

A Political History of the Bukusu Luhya

As told through their elected representatives, 1957-2022

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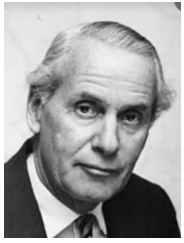
Bukusu Political History

The Bukusu are the largest subgroup of the Bantu-speaking Luhya (sometimes pre independence also Luyia) community of western Kenya. Until the 1950s the community were known by the British as Kitosh. They mostly lived before independence in North Nyanza District (renamed at independence Elgon Nyanza and part of Western Province with the regional constitution). Bukusu farmers were also found in the white highlands to the north and east, where Luhya squatted on European farms. Politically they have tended to take a slightly different line to that of their southern Luhya neighbours.

In the rest of this material, all politicians listed are Bukusu unless otherwise noted. If non-Bukusu, they are coloured grey and if non-Luhya, Grey with a suffix i.e. (Kal) for Kalenjin.

Bukusu Political History

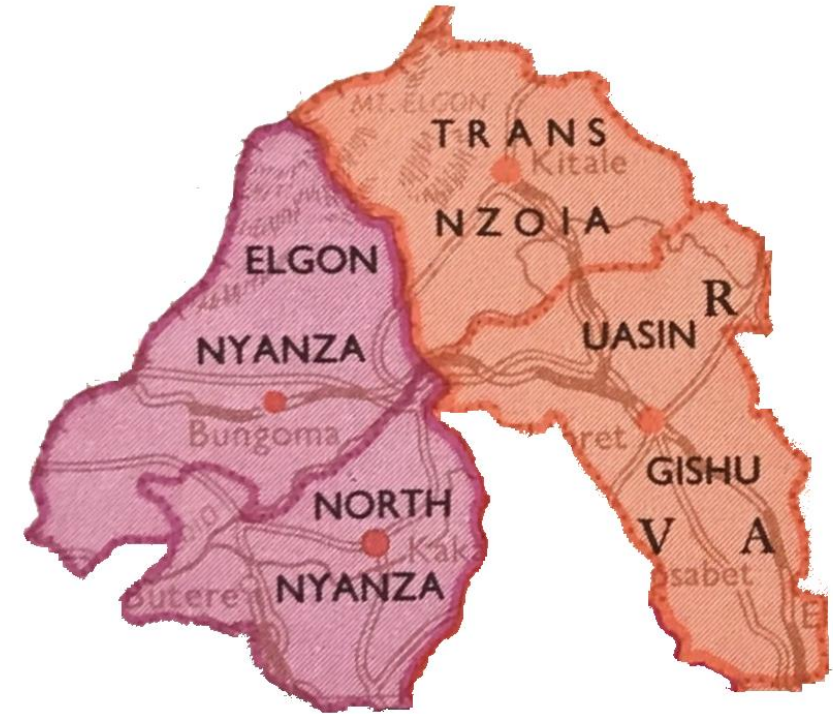
1957



Governor
Renison



North Nyanza

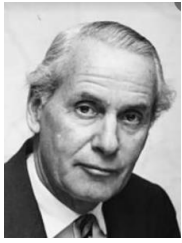


1959 Districts Map

The contest for the first elected African representatives in 1957 sees a 35-year old university educated teacher Bukusu, Masinde Muliro, win the large Nyanza North constituency, covering what was soon to become Western Province, defeating opponents including unelected incumbent Wycliffe Awori (Samia), Christopher Siganga and J.D. Otiende (Maragoli). The 1958 subdivision of constituencies does not affect North Nyanza but in North Nyanza District is split into Elgon Nyanza (Bukusu, Samia, Khayo, Marachi, Sabaot) and North Nyanza (the rest of the Luhya).

Bukusu

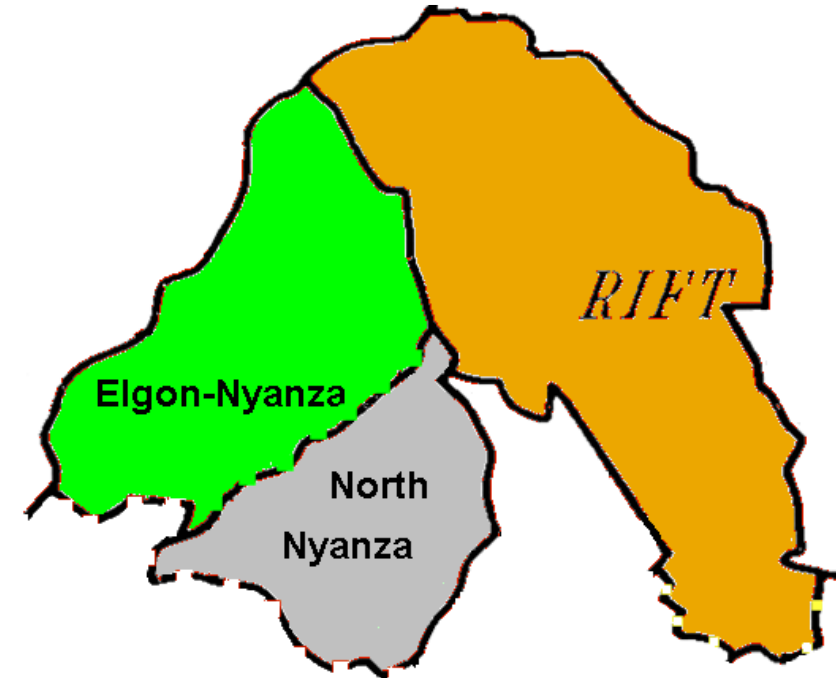
Feb 1961: The Kenyatta Election



Governor Ronald Ngala
Renison (KADU)



Elgon Nyanza



In the 1961 “Kenyatta election”, Muliro, now Vice-President of KADU (founded 1960), is unopposed in the new seat of Elgon Nyanza (Bungoma District to be). The neighbouring rift valley area is still “whites only”. He is appointed Minister for Commerce, Industry and Communications in Ronald Ngala’s short-lived KADU-led minority government of 1961-62.

Bukusu

Apr 1962-63: Coalition Government



Governor Renison Jomo Kenyatta Ronald Ngala



Elgon Nyanza

In the KANU-KADU coalition government of April 1962 –May 1963, Muliro remains a minister but loses his communications portfolio. Pressure builds but is eventually unsuccessful to move Bukusu-dominated settler Kitale into Western Province to be as its capital.




