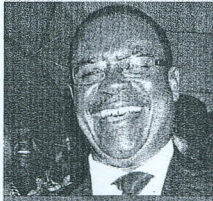


COURTS | Election dispute had dragged on for 18 months

Kidero's time to deliver after petition dismissed

Judges say the Court of Appeal entertained an incompetent appeal

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Nairobi Governor Evans Kidero can now breathe easy and serve city residents with undivided attention after the Supreme Court reaffirmed his election yesterday.

The court set aside a ruling made by two appellate judges which had invalidated the victory of Dr Kidero and Deputy Governor Jonathan Mueke.

Former Embakasi MP Ferdinand Waititu had contested the election at the High Court and lost before moving to the Court of Appeal for reprieve, saying he had not been given a fair hearing.

A dissenting judge on the Supreme Court bench said Mr Waititu was not given a fair hearing at the election court when he was denied a

joined other jubilant supporters in relishing the verdict.

Dr Kidero said the petition had been a distraction for the 18 months it lasted.

“The moment for delivery of my pre-election promises to Nairobi residents has finally dawned,” he said outside the court.

Mr Waititu was also in court, but conspicuously alone. This was in stark contrast to earlier proceedings that culminated in the nullification of Dr Kidero's victory at the Court of Appeal when he used to be escorted by Nairobi Senator Mike Sonko and a crowd of chanting supporters.

Yesterday, it was Dr Kidero and the ODM supporters who thronged the streets of the city in jubilation after the four-hour final judgment was delivered.

Mr Justice Philip Tunoi, who read out the final orders of the court said: “The judges of the Appeal Court erred and entertained an incompetent appeal.”

He said Mr Waititu filed his case well after 72 days in disregard of the set timelines for such litigation.

chance to cross-examine a returning officer but again concurred that there was insufficient evidence to annul Dr Kidero's win.

ODM party leader Raila Odinga and senators Johnstone Muthama and James Orengo

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From right, Ms Claris Leparkiras, Ms Lennah Nyanchama, Mr Mercy Njeri and Ms Elizabeth Yimba during the 51st graduation at the University of Nairobi yesterday. They were conferred with Bachelors of Science degrees in Wildlife Management and Conservation.

Why youth join terror gangs

BY NATION REPORTER

Corruption, marginalisation, poverty and unemployment have been identified as the main reasons fuelling the radicalisation of Africa's youth.

The Committee of Intelligence and Security Services of Africa says governments must address these challenges to stop their youth from joining terror gangs.

“African governments need

more rigorous action in dealing with terrorism as these gangs become more sophisticated,” Kenya's Director of External Intelligence, Mr Chris Mburu, said at the end of a conference in Nairobi yesterday.

Terror attack

The intelligence chiefs agreed that African countries would treat an attack on one nation as an attack on the continent. “Terrorists are building al-

liances all over the world and radicalising youth at a tender age,” Mr Mburu lamented. “Our porous borders have made it even more difficult for us to fight terrorism.”

The spy chiefs emphasised the need to share intelligence for easy monitoring of terrorists' movements.

Research bodies will be used to develop workable solutions and enhance early warning mechanisms.

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