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Pupils captured in a grass thatched classroom at Ulamboni Primary School in Kizuka ward in Songea District Council, Ruvuma Region. However Government officials claim that this is not a class room but , a place where pupils are served with porridge.

COVER CAPTION:

A makeshift bridge at Mipeta village, Muhukuru ward in Songea District Council which connects the area with Mbinga where the villagers go for treatment at the nearest Kalembo Health Centre.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION:

- 1.1 On October 12, 2018, **Geofrey** Nilahi, a journalist based in Songea, Ruvuma Region, wrote an email to the MCT, informing the Council of threats against him by Government officials in the region. Nilahi is the area correspondent for two Dar es Salaam-based media houses: Channel 10 and the Tanzania Daima newspaper.

The journalist claimed that the threats stemmed from his report on the poor state of schools in the rural areas of Mipeta and Lunyele in Mhukuru Ward. He visited the villages on September 26, 2018 following a tip off indicating that residents in the areas faced numerous challenges, including a poor state of roads and a non-functional dispensary.

Also, Muungano Primary School in the area had closed for lack of teachers and classrooms that were in a state of disrepair. On top of that, there were broken-down bridges.

The airing and publication of the reports provoked public reaction on the various social media platforms. This upset leaders in Ruvuma Region who felt obliged to visit the mentioned areas on different occasions.

Nilahi told MCT that following his report, Christina Mndeme, the Ruvuma Regional Commissioner, summoned him to her office. She told him that she had been directed by the CCM national chairman to explain why she had allowed a journalist to file a report that was so negative to the ruling party.

The journalist was asked to explain his report. Also, Ruvuma regional leaders and those of Songea District accused him of tarnishing the image of Hon Jenista Mhagama, the Member of Parliament for Peramiho.

The officials accused Nilahi of focusing his reports on negative issues while ignoring the positive ones. But the reporter, in his defence, said that he had reached out to Hon Mhagama by phone and text messages, in order to balance the story, to no avail, as she was consistently unavailable.

Nilahi said that it was then that the Ruvuma officials, as a counter measure, assigned journalists from rival media houses to write stories to dispute his reports about the state of schools in Songea District. He named some of the media outlets that ran counter-stories, including: Majira newspaper, Star TV, Azam TV and Mwananchi Communications Limited newspapers.

The journalist felt threatened and reported to the Songea Officer Commanding District (OCD). However, he said, the police chief brushed him aside, saying that the threats were unreal and were orchestrated by hooligans.

Article 3 (e) of the MCT Constitution obliges the Council to maintain a register of developments likely to restrict the supply of information in public interest

and importance, keep a review of the same, and investigate the conduct and attitude of persons, corporations and governmental bodies at all levels, towards the media, and make public reports on such investigation. The MCT formed a three-member team to pursue and investigate Nilahi's claims. The team aimed at establishing whether the journalist's reporting was fair and whether he did receive threats from regional authorities following his reports.

The investigation would reveal whether there was any press freedom violations and make recommendations to the Council.

2.0 BACKGROUND:

2.1 All major media houses in Tanzania have representatives in Ruvuma Region. The media houses and newspapers with representatives or correspondents in the region include Tanzania Broadcasting Corporation (TBC), MCL, Majira, Tanzania Daima, Mtanzania, Habari Leo, Nipashe, Radio One, Radio Free Africa, Azam TV, Channel 10 and Star TV. There are also Key FM and Jogoo FM, both of which are based in Songea.

There are about 80 journalists in Ruvuma Region and 38 of them are members of the RPC. And, 15 out of the 38 members of the RPC are practising journalists while the remaining are inactive.

3.0 TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE INVESTIGATION:

- 3.1 The terms of reference were:
- (i) To establish what happened on September 26, 2018, in Songea District, Ruvuma Region, regarding a journalist covering a story on the closure of Muungano Primary School in Songea District;
 - (ii) To determine whether the reporter was threatened, by whom and for what reasons;
 - (iii) To investigate the relationship between Ruvuma Region media practitioners and their sources as well the relationship between them and the district and regional authorities;
 - (iv) To investigate other press freedom violations, if any, which compromise the work and safety of journalists in Ruvuma Region;
 - (v) To enquire on the overall working environment of Ruvuma Region journalists and examine if there are indicators of danger facing them as they conduct their duties and make recommendations;

- (vi) To recommend follow-up and/protection mechanisms and or remedial measures that can be undertaken by the Council and its partners;
- (vii) To work in a team of three consultants with the support of the Chairman of Ruvuma Press Club in the execution of this assignment;
- (viii) To prepare a report outlining the findings of the probe as well as giving recommendations for action by MCT and her partners and
- (ix) To keep the Council reasonably informed on the Team’s progress and promptly inform the Council if circumstances arise that might jeopardise the success of the assignment.

4.0 MODUS OPERANDI

- 4.1 The investigative team obtained most of its findings through interviews with the alleged victim, the Chairman of the Ruvuma Press Club, journalists based in Songea and Ruvuma regional authorities. The team also made use of reference materials such as newspaper cuttings, video clips and statements.

5.0 SONGEA INVESTIGATION

OVERVIEW

- 5.1 The MCT Secretariat received a “rare” complaint from a journalist based in Songea, Ruvuma Region, against media colleagues who were allegedly compromised by regional and district leaders to refute his exposé on a dilapidated and dangerous bridge, poor classroom facilities and poor health service delivery in Mipeta, Lunyele and Mhukuru in Songea District.

The MCT dispatched a team to Songea District on November 10, 2018, to investigate the complaint. The incident is viewed as rare because previous cases that MCT had to investigate always involved authorities harassing journalists.

The Songea case was unique in the sense that reporters allegedly acted like a pack of hounds to attack a fellow reporter who they allegedly isolated and branded a liar for his reports. In addition, the reporter expressed fear for his life. He reported that suspicious, unknown people followed him wherever he went, and one night, he heard strange voices outside his house.

