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National Assembly Speaker Rt. (Dr.) Hon. Moses Wetang'ula receives an award from the Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GO-PAC) presented to him by Kisumu East MP Hon. Shakeel Shabbir in his office.

# APNAC-Kenya seeks anti-graft training for Lawmakers, Staff in collaboration with CPST

The African Parliamentary Network Against Corruption (APNAC) Kenya Chapter is rooting for the development of an anti-graft training programme for Legislators.

The Chairperson for APNAC-Kenya, Kisumu East MP Hon. Shakeel Shabbir said the caucus will seek to collaborate with the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training (CPST) to come up with programmes against the vice.

CPST is a one-stop specialized Resource Centre for the training and capacity development of both the members and staff of Parliament of Kenya, County Assemblies and other Legislatures.

On the other hand, APNAC is an organization which aims to coordinate, involve and strengthen the capacities of African parliamentarians to fight corruption and promote good governance.



National Assembly Speaker Rt Hon Moses Wetang'ula poses for a photograph with African Parliamentarians Network Against Corruption (APNAC) Kenya chairman Hon Shakeel Shabbir (third right) and staff after receiving a global award for being an anti-graft campaigns champion.

Since its formation in 1999 in Kampala, Uganda, APNAC has promoted accountability, transparency, and public participation in the processes of government, as the best ways to control corruption.

As the elected representatives of the people, MPs play an essential leadership role in combating corruption throughout the legislative process, and in their oversight and representative functions.

According to Hon. Shabbir, the intended training will inculcate best practices in governance that will help lawmakers to fight against, and effectively address, corruption in their oversight role in order to ensure higher standards of integrity.

“APNAC appreciates the efforts made by the anti-corruption agencies, civil society organizations, development partners and other stakeholders in the fight against graft and we want to strongly be part of this fight through training programmes,” said Hon. Shabbir. Apart from Members of Parliament, Hon. Shabbir noted that the training programme will also target Ward Representatives and staff of both Parliament and County Assemblies.

“This training is in line with the objective for which APNAC is established to build the commitment and capacity of African Parliaments and Parliamentarians to ensure transparency and accountability with particular emphasis on financial matters,” he added.

Concerned with the seriousness of the problems and the threats that corruption poses to the stability and security of African societies, our network has made a strong commitment and is doing remarkable work for an effective parliamentary fight against corruption.

~Hon. Shabbir

For more gains to be achieved in the fight against graft, the Kisumu East legislator argued that there is need to change the strategy used in the campaigns against the vice.

He added that training on the need to shun corruption and practice good governance by the Legislators, MCAs and staff will supplement efforts by other bodies in ensuring that Kenya is a corrupt free country.

Hon. Shabbir, noted that they have chosen to work with CPST because the institution has better systems and structures that will help in the training programmes.

He reckoned that APNAC seeks to empower Parliamentary Committees to be responsive and effective in their oversight roles, as well as facilitate the existence of policy, legal and institutional frameworks to support the anti-corruption work.

Hon. Shabbir pointed out that the programmes to be undertaken are in line with the APNAC Strategic Plan of 2019-2023.

He noted that their partner Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD) has provided moral and financial support to APNAC that has helped them undertake their activities smoothly.

He further added that the Speaker of the National Assembly Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula assured them of his support when they paid him a courtesy call recently.

## WHAT THEY SAID

I am challenging the Vice Chancellors of our Universities to ensure that finances allocated to the institutions they lead are put into proper use.



As a departmental committee, we will recommend allocation of more funds to universities that exhibit proper and prudent management of finances that they are given.

There is absolutely no reason to continue giving additional finances to higher institutions of learning where the same resources end up being mismanaged or embezzled.

Hon. Julius Melly (Tinderet)  
Education Committee Chairperson

We all know and have heard of cases of suicide in this country that are associated with gambling. There is an emerging trend of petty thieves amongst our youths who steal eggs, onions and other small things from their mothers so that they can get some money to buy illicit alcohol, drugs and engage in betting. Whether we like it or not, that is slowly emerging. There is increasing conmanship associated with gambling.



Hon. Rindikiri Mugambi  
Buuri Member of Parliament



# National Assembly Speaker urges Media to disseminate factual information on Legislative Work

The National Assembly Speaker, Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula, held a meeting with the Executive Leadership of the Kenya Parliamentary Journalist Association (KPJA) to discuss the importance of media in disseminating factual information about legislative work.

During the meeting, Dr. Wetang'ula emphasized that media plays a crucial role in legislative work, and Parliament endeavors to facilitate journalists in covering parliamentary events.

As the Patron of the Association, Speaker Wetang'ula praised the KPJA for their dedication in informing the public about the workings of the Kenyan Parliament.

He added that factual dissemination of Parliamentary work from Plenary and Committees is key in enhancing proper public participation in legislation.

He called on journalists to disseminate parliamentary news through all available mediums, including vernacular stations, to ensure comprehensive reach.

