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PRESS STATEMENT

THE LATE NGŪGĨ WA THIONG'O

The Atheists In Kenya Society mourns the demise of Professor Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o, a renowned Kenyan novelist, essayist, and staunch advocate for African languages.

His passing signifies the end of a significant chapter in African literature and the discourse of global post-colonial thought. He leaves a remarkable legacy characterized by innovative narratives, deep critical perspectives, and steadfast intellectual bravery.

He is part of a dedicated group of writers who consistently fought for the liberation and advancement of the peasant and labor communities in his nation.

In honor of the late Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o, **we strongly encourage Kenyan and African parents in general to stop assigning English names as the first names for their children.** Let us use our indigenous African names.

Sincerely,

Harrison Mumia
President, Atheists In Kenya Society

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