To get to the bottom of the matter, the MCT team investigating the case interviewed seven Songea-based journalists including the complainant,

Geofrey Nilahi. It also talked to regional as well as district leaders.

Other journalists interviewed include: Andrew Kuchonjoma – the Chairperson of the Ruvuma Press Club, Amon Mtega from the Mtanzania newspaper, Joseph Mwambije from ITV, Mawazo Mwaijenga from Azam TV, Joyce Joliga of MCL and Crencesia Kapinga who works for Majira newspaper.

The MCT probe team also interviewed Ruvuma Regional Commissioner Christina Mndeme, the Songea District Commissioner Pololet Mgema and Chairman of Songea District Council Rajabu Mtiula. The team also conducted a telephone interview with a Councillor who identified himself as Manfred Nzuyu.

It has since emerged that Geofrey Nilahi acted on a tip off from Simon Kapinga, a Councilor for Muhukuru Rilahi. The reporter then visited Mipeta and Lunyele villages on September 26, 2018, and wrote about the poor state of schools in Muhukuru Ward.

The print version of his report was published in 'Tanzania Daima' on October 4, 2018 under the headline, 'Kamwelwe, Ndalichako na Ummu wanajua madudu haya?' (Kiswahili for 'Are Kamwele, Ndalichako and Ummu aware of this rot?').

The treatment of the story by the editors of Tanzania Daima, complete with photos of the ministers responsible for health, education and infrastructure without comments from any of them was dramatising and was linked to the ongoing political rivalries in Songea. It was interpreted by the MCT team as the proverbial scenario where you pour "salt onto a wound".

Another story was aired on Channel 10 TV on October 14, 2018. The stories were accompanied by images showing hapless pupils sitting on bricks in a thatched classroom. They also showed images of pedestrians crossing a bridge made of twigs dangling dangerously. Members of the public were not permitted to use an adjacent private bridge in good condition that belonged to a local church.

The stories which incensed and catapulted the regional and district leadership into action were professionally malnourished as they were not multi-sourced and the authorities had not given the right to respond.

From the interviews carried by the probe Team, what actually led to the angry reaction were story clips posted online with background music of a popular CCM propaganda song titled, Mtaisoma Namba" (Kiswahili jibe meaning "You will just read the number plates"), which literally teases political opponents about a CCM progressive caravan on the move. In this case the song seemed to mock voters of the Peramiho MP that instead of developing the constituency she had done the opposite.

Nilahi acknowledged writing the stories but distanced himself from the social media posts propaganda.

However, political leaders in the region blame the journalist (Nilahi) for

the posts. Rajabu Mtiula, the Chairman of Songea District Council cited the Kiswahili idiom, “aliyekutwa na ngozi,” translatable as “...the one caught with the skin of the stolen animal must be the thief.”

The stories were interpreted as aiming at showing that the current Peramiho MP, Minister Jenister Mhagama, had failed to deliver on the promises to develop her constituency now notable with nothing but dilapidated schools, poor health services and dangerous makeshift bridges.

Attempts by Nilahi to balance his reports by seeking to get the views of the district and regional leaders were futile as they dismissed and disregarded him as a political lackey bent on mudslinging the Ruvuma leadership.

However, one fact is clear: the stories by Nilahi, despite their lack of balance, ignited spontaneous reactions from district and regional leaders who at different times visited the areas cited to have social and infrastructural challenges.

In addition, the Songea District Council convened an extraordinary meeting to discuss and deliberate on the media reports.

The MCT team also interviewed journalists who had visited the areas, accompanied the regional, district leaders and the local MP. Some of the journalists could not dispute the accuracy of Nilahi’s reports.

From the visit, some journalists reported about the misuse of funds for the construction of the village health centre. Others reported that the nearby private bridge was now open to the public only during daytime and emergencies at night.

As the country approaches the 2020 General Election, there is a perception that various political aspirants for parliamentary seats are using the media to discredit their rivals. This led to the assumption that Nilahi was being used by persons eyeing the Peramiho Seat, which the journalist denies. There were also unverified reports that the incumbent MP had used about Sh6 million to pay journalists for positive coverage.

Christina Mndeme, the Ruvuma RC, expressed displeasure with the stories and said the reporter should not have rushed to air or publish the same without seeking responses from the authorities. The RC further said that she personally knows Nilahi and said that the authorities in the region have cordial working relationship with journalists.

Pololet Mgema, the Songea DC, complained about lack of balance in the reporter’s stories. He appealed to media houses to financially facilitate their journalist’s and enable them to pursue stories fully to avoid dependence on news sources.

From the accounts of the district and regional leaders interviewed, the reported thatched classrooms do not exist. What the reporter might have seen, they

insisted, are unlicensed schools put up by migrant communities. Such facilities are referred to as “shule shikizi” (satellite or co-opted schools). Due to the pressing need for education for the children, authorities are often compelled to recognise and provide such “schools” with teachers.

The local leaders also accused Nilahi of staging photos of pupils in a thatched classroom. The leaders claim that the journalist arranged for the pupils to move from the classroom block to a thatched room that serves as a kitchen and dining hall. Other accounts have it that soon after the coverage, the thatched classroom was gutted by fire in a bid to remove evidence of its existence.

Manfred Nzuyu, the Councillor for Muhukuru Ward, who had been cited as the source of the reports, distanced himself from the reporter during the extraordinary meeting of the Songea District Council.

6.0 INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS

6.1 Andrew Kuchonjoma: Ruvuma Press Club (RPC) Chairman



Andrew Kuchonjoma – Chairman of Ruvuma Press Club

Kuchonjoma was the first to be interviewed by the MCT investigation team. He provided an overview of the scenario before the team went for other interviewees including Geoffrey Nilahi. He said he had a profound discussion with Nilahi following the incident. He confirmed that indeed, his colleague went to Muhukuru to gather information for his story.