The Speaker said factual and balanced reporting, which is informative to the public, is essential in ensuring accountability and transparency in the legislative process.

The KPJA leadership appreciated Parliament's efforts in facilitating their work. In addition, they urged the Speaker to provide capacity building opportunities for them so as to enhance their skills in parliamentary reporting.

The Kenya Parliamentary Journalist Association was established in the 9th Parliament. Its role is to boost media efforts in dissemination of factual news through specialized reporting in parliamentary affairs.

The association's executive members are; Mr. Duncan Khaemba - Chairman, Ms. Elizabeth Mutuku - Vice Chairperson, Ms. Chemutai Goin - Secretary-General, Julius Otieno - Deputy Secretary-General, Irene Mwangi - Treasurer, Kevin Wachira - Organizing Secretary, Chris Nyamuta - Liaison.

Dr. Wetang'ula assured the KPJA team of his support to enable them effectively undertake their duties.



National Assembly Speaker Rt. (Dr.) Hon. Moses Wetang'ula (Center) in a meeting with Kenya Parliamentary Journalists Association (KPJA) who paid him a courtesy call last week. The KPJA was led by Chairman Mr. Duncan Khaemba. The other officials at the meeting were Ms. Elizabeth Mutuku and Mr. Julius Otieno.



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~ Speaker Wetang'ula

## Committee probes East African Portland Cement over Audit queries

The Public Investments Committee on Commercial Affairs and Energy last week probed the Management of the East African Portland Cement (EAPC) PLC on queries raised by the Auditor General in the Company's audited accounts.

The Committee Chaired by Pokot South MP, Hon. David Pkosing had invited the Company's management led by its Managing Director Mr. Oliver Kirubai, to shed more light on queries raised by the Auditor-General between Financial Years 2018/2019 to 2020/2021.

Among the Committee's key concerns, was the Company's negative working capital resulting from a continuous loss making.

You have to file those responses on this question in the next two weeks before this Committee retreats to write a report

~Hon. Pkosing



National Assembly Public Investments Committee on Commercial Affairs and Energy Chairperson Hon. David Pkosing and Vice-chair Hon. Lillian Gogo consult during a meeting with the East African Portland Cement PLC appearance before the Committee on Wednesday last week.

According to the report of Office of the Auditor General, during the 2020/2021 Financial Year, the Company was unable to settle amounts due to statutory authorities; including Pay as You Earn (PAYE) of Kshs 2.2 Billion, Kshs 656 Million Value Added Tax (VAT) and Pension Liabilities amounting to Ksh110 Million.

The Committee also raised concerns about the Cement Maker's losses arising from land sales, as well as uncertainties on some of the transactions for land disposal with private entities.

Hon. Pkosing, said the Management's responses on land ownership were inadequate and gave the Company two weeks to file a more detailed response on the status and processes leading to alteration of several land sale agreements following Members' concerns that the answers on the queries as raised by the Auditor-General were unsatisfactory.

"You have to file the responses on this question in the next two weeks, before this Committee retreats to write a report," said Hon. Pkosing.

The Company told the Committee that it engaged in land disposal as a measure to meet its financial obligations due to deteriorating market fortunes.

Managing Director Mr. Kirubai while affirming that the contentious parcels of land belonged to the Company, further indicated that the Company was also in the process of undertaking regularization of 907 acres of land invaded by informal squatters.

Other audit concerns that came to the attention of the Committee include non-remittance of employees' pension contributions, to a tune of Kshs 110 Million by the 2020/2021 Financial Year.

The Auditor General also indicated that the Company had failed to remit mining levies amounting to Kshs 407 Million by close of the same Financial Year.



# The Speaker urges Kenyan youth to join the scouting movement for Discipline and Success in life

National Assembly Speaker Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula has encouraged young people across the country to join the scouting movement as a way of instilling discipline in their lives and keeping off vices that ruin their lives.

The Speaker, who is also the Patron of the World Scouts Parliamentary Union, made the remarks during a meeting with county stakeholders in Nyeri County, to assess Kenya's preparedness to host the World Scout Parliamentary Union (WSPU) Africa Assembly meeting in June this year.

The Speaker was impressed with the plans in top gear to welcome Scout Members of Parliament and other delegates from Africa and the rest of the world to the international event.

He said that the event would provide an opportunity for Nyeri County to market itself by showcasing success stories of devolution, which is a hallmark of the new Kenya.

As a former scout himself who joined the movement in his younger years, he highlighted the role of the scouting movement in instilling discipline and shaping the youth's future by making sure that they don't engage in vices like drug abuse and other anti-social activities.

He further urged scouts to be good-will ambassadors to their age mates, friends, and peers and tell them that worldly pleasures never end.

The Speaker lauded the support of the Nyeri County Government on Scouts programs, saying that it would go a long way in hosting the annual Scout founders day in the county in June.

