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### **STATEMENT ON THE RECENT PURPORTED REMOVAL OF THE UDA SECRETARY GENERAL.**

Over the past few weeks, a series of unfortunate events surrounding the ruling party, the United Democratic Alliance, happened, and culminated into a purported removal of my person as the Secretary General of the party, a position I have held and diligently rendered my services.

While my claimed removal was controversial, unfair, tantamount to an internal coup within the party, and naturally required my immediate reaction and resistance, I instead, after reflection and consultation, chose to retreat and have a moment of deep introspection before I would come back with a more thought-out position, that is sober and devoid of emotion, bitterness and vendetta.

It is for that reason that I called for a media briefing at this time, for the purpose of setting the record straight especially regarding my supposed removal as Secretary General of the UDA, and my next course of action following the afore-mentioned events.



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This is also in acknowledgement that my continued silence over such grave occurrences, continues to cause unnecessary confusion and anxiety among my supporters and UDA party members, while it could also be wrongfully construed as an admission of guilt.

In this regard, I wish to state as follows:

1. That as highlighted above, my alleged removal as the UDA Secretary General was outright unlawful, unfair and a sheer blatant contravention of the party constitution and laid down due processes. Sadly, this internal coup was plotted and executed by senior party officials who are otherwise expected to protect and uphold the same constitution.

Neither were any charges preferred against me in public or in private, to warrant and justify my removal, nor was I given an opportunity to defend myself as required by law and the rules of natural justice. I was convicted and sentenced without trial because my aggressors had nothing against me, to the extent that none of them could sign and date the statement that purportedly communicated my ouster.

- a) That this coup was plotted and orchestrated by two senior party officials alongside others within the party secretariat.



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These senior officials are Mrs. Cecily Mbarire, and Mr. Kimani Ichungwa, MP for Kikuyu constituency.

2. That my ouster by the above officials had nothing to do with incompetence or my inability to run the UDA party, but was a well-choreographed script intended to climax with the impeachment of the Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua.

My close and inevitable working relationship with the deputy president, who is also the UDA deputy party leader irked them, and when their concerted effort, lobbying and coercion to set me against my Deputy Party Leader failed, I was effectively profiled and labeled an obstacle towards their evil plot and conspiracy to have H.E Rigathi Gachagua impeached. It is not a coincidence therefore that one of the coup-plotters', accomplices, Hassan Omar, was unlawfully proposed as my immediate replacement.

Let it be known that the planned impeachment of the deputy president had nothing to do with president William Ruto, the broad-based government or any other narrative the coup-plotters have advanced.

The impeachment had everything to do with egocentric 2027 and 2032 politics from the Mt. Kenya region, and was instigated and propelled by Mrs. Cecily Mbarire and Mr.



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Kimani Ichungwa. These two want our deputy president out so that they can strategically position themselves within the emerging political re-alignments.

This backward politics must be called out because if left to fester, it threatens the stability, popularity and the very existence of the UDA party, which the party leader H.E William Ruto, his deputy Rigathi Gachagua and myself have worked tirelessly to build.

3. That this is just one of the 18 evidence-backed accusations I have against Mrs. Cecily Mbarire and Mr. Kimani Ichungwa. The two are aware of this, are afraid, and it is the reason they had to hurriedly, illegally and unceremoniously purport to have me removed from office.

I will be disclosing the other 17 issues against them in due course, including and not limited to documentary evidence of efforts by the two, with their accomplices, to defraud the party, as well as manufacturing minutes of non-existent party



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meetings, and forging the signatures of the deputy president and myself, in attempts to access the party's bank accounts.

My next disclosure will also reveal attempts by the two coup-plotters and their accomplices, to intentionally and consistently run down and kill the UDA party through stalling of key party activities meant to popularize and expand the party.

In light of the above, and in appreciation and respect of established internal party organs responsible with handling such matters, I have forwarded a petition contesting my purported removal as Secretary General, to the party's Internal Disputes Resolution Committee (IDRC) for adjudication and justice, and I confirm my availability for hearing and presentation of my case as and when required.

This is also because some of the issues raised in my petition are very sensitive, with potential to harm the image of the ruling party if exposed to the public through an open court, but I will not hesitate to take the next move if I don't get justice from the party's Internal Disputes Resolution Committee (IDRC).



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For the purpose of clarity, the matter before the political parties dispute tribunal which I filed immediately after my supposed ouster, is for the sake of obtaining orders to stop the process of my replacement by the UDA party and the registrar of political parties, until my substantive issues are fully heard and determined by the internal party organ responsible for disputes, the IDRC.

While I am pursuing this process, and to ensure non-interference with the proceedings, I am demanding that Mrs. Cecily Mbarire and Mr. Kimani Ichungwa step aside as UDA party officials because their actions and intentions clearly portray them as having ill-motive against the UDA party they purportedly serve, and might interfere with this matter.

I make the assurance that by the time I am done with presenting all the remaining 17 issues before the IDRC, Mrs. Mbarire, Mr. Ichungwa and their accomplices who shall be known soon, will have no moral or political standing to hold any position, whether at the party or public service.

I have also written to the registrar of political parties who already instigated the process of my replacement, and asked her to halt the replacement process pending the hearing and determination of my petition.

This matter also attracted the attention of UDA members who I am informed have written to the same registrar contesting my replacement, thus there are grounds for the registrar to stop the



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same under the political parties act, until this matter is dispensed with.

The registrar of political parties also directed the UDA party to hold elections within 180 days, and for the avoidance of doubt therefore, I am announcing that I will be seeking to retain the position of Secretary General of UDA when party elections are held, to get a direct mandate from party members, so that a few early risers with ill-motive will never again contemplate meeting secretly at 5am under heavy security to demean a ruling party by illegally removing a serving Secretary General.

I will also be rallying party members to amend the party constitution and ensure no leader in elective position is allowed to serve as a party official, except the party leader and his deputy.

This will cushion the party from being misused as a tool to settle selfish personal and regional political scores, as is happening currently.

While at this, I wish to offer my voluntary advice to the deputy president and deputy party leader H.E Rigathi Gachagua; that he should not be deceived into letting down his guard regarding the issue of his impeachment. I am putting it to him that the coup plotters are not yet done.



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As I conclude, may I state that my interest in all this is purely the pursuit of justice, and to clear my name from possible speculation regarding my illegal removal. I have served diligently and obediently as Secretary General for the UDA party since I assumed office, popularized the party across the country, and grew the party by more than 3 million new members.

I cannot therefore casually exit because of an illegal decision made by a handful of malicious party officials who are scared of my achievements at the party.

I assure the 3 million plus members who I convinced to join the UDA party, that I will not abandon them; where they will be is where I will be.

Finally, let there be no doubt that until the issues I have elucidated above are adjudicated upon and settled fairly, amicably and conclusively by the relevant organs, I remain the lawful Secretary General of the United Democratic Alliance Party, UDA.

God bless the United Democratic Alliance Party; God bless Kenya.

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