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### **AT THE DINNER OFFERED BY UHURU KENYATTA**

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**USPA NEWS** - President Obama invited by President Kenyatta for an official dinner, made a toast, by expressing his pride to be the first US President visiting Kenya. He made jokes about the so called "Birther" interacting with the audience. Obama's step-grandmother and his half-sister, Auma, were in the audience

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President Obama starts by emphasising his pride of being the first president of the United States of America to visit Kenya: "I'm proud to be the first US President to visit Kenya. There is a reason why my name is Barack Hussain Obama. My father came from this parts, and I have family and relatives here. And in my visits over the years I was walking the streets of Nairobi I've come to learn the warmth and spirit of the people of Kenya. I wanted to come because Africa is on the move. Africa is one of the best regions in the worlds." "I'm proud to be the first US President to visit Kenya. There is a reason why my name is Barack Hussain Obama. My father came from this parts, and I have family and relatives here. And in my visits over the years I was walking the streets of Nairobi I've come to learn the warmth and spirit of the people of Kenya. I wanted to come because Africa is on the move. Africa is one of the best regions in the worlds."

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Obama took a joke at the so-called "birther" movement on Saturday night while in Kenya, his father's homeland"insinuating a sharp message to "Birther" movement.

"If you can't beat members of the "birther" movement, join 'em." That was the joke, in ironic style about his birth certificate about the suspicious critics four years ago, in the US. In 2011, Obama made his birth certificate public after so-called birthers questioned his eligibility to be president, claiming he was not a U.S. citizen. The certificate lists Honolulu, Hawaii, as his place of birth. Barack Obama, US President, continues, in the same tune of sense of humour : "Some of my critics back home might be suggesting I'm here to look for my birth certificate," Obama said while making a toast at a state dinner hosted by President Uhuru Kenyatta. "That's not the case."

After many controversy, with birthers insisting the detailed birth certificate was a fake, and that the president was in fact born in Kenya. The issue resurfaced earlier this week when outspoken Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio told CNN he still believes the birth certificate was forged.

Obama managed to make this situation more ridiculous turn to derision and lightly what was laughing throughout the hearing of this official dinner. All cameras and made his international press has relayed this slice of humour of American President, who has voluntarily taken this "joke" notes that most of the personal attack of the Head of State or the authority Supreme over the USA. His visit to Kenya marks the first time a sitting U.S. president has traveled to the East African nation, and fulfilled a wish of many Kenyans, who see him as one of their own. On Friday evening, Obama reconnected with Kenyan family, some of whom were present at Saturday night's dinner.

#### **OBAMA DINNER ACCOMPANIED WITH HIS HALF SISTER AUMA**

The Dinner was entertained by kook dance, a local in a warm atmosphere worthy of hospitality Africans. The dinner was served with "LUO" dishes, a traditional meal. During the dinner, President Barack Obama and his Kenyan counterpart Uhuru Kenyatta made merry as they were taught Lipala dance by award-winning Kenyan boy-band, Sauti Sol at State House on Saturday night.

Obama told dinner attendees he came to Kenya in part because his step-grandmother had asked him to. "When she says you do something, you generally have to do it," he joked.

"The lives of both our peoples can be advanced if both our countries deepened and expanded our cooperation."

President Obama praised the entrepreneurial spirit of the Kenyan people as a way to confront the "insidious threats" that terrorists pose to the region.

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"When a government gets in the habit of treating people differently, those habits can spread," Obama said.

Kenya is one of the African countries that outlaws homosexuality. The Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta, knows this is a sensitive topic likewise the human rights and called it a "non-issue."-----

President Barack Obama has also stressed the urgent need for the Kenyan Government to tackle corruption and tribalism.

The President Kenyatta preferred avoiding sensitive subjects and leading Barack Obama, to his filial link with Kenya, recalling its precedents travel, as a citizen.

One spin that has been noticed by everybody, has helped Barack Hussain Obama to make a mental journey by a homecoming, and his roots tied to his origins.

"Mr. Obama, this is not your first trip to Kenya," Kenyatta said. "But yesterday you arrived riding on the wings of history."

On the top of that, there was no kind of dodging at this level of sincerity, from the President Obama but rather an affirmation of pride in his presence in Nairobi, even though his schedule does not allow him to go to the village Kogelo, village where his father grew up.

Barack Obama still made a promise to visit his ancestral home in K'Ogelo when he retires at the end of his second term in January 2017. He says next time he travels to Kenya and he probably will not be too formally dressed ! That is so true.

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