The WSPU caucus in the National Assembly has been in operation since 1990 and was formalized in 2014 to create a network of Parliamentarians from the National Assembly, Senate,



National Assembly Speaker Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula inspects a guard of honour mounted by a section of Scouts and Girl Guides at Baden Powell Park in Nyeri County.

County Assemblies, affiliate members, and youth to support various Scout activities in their areas of jurisdiction that include the Ward, Constituency, County, Regional, National, or International level.

The meeting was attended by various leaders, including John Chikati (Tongaren), Innocent Mugabe (Likuyani), Dancan Maina (Nyeri Town), and Bungoma Senator Wafula Wakoli, Devolution PS Teresia Mbaika, and his trade counterpart Dr. Juma Mukhwana.

# Ministries and Statehouse under fire as House team probes alleged misappropriation of funds



Kuria East MP Hon. Maisori Marwa Kitayama and his Kitui East counterpart Hon. Nimrod Mbai share a light moment during the appearance of Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries Cabinet Secretary Hon. Mithika Lithuri to shed light on the payment process of Kshs. 4 billion for the maize subsidy program by the previous regime.

The Ministry of Roads and Transport, the Ministry of Agriculture, and the Statehouse Comptroller recently presented their defenses to the National Assembly's Committee on Public Petition with regards to a petition on the misappropriation of funds, which violates Article 223 of the Constitution.

The Committee is currently investigating the disbursement of Kshs. 55 billion by the previous administration led by former President Uhuru Kenyatta. The Principal Secretary of Roads and Transport, Eng. Joseph Mbugua, defended the Ministry against allegations of unauthorized expenditure of Kshs. 9.45 billion during the hearing.

Appearing before the Committee, PS Mbugua explained that the funds were disbursed following recommendations from the National Security

Council to upgrade the Lamu-Ijara road, dualling of the Nairobi Eastern Bypass and the construction of Makupa causeway.

However, Committee members raised concerns about the rationale behind utilizing of funds for a road project and questioned the value for money.

Hon. Mithika Linturi, the Cabinet Secretary of Agriculture, also appeared before the Committee to address the Ministry's receipt of funds for the Unga subsidy, which was meant to cushion the cost of living in the country.

CS Linturi admitted that the Ministry had spent funds that were not approved by Parliament and called for the government to provide adequate support to alleviate the high cost of living.

Hon. Katoo Ole Metito, the State house Comptroller, provided an account of the Kshs. 3.7 billion that Statehouse received from the fund during the Committee's hearing.

He disclosed that out of the Kshs. 3.7 billion, 810 million was allocated for confidential expenditure, while Kshs. 2.96 billion was earmarked to settle the Nairobi Metropolitan Services' (NMS) pending bills.

However, only Kshs. 411 million was disbursed to the respective contractors.

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~Hon. Marwa

Kuria East Hon. Marwa Kitayama raised doubts about the legality of disbursing the outstanding Kshs. 2.5 billion, which Statehouse is yet to receive from the Exchequer, especially considering that it was approved by the Treasury without Parliament's approval.

Hon. Katoo acknowledged the suspicious timeline of disbursement of funds and urged the Committee to scrutinize the funds' disbursement criteria to prevent similar anomalies from occurring in the future.

The Committee reassured all stakeholders that a thorough investigation would be conducted, and any wrongdoing uncovered would be exposed.



# African Legislators call for overhaul of Public Debt Management strategies to combat indebtedness

**A**frican governments have been asked to rethink their public debt management strategies to overcome the current debt distress affecting a number of African countries.

Speaking on Wednesday during the opening session of a 3-day forum geared towards Strengthening Processes for Legislative Budgeting and Public Debt Management in Mombasa, the lawmakers expressed concerns that many Parliaments in the region have very little role in budgeting despite their cardinal role as vanguards of the interests of the people.

The Regional legislators expressed concerns that though a huge part of debt owed by regional countries dates back a few decades ago, affected governments had failed to transition from debt management to debt resolution.

At the same time, legislators from a number of African Parliaments have called for more inclusion of Parliaments in the budget making process so as to enhance their oversight role towards better debt management.

The forum whose participants are drawn from among lawmakers, governance experts and stakeholders from the civil society is held in recognition that as the representative body of the people, legislators are on the front-line to ensure policies and resources reflect the needs of the citizenry.

Speaking at the Session, the Chairperson of the Committee on Public Debt and Privatization Hon. Abdi Shurie underscored the importance of the forum in enhancing the capacity of legislators and exposing them to best practices on public debt management and the budget making process.



Members of the National Assembly from left Hon. Aden Daud, Hon. Joseph Makilap, Hon.(Dr.) Peter Masara and Hon. Rahab Mukami follow the proceedings of the forum.

He thanked HDP for their partnership in organizing the forum.

“This is a very important forum for legislators resulting from the challenges that the African Region is facing with regard to debt issues and legislative budgeting. I wish to extend our gratitude to HDP for the successful organization of this forum”, he said.

Other participants who spoke at the forum noted that the conversation was timely, given the challenges that African countries are facing with regard to runaway debt.