According to Kuchonjoma, after Nilahi had gathered the information, he tried to balance it but he didn't get sufficient support. He said Nilahi went to see RC Mndeme for more information. However, the RC advised him to go and see the DC. When the video clip was posted on social media and went viral, Nilahi met the DC, the RC and Director of Council. Kuchonjoma said an anonymous person circulated the clip on social media. No one can provide clear evidence whether Nilahi posted the clip online, although it contains the content he gathered from Muhukuru. On October 19 or 20, a special Council sitting was called for councillors and all ward leaders refuted the information in Nilahi's stories and the social media clip.

According to him, the Council selected five journalists to refute Nilahi's report. They are:

- 1- Cresencia Kapinga – Majira
- 2- Mawazo Mwaijenga – Azam TV
- 3- Amon Mtega – Mtanzania
- 4- Joseph Mwambije – ITV
- 5- Joyce Joliga – MCL newspapers

The selected journalists were sent to the areas where Nilahi said he collected information for his stories. However, they didn't reach the spot where the thatched classroom photos were taken.

In his testimony Kuchonjoma stated that some reporters used social media platforms to accuse Nilahi of staging the photos of the thatched classroom. "All journalists who travelled with the political leaders to visit places where Nilahi gathered his information gave stories that contradicted Nilahi's," Kuchonjoma said.

Nilahi's stories and clip sparked off a bitter exchange in Ruvuma Press Club's WhatsApp group. As a result, Joyce Joliga and Mawazo Mwaijenga were temporarily removed from the group. It emerged that the two journalists, Joyce Joliga of MCL and Cresencia Kapinga of Majira, have cordial relations with Minister Mhagama. Also, Kapinga is the Ndilima Councillor.

Kuchonjoma said the main problem in the clip was the juxtaposition of the CCM propaganda song and not the basic content. According to Kuchonjoma, the Songea DC, Pololet Mgema, threatened Nilahi with court action.

Kuchonjoma said, he often gave Nilahi useful advice on ethical journalism practice, always telling him of the need to ensure there is fairness and balance before publication.

Also, there are reports that a CCM party official identified as Lazaro Bunungu, worked with Nilahi to circulate the information to discredit Minister Mhagama. Bunungu is reported to be eyeing the Peramiho seat in the 2020 elections. This could not be independently verified.

His observations on the behaviour and weaknesses of reporters in Ruvuma are:

1. Greed;
2. Disregard for professional ethics;
3. Indulging in close, captive relationship with politicians and
4. Unprofessional conduct.

6.2 **Geoffrey Nilahi: Correspondent for Channel 10 and 'Tanzania Daima'**

Nilahi, a member of the Ruvuma Press Club (RPC), was the second person to be interviewed by the MCT team. According to him, he went for the story following a tip-off from Simon Kapinga, the Councillor for Muhukuru Rilahi.

Kapinga told Nilahi about the closure of Muungano Primary School, due to lack of teachers. The school is located in Kapinga's Muhukuru Ward in Songea District.



Geoffrey Nilahi – Correspondent for Channel 10/Tanzania daima

The journalist said he was first informed about the school while he was pursuing another unrelated story at Muhukuru Rilahi.

Upon getting the tip-off, Nilahi went to the area on September 25, 2018. However, initially, he could not travel to the place because of its remoteness and long distance from Songea Town. He also lacked money to cover the costs of transport.

He then contacted another Councilor identified as Manfred Nzuyu, (Muhukuru Ward) who offered to support him by sending a motorbike to take him to Muungano.

On the way to Muungano, Nilahi reached Kizuka Ward where he saw a thatched building and pupils playing outside. This was Ulamboni Primary School, he noted. However, this was not his target school. Nevertheless, he stopped and took some video clips. There were no teachers at the school and Nilahi interacted with the excited pupils in the schoolyard.

Four of the classroom blocks at the school were built through the efforts of local residents. Some classrooms had desks but in some, bricks were used as classroom furniture for lack of desks. There was no blackboard. He also interviewed the Chairman of the Ulamboni Village about the communal efforts to construct structures that were not in place.

The local leader also informed the journalist about a village leader who ran away with funds that had been raised by the community members to build a dispensary. In the absence of a dispensary, Ulamboni residents have to cross the Ruvuma River, traversing a treacherous 150-metre long bridge made of wooden planks. Manfred Nzuyu took Nilahi to see the bridge.

Nilahi spent a night at Nzuyu's home. The following day, they proceeded to Muungano Primary School, which was his target. At the school, he met at least 20 pupils. He told the probe team that he believes someone told the pupils to turn up at the school that day.

Nilahi interviewed some pupils, a volunteer teacher, parents, the Ward Executive (Rajab Issa), Ward Councillor (Nzuyu), the chairman of school committee and some community members. He discovered that every day, pupils carry bricks into the classrooms to use as desks. They also carry stones that are used as chalk. Also, when it rains, the place becomes inaccessible.

Nilahi defended his story, which he said was professionally compiled. He said he sent a long message to Jenista Mhagama, the MP for Peramiho on September 26, after gathering all the information. However, the MP didn't respond to his messages. On September 27, he sent another message to the MP, reminding her about the last message. She didn't reply.

His first story was published October 4 in Tanzania Daima under the headline, 'Kamwelwe, Ndalichako, Ummu Mwalimu, mnayajua haya yanayotokea Ruvuma?'

Ten days later, the story was aired on Channel 10 TV. He said his editor, Deo Mkuchu, didn't question him on anything about his article. After the article and the story were published in Tanzania Daima and aired on Channel 10 TV, he went to see the Communication Officer at the office of the Council.

Nilahi acknowledges that he never reached for comment RC Mndeme or DC Pololet Mgema. He went to see the two officials after his stories were aired and published. Three days after his story was aired on Channel 10 TV, a video clip with content from the Kizuka and Muhukuru wards, laced with CCM propaganda music, began to circulate on social media.

