

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made between **Honourable Raila Amolo Odinga (Hon Raila Odinga)** on one hand and the **National Muslim Leaders Forum (NAMLEF)** on the other.

At the time of execution of this MOU, on the one hand, **Hon Raila Odinga** has declared his intention to vie for the Presidency of Kenya during the 2007 General Elections. He has sought the support of **NAMLEF** in getting the backing of the Muslim community in Kenya to back him for the Presidency.

In this MOU reference to **Hon Raila Odinga** is intended to include and bind all such persons working for him with his authority during the campaign period, and thereafter will refer to his government.

On the other hand, **NAMLEF** a national umbrella platform of leaders of Muslim organisations desires to see our country Kenya as **a just, harmonious, peaceful and prosperous nation based on good governance, constitutionalism and the rule of law, pro-poor policies, enhanced democratic space** and where Kenyans effectively participate in shaping their destiny and the positive upliftment of the status and welfare of Muslims in Kenya and the correction of historical and structural injustices and marginalisation meted on Muslims through deliberate policies and programmes.

In entering into this agreement, **NAMLEF** and the Muslim community in Kenya recognise the fact that President Mwai Kibaki's government has meted out calculated, deliberate, unprecedented discrimination, intimidation and harassment of sections of Kenyans, including Muslims. **NAMLEF** and the Muslim community in Kenya desire to see an end to this.

After due consultation, **NAMLEF** has arrived at a decision **to support the candidature of Hon. Raila Odinga for presidency during 2007.**

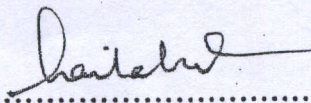
In this MOU reference to **NAMLEF** is intended to include and bind all such persons who have authority to commit **NAMLEF** or work under its authority.

This MOU therefore declares and commits **Hon Raila Odinga** and **NAMLEF** as follows:  
That:

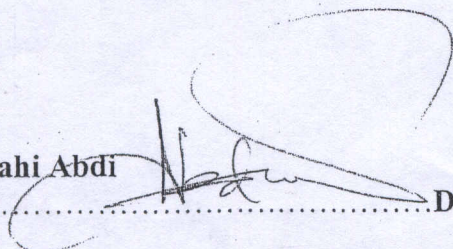
- A. **Hon Raila Odinga** and **NAMLEF** agree to this MOU to take effect forthwith upon its signing.
- B. This MOU is made to **secure and cement solidarity and partnership** between **Hon Raila Odinga** and **NAMLEF** constituency based on values of mutual trust, honesty, integrity, transparency and good governance.
- C. This MOU is made in **utmost good faith and trust** between **Hon Raila Odinga**, and **NAMLEF** with the common objective of transforming our country Kenya into a proud, prosperous and just nation, where all Kenyans live in harmony realising their full potential without discrimination, subjugation or fear.
- D. **NAMLEF** shall:
  - a. Declare public support for **Hon Raila Odinga's** candidature for Presidency.
  - b. Support **no other candidate** for the Presidency for the 2007 General Elections.
  - c. **Mobilise the Muslim constituency** countrywide to support **Hon Raila Odinga's** candidature for Presidency.
  - d. Provide **Hon Raila Odinga's** Presidency with **support and wise counsel**.
  - e. **Maintain open links of communication** during the Presidency of **Hon Raila Odinga**.
- E. **Hon Raila Odinga** shall:

- a. Embrace **NAMLEF** totally as **his partner of choice** in seeking the backing of the Muslim community, including access to and representation on all his Presidential Campaign organs.
  - b. Upon successful election and serving as the President of Kenya:
    - i. Continue to embrace **NAMLEF** as **his partner of choice**, providing support and sustain relations with it and the Muslim community.
    - ii. Accord NAMLEF both an **advisory and partner** role in his government on all Muslim affairs.
    - iii. Embark on the **radical transformation of Kenya** to be a just, harmonious, peaceful and prosperous nation based on good governance, constitutionalism and the rule of law, pro-poor policies, enhanced democratic space and where Kenyans effectively participate in shaping their destiny through a **genuinely devolved government**.
    - iv. Initiate, within the first year, **deliberate policies and programmes to redress historical, current and structural marginalisation and injustices on Muslims in Kenya**. This will include the entrenchment in the Kenyan constitution provisions that will outlaw the targeting and profiling of any Kenyan community (including Muslims) and subjecting them to human rights abuses, violations and discrimination under any guise whatsoever, as has specifically been witnessed by the Muslim community in the past. Specific action will include the setting up of a commission to inquire on deliberate schemes and actions of government, its agencies or officers, to target or interfere with welfare and social well being of Muslims in Kenya as citizens including renditioning of Kenyans to Somalia, Ethiopia and Guantamano Bay. Such schemes and actions **will be put to an end** and public officers responsible for the same named **and held to account**.
    - v. Accord immediately, within the first two years, Northern Kenya and the Coast Province and other neglected areas **budgetary priority** for infrastructural development in the sectors of road and telecommunications, water, housing, education and health, amongst others.
    - vi. Ensure **equitable representation of Muslims in all public appointments**.
- F. **NAMLEF** as a credible national Muslim institution and **Hon. Raila Odinga** as a credible national leader known for consistency, valour and statesmanship and vying for the highest position in Kenya commit themselves to this MOU.

Signed by: **Honourable Raila Amolo Odinga:**

  
.....Date.. 29/08/07.


Signed on behalf of the **National Muslim Leaders Forum**) by:

  
**Sheikh Abdullahi Abdi**  
(Chairman):.....Date.. 29/08/07.

Witnessed by:

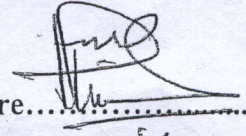
NAMLEF side

1. Mohammed Barouq Adam

Signature.....

Date.....29/08/07

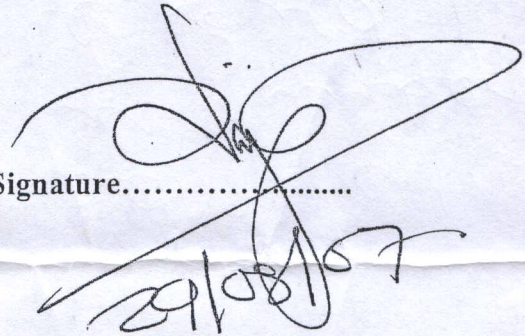
2. Said Athman Mtwana

Signature.....

Date.....29th August 2007

Hon. Raila Odinga's side

1. Hon. Najib Balala

Signature.....  
29/08/07

Date.....

