

## Tanzania with Shallow Agenda

### News:

Tanzania Media on President Dr. John Magufuli directive to the Regional Commissioners and District Commissioners Mayors and their aides to ditch the national torch climax event and return all allowance in attempt to cut cost.

### Comment:

Following the President's instructions, this year's climax of the national torch race ceremony will be held without thousands of invited guests and award winners, it will also affect the presentation of the annual achievement awards that will now be sent to awardees in their respective regions.

Previously the president cancelled some of the national anniversary ceremonies for the same reason.

It is an undeniable fact that the grand annual national torch celebration is a useless matter spending huge amounts of cost for anything beneficial. On the other hand, the president's directive exposes vividly the plain deception of the rogue democracy to the public showing them that leaders care about public problems and are not ready to waste public funds.

The issue of cost cutting in this case is a lie since Members of Parliaments (MPs) and some executive officials are being paid enormously in their five-year tenure. For instance, MPs get more than 200 mil Tsh when they retire, not to mention monthly salaries and other incentives. MPs annual payment is above 40 mil Tsh, equal to more than 3 mil Tsh per month, while an ordinary civil servant struggling all his/her life working (about 30 to 35 years) obtain less than 50 mil in his/her retirement.

Furthermore this so called cost cutting measure can only rescue about 1.2 Tanzania shillings for seven days. While Tanzania has a bulk of resources from mines, natural gases, massive land and human resources.

In fact Tanzania as any other developing nation needs a broad ideological cure from the capitalist system to the system of Islam, not petty cost cutting measures.

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