Nilahi distanced himself from the clips, although he agrees the content on schools, pupils, bridges and interviewees was his. He said somebody tampered with his clips. And whoever did that, added the CCM propaganda song to it, he insisted.

Nilahi says that because of his stories, officials visited the areas along with journalists. According to him, the journalists were taken along for the purpose of refuting his stories. Nilahi cited a story refuting his reports as one that was aired on Azam TV, although he could not recall the exact date of its transmission.

On October 20, 2018, a special district council meeting was called. While many journalists attended to cover the meeting, Nilahi was not invited.

According to him, ever since the two stories and clip were circulated, he has never been invited to any government press conference or event. He also said that some of his professional colleagues attacked him on social media and accused him of filing false stories.

On October 16, while he rode a motorbike on his way home, a car with suspicious occupants overtook and stopped ahead of him. A night earlier, on October 15, he heard strange voices outside his house.

Also, all the pictures that he took when he went to Muhukuru mysteriously went missing on his personal computer. He also lives in constant fear and has reported the incidents to the police.

6.3 Amon Mtega: 'Mtanzania' newspaper

Amon Mtega started by explaining what he thought the MCT probe team needed to know about the school that Nilahi reported about. He said the said school was not an officially registered facility, but a satellite school (shule shikizi) connected to a main school.



Amon Mtega – Correspondent of Mtanzania

He said such schools don't have proper teachers, are built through community efforts and pupils are registered in the main schools that may be located in other wards.

Mtega said what Nilahi did was to draw attention to the challenges such schools faced, irrespective of whether they were satellite schools or public schools. He said there are always different journalistic approaches to issues. Some journalists report only success stories and others can only be keen on challenges. In this case, Nilahi focused on the challenges.

Mtega said that after the clip was circulated, RC Mndeme took him along with other reporters to verify whether what Nilahi had reported was true. On return from the field, Mtega wrote a story under the headline: "Mkuu wa Mkoa apiga marufuku shule shikizi" (RC bans satellite schools).

He said the RC thought that the government would not be able to take care of satellite schools, so decided to suspend them. However, Mndeme ordered for teachers, desks and other school facilities to be provided to the school.

He said that his story was not intended to refute or negate what Nilahi had published and aired earlier, he argued, adding that he simply went to cover RC's tour as any reporter would. He insisted that the RC's tour was not meant to refute but to verify what Nilahi had reported earlier.

"No one can refute a story which has been published by another reporter, unless he/she was the one who had reported the issue," Mtega said. He said that most politicians do not use the Ruvuma Press Club for media management but contact only individual reporters.

He gave names of some of the reporters who toured with the RC Mndeme:

- 1- Cresencia Kapinga – Majira
- 2- Mawazo Mwaijenga – Azam TV
- 3- Amon Mtega – Mtanzania
- 4- Joseph Mwambije – ITV
- 5- Joyce Joliga – MCL

However, he said, the RC didn't reach the area where the thatched school was located due to its remoteness. He believes that Nilahi was accurate and did not stage anything because there would be no logic in doing such a thing.

Talking about the social media video clip, Mtega said he is not sure if Nilahi produced and circulated it. However, because he had gathered the content, everyone is pointing a finger at him.

However, Mtega said, it was Nilahi who shared the clip with the CCM propaganda song in the Wanahabari WhatsApp group. When he was asked if there was a political connection in this matter, Mtega said that some issues are politically influenced.

He revealed that a source in Dar es Salaam told him that some reporters received more than Sh6 million to refute Nilahi's story.

Mtega said that although Mhagama is popular in her constituency, she could, all the same, be worried about the 2020 elections.

He further said there have been reports that an unnamed politician paid Nilahi to pursue the story. Mtega suggested that one Lazaro Bunungu, who is said to be eying the Peramiho seat, might be involved in the saga. This suggestion could not be independently verified.

6.4 Joseph Mwambije: ITV Correspondent

Joseph Mwambije started by emphasising that there were no problem with Nilahi's stories. "The stories were true. However, the thing that raised the alarm and discussion was the clip with the backdrop of a CCM song and Minister Mhagama's video in Parliament," he said.

Mwambije thinks it is unethical for a reporter to lace content with political propaganda. That becomes political activism, he argued. Mwambije said although he is not sure if Nilahi was the producer and circulator of the clips, but it was a fact that this reporter went to the scene and came up with the story the displeased some quarters.

He said the Channel 10 TV story was not as critical as the clip that circulated on social media. When asked if he went with the RC in the villages where Nilahi reported, he said that he was invited along with other journalists. However, he said, RC Mndeme's visit was routine and not extraordinary.

Mwambije said he never filed a story that refuted Nilahi's story but rather, his focused on a village leader who ran away with the funds allocated to the construction of a dispensary.

He said he came up with a story that he believed would interest his media outlet in accordance to the preference of his editor whom he had briefed. He further said that Minister Mhagama, in due course, visited the area, but, he said, he did accompany her because he had other commitments. He, however, sent his cameraman.

Mwambije attended the extraordinary District Council meeting on October 20, 2018. He said during that special Council meeting, all ward leaders denied working with Nilahi or even rendering him support in his effort to get the Muhukuru and Kizuka wards story.

He said he had not received any instructions from Minister Mhagama or RC Mndeme on how to write his stories on the matter. Mwambije, however, admitted they each received Sh50,000, which, he said, was a “normal” allowance for a journalist.

Despite all the quarrels and disputes that were to emerge, Mwambije said Nilahi’s stories were good because they awakened the leaders to act on the challenges facing the villages.

“But I was not happy with the clip with a CCM song in it,” he added. Mwambije said the whole saga is characterised by political overtones. He mentioned one Lazaro Bunungu in the saga. Bunungu is said to harbour an interest in the Peramiho seat. He said, in their WhatsApp group, there were unsavory arguments between Nilahi and some fellow journalists.

