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PRESS RELEASE

During the past two weeks, the Gor Mahia stage has witnessed a theatre of tragi-comedy as well as that of the absurd. A theatre where miserably impecunious self seekers some of no fixed abode are playing the role of philanthropic benefactors purportedly paying unsolicited rent for our players, a theatre in which failed pseudo politicians are trying their hands at maiden trade-unionism purporting to advocate our players' industrial rights, drama where hired layabouts have taken to the social media to echo their desperate masters' voices in the most virulent terms and to vomit varying doses of imbibed albeit undigested vitriol at the behest of their cowardly demagogues. **ALL ALLEGEDLY IN THE NAME OF DELAYED SALARIES!**

I have this day deemed it fit and appropriate to place the record straight with regard to a number of issues which have in the last fortnight been grossly misrepresented partly out of ignorance and/or lack of information put largely spuriously by misguided and disgruntled peverts with ulterior sinister and puerile motives. Such issues include:

1. DELAYED AUGUST SALARIES

- a. Gor Mahia F.C derives its revenue from a number of sources. The club management from time to time determines which source to rely upon in payment of salaries. For the avoidance of any misconception, I must state here that all the salaries, allowances and bonuses for the period upto and including the 31st July 2018 have been duly paid in full.
- b. Appropriate arrangements were made for the payment of similar emoluments for the month of August 2018, but on account of certain unavoidable circumstances beyond our control the salaries were delayed. I emphasize that the laches in remittance were both unexpected and unanticipated

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- c. The situation has now been rectified, remittance received and all salaries, bonus and allowances for the stated period should be paid before close of business today.

2. THE MOVE TO OTHER CLUBS BY MEDDIE KAGERE AND GODFREY WALUSIMBI

- a. Meddie Kagere's contract came to an end at the close of June 2018. Prior to that date, representatives of my Executive Committee conducted exhaustive renewal negotiations with the player which culminated into a comprehensive offer which Meddie said he would consider after which he would advise his position. He in fact indicated that he was returning home to consult his family and come back to us the week following. But alas, he was not to return. We later learned that he had joined Simba S.C of Tanzania on more lucrative terms than we offered.
- b. I got to learn for the first time of Walusimbi's move to South Africa on Friday 11th August 2018 when I received a call from a Mr. Motaung Kaizer who after introducing himself informed me that as he was speaking to me Godfrey Walusimbi was seated before him. I promptly protested at his club's unethical and illegal conduct of player tapping for which he apologized but still insisted that we could talk and come to some agreement. I declined to discuss the matter and indicated to him that I would lay the matter before the Club's Executive Committee. I later laid the case before the Executive which having considered the same and having regard to the exit clause enshrined in the player contract, authorized a team to enter into negotiations with Kaizer Chiefs. The Agreement reached was subsequently reduced into writing and duly executed. It was a term of the Agreement that the agreed sum would be paid to Gor Mahia Football Club account in two installments, the first in August 2018 and the second in January 2019. Despite the allegations of the misguided and disgruntled louts that these funds have been remitted and defalcated by certain officials and perceived agents in their figments of imagination, I categorically state here and now that not a single rand or penny has been paid to the club or to the officials of the club or alleged agent or at all. The global village that our world is today I challenge the demagogues and prophets of doom to call Kaizer Chiefs on +2711941-1465 or enquire by email info@kaizerchiefs.com to establish the veracity of what I have stated in the immediately foregoing paragraph before engaging in cheap publicity gimmicks and infantile intercourse.

3. OUR SPONSORS

I want to apologize to our sponsors Sportpesa, unreservedly and profusely for the threats directed at them by goons to which I have made repeated allusion as also for any impression created that the delay in making the payments referred to above was as a result of or attributable to them in any way whatsoever. On the contrary, I want to thank Sportpesa vehemently for coming to our aid from time to time at our hours of need. I further assure our sponsors that any telephone calls that were purportedly made on behalf of the club were not only not sanctioned by our executive but were placed by unauthorized persons.

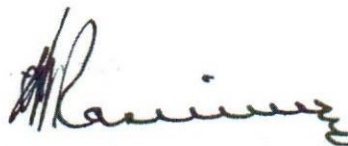
4. LOOKING FORWARD

(a) We have two crucial matches on 26th September 2018 at Mumias Complex against Vihiga United and on 30th September 2018 at Kisumu Municipal Stadium against Mathare United at the conclusion of which we shall as the Worthy 2018 SPL Champions be duly crowned so.

(b) We shall then proceed to Goodison Park to meet Everton in the UK in the first week of November 2018.

One of the cardinal tenets of corporate governance is collective responsibility and not cheap publicity. We shall before the close of the year hold an Annual General Meeting at which the registered members of the club will apart from the usual routine agenda chart the future of this great Club.

IN CONCLUSION, I associate myself with the following apt statement by Tom Osanjo in today's DAILY NATION "the current Gor Mahia administration must realize that club management is no longer just about winning titles. It is about running a thriving business that can be turned into a professional outfit that benefits players, fans, management, sponsors, stakeholders and goes beyond these to have an impact regionally, on the continent and hey why not dream? Even have reach internationally. Gor Mahia can no longer retain the status of a social welfare club it had when it was formed on February 2, 1968" I cannot agree more.



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