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Parties tribunal bars Kega faction from Azimio divorce

Wrangling officials ordered not to transact any business on behalf of party

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The Political Parties Dispute Tribunal has barred the Jubilee faction led by EALA MP Kamini Kega from pursuing Azimio exit.

In a ruling made on June 16, PPDT halted a move until a case filed by Secretary General Jeremiah Kioni is heard and determined.

The wrangling Jubilee officials have also been ordered not to transact any business on behalf of the party until a case lodged at the Political Parties Dispute Tribunal is heard and determined.

Kega camp had written to the Azimio la Umoja Coalition notifying the leadership of the withdrawal notice.

In a statement, Kega said the decision was arrived at following a National Executive Committee meeting held on June 6. Jubilee Party has two warring factions led by former Ndaragwa MP Kioni and Kega. Kioni's faction is loyal to former

President Uhuru Kenyatta while the Kega faction has declared support for President William Ruto and his Kenya Kwanza administration.

The Kega faction had kicked out Uhuru as party leader and replaced him with nominated MP Sabina Chege while Kega became the acting secretary general replacing Kioni.

Kioni, vice chairman David Murathe and Kagwe Gichohi were subsequently expelled from the party.

In the matter filed before the tribunal and which has since been certified urgent, Kioni wanted the Kega faction stopped from making decisions on behalf of the party.

He also wanted their alleged expulsion revoked and that his faction recognised as the bonafide party of officials.

The tribunal stopped both factions from making any pronouncements or resolutions on behalf of the party until the case is heard and determined. "That pending the hearing and determination of the com-



Jubilee members during media briefing by Jubilee Party National Executive Committee in Kaputal Gardens Lawngton on May 19 /FILE

plaint and application filed herein inter partes, interim conservatory orders are hereby issued restraining all parties hereto and/or their representatives jointly and severally

from issuing any communication or making any representations on behalf of Jubilee Party," the ruling signed by tribunal chairman Desma Nungo reads.

GRAFT CASE

Chinese firm: Our letterhead forged in Kiambu roads tender

SUSAN MUKHINDU/ A Chinese construction company has said their letterhead was forged by a firm that was awarded a Sh580 million roads tender by Kiambu county.

Josephat Maroro from China Wu Yi Legal department told the Anti-corruption High Court division that they did not engage Testimony Enterprises Limited for any works but their letterhead was used.

The witness was testifying in a case in which the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission is seeking to recover more than Sh170 million from Former Kiambu Governor Ferdinand Waititu, alongside Testimony Limited.

The agency wants them ordered to pay back the money saying they were proceeds of crime.

It's their case that Testimony used a forged introductory letter from China Wu Yi to get a contract in Kiambu county to construct several roads and that Waititu used his office to influence the tendering committee to favour the firm.

Yesterday, Maroro testified that he was summoned by the EACC to record a statement on July 1, 2019, in regards to the case.

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