Mwambije said some politicians, (he didn’t name him/her) have sent him SMS messages in which he/she accuses Ruvuma journalists of allowing themselves to be used by politicians.

This journalist claimed he was also a victim at one time, when he was banned from reporting on anything or even visiting Nyasa after he wrote a story on land and water challenges in the area. “Politicians will refute anything when they see it will damage their political career or lose their position,” he said.

He mentioned journalists who attended the special Council meeting as:

- 1- Amon Mtega – Mtanzania
- 2- Grace Amlike – Key FM
- 3- Joseph Mwambije – ITV
- 4- Mawazo Mwaijenga – Azam TV

6.5 Mawazo Mwaijenga: Azam TV



Mawazo Mwaijenga – Correspondent for AZAM TV

Mwaijenga claims to be Nilahi’s friend, further saying that they usually discuss their stories and share some tips. So, he told the MCT team, Nilahi consulted him before the clip went viral on social media and even before the stories were sent to the media houses he works for.

He said Nilahi showed him some raw video footage from the scene. He said some of the videos featured the ramshackle school building and the rickety bridge.

Mwaijenga told the MCT team he advised his colleague not to publish those stories until he gets comment from authorities. Mwaijenga said he didn’t see Nilahi’s story on Channel 10 TV, but saw the clip that trended online. The clip featured the content he had seen in

Nilahi's raw footage, a footage that, however, carried no CCM song. According to Mwaijenga, Nilahi's clip was a tip for him and he wanted to make a story out of it. He went to see DC Pololet for a comment on those clips in order to pursue another story, but the DC said it would be better if they travelled together since he also had plans to visit the area.

Mwaijenga said upon their arrival, they went straight to Mipeta Primary School and they found that it was not a substantive educational institution, but rather, a satellite school.

He said the building that was reported by Nilahi was not a classroom but a place used for cooking porridge. Mwaijenga interviewed some teachers who, however, were "not co-operative". He said he interviewed some villagers as well.

His intention, he claimed, was to use Nilahi's story as a tip he would use to come up with a better story. However, Mwaijenga said, he later realized that Nilahi's clip, now with a CCM propaganda song backdrop, was trending online.

He said, he could not be sure if it was Nilahi who produced and released it to social media. Mwaijenga said after that visit, his story was published but he could not remember what his story angle was.

Later on, RC Mndeme paid another visit to that area and this time she invited another group of journalists.

According to him, the invited reporters were from:

1. Jogoo FM;
2. Azam TV;
3. MCL;
4. 'Majira' and
5. 'Mtanzania'.

He said the RC's aim was to inspect development projects and challenges in the area. According to Mwaijenga, his story aired on Azam TV focused on RC Mndeme's order that prohibited satellite schools.

Mwaijenga said that about two weeks after the RC's visit, Minister Mhagama visited Muhukuru to thank the voters for electing another ward leader from CCM party. She also visited the schools whose state of affairs was reported by Nilahi. Mwaijenga said that later on, the UWT women organised an event to crown Minister Mhagama "Malkia wa Nguvu" of Peramiho Constituency. The event took place in Mpitimbi.

Following the crowning of "Queen Mhagama", there were reports that Nilahi produced another clip, which allegedly sought to demonstrate that even as the minister was being elevated to royalty, her voters continued to face several challenges.... The clip featured the bridge and the thatched classroom again.

Mwaijenga said he was unsure if it was Nilahi who produced the clip. However, it contained some of his known footage. Mwaijenga believes that there is a longstanding conflict between Mhagama and Nilahi, although no one knows the root cause of the conflict.

Mwaijenga said Nilahi confronted him to ask why he filed stories which contradicted his and his response to his colleague's accusation was that he simply reported what was on the ground. Nilahi called some of the journalists at Azam TV headquarters questioning why they aired Mwaijenga's stories that focused on negating he (Nilahi) had earlier reported.

When asked if he knew Lazaro Bunungu, Mwaijenga said he didn't know him. However, he said he saw a social media post by Bunungu accusing four journalists from Ruvuma of receiving Sh6 million from an unnamed politician. He said that Nilahi often shares annoying posts in the Ruvuma Press Club WhatsApp group.

6.6 Joyce Joliga: Correspondent for MCL



Joyce Joliga –
Coresspondent for
Mwananchi

Joyce Joliga said she saw Nilahi's news clip that berated CCM, adding that an official from CCM office in Ruvuma Region asked her to share with him the clip.

Joliga confirmed that Nilahi made the news clip with the CCM propaganda song, 'Mtaisoma Namba' with the backdrop of Hon. Jenista Mhagama in the National

Assembly and the sorry state of schools in her constituency.

Asked whether she wrote any story refuting what Nilahi had reported, Joliga said: "I have never refuted a story written by Nilahi or any other reporter in Ruvuma Region." She also denied being a friend of Hon. Jenista Mhagama.

6.7 Cresencia Kapinga: Correspondent for Majira newspaper



Cresencia Kapinga –
Correspondent for Majira

Cresencia Kapinga said she got Nilahi's news clip with the CCM song from a businessman based in Songea Town.

She denied having filed any story aimed at refuting Nilahi's story, adding that she filed a story to 'Majira' which published it with the headline, "How Songea District Council helped co-opted schools in Songea Rural."

Kapinga alleged that journalists in Songea have problems, adding that most of them have the tendency to work for personal gain. She could not elaborate.

6.8 Christina Mndeme: Ruvuma RC



Christina Mndeme – Ruvuma Regional Commissioner

The three-member team of investigators from the MCT sought an appointment with the Ruvuma Regional Commissioner, Christina Mndeme. During the meeting, Mndeme complained that journalists in the region were disappointed by Nilahi's report that aimed to tarnish the image of the government and the ruling CCM.

She said the social media news clip was made with an ulterior motive, adding that the co-opted schools that Nilahi claimed were thatched don't exist in the region.