Governor Kenyatta, Odinga, Mboya
Macdonald (KANU)

Bukusu


1963: For Self-Government



Ngei (APP) Ngala (KADU)

 Mark Barasa

Elgon East

 George Kerre


Elgon Central

IND Daniel Moss (Kal)



Mount Elgon

 Masinde Muliro 

Trans-Nzoia



 William Wamalwa

Trans-Nzoia Senate

 Nathan Munoko 

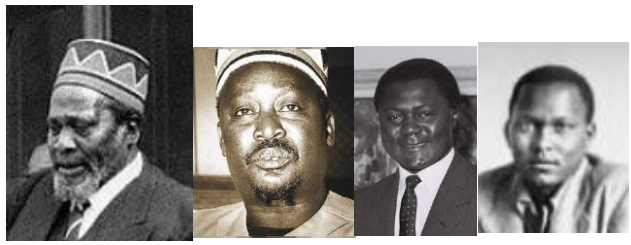
Bungoma Senate



 Wafula Wabuge 

President of Western Region

In the independence elections, Muliro makes a strategic move to contest (and win for KADU) in the new ex-white highlands constituency of Trans-Nzoia. Trans-Nzoia Senate is also won by a Bukusu for KADU, William Wamalwa (father of Kijana). In the newly created Bungoma District (enlarged with settlement schemes in the east) home to the Bukusu but also the Saboot Kalenjin of Mount Elgon, KADU wins all seats except for Mount Elgon(independent). As KADU is defeated, Muliro joins the backbenches. A Bukusu Wafula Wabuge became the short lived President of Western Region (1963-64/5)



Kenyatta, Odinga, Mboya, Ngei
(KANU)

Bukusu

End 1963



Ngala
(KADU)



Mark
Barasa

Elgon East



George
Kerre

Elgon Central



Daniel
Moss (Kal)

Mount Elgon



Masinde
Muliro



Trans-Nzoia



William
Wamalwa

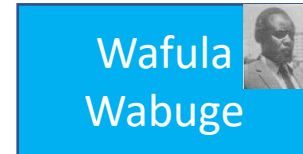
Trans-Nzoia
Senate



Nathan
Munoko



Bungoma Senate



President of
Western Region

After KANU's victory, two MPs see that the grass is greener and defect to KANU

Bukusu

1964: The First one Party State



Kenyatta, Odinga, Mboya, Ngala



Mark
Barasa

Elgon East



George
Kerre

Elgon Central



Daniel
Moss (Kal)

Mount Elgon



Masinde
Muliro 

Trans-Nzoia



William
Wamalwa

Trans-Nzoia
Senate



Nathan 
Munoko

Bungoma Senate

Wabuge

Regions abolished and
return to Provinces

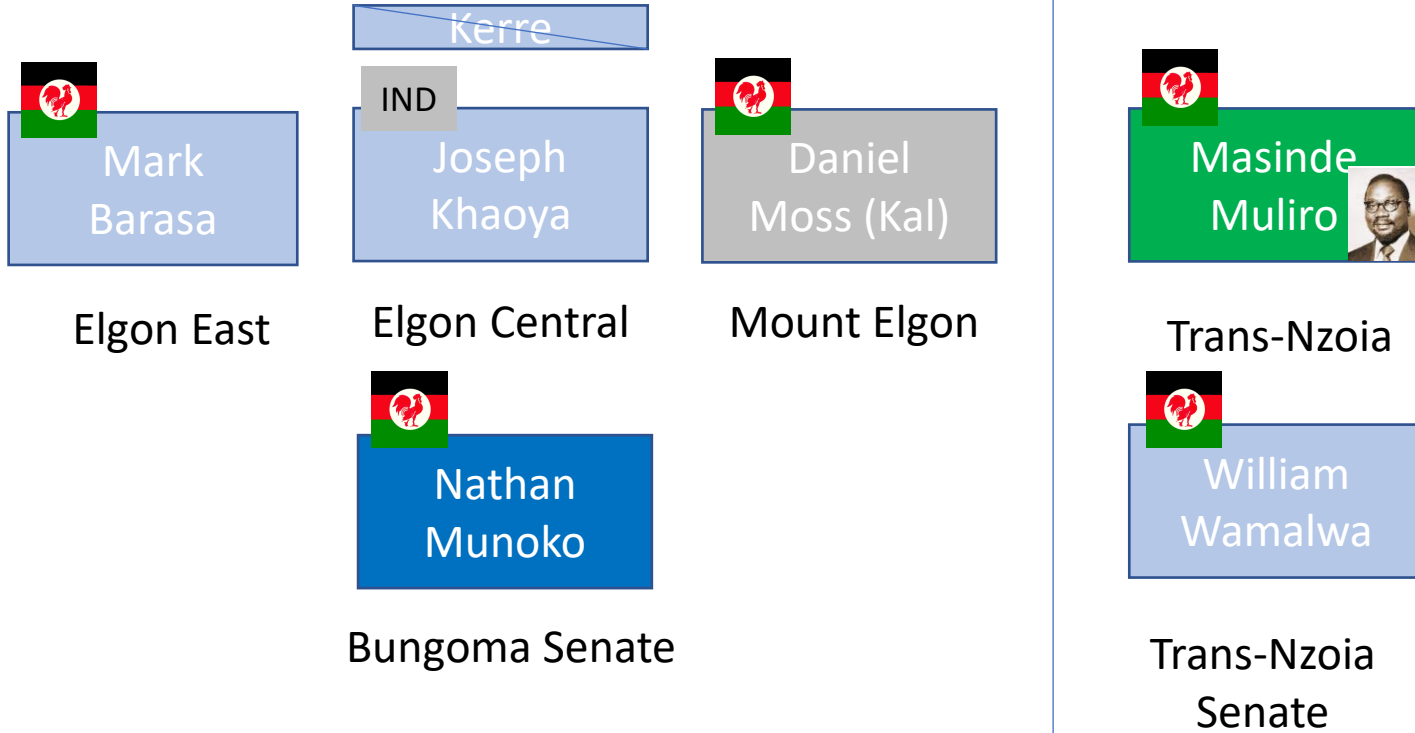
In November 1964, beset by defections, Ngala and Muliro decide to fold KADU and accept the best terms they can get for incorporation into KANU. However while Moi is immediately offered a Ministerial post, Ngala and Muliro – Mboya's most determined foe – remain on the backbenches



Kenyatta, Odinga, Mboya, Ngala

Bukusu

1965-66: By-elections



In the regular 1965 Senate by-election, Munoko retains his seat. In December 1965, George Kerre dies in a car crash and is succeeded by Joseph Khaoya (independent).



