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Mazrui among world's top 100 intellectuals

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Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology chancellor Prof Ali Mazrui has been named among top 100 intellectuals in the world.

An American journal, Foreign Policy published by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in New York in September 2005, nominated the scholars.

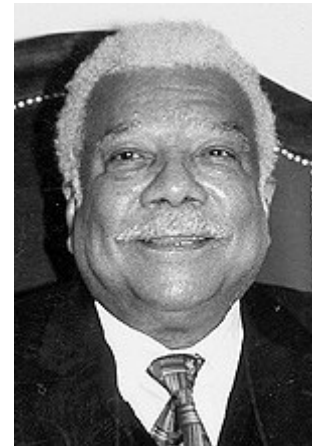
In a press statement JKUAT Public relations Officer Michael Ngonyo said the London-based magazine, The Prospect, backed the nominations.

A public intellectual is a person who has shown distinction in their own field and the ability to communicate ideas and influence debate outside it.

Apart from Mazrui other black Africans on the list include; novelist Chinua Achebe, playwright Wole Soyinka and plant pathologist Florence Wambugu.

Only three African countries are represented in the list; Nigeria, Kenya and South Africa. Last year, Mazrui was voted by another London-based magazine among ten greatest Africans.

Ngonyo said Africa World Press, a publisher in Trenton, New Jersey, would publish a book titled 'The Public Intellectual' by the end of the year about the work and career of Mazrui.



Prof Ali Mazrui

Meanwhile, JKUAT needs at least Sh50 million to help poor students.

Vice Chancellor Nick Wanjohi yesterday said the university has hired about 300 needy students to help them raise money for their basic needs.

He was speaking during the launch of a book "Introduction to Probability and Statistics" by Mohan Uppal.

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