"What Nilahi did was to take pupils from somewhere and ask them to sit in a thatched hut that is used for cooking porridge for the pupils. In the pictures taken by Nilahi, he branded the hut a classroom, which is untrue," said the RC.

All this, charged the RC, was intended to tarnish the image of Ruvuma Region's government leaders, including the MP for Peramiho, Ms Jenista Mhagama. Mndeme said after the news clips were aired, Nilahi went to her office and asked for forgiveness.

The RC said the journalist claimed that the Councillor in the area had asked him to take the "misleading pictures" as a way of pressing the government to assist development projects in the area, including construction of schools. "Nilahi admitted that his story in the news clips was not balanced because he did not seek any voice from government leaders in the region, but denied inserting the CCM song 'Mtaisoma Namba' in his clips. Nilahi also admitted he was a CCM cadre, now why did he publish his story in a newspaper owned by the Opposition ('Tanzania Daima')?" queried the RC.

She said Nilahi admitted that he sent his article to 'Tanzania Daima', although he quick to explain that it was the editors in Dar es Salaam who selected the pictures that were run with the story. "What Nilahi did amounted to undressing Ruvuma Region leaders before the public," said Mndeme, adding that the regional authorities asked Nilahi whether there were any politicians behind his negative reporting. However, the journalist denied he was working at the behest any politician or politicians as the country inches towards the 2020 General Election.

Mndeme expressed her concern to the MCT, saying despite the government's achievements, there were a few individuals bent on tarnishing its image. She said it was true that there were challenges facing the government, but it was on course working hard to resolve such challenges. The RC further said authorities in the region would continue working closely with the Ruvuma Press Club and

its members. “After the news clips, I directed the Songea DC to visit the areas that were mentioned in Nilahi’s stories to have an on-the-spot assessment, but we did not invite the reporter to accompany the DC because we were unhappy with what he had done,” said Mndeme.

6.9 Pololet Kamando Mgema: Songea DC

Songea DC Pololet Kamando Mgema admitted that challenges in journalism were not avoidable. He said failure to balance stories was among the problems facing the profession.

He noted that Songea District was fortunate to have a good number of journalists representing almost all media houses in Tanzania.

However, said Mgema, the news clip linked to Nilahi was “doctored” and as such, it could not be used as a portrayal of the real situation of the place the pictures were taken.

However, he noted, uncovering appalling situations in rural areas is not a bad thing; what mattered was the way the news is presented. The DC admitted that it was true co-opted schools in areas occupied by migrant farmers from Mbinga District are still under construction, but he said there were no schools with grass roofing as Nilahi’s news clips showed.

He also admitted that since collection of revenue in the district was poor, there was a razor-thin budget for improvement of co-opted schools commonly referred to as satellite schools. Furthermore, Mgema alleged, Nilahi was sponsored by Muhukuru Councilor Manfred Nzuyu with the intention of pushing the government to release revenues for the improvement of schools and a dispensary in his area. He said Peramiho MP Jenista Mhagama donated iron sheets and cement for the construction of schools in most of the areas with migrant farmers. He noted that these areas faced degradation due to deforestation to clear the land for farming.

In his view, authorities in the region have no grudge against Nilahi and he should not feel isolated. He appealed to the MCT to ensure media houses improve the welfare of journalists as a way to guard them against exploitation of by selfish individuals.



Pololet Kamando Mgema – Songea District Council

6.10 Rajab Mtiula: Songea District Council Chairman



Rajabu Mtiula – Chairman of Songea District Council

After learning about Geoffrey Nilahi’s news clip, Songea District Council Chair Rajab Mtiula said he convened an extraordinary District Council meeting on October 20, 2018.

The meeting was called after it was established that Nilahi did not seek a response from either Mtiula or the Songea District Executive Director over his findings in Songea Rural. Mtiula said when he contacted Councillors in the areas that Nilahi had visited, they denied having talked to the reporter about schools that were in dilapidated condition.

For instance, said Mtiula, when Nilahi met Muhukuru Councillor Manfred Nzuyu, they talked about villagers’ contributions towards the construction of a dispensary, the disappearance of collected cash and the construction of a bridge.

“All Councillors in the areas visited by Nilahi denied having accommodated him,” said Mtiula. He added that during the meeting of 23 Councillors members, some proposed that Nilahi undergoes a mental check and attestation of his journalism credentials. He said the Council meeting resolved to ask the Minister for Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, the Ruvuma Regional Commissioner and the Songea District Commissioner to take remedial measures and ensure that what Nilahi did won’t happen again.

Asked whether the Council had received any feedback on their requests as contained in their resolutions, Mtiula said he was not aware of that.

He added that the Council also appealed to journalists in Ruvuma Region to observe professional ethics, including the need to balance stories in order to avoid friction.

6.11 Manfred Nzuyu: Muhukuru Councillor

The MCT probe team talked to Muhukuru Councillor Manfred Nzuyu through his mobile phone. The Councillor said he saw no problem with Nilahi’s effort to raise challenges affecting his ward.

He said it is a fact that villagers in the area under his jurisdiction have no dispensary and are forced to walk several kilometres or use motorbikes to reach the nearest health facility.

Nzuyu noted that for the villagers to access medical services, they have to cross River Ruvuma, yet there is no stable bridge.

He said Nilahi's stories triggered moves to make some changes. Soon after his reports, there were discussions between RC Mndeme and the administrators of the nearby mission to allow villagers to use the bridge owned by the seminary.

He said it is true that Runyele Primary School was closed because it lacked teachers. Nzuyu said he attended the special Council meeting that was called on October 20, 2018.

He said the meeting specifically discussed Nilahi's clip. He said, the topic was about the clip showing a rickety bridge, the thatched classroom, a clip that was laced with a CCM propaganda song backdrop. Nzuyu said that clip with a CCM song annoyed every Ruvuma leader, including him.

He said, the Council meeting was called specifically to refute Nilahi's report and the clip with the CCM propaganda song.

