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# PRESS STATEMENT

## WE WELCOME RAILA'S REMARKS - CHRISTIANITY HAS BEEN ELEVATED ABOVE OTHER RELIGIONS

We welcome remarks by the Azimio Coalition Presidential candidate, Hon. Raila Odinga that Christianity has been elevated above all other religions, thanks to colonialism. Raila is quoted as saying:

***"There is a colonial ideology in Kenya that elevated Christianity above all other religions. My government will end that. Kenya is a secular society and we will respect all religions." - RAILA ODINGA, 25.7.2022***

Christianity was one justification that European powers used to colonize and exploit Africa. Through the dissemination of Christian doctrine, European nations undermined African culture.

For a long part of our history, African traditional religion and indigenous cultures were seen as inferior, barbaric, and backward. It is time we reformed our education system so that future generations can appreciate African traditional religion and culture as part of our history.

**We would like to remind all political parties in Kenya that Kenya is a Secular State.** Freedom of conscience and belief is enshrined in our Constitution (Article 8 & 32). Citizens have the right to believe or not as they wish, and to fulfill the requirements of their beliefs individually or collectively, provided they are not infringing on the rights of others.

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