



Press Release

Mzalendo Launches People's Shujaaz Awards 2018 Edition

Nairobi, 30th November 2018 – Mzalendo Trust today launches the third edition of the People's Shujaaz Awards to showcase and celebrate Parliamentarians that have excelled in championing issues of great public interest in both the National Assembly and Senate from Sep. 2017 – October 2018. The issues and list of nominees were arrived at through mining the Hansard and reviewing committee reports as well as the bills, motions, petitions and statements trackers.

Issues identified this year include: health, people with disabilities, progressive legislation, security and disaster management and environmental conservation. Unlike in previous editions of the initiative that ran during the 11th Parliament, members in this year's campaign compete in only 6 categories. This is a marked decline in categories from the 10 and 12 in the 2014 and 2015 People's Shujaaz Awards editions respectively. Kenyans often bash Parliamentarians but there are always some who are committed to working hard to make the lives of Kenyans better.

The 13 nominees include seven senators – Gertrude Musuruve, George Khaniri, Beatrice Kwamboka, Aaron Cheruiyot, Petronila Were, Johnson Sakaja and Mutula Kilonzo Jr. The National Assembly has six representatives – Mohammed Ali Mohamed, Rose Mumo Museo, Godfrey Osotsi, William Chepkut, George Macharia Kariuki & Mugambi Rindikiri. For the full nominee list and the categories they are in visit <http://info.mzalendo.com/shujaaz/2018> and also vote for your favorites. Online voting starts today, 30th November and runs until 9th December midnight. The six finalists will be announced on 11th December 2018 and each awarded a plaque.

Through People's Shujaaz Awards, Mzalendo hopes that more people will learn the actual work of Parliamentarians, and sensitize the public on the need to keep their leaders to account. The awards complement the national honors the Presidency issues to Kenyans that have given to exemplary service to the country every year on Jamhuri day.

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