N'chcholai and electricity bill - a rejoinder

By Joseph Kungu

Consider this as a reminder to Dr. Th. Nkchcholai whose preoccupation is "N'chcholai and electricity bill" that appeared in The Island on November 26th 1987. I should congratulate Dr. Nkchcholai on writing on this timely issue. However, I have some misgivings as regards the content of his article.

Objection to the site not the project
In his article Dr. Nkchcholai quotes: "What the……...such an objection is that it is coming back on him over and over again, because the……...the site is not against the project itself. As he had indicated in his article in The Island of October 29, 1986, he is only worried about the site chosen for the project to be implemented in Nkchcholai.

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