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By intimidating ICC, we killed our new constitution and lost an important historical chance. Fifth thread on Railaphobia in Kikuyuland - LONG THREAD

Kenyans are very thankless. We don't honour heroes and those who sacrifice for the common good. That's why charlatans, thieves, and murderers flourish in our politics. In this thread I focus on Kikuyu betrayal that has landed us into the current crisis

A Kikuyu succeeded Moi through a twist of fate, but their leaders were completely outwitted by Moi. It was very selfish to turn around and spread malicious hate against Raila once Kibaki became the President. Without Odinga family, Moi wouldn't have gone anywhere.

Kikuyus profile of betrayal is painful. Having suffered so much humiliation and victimization under Moi they were all helpless. Moi had control of the police and judiciary and had given immunity to those who offended Kikuyus in any way, including killing them.

Kikuyu houses in Rift Valley would be burnt at will and no legal recourse. A close Moi aide in Maasai land, William OleNtimama openly threatened and insulted Kikuyu people even in Moi presence. "Lie low like an antelope" he would reprimand Kikuyus in Narok

Impunity was now a weapon. Kikuyu peasants in Rift Valley paid a very heavy price. Second class citizens. Today it may sound bizarre today that in Eldoret bars in 1990s, Kikuyus were not allowed to talk politics. They would be taunted sarcastically: "Go talk politics in Murang'a"

After 2003, with Kibaki as president, it was such a shame for the community that the same impunity would recur when "they had" power. In 2007 PEV, so many of them were displaced and killed in a scale nowhere close to what happened under Moi.

To the chagrin of the Kikuyu, their President was helpless as well and totally out of touch. When Kibaki finally visited Eldoret, the epicenter of chaos, houses were blatantly torched in his presence, daring his authority and legitimacy as President.

This was the height of national shame. Presidency, the supposed symbol of our security was desecrated in daylight. Leadership impotence at a scale never imagined before. Nobody would ever dare do that to Jomo Kenyatta's or Moi's gvt. Power would be "felt"

Why were Kikuyus so vulnerable even when the President was “one of them this time?” It was because years of selective impunity under Moi, had convinced some people that it was their right to burn Kikuyu houses and even kill them. They had done it under Moi and got away with it

Its then it dawned on Kenyans that security and judicial processes were complete sham. The only hope to get justice now was ICC. The Kofi Annan envelope with the suspects was tantalizingly promising. Finally, those too powerful for our justice system will soon find their match

Prosecutor Ocampo’s name resonated so well locally. Matatus bore the name Ocampo. Many restaurants in Kikuyuland were called the Hague signifying the hope people had in the ICC. UNTIL IT WAS REVEALED THAT ONE OF THE SUSPECTS WAS A KIKUYU. The tone changed instantly.

The Kikuyu response to ICC when one of them was indicted tells it all about the community’s self-centredness. The desire for justice for hundreds of victims across Kenya became secondary and was eventually forgotten. The suspect became the community hero to be elected President.

We intimidated the ICC, which had been formed thru international protocols to protect vulnerable people like us from warlords. Then logic was turned upside down. ICC was now colonial court while those who supported quest for justice for the victims were colonial puppets

The Kikuyu joined their aggressors into a political formation and the principals were now candidates for President and deputy.Kofi Annan, who led the peace accord that got us out of violence, was now being told to mind his own business. To respect “our democracy”

Annan pleaded it was "not desirable" to elect suspected masterminds of the mayhem. THE PLEAS WENT UNHEEDED AND THE DUO TOOK OVER KENYA’S LEADERSHIP MUCH TO THE CHAGRIN OF THE WORLD. Shockingly Raila was still an object of hate – that he was behind the ICC cases

It was obvious that Uhuru and Ruto were not interested in leadership to advance Kenya’s interest. The main motivation was to use state power to ward off ICC process. The remaining energy was to loot the country with their cronies

In no time, the gvt was on a looting spree. Follow me to the next thread. I have explained here why I think the solution for our country is to shift power from Kikuyu and Kalenjins – for now
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> Fellow Kenyans, stop this nonsense that discussing TRIBE in Kenya\u2019s succession debate is backward. We have pretended for long; our hypocrisy is choking and has never helped. LONG THREAD -FEEL FREE TO DISCARD IT
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