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CITY OF KISUMU

SPEECH BY CITY MANAGER, MR ABALA WANGA DURING THE HANDING OVER OF PUBLIC LAND TO THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU

National and County Government officials present here, The Business community, all stake holders, distinguished residents of Obunga,

Ladies and gentlemen.

I feel greatly privileged to join you here today for a very important exercise in the history of Obunga.

I want to take this earlier opportunity to thank all Obunga residents through your community leaders for the warm welcome you have accorded me.

As you are aware, the exercise we are undertaking today is not only historic but extremely important to both the County government but to the people of Kisumu who cherish development.

The decision by the Obunga community to hand over this piece of land to the county government is a bold decision that will boost our campaign for the transformation of Kisumu City and its environs.

On behalf of the Governor of this great County, Prof Peter Anyang' Nyong'o, I wish to sincerely thank the Obunga community for surrendering this land to us.

I want to assure you that this piece of land will be put to the most appropriate use that will benefit members of the public like yourselves.

Having said this ladies and gentlemen, I wish to use this opportunity to reiterate my earlier appeal to those still clinging on Public land to surrender them.

Let them emulate the Obunga community and surrender the land to us. Let them make use of the amnesty we have give to return the property that belong to the Government.

We have opened a new chapter in recovering the illegally acquired property through structured negotiation process.

For those holding illegal titles for grabbed land and are not willing to negotiate and surrender them, please don't cry foul when we come with bulldozers.

We will continue to recover grabbed land because members of the Public are with us. They have been urging us to move on with the process but we want to put a human face to this exercise, hence our decision to talk to the affected individuals.

In a bid to help us in this clean up and transformation exercise, I want to appeal to investors and members of the general public to be careful not to buy land illegally acquired from the government.

Kindly do due diligence before buying land within the City to avoid losing it.

The City has more than 67 land parcels that it is going to repossess before the end of the year among them being pathways, parking spaces, City spaces and markets.

On this note, ladies and gentlemen, I want to spend a special appeal to the national Ministry of Land and National land Commission to clean up its regional office in Kisumu.

The Kisumu land office need a detailed clean up. We are asking the Ministry to clean its house, failure to which we will move in ourselves.

H.E the Governor is in the process of writing a letter to the Lands Commission over the rot at the land's office. I want to tip them to move

with speed and clean it themselves before the Governor issues a protest note.

Finally, I wish to express our gratitude to the Obunga Community for what you have done today.

Toi the people of Kisumu, Kindly help us to transform Kisumu because its for the benefit of all of us and the generation to come.

THANK YOU.