

KPLC Vehicles at Public Rallies

The attention of the Kenya Power & Lighting Company (KPLC) is drawn to a news article that appeared in the Saturday Nation of 3rd November titled: "Ministers Abused State Resources, Says Rights Team", based on a report by the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR), which stated that two KPLC vehicles were used at a PNU political campaign convoy at Thumaita and Kiandai in Ndia constituency and, by insinuation, to support partisan politics.

We wish to correct the wrong impression created by the article and the KNCHR report, that KPLC vehicles were being used at a political campaign meeting. The meeting referred to was a public function where the Minister for Energy was commissioning the recently completed Thumaita West Electricity project, supplying power to Thumaita Secondary School, and Thumaita Market Centre.

The vehicles were transporting KPLC technical staff, and only plied the distance between the school and the market to coordinate the commissioning function.

This is just one of many such public meetings that have taken place in different parts of the country, where KPLC and the Ministry of Energy have extended the electricity grid. Such meetings have in the past been held at, among others, Kiptere in Kericho, Kainuk in Turkana South, Chwele in Bungoma West, Rarieda in Nyanza, Lunga Lunga and Garsen at the Coast, Mwala in Machakos, and the informal settlements of Kibera in Lang'ata and Mukuru kwa Njenga in Makadara, both in Nairobi.

These events and other similar events take place all year round to create public awareness on successful schemes in which the Ministry of Energy and KPLC are involved in.

KPLC provides a public service and company vehicles will from time to time be spotted in the vicinity of various public meetings – both public and private – and this should not be construed to mean support of ideals, political or otherwise, being espoused at such forums, or support for a particular group or groups.



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