



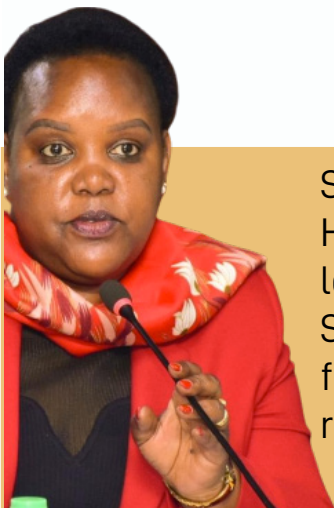
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House reprimands CS Labour for skipping Question Time

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Speaker of the National Assembly Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula (right) led the House in condemning Cabinet Secretary Hon. Florence Bore (left) for failure to appear before the Plenary to respond to questions by Members.



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Trade Committee probes agencies involved in the importation and disappearance of condemned sugar

The Departmental Committee on Trade, Industry, and Cooperatives in the National Assembly chaired by Hon. James Gakuya (Embakasi North), last week held a crucial meeting with Vinepack Limited and Assets & Cargo, the two companies implicated in the investigation surrounding condemned sugar that posed a significant health risk to Kenyans.

During the meeting, Mr. Peter Mwangi, the Director of Vinepack Limited, attempted to shed light on the company's involvement in the controversial sugar importation.

According to Mr. Mwangi, Vinepack Limited became aware of the business opportunity through an email from the Commissioner of Customs and Border Control, a department within

the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA).

The company then submitted an application, received approval, and paid the necessary taxes, including 16% VAT, 3.5% Import Declaration Fee, and 2% Railway Development Levy, amounting to over 4 million Kenyan shillings. Vinepack Limited then awaited the release of the sugar from the port.

Mr. Mwangi informed the Committee it took about a month-long wait in Mombasa as they sought approval to have the sugar released into ethanol.

During this period, a KRA employee allegedly informed him that the delay had been caused by a lawsuit filed against KRA by Galgamesh and Assets & Cargo, resulting to further delays in releasing the sug-

ar. According to Mr. Mwangi, the sugar was eventually released and transported to a warehouse in Thika, as Vinepack Industries' facility was already at full capacity.

Mr. Mwangi claimed he was present during the offloading of the sugar, and had witnessed the sealing of the warehouse by KRA officials. However, KRA employees provided vague responses regarding when the seals would be broken until May 3rd, when Mr. Mwangi received a phone call instructing him to visit the warehouse.

During a session that temporarily turned emotional, Mr. Mwangi described to the lawmakers how he passed out when he and the KRA officials opened the warehouse only to find it empty.

He tearfully recalled how after regaining consciousness, he found himself handcuffed, was beaten, and detained in Mombasa for over 56 hours without food or access to restroom facilities. Mr. Mwangi implored KRA to reveal the whereabouts of the missing sugar.

The legislators raised concerns about the lack of additional security measures at the premises and questioned why KRA, Vinepack Limited, and other relevant agencies had failed to ensure there was adequate security.



■ The Chairperson, Trade, Industry and Cooperatives, Hon. James Gakuya (Embakasi North) during the meeting.

House to consider Bill seeking to halt contracting of retirees in public service

The House is set to consider a Bill which seeks to bar the Public Service Commission (PSC) or any other appointing authority from engaging a person who has attained the age of sixty (60) years into public service.

The legislative proposal which is sponsored by Embakasi Central legislator Hon. Mejjadonk Benjamin Gathiru is seeking to amend Section 80 of the Public Service Act, 2023, by prescribing the retirement age of sixty years in the Act, as opposed to this age being prescribed in the regulations. Hon. Gathiru had introduced the Bill in the 12th Parliament but it was not processed during that Parliament's term hence the reintroduction. The legislator says the Bill is meant to increase the job vacancies available to Kenyan Citizens below the age of 60 years. The sponsor has however offered a reprieve to those cur-

rently engaged in Government service beyond the mandatory age. The Bill which Hon. Gathiru notes does not limit any fundamental rights and freedoms as provided under the Constitution, has under Clause 4 proposed that officers engaged by the PSC or any other appointing authority be allowed to complete their contracts. It also proposes to allow the Commission any other appointing authority a grace period to train officers for the necessary skills required by the organization.

