Saitoti's alleged son disputes Will, seeks estate audit

▸ Fourteen years after former vice-president's death, man goes to court to challenge how Saitoti's estate was distributed.

▸ His latest affidavit questions the Will and demands a comprehensive financial account.

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A fresh court affidavit has opened another front in the battle over former Vice-President George Saitoti's Sh84.5 million estate, raising questions about the original Will, the succession process and the fate of dozens of properties.

James Solomon Njage, who claims to be Saitoti's biological son, wants the High Court to examine how the estate was administered, arguing that the original Will was never deposited in court and that crucial documents supporting its authenticity were missing from the succession file.

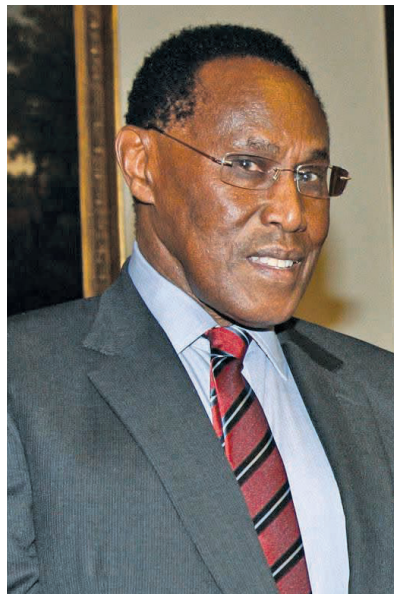
In a further affidavit filed at the Milimani High Court, Njage challenges the issuance, confirmation and subsequent rectification of the grant of representation, claiming the proceedings were defective and that he was excluded from the inheritance process.

He disputes the Will dated February 12, 2001, which was used to distribute Saitoti's estate, saying the court file contained only certified copies and no evidence that the original had been lodged with the registry.

"The original counterpart of the alleged Will dated February 12, 2001 was not deposited in court contrary to the express provisions of Section 51(3)(a) of the Law of Succession Act," Njage states.

He further claims that affidavits from the alleged witnesses to the Will were missing, alongside evidence explaining why the original document could not be produced.

A schedule attached to his court papers lists 20 parcels of land, four residential properties, nine motor vehicles, farm equipment, shares in four companies and eight bank account entries.



Former Vice-President George Saitoti. [File, Standard]

The properties are spread across Kajiado, Ololotikoshi, Kitengela, Ngong, Rongai and Mombasa, with residential homes in Muthaiga, Karen, Mombasa and Lavington.

The listed investments include 85,149 shares in Kenya Commercial Bank, 1.5 million shares in Samar Limited, shares in Lusupok Limited and 500 shares in Ajax Limited. The vehicles include two Range Rovers, a Mercedes-Benz, a Land Rover and a Volvo.

Njage also lists accounts held at Barclays Bank, NIC Bank, DTB Bank and Kenya Commercial Bank, claiming the administrators did not disclose the balances. He wants them compelled to account for all assets, income, rental collections, investments, withdrawals, transfers and expenditure since the grant was confirmed.

Beyond the inheritance dispute, the affidavit offers a glimpse into Njage's personal life, including his education in Britain and his decision to put his ambitions on hold to care for his ailing mother. He says he left Kenya in October 2014, aged 17, and travelled to the United Kingdom, where he pursued his education and developed an interest in football.

His court papers identify Bolton Wanderers Institute of Sport as one of the institutions he attended. Njage later enrolled at Bournemouth University, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Studies with Enterprise on September 8, 2021.

However, he says his plans were interrupted by his mother's deteriorating health. He identifies Jayne Njagie, a lawyer for the late Saitoti, as his only surviving parent and says her condition began worsening in 2012.

"I put my life in the United Kingdom on hold, travelled to America in 2023, to focus on her care and well-being," he states.

Njage argues that his mother's illness and his responsibility towards her explain why he did not pursue the succession dispute earlier.

His maternal aunt, Alice Njagie, has also sworn an affidavit supporting his claim. She says her sister Jayne and Saitoti had a relationship that resulted in Njage's birth on September 3, 1997.

Alice recalls Saitoti visiting the family shortly after the birth and interacting with the boy, and referring to him as his son. "I knew that the late George Saitoti was the father of James Njage," she states.

Saitoti's brother, Ronald Leposo Musengi, has filed an affidavit supporting Njage's claim, citing DNA results showing a 99.9999 per cent probability of an uncle-nephew relationship. However, the test was not conducted directly against Saitoti.

Saitoti's widow, Margaret Wanjiku Saitoti, disputes Njage's alleged paternity, maintaining that her husband never recognised or supported him.

She also opposes exhumation for further DNA testing, citing the emotional distress it would cause the family and the condition of the remains following the helicopter crash.

Njage insists he is willing to undergo further DNA testing and wants the estate protected from further dealings pending determination of his application.

The High Court has postponed the hearing to February 9, 2027.

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