Regional Director, National Democratic Institute (Kenya) Mr. Dickson Omondi observed that debt crisis has a huge impact on the vulnerable in the society.

He noted that there is need for legislators to develop an inclusive, accountable debt management system

“When debt is a significant issue for any country, it means that some programs in critical sectors will be neglected, in order to service debt. Ultimately, it is the most vulnerable in the society that will suffer when the critical sectors of the economy are affected by debt levels”, he held.

Sharing the Zambian perspective, Hon. Mutotwe Kafuraga noted that though borrowing enables necessary development that would otherwise have taken inordinately long to be realised sooner than would have been possible, there

is need to achieve a balance to avoid debt distress.

“I have seen borrowing in Zambia realise key infrastructure development, but I have also seen a lot of national stress due to the huge public debt”, he told the forum.

Representatives from the Ghanaian Parliament called for an expanded role in the budget making process. Noting that Ghana had been a beneficiary of the debt forgiveness program before, the public debt situation had not improved adding that the country is currently in debt distress. The legislators told the forum that their limited role in budget preparation had denied them an opportunity to scrutinize government priorities during the preparation of the budget leading to the current crisis.

Speaking later in a subsequent session, Susan Willie from the US Congressional Budget Office and Former Congressman Mike Bishop underpinned the importance of legislators taking the lead in budget making process to instil fiscal discipline and ensure sound fiscal policies inform budgetary priorities.

The event hosted by the National Assembly in partnership with the House Democracy Partnership through the Congressional forum’s local partner National Democratic Institute; has attracted participants from Kenya, Gambia, Mozambique, Ghana, Zambia and Liberia.

## Legislator proposes life imprisonment for people that leak and share partner’s private photos, videos

**S**uba North Member of Parliament Hon. Millie Odhiambo has asked parliament to enact laws that hand down harsh penalties to individuals who leak private photos, of their partners on social media platforms in a bid to embarrass them, especially those who target national leaders.

Speaking during a parliamentary debate on sexual harassment on Thursday Hon. Odhiambo said the House should come up with a law to ensure that perpetrators of such acts face the harshest punishment.

“We are going to amend our laws and make stricter penalties. I don’t support the death penalty, but if I was a supporter of death penalty, I would have actually supported the death penalty for such people, but since I don’t support the death penalty, I think we need to enhance the sentencing to life imprisonment,” she said.

Hon. Odhiambo added that those who shame other people on the internet should think about the collateral damage of their actions. According to her, women cannot be treated like trash or even rubbish.

Consensual or not, posting of nudity is an offence under the Computer Misuse & Cybercrimes Act, which specifically provides for a jail term of up to two years or a fine of Sh200,000.



Hon. Millie Odhiambo ( Suba North) at a past meeting in Parliament. The MP is proposing life imprisonment for people that leak their Partner’s nude photos.



## MPs raise concern over deaths in Schools, call for urgent action

Legislators have expressed concerns over the recent deaths of students in schools after an outbreak of a mysterious disease.

During the plenary sitting on Tuesday 18th April, 2023, Hon. Tindi Mwale (Butere) gave notice of an Adjournment Motion, seeking leave of the House to discuss the deteriorating situation that has seen a number of students lose their lives and schools closed down.

Hon. Mwale, while giving a background of the situation, updated the House that so far five secondary schools have been forced to close down because of the unknown disease, with the majority of the institutions being in Western Kenya.

Parents are going through a very sad ordeal in which they have lost their children yet the problem can be addressed. It is sad that the government and the Ministry of Health did not come out clearly to talk about these issues affecting students.

~Hon. Tindi Mwale

The motion generated sharp reactions from lawmakers, with majority of those who contributed to it blaming overpopulation in schools for the outbreak of the diseases. They noted that the National Government and the counties must move with speed to stop the outbreak.

Hon. Fred Ikana (Shinyalu), in whose constituency Mukumu Girls, one of the most affected schools is situated, maintained that the situation calls for a joint intervention between both levels of Government.

“We all need to put our heads together and come up with a lasting solution to this serious problem. In Mukumu Girls in my constituency, we have lost three students and one teacher. It is not a matter to be taken lightly,” cautioned Hon. Ikana.

Hon. Omboko Milemba (Emuhaya), Hon. Lesuuda Naisula (Samburu West), Hon. Elsie Muhanda (Kakamega County), Hon. Kakai Bissau (Kiminiini) warned that things might get worse, if a lasting solution is not found quickly. Lawmakers held that



Butere MP Tindi Mwale moved an adjournment motion to discuss the mysterious disease outbreaks in schools after reported cases in Mukumu Girls High School and Butere Boys Secondary School in Kakamega County.

every school should be told to adhere to the safety standards especially on water and food.

They questioned the capacity of schools to accommodate growing numbers of learners. They also called for formulation of policies on supply of water and food to schools.

