



Press Release – People’s Shujaaz Awards Finalists Unveiled

Nairobi, 10th December 2014 – After 10 days of Kenyans voting for their favorite Parliamentarians in 10 categories of the **People’s Shujaaz Awards**, Mzalendo Trust today unveils the finalists. In no particular order, the finalists are:

Category 1: Wanjiku’s Best Representative – Education (National Assembly) – Hon. Boniface Kinoti

Category 2: Wanjiku’s Best Representative – Education (Senate) – Hon. Boni Khalwale

Category 3: Wanjiku’s Best Representative – Health (Senate) – Sen. Wilfred Machage

Category 4: Wanjiku’s Best Representative – Health (National Assembly) – Hon. James Nyikal

Category 5: Wanjiku’s Best Representative – Food – Sen. Beatrice Elachi

Category 6: Wanjiku’s Best Representative – Water – Hon. Amina Abdalla

Category 7: Wanjiku’s Best Representative – Youth – Hon. Chris. Wamalwa

Category 8: Wanjiku’s Best Representative – Oversight – Hon. John Mbadi

Category 9. Wanjiku’s Best Representative – Oversight/Progressive Legislation – Kabando wa Kabando

Category 10. Wanjiku’s Best Representative – Devolution – Kithure Kindiki

People’s Shujaaz Awards is an initiative to celebrate Parliamentarians that have excelled in championing issues of great public interest in Parliament - the National Assembly and Senate. The reasons for the nomination of each finalist are available on <http://info.mzalendo.com/shujaaz>.

As the People’s representatives Parliamentarians are obligated to champion public interests and ensure that truly, justice is our national shield and defender. For Kenyans to dwell in unity, peace and liberty must be guaranteed to all with no prejudice and at the center of this is resource sharing, one of the core tasks of Parliament.

The People’s Shujaaz Awards complement the National Honours the Presidency bestows on Kenyans who have given exemplary service to the country every year. Mzalendo Trust will award each of the People’s Shujaaz Awards finalists a small plaque in the shape of a shield with the name of the category in which they won. The awards will be distributed through personalized courtesies to the Parliamentarians in their offices.

Kenyans spend a lot of time bashing politicians and there is a risk that we may dismiss or fail to encourage those who are actually representing their interests. People’s Shujaaz Awards is an attempt to fix that - we believe that it is important to point out that it is not all doom and gloom when it comes to Parliamentarians.

Mzalendo is a non-partisan Parliamentary Monitoring initiative which keeps an eye on Parliament and makes information on Parliamentarians and their activities easily accessible to the public.

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