

## **Hon. Ababu Namwamba - Kenyans in the Diaspora cry foul.**

*“Extraordinary times require extraordinary measures”, Hon. Ababu Namwamba in February 2008 during the swearing in of MPs.*

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Summer of 2006 saw the beginning of political activities within different Kenyan communities in the entire United States. This was in preparation of the general elections that were to be held the following year. Being the heart or the capital of the world’s economic power, the Washington DC Metropolitan area held several activities - each unique in its own way. One such activity was the welcoming reception of a known East African columnist by the name of Ababu Namwamba. Mr. Namwamba was welcomed within the Kenyan community at large and received the usual Kenyan hospitality in every household that he visited. It may come as disbelief to many people who know Ababu Namwamba, but despite the warm Kenyan hospitality accorded to him, Ababu left at least a negative track in each home that accommodated him.

### **How Ababu benefited from Kenyans in Diaspora**

- 1. FREE FOOD & ACCOMODATION** – Ababu received free accommodation from Kenyans that he lived with. In return, Ababu indulged in acts of lies and theft of household properties and could no longer be trusted alone at home. The most disrespectful act in part of Ababu Namwamba is his engagement with different women who he brought back with him from his evening escapades to his hosts in the middle of the night. At one time he had to be thrown out.
- 2. FREE TRANSPORTATION & BUS FARE** - The hospitality accorded to Ababu Namwamba is one of an exception. In rare cases does the host provide for accommodation, food, and bus fare – He received all this without even being asked for a single penny, he did not even offer to chip in at all.
- 3. ELECTION FUNDRAISER** – The election fundraiser for Ababu Namwamba to go and contest the Budalang’i seat in the 2007 general election was the peak of Ababu’s stay in the Washington DC area. So big was the turnout that the cash amount raised on that one evening and material contribution made almost 75% of Ababu’s campaign kitty.

- 4. TRANSLATION CONTRACT** – Out of his willingness and hard work, a Kenyan resident even acquired a Swahili translation contract for Ababu, at a time when he needed cash the most and when he had be thrown out not only by his hosts, but also some of his own relatives. The contract netted \$3751.86 for Ababu Namwamba. No words of thanks in return.

Generosity and hospitality are well known and regarded things amongst Kenyans in the Diaspora and this can be attested by many high ranking Kenyan government officials who have visited the region. For those who have visited in the past – thank you for your visits, for those who will be visiting for the first time- you are most welcome.

### **How Ababu Namwamba looted from Kenyans in the Diaspora**

#### **“The Loot” – Do you really know Ababu Namwamba?**

1. Wheel Chairs that were given as donations – never delivered to the recipient.
2. Boxes of shoes for an orphanage in Kisumu – never delivered to the recipient.
3. Household items belonging to a Kenyan who was returning home – ended up in Ababu Namwamba’s apartment in Nairobi.
4. Several suitcases full of clothes donated to identified charity organizations – ended up in Ababu’s backyard in Budalang’i.
5. Several beds that were donated for a hospital in Bondo – stolen and ended up in Ababu Namwamba’s constituency of Budalang’i.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the flirting and convincing talks spiced up with his writing skills and the belief that Ababu Namwamba was “*an ODM damu*”, made so many ODM supporters to be overgenerous to the “*new kid*” on the Kenyan political scene. Ababu Namwamba’s personal life is none of our business but, when a legislator with a high salary like Ababu’s abandons his own children, impregnates a sixteen year old and runs away from the responsibility of being a father, and steals from fellow Kenyans, it leaves a lot to be desired about a person canvassing for the formation of a “Grand Coalition Opposition”. No amount of money can buy the trust of Kenyans in the Diaspora who came out to help Ababu Namwamba, not even the Ksh. 6.7 million he has so far received – We are simply smart for that.

We are asking the Hon. MP for Budalang’i to step up to the plate and deliver the items to the designated recipients, return them to their rightful donors, or issue a refund in terms of cash after an agreeable settlement with the owners has been reached. These are extraordinary times that require extraordinary measures. *More information regarding this matter will be posted on [www.ababunamwamba.info](http://www.ababunamwamba.info).*