The Bukusu


1966: Little General Election - KPU vs KANU



Mark Barasa

Elgon East

IND



Joseph Khaoya

Elgon Central



Daniel Moss (Kal)

Mount Elgon



Masinde Muliro



Trans-Nzoia




Nathan Munoko




KANU National Organizing Secretary

Bungoma Senate



William Wamalwa

Trans-Nzoia Senate

In the 1966 LGE, nothing changes in the Bukusu leadership; none defect with Odinga. Although KANU seeks out new allies elsewhere, and Munoko becomes KANU National Organizing Secretary, Muliro remains on the backbench



Bukusu


1967




Mark
Barasa

Bungoma East

IND



Joseph
Khaoya

Bungoma South



KANU NOS



Nathan
Munoko

Bungoma Central



Masinde
Muliro



Kitale East



Daniel
Moss (Kal)

Mount Elgon



William
Wamalwa

Kitale West

The Senate is abolished and the both districts split to create one new national assembly constituency. At the same time, constituencies are renamed from their “Elgon” prefix to “Bungoma” and the Trans-Nzoia seats to “Kitale”. A small part of North Busia is transferred into Bungoma (I think at this time).



Bukusu

1969 General Election

1969 Census:
Trans-Nzoia
47% Luhya,
19% Kalenjin,
14% Kikuyu,
5% Turkana



One Party State
(Part 2):
1969-82

Elijah Mwangale 

Bungoma East

Joseph Khaoya

Bungoma South

 KANU NOS
Nathan Munoko 


Bungoma Central


Masinde Muliro 

Kitale East

Daniel Moss (Kal)

Mount Elgon

Wafula Wabuge 

Kitale West

KPU is banned, Odinga detained. return of one-party state. Little changes. Muliro narrowly re-elected against a Kalenjin candidate. With Mboya dead, he is finally reappointed as a Minister. Wabuge elected MP. Moss re-elected beating a Bukusu candidate in Mount Elgon. Newcomer Elijah Mwangale wins Bungoma East and Munoko re-elected.



Bukusu

1974 General Election



Elijah Mwangale 

Bungoma East

Frederick Masinde


Bungoma South

Nathan Munoko 

Bungoma Central

Masinde Muliro  

Kitale East

Wafula Wabuge 

Kitale West

Daniel Moss (Kal)

Mount Elgon

1974 general election. The height of Kikuyu dominance of Kenya. Both Kitale seats are won by Bukusu candidates, with Wabuge and Muliro again victorious. Only one seat – Bungoma South - changes hands



Bukusu

1975-76: JM Kariuki's murder



Elijah Mwangale 

Bungoma East

Frederick Masinde


Bungoma South

 KANU NOS
M
Nathan Munoko 

Bungoma Central

S
Masinde Muliro 

Kitale East

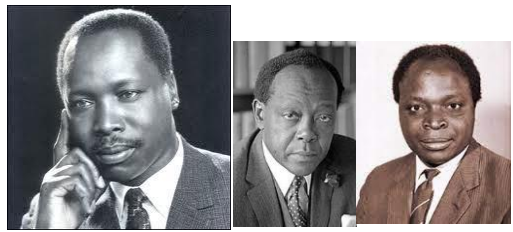
Wafula Wabuge 

Kitale West

Daniel Moss (Kal)

Mount Elgon

After Kariuki's murder, Muliro is the sole Minister to vote against the government on the report into his death. He is immediately sacked and replaced by Munoko.



Bukusu

1979 General Election: A New Broom

1979 Census:
 Trans-Nzoia
 49% Luhya,
 23% Kalenjin,
 10% Kikuyu,
 5% Turkana



M
 Elijah Mwangale



Bungoma East

Lawrence Sifuna



Bungoma South

Munoko
 Defeated

Peter Kisuya




Bungoma Central

Wilberforce Kisiero (Kal)

Mount Elgon

Muliro
 Defeated

Fred Gumo



Kitale East

Wabuge

Defeated

Michael Wamalwa



Kitale West

Nathan Munoko




New president Moi - seeking to assert his authority – ensures his old ally Muliro is rigged out in Kitale East in favour of Banyala ex-Mayor Fred Gumo. In Kitale West, Muliro’s protégé Michael “Kijana” Wamalwa (son of William) is elected. Recently re-elected KANU Organising Secretary Munoko is evicted (he comes third) and the “flag” moves to Moi loyalist Mwangale. Lawrence Sifuna elected and becomes one of the radical “seven bearded sisters”.



Bukusu

1983: Snap General Election




Elijah Mwangale 

Bungoma East

Lawrence Sifuna 

Bungoma South

Peter Kisuya

Bungoma Central

Fred Gumo

Kitale East

Wilberforce Kisiero (Kal)

Mount Elgon

Michael Wamalwa 

Kitale West

Nathan Munoko 



Every single MP re-elected. In Trans-Nzoia Gumo again “defeated” Muliro. Rising star Mwangale is made Foreign Minister.



