



The Kenya National Commission on Human Rights' Fifth Annual Human Rights and Democracy Awards, 2009

The Kenya National Commission on Human Rights held the 5th Annual Human Rights and Democracy Awards on the night of Saturday the 13th June, 2009 to inspire, recognize, support and motivate individuals and organizations which have promoted and protected Human Rights in Kenya. These Awards also serve to remind the Public that there is a growing and viable Human Rights movement in Kenya, which should be fostered and encouraged in efforts, to move the country towards a full Human Rights state.

The Awards are decided on the basis of nominations from the public which are sent following advertisements in the Media, and the distribution of nomination forms from various public areas. The Nominees are then short listed by an Awards Committee composed of various prominent Kenyan personalities and members of the National Commission, and the shortlist is ratified by an Advisory Panel.

The Kenya National Commission on Human Rights is proud to announce the recipients of the Fifth Annual Human Rights and Democracy Awards:

'Milele' (Lifetime Achievement) Award

-  Jaramogi Oginga Odinga (Posthumous Award)
-  Bishop Cornelius Korir, Catholic Diocese of Eldoret

'Firimbi' (Whistle Blower) Award

-  Leah Chebet, Sentinnels NGO

'Umma' (Public Body) Award

-  Mr. John Gakuo, Ministry of Environment



'Urekebishaji' (Prisons) Award

-  Shimo-la-Tewa Main Prison


'Utetezi' (Civil Society) Award

-  Abbas Gullet, Secretary General Kenya Red Cross Society

'Habari' (Media) Award

-  Mohammed Ali, Kenya Television Network
-  John Allan Namu, Kenya Television Network

'Utumishi' (Police Station) Award

-  SSP Joseph Musyoka Nthenge, (GSU)

Special Award

Mark Sala