

PRESS STATEMENT

FIRST LADY RACHEL RUTO MAKES KENYA LOOK BACKWARD

Kenya's first lady, Mrs. Rachel Ruto recently claimed that the Kenya shilling's appreciation against the dollar was a result of prayer. She has also been quoted as saying that Uganda has been blessed agriculturally because of the East African revival that swept the country in the 1930s, where 'God blessed them with fertile land and rains.'

By attributing economic outcomes to prayer or religious movements decades past, the first lady does a disservice to Kenya's progress as a modern nation.

As a representative of our country, the first lady should rely on facts and promote rational policies, not magical thinking. While faith has an important role to play in Kenya, we must address real-world problems with evidence-based solutions. Leaders who ignore reality and praise miracles make us look unscientific and backward on the global stage.

Sincerely,

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