Bukusu

1984-85




Elijah Mwangale 

Bungoma East

Lawrence Sifuna 

Bungoma South

Peter Kisuya

Bungoma Central

Wilberforce Kisiero (Kal)

Mount Elgon

Masinde Muliro 

Kitale East

Michael Wamalwa 

Kitale West

Munoko

Stood down



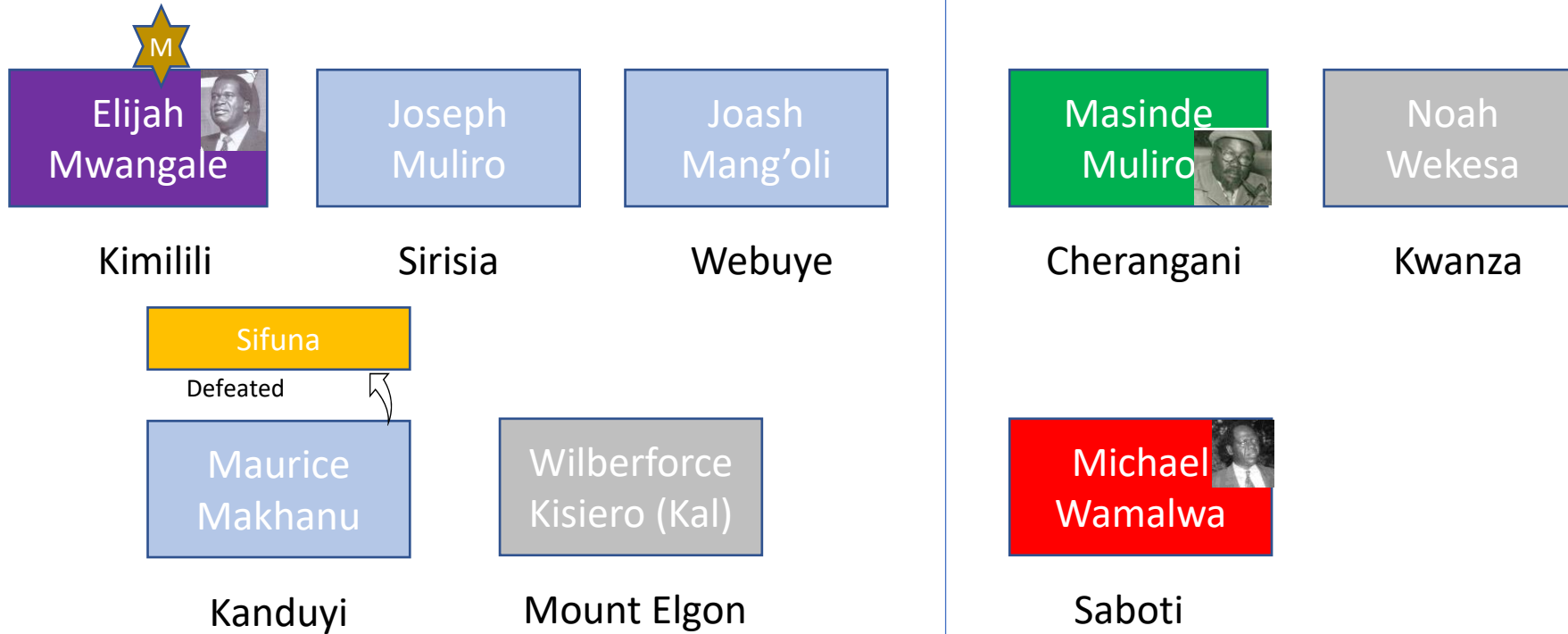
KANU
NOS

However in 1984 Gumo's election is invalidated due to ballot box stuffing. Muliro wins the resulting by-election against a Kalenjin candidate. However he remains a backbencher and under state pressure (as does Wamalwa). In 1985 in the KANU National elections Munoko stands down and the new Luhya representative is Burudi Nabwera (Tachoni),



Bukusu

1988 (Public Queue Voting)



The 1987 boundary redistribution adds one seat to each district. Webuye is now majority Bukusu, minority Tachoni. Muliro narrowly re-elected despite mass rigging elsewhere. Wekesa (Tachoni) wins Kwanza. Sifuna defeated. Mwangale remains the “Bukusu minister”



Bukusu

1989: by-Elections

1989 Census:
Trans-Nzoia
52% Luhya,
21% Kalenjin
10% Kikuyu,
5% Turkana




Elijah Mwangale 

Kimilili

Joseph Muliro

Sirisia

Joash Mang'oli

Webuye

Muliro

Defeated

Kipruto arap Kirwa (Kal)


Cherangani

Noah Wekesa

Kwanza

Wamalwa

Not a candidate

Wafula Wabuge 

Saboti

Maurice Makhanu

Kanduyi

Wilberforce Kisiero (Kal)




Mount Elgon

But Muliro almost immediately has his election nullified and loses the by-election to a Kalenjin, Kipruto arap Kirwa. Wamalwa follows soon after, and does not even try to stand for re-election.



Bukusu

Late 1992: Multi-Partyism

Elijah Mwangale

Kimilili



Joseph Muliro

Sirisia



Joash Mang'oli

Webuye



Kipruto arap Kirwa (Kal)

Cherangani



Noah Wekesa

Kwanza



Masinde Muliro

FORD Leader died August 1992





Maurice Makhanu

Kanduyi



Wilberforce Kisiero (Kal)

Mount Elgon

Wafula Wabuge

Saboti



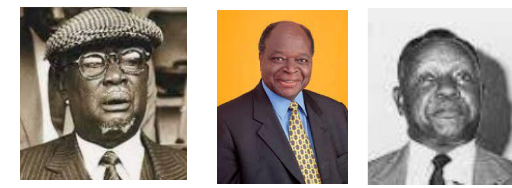
Michael Wamalwa

2nd Vice-Chair FORD-Kenya

Queue voting abolished 1991. Ethnic clashes in Mount Elgon and Trans-Nzoia between Kalenjin and Luhya. Multi-party democracy returns Dec 1991. Despite the ferment of change and the clashes, all the incumbents stay in KANU, but Muliro becomes a key leader in FORD and a potential compromise president candidate. He dies suddenly in August, but Wamalwa and other Bukusu young Turks remain committed to FORD and then Odinga's FORD-Kenya as the two factions split into FORD-Kenya and FORD-Asili.

