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Today's News Update



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HON. DOTO MASHAKA BITEKO APPOINTED AS DEPUTY MINISTER OF MINERALS

The President of Tanzania His Excellency Dr. John Pombe Magufuli has on 6th January 2018 appointed Hon. Doto Mashaka Biteko (MP) as Deputy Minister of Minerals.

Hon. Doto Biteko who was sworn in at the State House earlier today is a Member of Parliament representing the Bukombe constituent. He was the Chairman of the Energy and Minerals Committee of the Parliament and he also chaired the Parliamentary Committee that investigated the operations of Tanzanite business in Tanzania.

At the swearing in ceremony the President said that the new appointment was inevitable due to the complexity at the Ministry of Minerals. He urged the deputy minister to work hard and properly serve the marginalised Tanzanians. The Minerals Ministry will now have two deputy ministers assisting Hon. Minister Angella Kairuki.

The President said that he is not impressed by the performance of the Ministry and cited an example whereby six months after the new mining legislation was passed by the Parliament and immediately assented by the President the Ministry has failed to issue the much awaited Mining Regulations. For this cause the President has appointed Prof. Shukuruni Elisha Manya to be the new Commissioner of Minerals with immediate effect. The president cited his frustrations that the former Commissioner who was appointed in April 2017 was pro-investors and an impediment to issuance of the Mining Regulations. The President therefore directed the Ministry to make sure that Mining Regulations are issued before Friday this week.



The new Commissioner, Mr. Manya, is a Professor of Geology at the University of Dar es Salaam. Apart from being Commissioner of Minerals he will also be the Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Mining Commission.

The President could not hide his feelings and openly stated that he was not impressed by the performance of the Ministry of Minerals and he ordered for this message to be delivered to the Minister who is currently on leave. He called upon all ministers to work hard and ensure that the country benefits from the mineral resources it's endowed with. President Magufuli was concerned that may be his appointees do not understand what he wants them to deliver. The President emphasized that he appoints Ministers so they can work for the people and not otherwise.

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