



KIBABII UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR

STATEMENT ON THE DEMISE OF PROF. DONALD NAMASAKA SIAMBA

27 January, 2026

We regret to announce the death of Prof. Donald Namasaka Siamba who until his death was the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration, Finance and Development), Kibabii University.

He was employed at Kibabii University on 2nd July, 2015 as a Senior Lecturer (Zoology) in the Department of Biological Sciences and was promoted to the position of Associate Professor (Microbiology and Biotechnology) on 2nd November, 2016 in the Department of Agriculture and Veterinary Science, Faculty of Science. Professor served as Director, TVET in 2018. He was then appointed as Acting Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration, Finance and Development) on 3rd June, 2019 and thereafter confirmed in the same position on 1st June, 2020 on a five (5) year contract up to and including 31st May, 2025. His contract was renewed for a further five (5) years with effect from 1st June, 2025 up to and including 31st May, 2030.

The late Prof. Siamba reported to work at Kibabii University on Friday, 23rd January, 2026 and left for home after work. Reports from the family indicate that he developed chest pains at around 3:00 a.m. on Saturday 24th January, 2026 and was immediately rushed to Hopkins Hospital, Bungoma. Unfortunately, Professor passed on while being attended to. The body is being preserved at Delight Funeral Home, Bungoma County.

As the Deputy Vice Chancellor, (Administration, Finance and Development) the late Prof. Siamba was instrumental to the University at large through various achievements including among others, ISO 9001:2015 Certification and Recertification as the Management Representative (MR), prudent financial and human resource management, improved staff welfare, infrastructure development, hospitality management and coordinated installation of priority facilities to make the University a conducive environment for both staff and students. The late Professor served in many University Committees key among them: University Management Board and Senate.

The late Professor is fondly remembered as an educator, a scientist, and a mentor with long standing commitment to advancing research, nurturing talent, and addressing health and environmental challenges. He was dedicated to fostering a culture of research, innovation, and academic excellence within Kibabii University. He was hands-on and results oriented transformative leader with a special focus on interpersonal relations and team work resulting in many achievements at institutional, community and personal levels.

Members of staff and students are requested to remain calm and keep the family in prayers as we wait for further communication on the burial and funeral arrangements from the family.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

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VICE CHANCELLOR



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