



Political Instability in Tanzania

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Introduction:

Tanzania has been facing several setbacks in some regions such as Arusha and Zanzibar. This setback includes several explosions happening in Arusha and killing of priest and Muslims preachers in Zanzibar.

Starting with Arusha, from 2012 up to date there are several explosions happened, for example:

On 25th October 2012 an Islamic preacher or cleric (ustadh)ji was shot on the road while return back to his house at Arusha.

On 5th may 2013 at Olasiti, a roman catholic church was bombed when it was holding its first mass after it had just been built.

On 13th June 2014 a famous bar known as Night Park was bombed.

On 15th June 2014 a CHADEMA political rally ahead of civic policy was bombed at Soweto.

On 3rd July 2014 there was another grenade attack in Kaloleni ward at home of an Islamic preacher.

On 8th July 2014 there was an explosion in Varma tradition Indian cuisine restaurant near gymkhana grounds.

On the other hand, in Zanzibar there were a several explosions such as :

A bombing at evangelist church in fuoni maili nne, which was the first in the year.

On Sunday 23rd February 2014 an explosion happened at mercury cafeteria in malundi area while the other one occurred at the main gate of angelican church in mkunazini area accompanied by previous days explosions at pangawe.



Olasiti



The bombed rally in Arusha Soweto.
The rally was conducted by CHADEMA

Results:

The project involves research which was used to collect information by asking questions to several citizens, politicians, advocates and various leaders such as Hon. Felix Mkosamali (MP) and Councilor Filoteus Mligo on the causes of these events. Different views from different kinds of citizens were obtained and grouped as follows.

Group I. Whoever they are, the aim at destroying tourism in Tanzania. This is because we don't hear about explosions in other regions such as Kigoma, Tabora and other regions in Tanzania. This group has intra conflict in this case that why they still have different questions in their minds such like WHY EXPLOSION IN ARUSHA AND ZANZIBAR?

Group II: These think that, Kenya is involved. And their aim is to destroy tourism in Tanzania just as the way tourism is destroyed in Kenya especially in Nairobi and Mombasa by different terrorist like Alshababs.

Group III. These said according to different investigations done by Tanzania investigators and polices, the bombs found are not imported from outside but they are made and produced in Tanzania by indigenou who are Tanzanians. Once in Zanzibar they suspected a group known as UAMSHO, now in Arusha they said its Kenya. This is not true, it means that it is an interior war and no one else is to be blamed "Wachawi ni sisi wenyewe"

Group IV: These didn't suspect Kenya. They had a strong belief that Kenya government can't send its people with simple tactics such as using bodaboda to throw some sort of handmade bombs. If it was them, then at least more advanced tactics would be used.

Group V: This group involves eye witnesses of the Arusha bombing in the Chadema campaigns. They said that "Tanzanian polices assisted a bomb thrower escape the area (Soweto)". So the government must be involved in this.

On the other hand some political parties and other government leaders throw a ball to each other. That is CHAMA CHA MAPINDUZI against CHADEMA and vice versa is true. Some reporters and other citizens said that during the Chadema political campaigns they bombed themselves on 15th June 2014, in order to change citizen's mind to rulling party. Others said that acid (tindikali) splashing and explosions in Zanzibar are done by Chama cha mapinduzi.



Injured people after soweto explosion in Arusha

Conclusions:

From our findings and various sources of information from different means of the research, some points on the possible solution were obtained as follows:

The government should investigate deeply on the explosions and killing of people that have happened, since it was not clear who threw the bombs and no statement from the police was available. If this goes on no justice will be done instead the citizens should be notified about the causes and shouldn't be hidden about the truth and conclusion of the convict and suspects, some cases just end up hanging.

Also people of different beliefs shouldn't put blames on each other as it won't at all, but just accelerates the bad situation. As it is seen in April police fired a tear gas to disperse around 200 Christian rioters attempting to torch a mosque over an argument on who should be allowed to slaughter animals. We may find ourselves resulting into civil war just because of small issues such as 'who to slaughter'.