"A public officer engaged for service by the Commission or any other appointing authority after attaining the mandatory retirement age before commencement of this Act shall serve for the remainder of the contract", reads a section of the Bill. The Bill comes in the wake of rising unemployment especially amongst the youth in the coun-



■ Embakasi Central MP Hon. Benjamin Gathiru Mejjadonk, the sponsor of the Public Service (Amendment) Bill.

try, which according to the Kenya Bureau of Statistics data currently stands at 4.9%. Last week, the Departmental Committee on Labour and Social Protection recommended the disapproval of a Presidential Nominee to the Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC) as she was above the mandatory retirement age for the PSC. The Committee noted that though Dr. Phyllis Waga-

cha held all the requisite qualifications for the position, at 75 years she was not suitable to represent the PSC at the SRC. Legislators noted that while the retirement age does not apply to State officers and Dr. Waga-cha has met both the academic qualifications and Chapter 6 requirements, it is necessary for the representative of the PSC to be below the mandatory retirement age.

Speaker Wetang'ula supports education initiative in collaboration with Safaricom M-PESA Foundation

National Assembly Speaker Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula has led the inauguration of the Naitiri Township Primary School.

Hon. Wetang'ula presided over the event in collaboration with the MPESA Foundation and Safaricom Foundation.

The school will receive a Kshs. 25 million grant to spearhead its operations, while Naitiri RC Primary School will be allocated 10 million shillings courtesy of Safaricom.

Hon. Wetang'ula urged all parents to embrace the profound significance of providing their children with not only education but one that meets the highest standards.

In Tongaren, 36 primary schools are currently housed in substandard mud and cow dung structures, which serve as a poignant reminder of the urgent need for substantial improvements in education within this Constituency, despite its rich

historical heritage.

"Creating an environment conducive to learning is vital in fostering a deep passion for knowledge among our young learners. Let us join forces to support this noble cause, as favorable circumstances will invigorate our children's thirst for learning and pave the way for remarkable intellectual growth," said Hon. Wetang'ula.

Hon. Wetang'ula said that as the agricultural powerhouse of Bungoma County, Tongaren deserves focused attention in infrastructure development, especially on road networks.

He assured the residents that he has made a commitment to ensure the speedy completion of the Turbo-Naitiri-Endebess road, as well as addressing other stalled road projects that hinder the region's progress.

The event was a pivotal moment



■ National Assembly Speaker Rt. Hon. Moses Wetang'ula together with Safaricom Foundation's, Ms. Karen Basiye, Director Sustainable Business and Social Impact during the launch of the Project.

to champion education as the cornerstone of societal progress. By investing collectively in the intellectual and infrastructural advancement of our cherished communities, we pave the way for a brighter and more prosperous future. In such a future, our children will thrive, becoming a source of inspiration for generations to come.

Education Committee advocates for collaborative approach in fight against exam cheating



■ Hon. Melly addressing journalists after the Committee met officials from CAK and DCI at a Nairobi Hotel.

The Education Committee of the National Assembly chaired by Hon. Julius Melly (Tinderet) is advocating for a comprehensive and collaborative approach to address exam cheating.

Following a meeting with representatives from the Communication Authority of Kenya (CAK) and the Directorate of Criminal Investigations

(DCI), the Committee Chairperson emphasized the importance of making every possible effort to combat this harmful practice.

"We will achieve victory in our battle against cheating in national exams if we join forces. We must not hesitate to confront this menace head-on," said Hon. Melly.

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Ezra Chiloba from the CAK and Director David Birech from the DCI presented their insights to the Committee.

Currently, the Committee is engaged in an investigation regarding the accusations of cheating that occurred during the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) examinations last year.

However, their responses to certain queries raised by Committee members were found to be insufficient.

Hon. Melly instructed both officials to appear before the Committee on Thursday, July 20, 2023 in order to provide detailed answers to the specific questions raised by the lawmakers.

"We need comprehensive and satisfactory responses from the CAK and the DCI, as they play pivotal roles in addressing the issue of exam cheating effectively," explained Melly.

Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Affairs Committee calls for enhanced collaboration at Kenya's Permanent Mission to UN-Habitat



■ **Members of the Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations Committee led by Hon. Elijah Memusi (session Chair) during the visit to Permanent Mission to the UN Habitat last week.**

The National Assembly's Defence, Intelligence, and Foreign Relations Committee recently visited Kenya's Permanent Mission to the United Nations Habitat in Nairobi. During the visit, the committee urged the mission to strengthen collaboration with state departments that handle projects in its areas of interest.

