REPUBLIC OF KENYA



TWELFTH PARLIAMENT – (SECOND SESSION)

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

(No. 61 of 2018)

ON REPRIMAND OF A MEMBER

By the authority of the House and the powers conferred on the Speaker, and following the adoption of the Report of the Committee of Powers and Privileges, and pursuant to the rules pertaining to the consideration of the report thereof, I wish to state as follows -

- THAT on Tuesday, 10th October 2017 at the Parliament's Media Centre, and in full view of the public and glare of cameras, you, Hon. Babu Owino Paul Ongili, engaged in an extended and vicious scuffle and altercation with a fellow Member of Parliament;
- 2. **THAT** while aware of the responsibilities of leadership as provided for in Articles 73 and 75 of the Constitution which provide that a Member of Parliament shall bring honour to the Nation and dignity to the office he or she holds and that a State officer shall behave, whether in public and official life, in private life, or in association with other persons, in a manner that avoids demeaning the office the officer holds, you proceeded to portray unethical conduct;

- 3. **THAT** you took oath of office upon being elected to this House in accordance with Article 74 of the Constitution and further swore to abide by the Code of Conduct of Members of Parliament which in rule 7 provides that a member of the House shall uphold the dignity and integrity of the House by promoting respect for the House and its institutions at all times and ensure that the member's non-parliamentary activities do not interfere with or compromise the member's official duties or bring the House into disrepute;
- 4. **THAT** despite your expression of remorse and unreserved apology tendered to the Member and to the Committee of Powers and Privileges for engaging in conduct that reflected adversely on the dignity of this House and its Members, you should have been aware of the consequences of engaging in such conduct, the prevailing circumstances at the time notwithstanding;
- 5. **This House expresses its displeasure** on your conduct which brought ridicule and disrepute to the House and its membership. You are hereby **severely reprimanded and warned** to refrain from engaging in such behavior whether in public or in private life. I therefore reprimand you and require you to tender an apology to the House forthwith.

THE HON. MOSES CHEBOI, CBS, MP DEPUTY SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Thursday, November 22, 2018