Bukusu

December 1992: Multi-party General Elections



Mwangale

Defeated

Mukhisa Kituyi

Kimilili

Musikari Kombo

Webuye

John Munyasia

Sirisia

Kipruto arap Kirwa (Kal)

Cherangani

George Kapten

Kwanza

Lawrence Sifuna

Kanduyi

Wilberforce Kisiero (Kal)

Mount Elgon

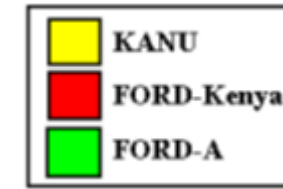
Wabuge

Defeated

Kijana Wamalwa

Saboti

2nd Vice-Chair
FORD-Kenya



Moses Wetang'ula

Nominated MP

In the December 1992 elections, Odinga's FORD-Kenya dominates the Bukusu vote. Amidst mass killings in Mount Elgon and north Bungoma, a new crop of radical leaders are elected. Mwangale is defeated by Mukhisa Kituyi. Odinga wins five of the six Bukusu dominated seats and FORD-Asili's Sifuna and Matiba one. Kanu wins only the two majority Kalenjin seats. Moi nominates lawyer Moses Wetang'ula to Parliament

Bukusu

1994-95 Petitions



Frederick Masinde
Mathare

Kombo
Null & Barred

Saulo Busolo

John Munyasia

Kipruto arap Kirwa (Kal)

George Kapten

Mukhisa Kituyi

Lawrence Sifuna

Wilberforce Kisiero (Kal)

Kijana Wamalwa

FORD-Kenya
Chairman 1994

Moses Wetang'ula

Nominated MP

Kimilili

Webuye

Sirisia

Cherangani

Kwanza

Kanduyi

Mount Elgon

Saboti


1994 Kombo nullified, and barred, but FORD-K candidate Busolo wins the by-election. After Odinga's death vice-Chairman Wamalwa inherits the leadership and holds it against determined opposition from Odinga's son Raila. In Mathare, Bukusu Frederick Masinde, is elected MP (the first Bukusu MP outside the region) but dies on election day

Bukusu


Dec 1997 General Election




Mukhisa
Kituyi



Kimilili




Musikari
Kombo



Webuye

Wetang'ula




John
Munyasia

Sirisia






Kipruto arap
Kirwa (Kal)

Cherangani



George
Kapten

Kwanza

| | |
|---|------------|
|  | KANU |
|  | FORD-Kenya |
|  | FORD-A |



Athanas
Wamunyinyi


Kanduyi



Lawrence
Sifuna



Bumula



Joe Kimkung
(Kal)

Mount Elgon

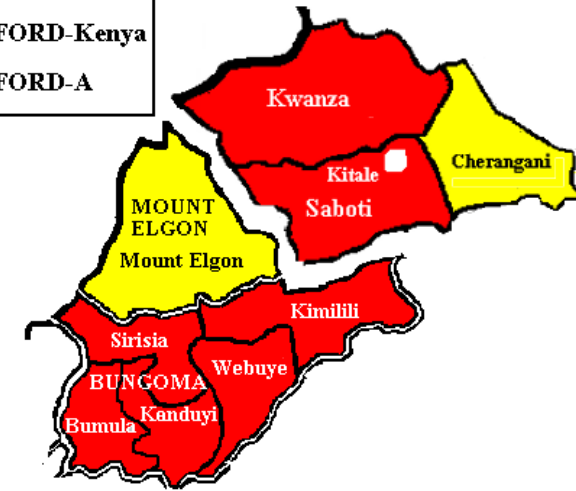


Kijana
Wamalwa



Saboti

 FORD-Kenya
Chairman



Boundary redistribution adds one seat for Bungoma. Mount Elgon now has its own district. Wamalwa (for President) and FORD-Kenya MPs wins every Bukusu seat (Sifuna having defected to join them), Moi and KANU again the two Kalenjin. Wetangula loses in Sirisia and is not renominated

Bukusu

1999-2000: Kapten's Death



Mukhisa
Kituyi




Kimilili



Musikari
Kombo



Webuye



John
Munyasia

Sirisia




Kipruto arap
Kirwa (Kal)

Cherangani

Kapten

Died



Noah
Wekesa

Kwanza



Athanas
Wamunyinyi

Kanduyi



Lawrence
Sifuna



Bumula



Joe Kimkung
(Kal)

Mount Elgon



Kijana
Wamalwa



Saboti

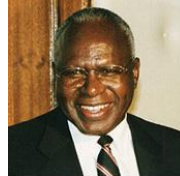


FORD-Kenya
Chairman

Kapten dies in December 1999. His successor is his predecessor Wekesa.

Bukusu

Late 2002: LDP/Rainbow Defection



Mukhisa
Kituyi



Kimilili



Musikari
Kombo



Webuye



John
Munyasia

Sirisia



Kipruto arap
Kirwa (Kal)

Cherangani



Noah
Wekesa

Kwanza



Athanas
Wamunyinyi

Kanduyi



Lawrence
Sifuna



Bumula



Joe Kimkung
(Kal)

Mount Elgon



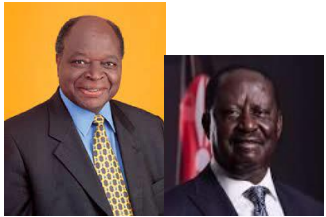
Kijana
Wamalwa



FORD-Kenya
Chairman

Saboti

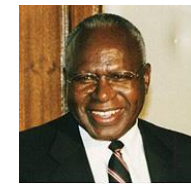
FORD-Kenya MPs all remain aligned with Kibaki, Wamalwa and National Alliance Rainbow Coalition (NARC). Kirwa, long a radical in KANU and associated with the unregistered UDM, is now part of NARC. Only Kimkung remains with KANU.



Enoch Sifuna
Lugari

Bukusu

2002: Moi Retires, Kibaki Elected



Mukhisa Kituyi

Kimilili

Musikari Kombo

Webuye

Moses Wetang'ula

Sirisia

Kipruto arap Kirwa (Kal)

Cherangani

Noah Wekesa

Kwanza

Athanas Wamunyinyi

Kanduyi

Sifuna
Defeated
Bifwoli Wakole

Bumula

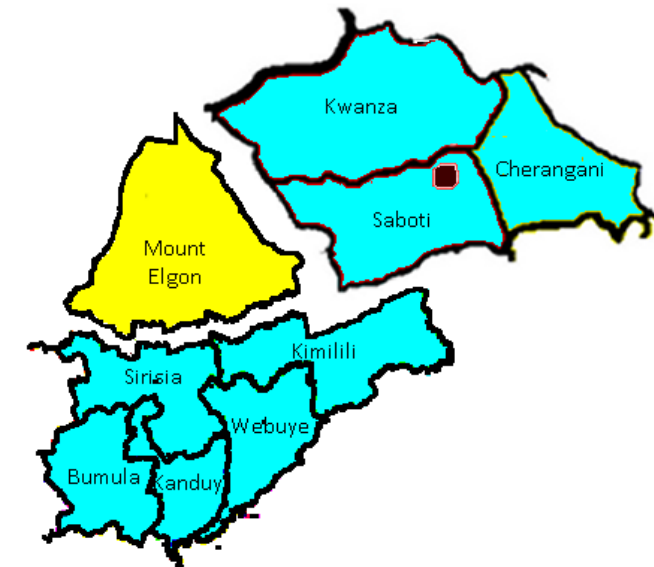
John Serut (Kal)