Led by Hon. Elijah Memusi (Kajiado-Central), who chaired the session, committee members conducted a site inspection of the Mission to assess the progress and challenges faced in the execution of its mandate.

They also sought to explore the opportunities available for the country through the Mission's

activities.

The primary focus of Kenya's Permanent Mission to UN-Habitat is to represent and advance Kenya's interests in the United Nations, with a particular emphasis on sustainable urbanization and human settlement issues.

During the visit, committee members raised concerns about sustainable and decent housing, as well as the proliferation of informal settlements in major urban centers across the country. Hon. Memusi specifically inquired about the mission's strategic plan to involve Parliament in drafting regulations similar to those in countries like South Africa.

"Have you thought of such a proposal and are there any plans to approach Parliament to draft such a regulation to handle challenges in emerging towns such as Kitengela?" posed Hon. Memusi

In response, the Permanent Representative to the Mission, Ambassador Jean Kimani, assured the committee that she and her technical team would

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work closely with Parliament to address the issue and other emerging challenges related to sustainable urbanization and human settlements.

Other issues discussed during the visit included efforts to rehabilitate the Nairobi River and concerns regarding human activities that hinder these rehabilitation efforts.

The committee members also had the opportunity to tour the facility, gaining further insight into the mission's operations.

In April of this year, the committee had previously visited Kenya's mission to the United Nations Office in Nairobi (UNON), showcasing their ongoing commitment to understanding and addressing Kenya's involvement in international affairs.

By fostering collaboration and addressing key issues, the Foreign Affairs Committee aims to ensure that Kenya's Permanent Mission to UN-Habitat effectively advances the country's interests and contributes to sustainable urbanization and human settlement development.

Kenya Railways Corporation faces scrutiny over the compensation process of Affected Persons in the Standard Gauge Railway project

House Committee raises concern about the verification and determination process of Project Affected Persons for the Standard Gauge Railway and the Meter Gauge Railway.

Under the chairmanship of Hon. Joash Nyamoko, Committee on Lands held a meeting with Mr. Philip Mainga, MD, Kenya Railways Corporation (KRC) regarding the status of compensation for Project Affected Persons (PAPs) in the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) project.

Lawmakers sought details on the number of beneficiaries from both the Meter Gauge Railway and the Standard Gauge Railways.

Specifically, the Committee Members requested a comprehensive list of PAPs who received compensation directly from the Railway Development Levy, without

the involvement of the National Land Commission. They also inquired about the due diligence conducted by the Corporation to ensure fair compensation for the PAPs who were paid directly.

During the session, the MD, Mr. Philip Mainga, provided the MPs with compensation schedules received from the National Land Commission. According to the documents presented, a total of Kshs 38.850 B was disbursed from the Railways Development Levy for compensation.

While making his responses, Mr. Mainga clarified that Kenya Railways Corporation is not directly involved in land valuation and identification of PAPs, as this is the role of the National Land Commission. The Corporation relies on the Commission to identify the PAPs, conduct valuations, and subsequently

disburses compensation funds to the Commission for distribution.

However, Members of the Committee raised alarm about the verification and determination process of PAPs, with MPs seeking clarification on whether due diligence was performed by the Corporation before disbursing funds to the National Land Commission. Mr. Maingi appeared uncertain about the specifics of the process and stated that the Corporation writes to the National Land Commission to account for the funds remitted via the Railways Development Levy.

During the session, MPs were astonished to learn that Kenya Railways Corporation had Kshs 8B allocated for compensation, yet they had not been informed about the specific individuals or entities to whom the payments should be made.

Cabinet Secretaries must prioritize their scheduled engagements with the House, Speaker Wetang'ula says



■ Cabinet Secretary for Water, Sanitation and Irrigation Hon. Alice Wahome when she appeared in the National Assembly last week to respond to Members' Questions.

The Speaker of the National Assembly Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula has asked Cabinet Secretaries to prioritize their scheduled appearances before the House as is expected of them by the Constitution.

While informing the House that he had received information relaying the unavailability of the Cabinet Secretary for Labour

and Social Welfare, Hon. Florence Bore, to appear before the House to respond to Members' questions, the Speaker noted that the letter which was signed on the day the CS was expected to appear was laced with a tinge of contempt for the House and the Members who had raised questions to the CS.

"Hon. Ichung'wah you need to

remind the minister of her responsibility under Article 153 of the Constitution. This House is the centre of the people's will and Ministers are accountable to the House and the words of the Constitution indicate they "shall" attend not may attend to the House", the Speaker held.

