

# County holds prayer meeting to harness harmony among leaders

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Kirinyaga Governor Joseph Ndathi Monday led the county in a Prayer Breakfast organized by the Kirinyaga Interdenominational Bishops and Senior Pastors Forum.

The prayer session lasting almost five hours hoped to bring together all elected leaders from across the political divide, government officials, religious leaders and County opinion leaders.

The meeting was held at the ACK hall in Kutus.

“This prayers meeting is significant and I want to thank the organizers and encourage them to plan for more such meetings since they give us as leaders an opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to God and dedicate our county to divine protection,” said the Governor.

He urged the Clergy to play a more active role in the shaping of County Governance and called on local Churches to have a full involvement in an “in-depth transformation of our society.”

No Member of Parliament showed up for the prayers despite prior invitations from Bishop Joseph Kibucwa, ACK Kirinyaga Diocese and also the Forum’s chairman.

Rev. Kibucwa expressed concerns for failure of the MPs and appealed to elected leaders at both the County and National levels to be attending such meetings in the future lest they lose touch with the clergy.

“We expected a larger group of leaders, but it is disappointing to see only a handful, we are going to give them another chance and if they won’t show up,

we shall as well go on and conclude that they are not God fearing leaders,” said the Bishop noting concern on failure of MPs.

The bishop hailed the Governor for finding time to attend the meeting and urged other elected leaders to borrow a leaf from the Governor.

The meeting was second of its kind to be held in the County.

A similar meeting had been summoned by the former Kirinyaga County Commissioner Joseph Keter last year but suffered a similar boycott.

Only Governor Ndathi, Senator Karaba Women representative Winnie Njuguna and a few MCAs attended.

Governor said he would support organization of such meetings to help the organizers realize the dream of making it a regular event.

Those who attended yesterday’s session included Senator Karaba, Women representative Winnie Njuguna, Deputy Governor Julius Njiiri and three MCAs.

All the leaders who spoke during the meeting united in calling for peaceful co-existence among leaders in Kirinyaga as we approached the electioneering period.

Ndathi urged church leaders to be careful as they let believers inside their churches and advised them to take precautionary measures to ensure they stayed safe.

He was speaking in the wake of discovery of an explosive device which was planted at the entrance of Kianyaga Catholic Church on Sunday which disrupted the Mass.



The Governor addresses the bishops and senior pastors in attendance.



The Governor poses for a photo with members of the clergy.