“What we are experiencing now is just but a tip of the ice-berg. Our boarding schools have been pushed to the limit and they have started to burst. We need to do something about the deteriorating situation in our schools,” said Hon. Milemba, who is also the National Chairman of the Kenya Union of Post Primary Education Teachers (KUPPET).

## Speaker Wetang'ula calls for African Unity and Solidarity to Tackle Development Challenges

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The Speaker of the National Assembly, Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula has stressed the importance of African nations coming together to solve the various challenges facing the Continent.

During a courtesy call by the Ghanaian High Commissioner His Excellency Dampety Bediako Asare, Speaker Wetang'ula emphasized that Africa's lack of solidarity has been a significant factor in its slow pace of development, long after the departure of colonial powers.

Speaker Wetang'ula further asserted that a new renaissance is needed for Africa to

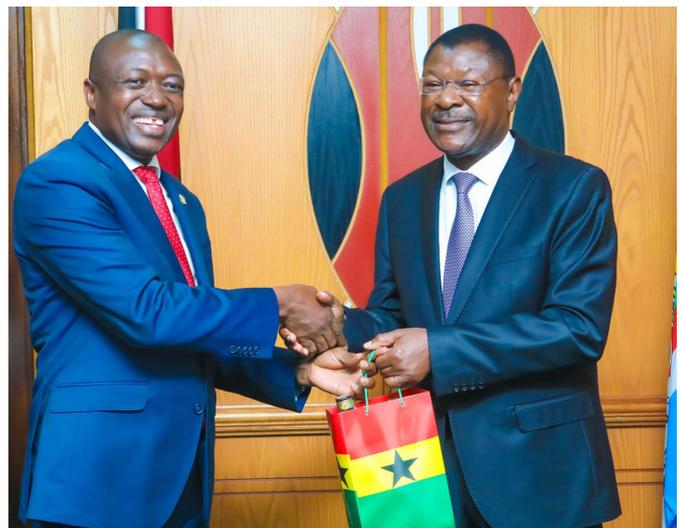
change its course and devise solutions that will promote its development, starting with nations embracing each other.

He expressed concern regarding Africa's continued reliance on foreign imports, despite having a population of over one billion people. He noted that Africa's share of global trade remains below five percent.

The Speaker highlighted that Africa has abundant natural resources, brilliant people, and has produced exceptional leaders and notable sports personalities who have made their mark in the Western world. However, upon returning home, they often encounter hindrances due to a lack of collaboration and unity.

To address these issues, the Speaker strongly advocated for embracing pan-Africanism, which entails Africa solving its own problems and securing its rightful position in the global arena by presenting a united front.

He emphasized the need for African nations to collaborate and tackle their shared issues



National Assembly Speaker Rt. Hon (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula with Ghanaian High Commissioner to Kenya H.E Dampety Bediako Asare at his office in Parliament Buildings.

collectively, stating that the Parliament of Kenya holds significant strength and authority as the executive branch cannot even formulate a budget without Parliamentary approval.

Hon. Wetang'ula expressed his desire to witness reciprocal visits among African Parliaments, highlighting the importance of African nations uniting to overcome their challenges and promote their development.

## House Committee on Broadcasting and Library Service calls for enhanced coverage of Parliamentary Work



From left, Members of the Broadcasting Committee and Library, Hon. Charles Onchoke, Hon. John Waluke and Hon. Rindikiri Mugambi Murwithania in the company of Mr. Charles Wanjohi- Engineer in charge, Mombasa KBC Station during a tour of the KBC Mombasa Sauti House.

The National Assembly Committee on Broadcasting and Library Chaired by Hon. Daniel Nanok has urged the media to stick to professional and factual reporting on the work of the Legislature. Hon. Nanok was speaking during a media stakeholders engagements on Parliamentary reporting.

Noting that the cardinal duty of a Member of Parliament is to represent, enact laws and offer oversight on behalf of the electorates, Hon. Nanok said the electorate needed to know and understand this through reading, watching television and listening to radio.

While recognizing media freedom as anchored in Article 34 of the Constitution of Kenya (2010), Hon. Nanok underpinned the importance of media freedom in the country for purposes of education, information dissemination, entertainment among other roles.

“A democratic country is achieved through the existence of among other things; the freedom of the media and access to information”, said Hon. Nanok.

The Committee sought to understand the operations of the media and how news is determined particularly on the work carried out by Parliament.

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Members expressed concerns that beyond Parliament, a lot of their work in the constituencies are not given proper media attention hence creating a deceiving perception that Members don't work.

The Kenya Parliamentary Journalists Association (KPJA)'s leadership led by their Chair NTV's Duncan Khaemba acknowledged that the media landscape is very transformational and dynamic noting that, there are limitations in the number of stories about Parliament that can be carried per day by each station.

The Media Council of Kenya (MCK) which is the media industry's regulator through the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Mr. David Omwoyo emphasized the need for Parliamentary journalists to adhere to the media code of ethics which he called the journalism bible.

