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Kenya: Don't Drink and Drive, Call My Team - Sonko



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By Felix Olick

NAIROBI residents too drunk to drive their cars will soon have their vehicles towed to doorsteps by Senator Mike Sonko - for free.

Mike Sonko (file photo).

He said he acquired five breakdown trucks because drunk driving is claiming too many lives.

"If you are drunk please don't drive. Contact Sonko Rescue Team on 0789 111 999 and they will tow your car for free to you a petrol station of your choice," Sonko said.

His ambulances are available to rush people to hospitals and those who are planning to get married can use his top-of-the-line limousines for their weddings.

Hearses are also available.

The senator is offering all these services for free.

Sonko wants to supply clean water to houses, collect garbage, respond to fire emergencies, and ferry the dead to any part of the city to the hearses.

He said the multimillion-shilling rescue team project has employed more than 2,000 youths.

Sonko said it is being piloted and will be launched officially in two weeks.

"I am not doing this for any political mileage. I am fulfilling the Jubilee campaign manifesto to change the lives of Kenyans," Sonko said.

Sonko denied that all these good deeds are an effort to position himself for the Nairobi governor's seat.

He said the free wedding limousine service has three H2 Hummers, four new S Class Mercedes-Benz and his personal "black Land Cruiser".

Sonko said the six ambulances are donations from his friends in Belgium.

He said they will provide free medical services and respond to emergencies on a 24-hour basis.

"In case of emergency that requires free ambulance and hearse services kindly call 0788 222 239 or 0718 083 333," Sonko said. Yesterday, The Kenya Red Cross, which has been providing emergency services, said they charge about Sh5,500 to take someone to hospitals in Nairobi.

Running a fully equipped ambulance with medical staff can cost into the millions.

However, critics have questioned Sonko for exceeding his senatorial mandate to provide services the county government should provide.

But Sonko says his critics will not dampen his spirit.

"Some are saying I am dealing in drugs and many bad things about me. But I am determined to continue," he said.

"My bosses, President Uhuru Kenyatta and Deputy President William Ruto have never complained about my development initiatives, so they do, I will stop."

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