Mount Elgon

Kijana Wamalwa

Saboti

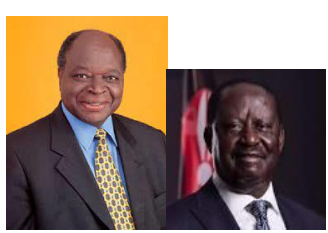
FORD-Kenya
Chairman



The NARC alliance has a clean sweep in presidency and parliament except for Kalenjin Mount Elgon. Little change amongst MPs. Wamalwa becomes Kibaki's Vice President. Kirwa, successful in Cherangany for NARC becomes the sole Kalenjin minister in the new government. Kituyi also becomes a minister. Wetang'ula elected MP. A Bukusu MP elected in the multi-ethnic settlement area of Lugari





Bukusu

2003: Wamalwa Dies



 
Mukhisa
Kituyi 

Kimilili

 FORD-Kenya
Chairman
 
Musikari
Kombo 

Webuye


Moses
Wetang'ula 

Sirisia

 
Kipruto arap
Kirwa (Kal)

Cherangani


Noah
Wekesa


Kwanza


Athanas
Wamunyinyi

Kanduyi


Bifwoli
Wakole

Bumula


John Serut
(Kal)

Mount Elgon



Davis
Nakitare

Saboti

Vice-President Wamalwa dies in August 2003, and is succeeded in Saboti by another NARC MP. In the resulting reshuffle, the VP role goes to Moody Awori (Abasamia) and in consolation Kombo (now also head of FORD-Kenya) is also appointed Minister.

Bukusu


2005-6: Second Coalition Government





Mukhisa
Kituyi




Kimilili



FORD-Kenya
Chairman



Musikari
Kombo



Webuye



Moses
Wetang'ula



Sirisia



Kipruto arap
Kirwa (Kal)

Cherangani



Noah
Wekesa

Kwanza




Athanas
Wamunyinyi

Kanduyi



Bifwoli
Wakole

Bumula



John Serut
(Kal)

Mount Elgon



Davis
Nakitare

Saboti

The 2005 Banana-Orange referendum split has little effect as most Bukusu (unlike most Luhya) remain loyal to Kibaki and oppose ODM. The Bukusu vote strongly for the Wako draft. In Kibaki's cobbled together government of December 2005, Wekesa also gets a ministerial post. Meanwhile Serut defects unofficially from KANU to FORD-Kenya and a large body of dissident FORD-Kenya MPs form offshoot New FORD Kenya.

Bukusu

2007: General Election and Subsequent Chaos



Kituyi
Defeated
Eseli Simiyu

Kimilili

Kombo
Defeated
Alfred Sambu

Webuye

Moses Wetang'ula

Sirisia

Joshua Kutuny (Kal)

Cherangani

Noah Wekesa

Kwanza



Alfred Khang'ati

Kanduyi

Bifwoli Wakole

Bumula

Fred Kapondi(Kal)

Mount Elgon

Eugene Wamalwa

Saboti

Musikari Kombo

Nominated MP(PNU)

Mukhisa Kituyi

New FORD-Kenya Chairman

ODM-PNU battle nationwide, Luhya vote mostly ODM, but Bukusu split pro- and anti-Kibaki and between Kombo's FORD -Kenya and New FORD-Kenya (led by Kituyi). Kibaki wins two seats in the presidency which elected ODM MPs. Eugene, Michael's younger brother elected for PNU but Kitui and Kombo phyrrially ensure each other are defeated. Wetangula narrowly survives and becomes a Minister, as does Wekesa. Kombo nominated to Parliament.

Bukusu

2008: Grand Coalition



Eseli Simiyu

Kimilili



Alfred Sambu

Webuye



Moses Wetang'ula

Sirisia



Joshua Kutuny (Kal)

Cherangani



Noah Wekesa

Kwanza



Alfred Khang'ati

Kanduyi



Bifwoli Wakole

Bumula




Fred Kapondi(Kal)

Mount Elgon



Eugene Wamalwa

Saboti



FORD-Kenya
Chairman

Musikari Kombo

Nominated
MP(PNU)



New FORD-Kenya
Chairman

Mukhisa Kituyi

In the grand coalition (PNU-ODM-ODM-K), nothing changes. No Bukusu ODM MPs become ministers

Bukusu

2010-12



Eseli
Simiyu

Kimilili



Alfred
Sambu

Webuye



Moses
Wetang'ula

Sirisia



Joshua
Kutuny (Kal)

Cherangani



Noah
Wekesa

Kwanza



Alfred
Khang'ati

Kanduyi



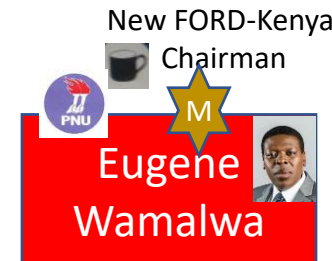
Bifwoli
Wakole

Bumula



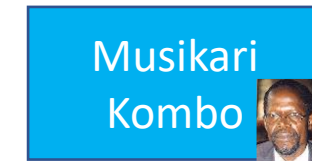
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Kapondi(Kal)

Mount Elgon



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Wamalwa

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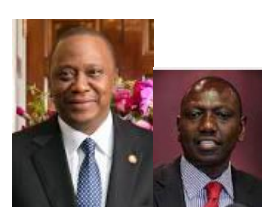
Musikari
Kombo

Nominated
MP(PNU)

With the new constitution endorsed but not yet fully in effect, 2010-12 is a period of ferment and change. In the Bukusu, Eugene Wamalwa is appointed a Minister and (announcing he will stand for President) takes over the leadership of New Ford Kenya from Kituyi, while Wetang'ula resigns as a Minister in 2010 over corruption allegations, to be reappointed a year later. He then takes over FORD-Kenya's leadership from Kombo, leaving the two ministers each leading a party.