Nzuyu also said when Nilahi looked for him after the Council meeting, he criticised the reporter over his clip.

Moreover, Nzuyu noted, Nilahi mixed up the stories. The Councillor said the thatched structure in Kizuka Ward was depicted as being in Muhukuru Ward. The challenge in Muhukuru, he told the MCT team, was a school with no teachers and the rickety bridge.

The Councillor admitted to have worked with Nilahi and even sent a motorbike to take him from Muhukuru. He explained that he gave the journalist all the support he needed because he believed a media report would accelerate the push for the necessary changes in his ward.

7.0 CONCLUSION

- 7.1 The Ruvuma Region and Songea District leaderships reacted disproportionately to the stories filed by Nilahi.
- 7.2 There was no cause for the entire leadership to so react to the stories deemed negative and send delegation after delegation to the areas reported to have challenges in attempts to clear the so-called polluted air.
- 7.3 The leaderships should have acted soberly, instead of being driven by fear of the unknown as attested in their remarks on the anticipated reactions by national leadership.
- 7.4 The Songea District Council overreacted by convening an extraordinary session simply to deal a blow to the journalist following the reported stories.
- 7.5 Convening such a meeting it was akin to using a "hammer to kill a fly," and was wasteful expenditure of meager public resources.
- 7.6 Leaders at all levels in public office ought to have thick skin in handling matters that expose them to public scrutiny.
- 7.7 If a report on development challenges push leaders to the extent of convening an extraordinary council meeting and ignite endless trips to areas that have supposedly been adversely reported, how would such leaderships act in a

- major disaster situation?
- 7.8 The fact that deliberate moves were taken to isolate journalist Geoffrey Nilahi and sideline him from all activities that took place after his disclosure of the development challenges in Songea, and the fact that the police casually dismissed his claims to the effect that he was being followed by unknown people, is a significant testimony he was threatened. And even by the time of writing this report, there were reports that Nilahi was being followed by the Police.
 - 7.9 Journalists allowed themselves to be used by officials against their fellow scribe. This is vividly explained by the fact that in all trips to the reported areas, the reporter who first filed stories on the various challenges in the said villages was left out and he was not even invited to the extraordinary District Council meeting.
 - 7.10 It was wrong for journalists to accept offers from politicians, leaders and other interest groups and to be used to portray positive images and negate the reality.
 - 7.11 Journalists were divided for either political or personal interests.
 - 7.12 As balancing and multi-sourcing is crucial in news coverage, it was a failure and an omission by the reporter who first reported the various developmental challenges.
 - 7.13 The coverage reflects that the reporter was not levelheaded and compromised impartiality in his reporting. This applies also to editors as gatekeepers of the media outlets who finally released the reports with serious professional weaknesses.
 - 7.14 It was improper to mix journalistic work—report, story or article with propaganda, as was the reported case of CCM song, ‘Mtaisoma Namba’. Juxtaposing the news story with a party propaganda song definitely led to the suspicion that the journalist who reported the development challenges in the Peramiho was also connected to the clip, which trended on social media shortly after his article was published in ‘Tanzania Daima’ and aired on Channel 10 TV.

8.0 RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 8.1 Leaders at all levels—national, regional and district—need to always react proportionately to media reports.
- 8.2 Leaders need to remain levelheaded and avoid panicking in the face of negative media reports.
- 8.3 While dealing with journalists and the media in general, leaders should not be driven by a fear of the unknown—hallucinating on and anticipating serious punitive measures that might be taken against them by the national leadership.
- 8.4 Leaders at all levels ought to develop skills in handling and responding to media reports. This is regardless of their positions and anticipated impact of the media reports.
- 8.5 Leaders should respond to requests by journalists for information as a crucial and relevant step in facilitating and implementing the Access to Information Act 2016.

- 8.6 Journalists should reject being used to serve selfish interests of individuals or groups against fellow media practitioners.
- 8.7 Journalists must reject being compromised by politicians, leaders and other interest groups; they must refuse to be used to portray false positive images and negate reality.
- 8.8 Political or personal interests should not be entertained in journalism profession.
- 8.9 It is always crucial and pertinent to balance stories and to have multiple sources in news coverage.
- 8.10 Editors as gatekeepers of the media outlets should religiously observe professional principles, rules and regulations and ensure that all news published or broadcast measure up to ethical standards.
- 8.11 Journalistic work – reports, stories or articles – should not be mixed with political propaganda.
- 8.12 Practising journalists should not hold positions in political parties so that they remain free to fully play their watchdog role.
- 8.13 Problems or misunderstandings among media practitioners as this case that pitted Nilahi against his colleagues in Songea, should be expeditiously settled by bodies like MCT and the Union of Tanzania Press Clubs (UTPC).
- 8.14 Media outlets should strive to improve the welfare of their regional correspondents and stringers and timely pay them to reduce overdependence on support from news sources and other interest groups.
- 8.15 Management of media houses should make a point of frequently visiting their upcountry correspondents to have on-the-ground assessment of the work environment and strive to improve it.
- 8.16 MCT should continue visits to media houses and meet with journalists as well as managements to learn professional challenges encountered and work out proposals for improvement and suggestions for the way forward.

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Husika na mada tajwa hapo juu,mwenye jina na anuani tajwa ni mwandishi wa habari ninayeripotia Channel Ten na mwandishi wa Makala za uchunguzi katika gazeti la Tanzania daima,kutoka katika mkoa wa Ruvuma.

Katika ufuatiliaji wa habari za uchunguzi nikiangazia maisha ya wananchi wa vijijini,Septemba 10.2018 nilitembelea kijiji cha Magwamila kata ya Mhukuru Lilahi wilaya ya Songea mkoani Ruvuma,nilikutana na changamoto zinazo wakabili wananchi hakuna barabara ya kupita gari,nilikuta zahanati imefungwa waganga walikuwa wameondoka kwa kipindi kirefu.