He also said that it was important to conduct trainings for Members of Parliament and particularly the first time Members on their conduct with the Media so that they understand how to handle media.

After the engagement with the Parliamentary journalists and the MCK, the Committee toured the Kenya Broadcasting Cooperation (KBC) transmitters and Sauti Media House, Mombasa branch which hosts Pwani FM and other media partners.

## Hon. Mathenge seeks to introduce bill to regulate betting industry amid growing addiction concerns

Nyeri Town Member of Parliament, Hon. Duncan Mathenge, has vowed to introduce a bill aimed at regulating the betting industry in Kenya.

In response to growing concerns about the negative impact of betting addiction on Kenyan communities, Hon. Mathenge pledged to introduce legislation to oversee the betting industry while replying to a motion he had earlier sponsored on the same issue.

During the debate, Hon. Jane Njeri Maina, MP (Kirinyaga County), emphasized the need to empower communities and provide alternative sources of income to discourage for young people to discourage them from turning to gambling out of desperation.

Legislators praised the motion, noting that the addiction to betting has become



Hon. Duncan Mathenge (Nyeri Town). He is proposing a new law that will regulate the betting industry.

a problem within Kenyan communities, leading to significant economic losses.

Members of the National Assembly further highlighted the adverse effects of betting, including financial ruin, family breakups, high truancy rates in schools resulting in high dropout rates, and, in some cases, suicide.

Furthermore, they recognized that these games mainly target individuals who can least afford to lose money, such as the elderly, youth, and low-income earners.

The motion, which lawmakers unanimously approved, calls on the National Assembly to regulate lotteries and any other forms of betting disguised as polls, contests, and other SMS-based gaming by media houses.

Additionally, the National Assembly intends to ensure the strict operationalization of the Betting, Lotteries and Gaming Act, Cap 131 Laws of Kenya, which provides for the regulation of the gambling industry, including the control of betting, lotteries, and gaming in the country.

Hon. Mathenge's proposed bill will increase control and oversight of the betting industry, aiming to curb the negative effects of betting addiction on Kenyan society.

# MASHINANI IN BRIEF

## Vihiga Consituency

### Students from Vihiga benefit from Ksh 48 Million Bursary Scheme

A month after issuing bursary funds to bright and needy children from Vihiga constituency, area MP Hon Ernest Kagesi Kivai has given out bursary cheques to principals worth Kshs. 24 million to support education of students from poor families.

In a ceremony held at St Claire's Girls High school the MP assured students in universities and tertiary institutions that he will soon issue them with bursaries amounting to Kshs. 12million.

Hon Kivai has already issued bursaries worth Kshs. 12million to students from poor families who joined form one.

"In total we have disbursed NG-CDF bursaries worth Kshs. 48million to support education of students from poor backgrounds in the constituency and we will continue to support them until the end of their academic journey," said Hon Kivai.



Vihiga MP Hon Ernest Kagesi Kivai presents a cheque to Womulalu Secondary School Principal Mrs Janet Kibachi in a ceremony held at St Claires Girls High School recently.

## Machakos Constituency



Yatta Member of Parliament Hon. Robert Basil oversees the issuance of a bursary cheque worth 47 Million Kenya Shillings to needy students in Yatta constituency, Machakos County.

## Embakasi East Constituency



Embakasi East MP Hon. Babu Owino issuing NG-CDF Bursary forms to residents of Upper Savannah and Lower Savannah wards in his Constituency last week. The Legislator reiterated his commitment of boosting Education, noting that it is a tool that breaks down all barriers.

## Kipipiri Consituency



Hon Wanjiku Muia (Kipipiri) joins students of Jura secondary in a jig recently. This was during an event at the school where the MP issued bursary cheques worth Ksh.1,036,000 to the institution. Hon Muia was accompanied by area Senator Hon. Kaba Methu.

## Nandi County

Nandi County MP Hon. Cynthia Muge captures a moment during the issuance of National Government Affirmative Action Fund (NGAAF) bursary cheques worth Ksh 3.8 million under the #ElimuNiMwangaza to at least 205 students.

"We do not take for granted the opportunity that these boys and girls have through NGAAF to shape their lives for the next four years. May the good Lord guide and protect them," Hon. Muge said



## Nairobi County



Nairobi County MP Hon. Esther Passaris overseeing the disbursement of over Sh13M worth of National Government Affirmative Action Fund - NGAAF bursary cheques to students from across the 17 constituencies and 85 wards of Nairobi County.

Hon. Passaris reckons that Education is a fundamental right, which should be accessible to all, regardless of their background or circumstances.

According to her, Investing in education is not only important for the future success of our youth, but it also has a positive impact on the entire community.

"I encourage all beneficiaries of the NGAAF bursary program to use this opportunity wisely and to work hard to achieve their dreams," she said.



# National Assembly Sports Committee meets Football Kenya Federation Officials over rampant Match Fixing



Make use of the law of bribery to prosecute the corruption that is within the sport as we look into enacting proper laws to save our sport.