Bukusu

2013: Second Republic
























 Tim Wanyonyi
 Westlands

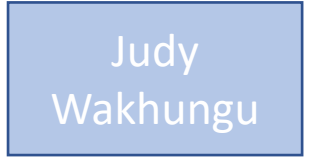

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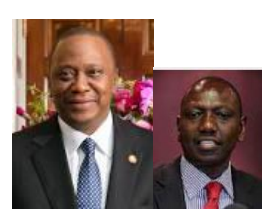
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|  Henry Ndiema (Kal) Senator |  Janet Wanyama Women's Rep | | |


 Judy Wakhungu
 Cabinet Secretary

New constitution, new boundaries and Trans-Nzoia gains two seats to Bungoma's three. Bicameral parliament, Governors. Ministers no longer MPs. Odinga dominates presidentially and Mudavadi win nothing. CORD-member FORD-Kenya dominates, with Wetangula winning both Senate seats, the Trans-Nzoia governor and six MPs. New FORD Kenya, allied with Mudavadi, win three MPs, both women's seats and the Bungoma governorship. Kenyatta wins 3 seats presidentially and in parliament URP takes one. A Bukusu, Tim Wanyonyi is elected in Nairobi and Kibungunchy returns in Kakamega.


Bukusu


2013: By-election




 Tim Wanyonyi
 Westlands




 Catherine Mukiite
 Nom Senator


 Patrick Wangamati
 Nom MP





 Eseli Simiyu

Tongaren


 Suleiman Murunga

Kimilili


 Alfred Sambu

Webuye E


 Daniel Sitati

Webuye W


 Wesley Korir (Kal)

Cherangani


 Ferdinand Wanyonyi

Kwanza


 Chris Wakhungu


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
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Endebess


 Patrick Khaemba 

Governor


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Senator


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Senator


 Janet Wanyama

Women's Rep

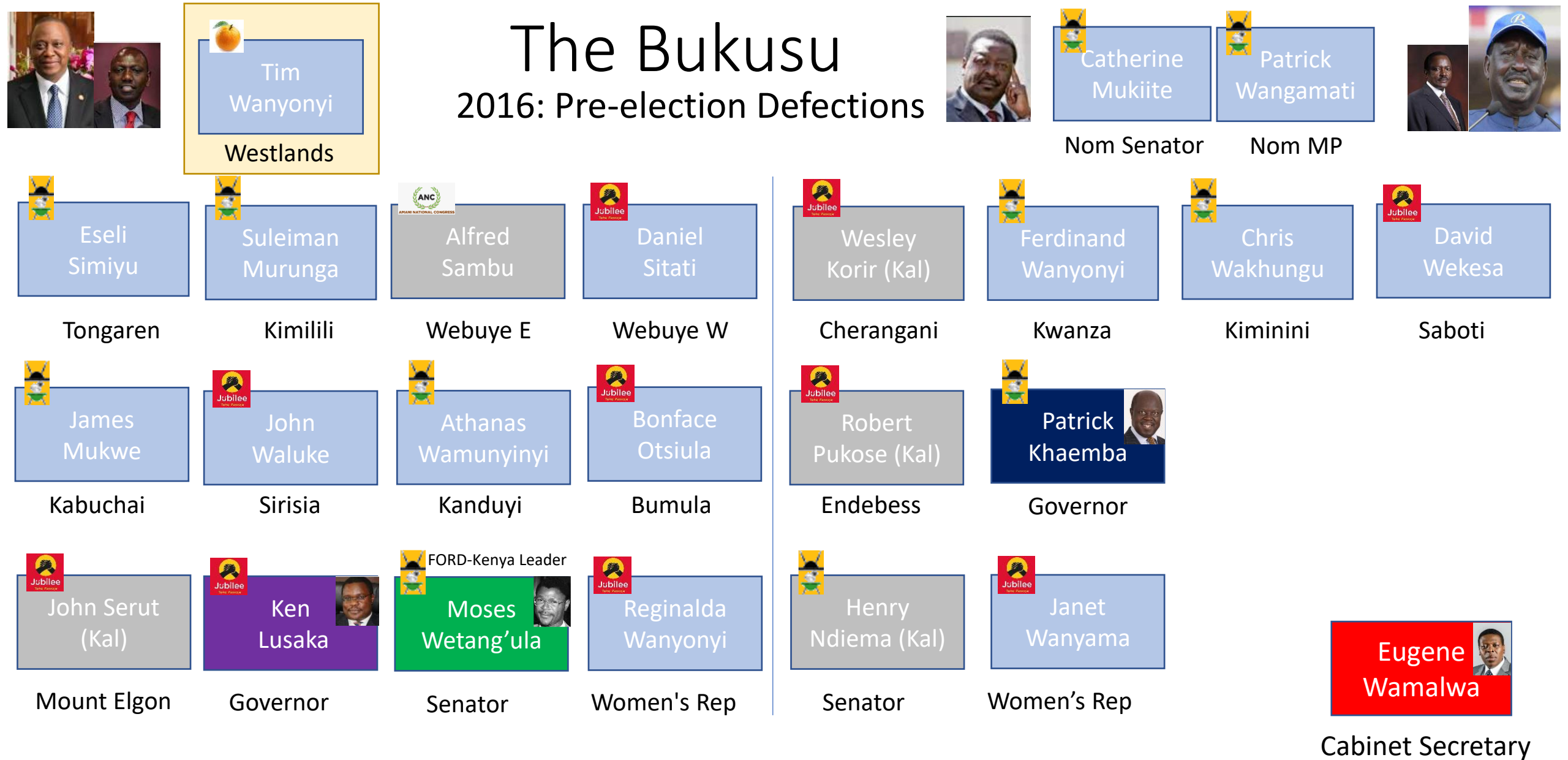
Judy Wakhungu

Cabinet Secretary

December 2013 Wetang'ula (now Senate minority leader) has his election nullified but is re-elected as Senator.