Niliandika habari iliyorushwa Channel Ten na Makala ya gazeti iliyochapishwa septemba 15 mwaka huu,iliyopewa kichwa cha habari "BORA USIKIE YA KUAMBIWA SIO UYAONE YA MAGWAMILA"na makala ya uchumi gazeti la septemba 29 iliyokuwa na kichwa cha habari "UMASIKINI WATESA WATU MAZAO YAKIOZEA NDANI"

Septemba 26 nilitembelea kata ya Mhukuru katika kijiji cha Mipeta na Lunyele,baada ya kupata taarifa ya kufungwa kwa shule ya msingi Muungano kwa sababu ya kukosa walimu,ninakutana na changamoto nyingine nyingi zinazoathili huduma ya afya,elimu pamoja na ukosefu wa miundombinu ya barabara na madaraja.

Octoba 2,2018 niliandika Makala ya gazeti yenye kichwa cha habari KAMWELWE,NDALICHAKO NA UMMY WANAJUA MADUDU HAYA YA SONGEA?"Nendeni kijiji cha Mipeta,Lunyele na Malambo"na taarifa ya kuwepo kwa shule yenye madarasa ya nyasi,utoro wa walimu pamoja na kufungwa kwa shule ilirushwa Channel ten.

Taarifa hizi zimetikisa viongozi wa mkoa na taifa na kuwa gumzo katika mitandao mbalimbali za kijamii hali iliyosababisha viongozi katika ngazi hizo kwenda katika maeneo yote yaliyotajwa ili kujiridhisha na kile nilichoripoti.

Niliitwa na mkuu wa mkoa Christina Mndeme na kufanya mazungumzo tukiwa wawili ofisini kwake nanukuu sehemu ya mazungumzo"nimeambiwa na mwenyekiti wa ccm taifa niandike maelezo ya kutosha kwa nini nakidharirisha chama cha mapinduzi,hapa nilipo sina uhakika kama nitabaki salama,nikifukuzwa kazi mimi wewe itakusaidia nini,basi Rais akuteue wewe uje ukalie kiti hiki"

Nilijitahidi kunyamaza ili nimpe nafasi aeleze alichonacho rohoni,hatimaye nilijieleza na kuweka wazi kila kilichotokea,viongozi wa mkoa na wilaya wanadai kuwa nina lengo la kumchafua mbunge,kwa kuwa nimeripoti mabaya na kuacha mazuri aliyofanya mbunge.

Nikiwa kwenye maeneo yote ya vijiji niliweza kuwasiliana na mbunge Jenista Mhagama kwa sms nikimweleza kila changamoto nilizo ziona nikimuomba akipata nafasi tuongee lakini hakuna msg aliyowahi kujibu.

Nilienda kwa mkuu wa wilaya Pololeti Mgema kwenda kusikiliza kauli ya serikali baada ya habari kuandikwa nilishambuliwa kwa maneno alikataa kurekodiwa wala kupigwa picha kwa madai kuwa mimi nimewachukua wanafunzi na kwenda kuwakalisha kwenye mabanda ya nyasi.

Shule hiyo wameikataa na kudai kuwa sio ya serikali ni yawananchi ingawa ina mwalimu wa serikali,nanukuu sehemu ya maneno yake"Wewe umetimiza dhamira yako serikali yote imechafuka sio wilaya mkoa wala taifa,mimi mwenyewe hapa nilipo sijui kama mambo haya yatapita salama umetuvuruga,nataka kujua ni nani aliyekutuma,mimi naipenda kazi yangu ikiharibika nashughulika na wewe"

Nilinyamaza na baadae nikamwambia toka mwanzo wa safari hadi mwisho mpaka mawasiliano yangu na mbunge hata hivyo anaukubali ukweli lakini bado anadai kuwa nina nia ya kuwachafua kwa kuwa yapo mazuri ambayo sikuandika.

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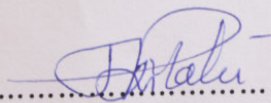
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Mhagama kata ya Peramiho.?????amazing

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Yajayo yanafurahisha,kumbe ulamboni ni mkondo wa shule ya msingi Kizuka na sio milambo ??????,Lunyele nako ni mkondo wa shule ya msingi Matama na sio shule ya msingi kwani zote hazijasajiliwa bado tuwe makini?????. Mbunge kote kachangia mabati na saruji pamoja na fedha taslim na ndio maana aliitwa kuweka jiwe la msingi kutokana na mchango wake wa vifaa vya viwandani.

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[10/8, 20:19] Geoffrey Nilahi: Mbona manyasi hujaonesha ukweli haufichiki

[10/8, 20:19] KELE: Na bado???????

[10/8, 20:20] Geoffrey Nilahi: Huo sio uandishi any way fanyeni kazi.

[10/8, 20:23] KELE: Wewe kwa uandishi gani ulionao wa kupotosha jamii?

[10/8, 20:24] KELE: Manyasi sijaona zaidi ya kibanda cha kupikia kande za wanafunzi??

[10/8, 20:25] Geoffrey Nilahi: Naona akili yako imefika mwisho.

NILIAMUA KUBLOCK MSG ZAKE ZISIINGIE KWANGU.

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DAR ES SALAAM.

TAARIFA YA KAULI YENYE VITISHO NA VIASHIRIA VYA HATARI KUTOKA KWA VIONGOZI
DHIDI YANGU.

Katika ufuatiliaji wa habari za vijijini, Septemba 10.2018 nilitembelea kijiji
cha Magwamila kata ya Mhukuru Lilahi wilaya ya Songea mkoani Ruvuma,

Nilikutana na changamoto zinazo wakabili wananchi Ikiwa ni pamoja na ukosefu
wa barabara, kufungwa kwa zahanati kwa kipindi kirefu.

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niliwahi kupigwa ofisini kwa DE Samandito Gombo wa Mbinga na nikafikishwa Polisi yeye alinitukana sana kwa msg

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