

SPEECH BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
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CITY COUNTY GOVERNMENT,
REPRESENTING H.E. THE GOVERNOR
OF NAIROBI CITY COUNTY

MAU MAU MONUMENT UNVEILING
CEREMONY UHURU PARK
12TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Distinguished Guests,
Our Mau Mau Veterans and their families,
Leaders, Representatives British High
Commission representatives of
Government,

The people of Nairobi,
Fellow Kenyans,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning.

It is a great honour to stand here today on behalf of H.E. the Governor of Nairobi City County, Sakaja Arthur Johnson, EGH, as we unveil and restore this important Mau Mau Monument.

Today is a day of remembrance, honour and gratitude

We are gathered here to recognise the courage, sacrifice and contribution of the

Mau Mau freedom fighters to Kenya's struggle for independence.

To our Mau Mau veterans and their families, we say:

We remember you. We honour you. We thank you.

The freedom we enjoy today was shaped by the sacrifices of many Kenyans who stood for the dignity and freedom of our nation. The Mau Mau remain an important part of that history, and their story must never be forgotten.

This monument therefore represents much more than a physical structure. It represents memory. It represents sacrifice. It represents our journey as a nation.

It is particularly significant that we are gathered here today because this monument was previously vandalised and defaced

Let this occasion remind us that when we destroy a monument, we are not merely destroying stone, metal or artwork we are damaging a part of our history.

We must therefore protect this monument. We must safeguard it. And we must ensure that it stands for generations yet unborn.

I call upon all Kenyans, and particularly our young people, to become custodians of our heritage

Let us teach our children the stories behind our monuments. Let us respect our historical sites. Let us protect the places that remind us of where we came from.

As Nairobi City County Government, we remain committed to working with the Mau Mau veterans, communities and other stakeholders to preserve Nairobi's history and heritage.

Today, as we unveil this monument, let us make a commitment:

Never again should our heritage be left vulnerable to destruction.

Let this monument stand proudly as a lasting tribute to the Mau Mau and their contribution to our nation's freedom.

Let it remind future generations that

freedom has a history, freedom has a price, and freedom must be cherished.

To our Mau Mau veterans:

We salute you. We honour you. Your contribution to this country will not be forgotten.

May this monument stand for many generations as a symbol of courage, sacrifice, freedom and national pride.

God bless our Mau Mau veterans.

God bless Nairobi.

God bless the Republic of Kenya.

Thank you.