

# CHAPTER 5

*It is true that corruption has become rampant in our country and we need to stand firm to fight it.*

## COME ACROSS “MZEE WA URAIA” IN THE STUDENTS’ CHAPTER

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**Dear students,**

May I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to you all and other colleagues for the maximum cooperation you are extending to this chapter. Many students have now realized the importance of this chapter because your comments, suggestions and critiques are now being sent direct to the Government through relevant ministries or departments for necessary actions. The answers to the questions raised by you will appear in the next issue of this Journal. Please be patient.

Best regards to you all.

**Dear Mzee wa Uraia;** My name is Hodhan M. Adam. I am a student in form five at Al-Muntazir Seminary. I have one serious comment about transport problem in our major cities in Tanzania. Question! Is this problem facing Tanzania only? What about our neighboring countries? Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda etc.



The comment I want to make in this chapter is to inform the government leaders to be creative while attending to people's problems. We should get rid of seeking for temporary solutions and start dealing with permanent ones. My advice to the government is to plan for alternative means of transport instead of relying only on roads. God has blessed us with ocean, make use of it, and invite private investors to provide the services. Another means of transport is to initiate city railway trams, make use of available infrastructure e.g railway line from Ubungo bus terminal to "Station" city centre and vice versa. If the Government is not ready to embark on these projects, I will not understand it.

**"Mzee wa uraia"** Thank you very much for your constructive ideas. I hope the concerned authorities will get the message.

**Dear Mzee wa Uraia;** My name is Samoe Saidi. I am a student in form one at Mabibo Secondary School. I feel very comfortable



today to get a chance to appear in our beloved students' chapter in this CETA Journal. My complaint to the government is about the education offered by the Community Secondary Schools. I know the Government had a good intention to start these schools.

Funny enough, since their establishment, very little efforts have been taken to improve them. E.g. increase teachers and teaching materials etc. I am not blaming the government, but I am reminding it to speed up its promise of improving the Kata secondary schools. Otherwise, those who are studying in these schools will end up with division zero.

**"Mzee wa Uraia"**

You are very right. The government ought to do the needful before things become worse. The President admits that the situation in these schools is pathetic, but the government will improve the situation because the first phase was to see that students who passed get chance to join secondary schools. The second phase which is now the focus will be on strengthens those schools. This includes providing them with enough teachers, classrooms, laboratories etc. Let us be optimistic that the government will fulfill its promises.

**Dear Mzee wa Uraia,** My name is Filbert Akaro. I am a student in form two at Loyola High School. First of all let me thank you a lot for allowing me to air my views through the students' chapter. Today I have one complaint to the government. This is about power cuts which has affected my academic performance. If the government has failed to deal with this problem should privatize TANESCO like it did with TTCL. Even the staff in TANESCO has become problematic to customers. The main reason is that there is no competition.



**“Mzee wa Uraia”** Sorry for performing poor in your examinations because of regular power cuts. I hope the government has already put it clear that the issue of power cuts in Tanzania from 2013 onwards will remain the history, so be patient.

**Dear Mzee wa Uraia;** My name is Angela Michael. I am a student in form two at Manzese secondary school. I want to express my concern about the issue of traffic jam in Dar es Salaam. Our Parents have lost jobs because of regular late arrival at work places and students have been affected a lot by poor transport. If we are experiencing this problem at this moment, what will happen in 50 years to come? I am worried whether the government has feasible long plan to solve transport problem in Dar es Salaam and other business centres in the country.



**Mzee wa Uraia.**

Thank you Angela for your comments. As I advice Hodhan, I am sure the government authorities concerned with transport infrastructure will act accordingly.



**Dear Mzee wa Uraia;** My name is Deepen Kalidas. I am a student in form five at Al- Muntazir Seminary. This is my first time to appear in this chapter, I find it very nice for us students to express our views and share experiences. What I want to comment in this chapter is about poverty. I am joining our Prime Minister who once said that “I don’t know why Tanzanians are poor”. If I understood him well, he meant Tanzania is blessed with a lot of resources that could be used to make us rich. If there is a problem of corruption, this is a thing to be dealt with by all means. The genesis of our poverty lies within corruption which has perpetuated siphoning out of huge amount of country’s resources. I am advising all Tanzanians to stand firm against corruption.

**“Mzee wa Uraia”**

It is true that corruption has become rampant in our country and we need to stand firm to fight it. Thank you for your advice.