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## NATION MEDIA GROUP'S MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE PASSING OF RETIRED PRESIDENT BENJAMIN MKAPA

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Management and Staff of the Nation Media Group and Mwananchi Communications Limited, I wish to extend our deepest condolences to the people of Tanzania and the family of the late Retired President Hon. Benjamin William Mkapa who rested in peace on July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

The Late Retired President Mkapa leaves a legacy of patriotism, outstanding leadership, peace building and regional integration. Prior to his election, he served as Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister for Information and Ambassador to Canada among other key roles in the government. In 1995, he won the Tanzanian presidential elections based on his anti-corruption campaign and went on to showcase exemplary leadership during his presidency. He can be credited with many achievements in Tanzania and the East African region such as the re-establishment of the East African Community in partnership with the late President Daniel arap Moi and Uganda's President Yoweri Museveni.

The late Mkapa was a pan-Africanist and was quick to assume the role of a peaceful arbitrator in an array of regional conflicts while in office and thereafter. He played a key role in the Panel of Eminent African Personalities that was involved in Kenya's post-election mediation in 2007. He also had a hand in the efforts to restore peace and parity in South Sudan and Burundi.

The late Retired President was also an accomplished journalist rising to the role of the Editor of the Government newspapers. It was during his leadership that the journalism profession was elevated and the country started offering degree courses in the field. This prompted the founding of several private and public universities in the country. It was Mkapa who invited Nation Media Group to set up shop in Tanzania and for that, we shall forever remain indebted to him for his foresight.

Mkapa did not only triumph in the political spectrum but was also a perceptive businessman. He is credited for promoting the private sector by creating an environment which allowed for business prosperity. In line with his business acumen, he chaired the National Business Council and dubbed it the engine of economic growth.

It is for all these undying achievements and more, that the world will forever remember the great Retired President Benjamin Mkapa as a leader of more than one nation. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and the entire nation during this very difficult period.

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Nation Media Group  
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