

**SALIM'S PERSONAL NOTES****SEPTEMBER 18, 1989**

This was the last day as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence and National Service. It was also my last day in respect of the many other national responsibilities that I have held in the country including membership of the Central Committee and the National Executive Committee of the Party as well as Secretary for Foreign Affairs of NEC.

In the morning I went to the Defence Ministry to clear whatever that needed clearing. It was in a sense a farewell visit to my office where I had functioned for the last four years.

In the afternoon and evening I stayed home receiving the many friends who came to call. Among them was a delegation of dozens of Masaki residents including Professor Sarungi and a group of doctors as well as leaders of the Masaki Branch.

**N.B.: Effected following payments**

- (i) Juma Mwalimu - Shs. 72,000/- by cheque (as assistance to procure Mabati)
- (ii) Juma Mwalimu - Shs. 10,000/- cash being the remaining amount which I had been keeping for him since our return from New York. With this payment all had been settled.
- (iii) Juma Mwalimu - Shs. 50,000/- for expenses of my shamba, Mwanambaya.
- (iv) Juma Mwalimu - Shs. 46,000/- for house maintenance expenses.
- (v) Caetano - Shs. 15,000/-
- (vi) Rehema - Shs. 17,000/-
- (vii) Said Amed Salim - Shs. 13,000/-
- (viii) Staff Sergeant Changa - Shs. 5,000/-
- (ix) Andrea Joseph - Shs. 5000/-.

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N.B.: (a) Gave Juma Mwalimu Shs. 40,000/- to give to Sultan for payment of Land Rent in respect of 585. and 587 Msasani Peninsular;

(b) At 1100, Secretary General of Washirika David Holela accompanied by his deputy and assistants came to see me. Presented me with a gift from Washirika.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1989**

Leaving Dar es Salaam for Addis Ababa and assuming Office  
as Secretary General of the OAU

After what seemed to be never ending farewell functions subsequent to my election as OAU Secretary General on July 26, today is the day for my formal take over as the Chief Executive of our Continental organization.

We left Dar es Salaam at 1000 hrs for Addis Ababa by the Presidential plane - the CCM - F28.

Prior to our departure, there was a farewell ceremony at the airport involving the JWT2 cultural group which sang a special kwaya paying tribute to my role. Several government Ministers, Party Officials, Senior Civil Servants as well as senior Commanders of the TPDF were at the airport to see me off. So were family members and friends.

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It was an extremely moving occasion and I had to fight back tears.

At last, we left Dar es Salaam. My Security detail who had been with me for the last five years accompanied me to Addis Ababa only to return immediately after my arrival at Bole International Airport. Those going with me were John Mdoe (my ADC), Kenneth Babuya, Mwinyi Muhammed Mwinyi and Simion Harry. The last mentioned was a recent arrival to my "official family". My youngest brother, Said Ahmed Salim and the Chairman of TAJA who is also News Editor of Radio Tanzania Dar es Salaam Ndugu Kassim Mpenda travelled with us. I chatted freely with Ndugu Mpenda during the flight. Little did I expect that he will use some of the contents of our conversation as Headlines News for Radio Tanzania that very evening. I know he meant well but he was quite clearly out of line.

Accompanying me to Addis Ababa to stay were my wife Amne, my youngest child, Ahmed as well as Sada, Scholastica Mhina, Ahmed's aide as well as M.T. Bandora who was to be my deputy Chief of Cabinet and Major Cuny Zongo who was to be my Cabinet Attaché. Bandora had worked with me when I was Tanzania's Permanent Representative at the United Nations while Major Zongo had been my Press Officer during the period that I was Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence and National Service.

The non-stop flight from Dar es Salaam to Addis Ababa took approximately 2 hours 40 minutes but we had to circle at Bole International Airport for another 25 minutes due to traffic.

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At the Addis Ababa airport to receive me were a host of officials from the Ethiopian Government, the OAU General Secretariat and the Tanzania Embassy. They included the Foreign Minister Birhanu Baye, the outgoing Secretary General Ide Oumarou, Assistant Secretaries General Dede (Nigerian), Haggag (Egyptian) Mapuranga, (Zimbabwean) and Yilma Tadesse (Ethiopian). The fifth Assistant Secretary General, Dr. Nsanzimana (a Rwandese) was out of the country. There were also several other officials from the OAU General Secretariat. The Ambassador of Tanzania, Major General Mirisho Sarakikya and his wife Martha as well as Dr. Tesha were also at the airport.

I had a short Press Conference at the airport before proceeding to the Hilton Hotel which was to be our home for the next several weeks.

At about 1735 hours a formal ceremony for the handing over took place at the OAU General Secretariat in the Conference Room located at Block B. The ceremony was scheduled to begin at 1700 hours but was delayed due to the late arrival of Ethiopia's Foreign Minister Birhanu Baye who officiated at the ceremony.

Those present included all ASGs in town, officials of the OAU General Secretariat and African heads of Mission. The ceremony itself was a short and simple though solemn affair and it comprised the following :

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1. Foreign Minister Birhanu Baye who was presiding invited the outgoing Secretary General Ide Oumarou and I to sign the handing over documents. This we did and then exchanged the documents which essentially contained a form of brief for the activities of the General Secretariat and the roles of the different departments.
2. The outgoing Secretary General, Ide Oumarou made some remarks.
3. The incoming Secretary General i.e. myself made some remarks in which I inter alia commended the role and efforts of my predecessor.
4. The Foreign Minister of Ethiopia, Birhanu Baye made some concluding remarks. He also presented a document signifying Ethiopian Government acceptance for the transfer of land (yet to be identified) for use in the construction of the official residence of the OAU Secretary General.

This should have been the end of the ceremony. But the outgoing Secretary General took the opportunity to present me with an OAU gold badge. He did the same to the Ethiopian Minister of Foreign Affairs Birhanu Baye.

We then proceeded to the Congo Hall - so called because the Congolese Government had contributed some funds for its rehabilitation and innovation. This was done when the Congolese Head of State, General Sassou Nguessou was the current Chairman of the OAU. At the Congo Hall, a reception was held to farewell Ide Oumarou and to welcome me. Here the outgoing Secretary General was presented with a gift by Foreign Minister Birhanu

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Baye on behalf of the Ethiopian Government. I also presented Oumarou with an OAU gold badge and finally the Dean of the African Ambassadors in Addis Ababa, Ambassador Khalifa Bezelya of Libya presented Oumarou with a gift.

The reception was over by 1940 hours and I was back at the Hilton Hotel by 2000 hours.

Thus ended my first day as the new Secretary General of the Organization of African Unity. The overall atmosphere was very cordial and it seemed that I had established a very good Rapport and even closeness with Ide Oumarou.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1989**

In a sense this was my first substantive day as OAU Secretary General even though technically speaking I started functioning as Secretary General from 1735 hours yesterday.

It was my very first day in the office and what a hectic day it was. My programme included the following :

1000 hrs - Familiarisation with the Secretary General's Office and the offices of the Cabinet of the Secretary General.

1030 hrs - Meeting with the OAU Chief of Protocol, Yohannes Kifle.

1100-1115 hrs - Meeting with the outgoing Chief of Cabinet, Mr. Barayagwiza Jean Bosco (Rwandese).