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## Karanja makes appeal to churches



Dr Karanja

**THE VICE-PRESIDENT, Dr Josphat Karanja, yesterday urged churches to continue supporting the Government's efforts to promote the welfare of wananchi.**

Dr Karanja, who is the Minister for Home Affairs and National Heritage, told worshippers at Githiga PCEA Church in Githunguri, in Kiambu District that President Daniel arap Moi was committed to improving the quality of life in Kenya and urged the churches to back his efforts.

Dr Karanja, who was with his wife, Beatrice, said President Moi was the custodian of the interests of all Kenyans and asked wananchi to guard against a few misguided people who wanted to exploit them. He urged churches to promote spiritual enrichment instead of seeking to antagonise the Government. Parents should also consider it their responsibility to foster peace upon which a strong foundation would be built for the future generations, he said.

Dr Karanja thanked President Moi for appointing him Vice-President and pledged to serve all wananchi in Kenya without fear or favour. The Vice-President also thanked Kenyans for their involvement in Saturday's installation ceremony.

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The church service at Githiga was attended by the new MP for Starehe in Nairobi, Mr Kimondo Kirohi, and a Nominated MP, Mr Jackson Kamau.

Meanwhile, the MP for Gatundu, Mr Z. K. Gakunju, has thanked President Moi for appointing him an Assistant Minister for Commerce. In his message, Mr Gakunju said:

"On behalf of the Gatundu people, my family and on my own behalf, I would like to thank you most sincerely for the honour you have bestowed on me by appointing me an Assistant Minister in our beloved Government. Our prayers are that the Almighty God continue to give you good health and guidance to lead this nation into even greater heights".

The MP for Kuria, Mr Walter Mwita, has also thanked President Moi for appointing him an Assistant Minister for Water Development.

Mr Mwita assured the President that he will serve the nation to the best of his ability and with total loyalty.

The Assistant Minister also congratulated the President on his installation as President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces.

An Assistant Minister for Health, Mr Ochola Ogur, has also sent a congratulatory message to President Moi on his installation as the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces.

Mr Ogur also thanked the President for appointing him to the post of Assistant Minister for Health and promised to do his best.

He said: "Accept my personal congratulations and those of the people of Nyatike constituency on your popular election and installation to lead this nation for the fourth term, which we all unanimously support."

●The new MP for Emuhaya, Mr Sammy Muhanji, yesterday asked unsuccessful candidates for parliamentary and civic seats in the area to bury their political differences to unite and enhance development.

Mr Muhanji said those who had failed to get elected should give room to the victors