The Bukusu

2016: Pre-election Defections



Catherine Mukiite

Nom Senator

Patrick Wangamati

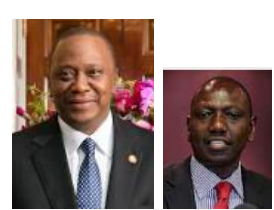


Nom MP

In late 2016, Lusaka, Waluke, Serut and Korir all defect to Jubilee as Kenyatta and Ruto build their new party, and the whole of New FORD-Kenya (no longer with Mudavadi) merges with Jubilee. However, most FORD-Kenya MPs remain hostile. Meanwhile Mudavadi moves from the UDF to ANC, taking Sambu (but no one else) with him. 2015 Eugene Wamalwa replaces Wakhungu as cabinet secretary

Bukusu

2017: General Elections

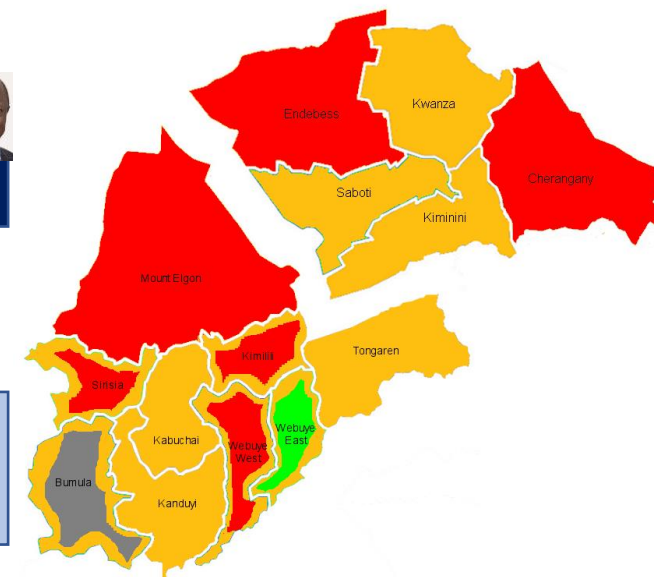


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| <p>Tim Wanyonyi</p> | <p>Enoch Kibung'ochy</p> |
| Westlands | Likuyani |



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| <p>Eseli Simiyu</p> | <p>Didmus Barasa</p> | <p>Alfred Sambu</p> | <p>Daniel Sitati</p> |
| Tongaren | Kimilili | Webuye E | Webuye W |
| <p>James Mukwe</p> | <p>John Waluke</p> | <p>Athanas Wamunyinyi</p> | <p>Moses Mabonga</p> |
| Kabuchai | Sirisia | Kanduyi | Bumula |
| <p>Fred Kapondi (Kal)</p> | <p>Wycliffe Wangamati</p> | <p>Moses Wetang'ula</p> | <p>Catherine Wambilianga</p> |
| Mount Elgon | Governor | Senator | Women's Rep |

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| <p>Joshua Kutuny (Kal)</p> | <p>Ferdinand Wanyonyi</p> | <p>Chris Wakhungu</p> | <p>Caleb Luyai Ethnicity unclear</p> |
| Cherangani | Kwanza | Kiminini | Saboti |
| <p>Robert Pukose (Kal)</p> | <p>Patrick Khaemba</p> | | |
| Endebess | Governor | | |
| <p>Michael Mbito (Kal)</p> | <p>Janet Wanyama</p> | | |
| Senator | Women's Rep | | |



Wiper rejoins ODM in NASA but loses to the Kenyatta-Ruto Jubilee alliance. Mudavadi does not stand for any post, but backs NASA vis his ANC. FORD-Kenya does well, holding the majority of the Bukusu vote, and taking seats including Bungoma Governorship from Jubilee/new FORD-K, but most MPs on every party reelected. Odinga does very well presidentially, winning every Luhya seat, but in parliament (ex-New FORD-Kenya) Jubilee performs better, with honours equal overall.

Bukusu

2020-22: New Parties and Alliances





Tim Wanyonyi



Enoch Kibung'uchi

Westlands

Likuyani



Eseli Simiyu



Didmus Barasa



Alfred Sambu



Daniel Sitati



Joshua Kutuny (Kal)



Ferdinand Wanyonyi



Chris Wakhungu



Caleb Luyai

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Saboti




Majimbo Simiiyu



John Waluke



Athanas Wamunyinyi



Moses Mabonga



Robert Pukose (Kal)



Patrick Khaemba

Kabuchai

Sirisia

Kanduyi

Bumula

Endebess

Governor



Fred Kapondi (Kal)



Wycliffe Wangamati




FORD-Kenya Leader
Moses Wetang'ula



Catherine Wambilianga



Michael Mbito (Kal)



Janet Wanyama

Mount Elgon

Governor

Senator

Women's Rep

Senator

Women's Rep

In December 2020, Covid strikes down James Mukwe and he is replaced by Majimbo Simiyu, elected for FORD Kenya but who soon proves close to William Ruto. In late 2021, deep in battle with Ruto and the UDA, pro-handshake forces support the establishment of a new party, DAP-K, in Western province. In February 2022, bridges burnt with their ODM coalition partner from 2017, Mudavadi and Wetang'ula decide to go with Ruto over Raila. Several FORD-Kenya representatives refuse to go with them and defect (informally) to DAP-K.

From fact to opinion

- The next image captures my understanding of the current political alignment of this group of elected (and appointed) individuals as of early March 2022.



R Tim Wanyonyi

? Enoch Kibung'uchi

Bukusu

2022: Current estimated alliances



Westlands

Likuyani

R Eseli Simiyu

Tongaren

KWANZA Didmus Barasa

Kimilili

? Alfred Sambu

Webuye E

KWANZA Daniel Sitati

Webuye W

R Joshua Kutuny (Kal)

Cherangani

KWANZA Ferdinand Wanyonyi

Kwanza

KWANZA Chris Wakhungu

Kiminini

R Caleb Luyai

Saboti

KWANZA Majimbo Simiiyu

Kabuchai

KWANZA John Waluke

Sirisia

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Bumula

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? Patrick Khaemba 

Governor

KWANZA Fred Kapondi (Kal)

Mount Elgon

R Wycliffe Wangamati 

Governor

FORD-Kenya Leader
KWANZA Moses Wetang'ula 

Senator

KWANZA Catherine Wambilianga

Women's Rep

R Michael Mbito (Kal)

Senator

R Janet Wanyama

Women's Rep

R Azimio Alliance (Raila)

KWANZA Kenya Kwanza

The Bukusu are split. With pro-Wetang'ula and pro-Ruto factions now aligned, nine Bukusu representatives back Ruto's presidency and six Raila and Azimio. Two have refused to declare their stand and will probably retire with Khaemba (who has hit his two-term limit). Neither alliance seems to have fixed on its branding and it seems both will go with the primary party first