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¹ Suberu 2007: 97.

¹ For refractions of rhetoric see, Wallman 1981: 113-139.

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 - 2) Twelve months ago, no one could have predicted the series of stunning events that made it possible for democratic elections to be held at the Local Government level, the State level, and

culminating in the National Assembly Elections. . .
(Paragraph numbering mine)

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