

**SPEECH BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT,  
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OCCASION OF MOI DAY ON WEDNESDAY.  
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MY DEAR KENYANS,

As we assemble today to mark the Second Moi Day, let us all give thanks to God for the many blessings He continues to shower on us. This day last year, I called upon you to dedicate Moi Day for remembrance and reflection, and to be mindful of one another's welfare. I am glad that a number of activities have been organized all over our Republic reflecting this spirit. Thank you, for responding to my call. Such an act of goodwill should not merely be confined to Moi Day, but should be made an integral part of our lives. I, therefore, hope that in future, activities of this nature will be undertaken throughout the week preceding Moi Day.

We have witnessed many events since we celebrated the occasion last year. Many of the events give us reason for joy and hope, while some are a matter of concern to all peace-loving Kenyans. In spite of the few incidents which tended to undermine our stability, we in Kenya have enough reason to be grateful to God for the peace and tranquility that has prevailed in our country.

Love for one another must form the very basis of our nationhood. Peace cannot flourish in an atmosphere of hatred and distrust. We cannot progress, as a nation, in a state of chaos which inevitably results in suffering, deprivation and loss of human life. It is even more abominable, that those who suffer most are women and children. The damage that children suffer in wars is often irreversible. We, therefore, cannot expect them to lead a normal life thereafter.

As a peace-loving nation, we have a duty to enable our children enjoy a secure life now and in future. It is a responsibility which we must fully account for, to future generations. We must always seek to replace hatred with love, and avoid situations which

jeopardise the security of this country. The safety of our people and innocent children must be guaranteed all the time, for this is our primary responsibility

We have reached a stage in our development process, which calls for discipline on the part of each one of us. In order to instil and enforce discipline, we must be disciplined ourselves. Parents, in particular, should lead by example to enable our youth to grow-up into responsible citizens. It is because of this that our country must cultivate sustainable work discipline. We, therefore, have a duty to educate our people to appreciate the value of hardwork.

At independence, we chose the path of peace. In maintaining that peace, each one of us has an obligation to behave responsibly. We cannot be agents of peace if we, at the same time, engage ourselves in making irresponsible utterances. Utterances which cannot see daylight or stand the acid test. We cannot promote peace and understanding, when we at the same time breed tribalism, or undertake activities that reflect negatively on us. Similarly, we cannot mould a morally upright society, when we ourselves require a thorough moral cleansing.

I am saddened to note that a lot of energy in this country is currently being wasted on unproductive pursuits. What Kenya needs, is for this energy to be directed towards the improvement of national well-being. This country needs people who can translate ideas into action programmes to uplift our welfare. We need workers not talkers and certainly not publicity seekers. We need people who are prepared to sacrifice their time and money to help the needy in our society. We also need selfless workers, who will put all their energies in the enhancement of our national productivity.

As we celebrate this Day, let us all renew our commitment in serving one another with openness and sincerity. Let us bear in mind the need to perform our daily duties with humility and dedication. Arrogance and an uncaring attitude are of no benefit to any one, for they are certainly not in line with Nyayo Philosophy of Peace, Love and Unity.

Let us, therefore, on this Day do away with negative attributes that have threatened our peace in the past. Instead, let us resolve to strengthen those qualities that have seen this country grow from strength to strength.

God truly loves this country. The only way in which we can show our gratitude is by acting in a manner that pleases our creator.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU.