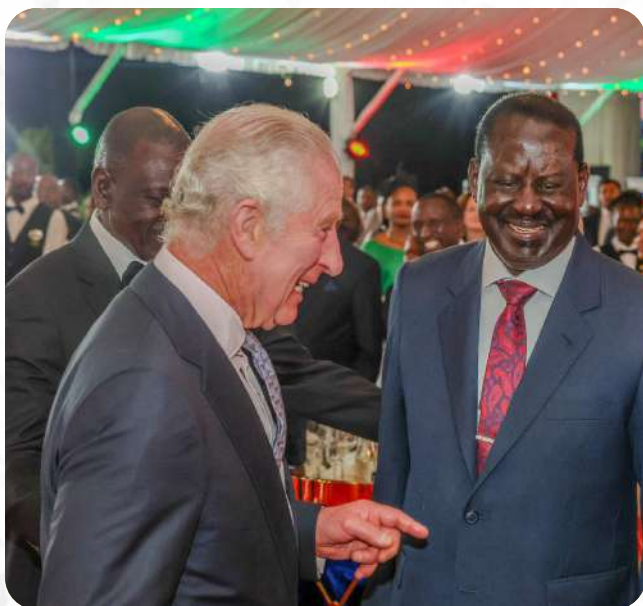
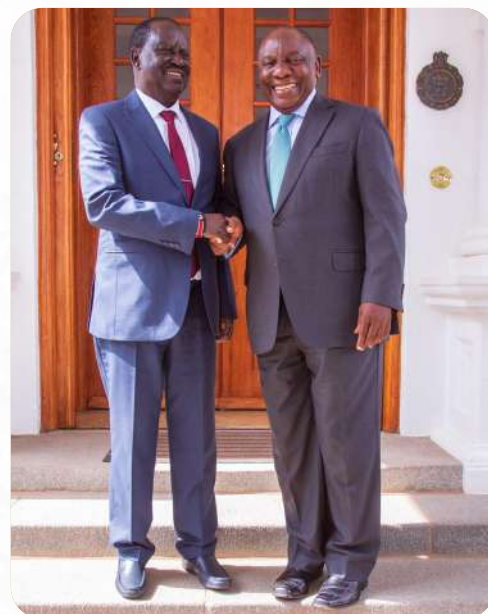


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