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PRESS STATEMENT

Uhuru administration must develop regions equally irrespective of political support

President Uhuru Kenyatta has announced the launching and groundbreaking of more than 20 megaprojects in Nyanza, totalling at least Sh100 billion.

He lined up these projects when he hosted Raila Odinga and elected Luo leaders at State House, Nairobi.

Uhuru is visiting the Nyanza region ahead of the Madaraka Day celebration on June 1 in Kisumu.

Uhuru attributed the course to the "handshake" he had with Raila and said the projects will be completed within 14 months. Central Kenya, likewise, has multi-billion development projects actualized, some on the pipeline.

The blitz on Nyanza development started after the so-called handshake that resulted in the BBI. Should we then conclude that BBI is about the interests of Nyanza and Mt. Kenya to the exclusion of Coast and other regions?

How is it that Nyanza and Central are reaping big in terms of infrastructural development and state appointments, ostensibly after the handshake? Nyanza's record is unprecedented.

Why is the government doing nothing to revive the Coast economy that got ravaged by illegal SGR directives? Mombasa High Court judged the directives as illegal-- and instead of the government reversing the adverse economic effects it caused, it is fighting in court to stay the orders.

The illegal BBI is nothing but an ethnic enclave that despair those outside the favoured regions.

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