**Hon. Wanyama.**

The National Assembly Departmental Committee on Sports and Culture chaired by Hon. Dan Wanyama (Webuye West) last week met Football Kenya Federation (FKF) officials led by the President Mr. Nick Mwenda and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Mr. Barry Otieno.

FKF officials were appearing before the House team to shed light on issues affecting football in the country.

The Committee sought to know why cases of match fixing were rampant in football and the measures that the Federation is putting in place to make sure that the menace is dealt with.

In his submission Mr. Mwenda blamed the menace of match fixing on the poor salaries footballers earn and the allure of money from betting and gambling companies.

Further, he informed the Committee that absence of local laws to address match-fixing was the major reason behind the rise of cases involving the vice.



Hon. Dan Wanyama (Webuye West), who chairs the National Assembly's committee on Sports and Culture, alongside committee members Hon. Ekwom Nabuin (Turkana North) and Hon. Charles Ngusya Ngunu (Mwingi West) during a past meeting.

He asked the Committee to step in and pass laws that would enable offenders to be prosecuted for match fixing.

In 2016, KFK formulated Anti-match Manipulation Regulations which coincides with the Federation of International Football Association (FIFA) rules. These rules recognize the involvement of any member of a football body's participation in betting as illegal.

These regulations however have not been made into law and offenders walk away with a slap on the wrist. Currently,

the Federation can only impose sanctions for players, clubs and match officials who have been caught participating in the vice.

"We have cases where individuals suspected of match-fixing and who are not members of FKF arrested and presented in a court of law only for the cases to be dismissed for lack of legislative provisions to deal with the problem," said Mr. Mwenda.

The Committee Chair promised to step in and champion the fight against match fixing noting that

there was an urgent need to enact laws so as to save the sport.

He also advised the Federation and the Ministry to make use of the laws against bribery that were already in place to prosecute those found fixing matches.

"I would like to ask you to make use of the law of bribery to prosecute the corruption that is within the sport as we look into enacting proper laws to save our sport," said Hon. Wanyama.

Recently, FIFA held workshops to educate teams and referees of the threat of match-fixing and the protocols that are in place, which includes a whistle-blowing mechanism.

Still, even with all the precautions, preventing match-fixing attempts is extremely difficult. Education, the threat of detection and eventual penalties are the best weapons sports leagues have to dissuade match-fixers from coming after their games.

## House Team kick-starts second phase of Audit aimed at promoting accountability in management of funds from NG-CDF kitty

The Decentralized Funds Accounts Committee (DFAC) is stepping up its efforts to promote transparency and accountability in the management of public funds.

The Committee is now in the second phase of its audit of the National Government Constituency Development Fund (NGCDF).

Led by Hon. Gideon Mulyungi (Mwingi Central), the Committee is reviewing over 4,000 financial reports left pending due to a congested work schedule.

The DFAC's mandate is to review the audited financial reports of constituency management offices and ensure compliance with financial regulations.

During the first phase of the audit exercise, the Committee reviewed audited financial reports for 12 constituencies from Kakamega County.

These were; Matungu, Mumias West, Mumias East, Ikolomani, Lurambi, Shinyalu, Navaholo, Lugari, Butere, Likuyani.

Malava, and Khwisero constituencies.

In the second phase, the Committee is focus on nine constituencies from the Western Region of Bungoma County.

These are; Webuye East, Webuye West, Kanduyi, Tongaren, Sirisia, Kabuchai, Mt Elgon, Bumula, and Kimilili constituencies.

The Auditor General's reports raised several queries, including the accuracy of financial documents, implementation of projects, un-surrendered imprest, liability transfer, engagement of fund account managers, board operations, EACC investigations, and non-remittance of statutory deductions.

The DFAC's audit exercise is a significant step towards ensuring that public funds are managed in a transparent and accountable manner.



The Chairperson of the Decentralised Funds Accounts Committee Hon. Gideon Mulyungi (Mwingi Central) leading members in receiving submissions from NG-CDF Fund Account Managers last week.

The Committee's work will help to identify any irregularities in the management of NGCDF funds and ensure that corrective action is taken to address any issues.

The Committee's efforts will go a long way in promoting accountability and transparency in the management of public funds, which is crucial for the country's development.



# ? Question Time

I call upon the Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport to provide a comprehensive list of all the stalled road projects across the country, including reasons for the delay in each project.

He has also requested details on all pending bills owed to road contractors in the country and an explanation of the measures in place to settle them, along with the status of payment for each of the bills.



Hon. Njuguna has further urged the ministry to explain the measures being taken to ensure that the stalled works resume, and all pending bills are immediately settled to facilitate the completion of the projects.

**Hon. John Njuguna,**  
Kiambaa Member of Parliament

I call upon the Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport to provide information on the total contract sum and contract period for the Mwingi-Slaughter House Road project.



He has also requested explanations for the causes of the delay in the completion of the road, including drainage works, access culverts, and reinstatement of services such as water pipes and street lights.

**Hon. Gideon Mulyungi,**  
Mwingi Central Member of Parliament

I requested the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration to provide information on the measures being taken to establish civil registration centers in every sub-county in the country. He has specifically requested information on Elwak and Kotulo Sub-Counties in Mandera South to ease access to civil registration services.



**Hon. Abdul Haro**  
Mandera South Member of Parliament

I call upon the Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport to explain the status of the remaining section of the Kibwezi-Kitui-Kabati-Migwani-Mbondoni Road, which is being upgraded to bitumen standard.

He has also requested information on when the construction of the road will be completed and measures put in place to ensure the project's completion without abandonment.



**Hon. Charles Ngusya**  
Mwingi West Member of Parliament

I call upon the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration to explain the shortage of birth registration materials (B1 forms) in health facilities across the country.



She has also requested information on why mothers in public hospitals, especially those on the National Government's Linda Mama Programme, are subjected to unnecessary detention after discharge as a result of unregistered births of their babies due to the shortage.

**Hon. Martha Wangari**  
Gilgil Member of Parliament

I urged the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration to explain the measures the Ministry has taken to address the emergence of criminal gangs or groups with terror links or affiliation with terror groups in the country.

He has also requested information on actions being taken against those facilitating or sponsoring such groups.

Hon. Gitari has further requested the strategies put in place to deal with criminal gangs known as the Wicame militia groups terrorizing residents in Kagumo Town and rampant insecurity in Kerugoya Town.

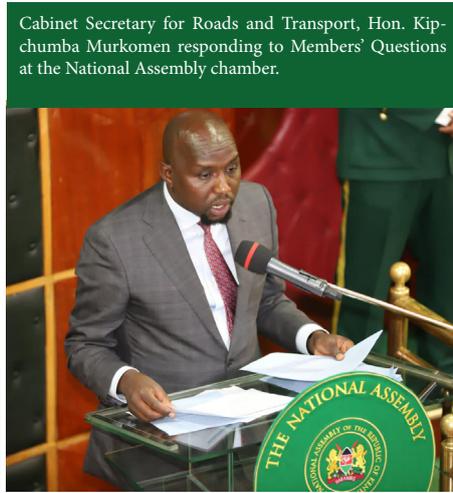


**Hon. Joseph Gitari**  
Kirinyaga Central Member of Parliament

# Clique & Clicks



Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Forestry, Hon. Soipan Tuyu responding to Members' Questions at the National Assembly chamber.

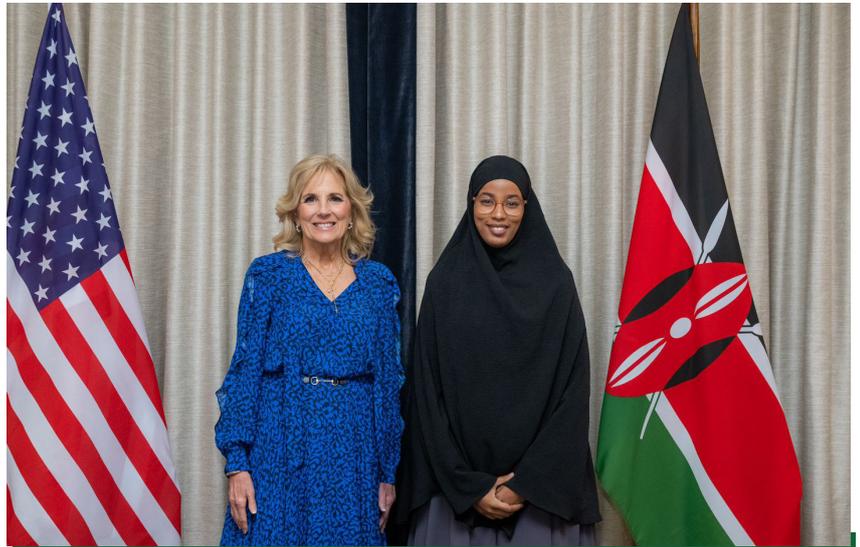


Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport, Hon. Kipchumba Murkomen responding to Members' Questions at the National Assembly chamber.



Trade, Industry & Cooperatives Committee pose for photo with a Delegation of the US Congressional Staff members after an in-depth meeting on US - Kenya Strategic Trade Investment Partnership

MP for Kajiado South, Hon. Sakimba Parashina gifting a delegate of US Finance Committee after a US - Kenya Strategic Trade Investment Partnership meeting.



Nominated MP representing the youth, Hon. Umulkher Harun Mohamed poses with the United States First Lady H.E. Jill Biden during her recent official visit to Kenya.

Bomet County MP Hon. Linet 'Toto' Chepkorir after meeting with Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection Hon. Florence Bore in her office last week.



**Honourable love:** For the first time, two sitting MPs will tie the knot. Mathira MP, Eric Wamumbi is set to tie the knot with Murang'a, County Member of Parliament Hon. Betty Maina.



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