The CS was scheduled to appear alongside her counterparts; the Water, Sanitation and Irrigation CS, and the Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development CS.

However, the CS in a letter addressed to the Clerk of the National Assembly communicated to the House of her unavailability due to a prior National Industrial Training Authority (NITA) engagement in Mombasa.

Irked by the suggestion by the CS that she be rescheduled to this week, the Speaker further said that, only the House has the

mandate to schedule them to appear before the House, and not the reverse.

"No Minister comes to the House at a time of their choosing. They come to the House when the House has material for them to attend, to", the Speaker added.

Alongside the Speaker, the Leader of Majority Party, Hon. Kimani Ichungw'a and the Leader of Minority, Hon. Opiyo Wanjai also expressed displeasure over the failure by Hon. Bore to appear with the Leader of the Majority who is the link between the Executive and the National Assembly on the matter warning that the House would take stern action on any CS who chooses to prioritize any other business over the House.

Agriculture Committee makes bold recommendations in bid to revolutionise Kenya's ailing Sugar Industry

The Agriculture and Livestock Committee has recommended the introduction of a 4 percent Sugar Development Levy.

During a session led by Committee Chairperson Hon. Dr. John Kanyuithia Mutunga, (Tigania West) Constituency Members met representatives of the Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA) and the Sugar Directorate to discuss the Sugar Bill 2023.

Hon. (Dr.) Mutunga said the levy was critical to rescue the fortunes of cane farmers and millers.

"We need substantial reforms to rescue our sugar industry from its current state of disarray and bring prosperity to both farmers and millers," he said.

Central to the discussion was the proposal by the AFA to introduce a 4 percent Sugar Development Levy, which would provide much-needed support for cane development and the growth of the sugar sector.

The suggested distribution of the levy outlined ambitious al-

locations, including funds for cane development, research and training, sugar industry infrastructure, administration of board and strategic reserves, Outgrowers Associations, and factory rehabilitation and maintenance.

Regarding Management of the proposed Levy, Lawmakers recommended the reinstatement of the Kenya Sugar Board as a regulator for the sector while the Commodities Fund will oversee the management of the Sugar Development Levy.

This dual approach aims to streamline operations and restore confidence in the industry.

Following extensive public participation across the country, Members of the Committee noted that the primary concern expressed by farmers and millers was the need for increased investment in cane research and development, as the maturity age of cane was causing delays in production.

According to documents submit-



■ Members of the Agriculture and Livestock Committee Tigania West MP, Hon. Dr. John Mutunga, Hon. Sabina Chege and Borabu MP, Hon. Patrick Osero from Right.

ted by AFA, the local consumption of brown sugar is 900,000 metric tonnes, highlighting the importance of a thriving cane industry.

In a bid to boost local sugar production, legislators further proposed that 25% for Sugar Development Levy be used in cane development while 25 percent for funding research into improved cane seed varieties and training.

To protect the interests of farmers and millers against cane poaching, Members called for stricter regulations, standard-

ized contracts, and clear penalties for any violations. Currently, contracts between farmers and millers lack adequate penalties, making enforcement difficult.

The proposed legislation aims to rectify this situation and curb predatory behavior by millers.

During the meeting, Committee Members recommended the introduction of catchment areas, as suggested by the representatives of AFA, will encourage cane development and deter cane poaching.

PIC on Commercial Affairs and Energy summons KMA over financial reports for FY 2018/2019 to 2020/2021

The National Assembly Public Investment Committee on Commercial Affairs and Energy has summoned the Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA) management for a second time, to respond to questions arising after an examination of the reports of the Auditor General on their financial statements for Financial Years 2018/2019 to 2020/2021.

The Committee chaired by Hon. David Pkosing (Pokot South) raised issues with the irregular payment of sitting allowances to non-board members by KMA in the FY 2020/2021.

According to the Auditor General's report, three people who are not KMA's board members were paid sitting allowances to the tune of Kshs. 760,000 during a recruitment exercise conducted by the Board members.

"Kshs. 760,000 was paid to the parent ministry's staff, who were not gazetted Board members as sitting allowances during a recruitment exercise conducted by the board members. This is contrary to the State Corporations Advisory Committee Circular," part of the

Auditor's report read.

In his response John Oming'o the Ag, Director General KMA, told the Committee that the ministry staff who were paid the sitting allowances were offering technical assistance to the Board during the recruitment exercise.

With regard to the same payment, KMA also furnished the office of the Auditor General and the Committee with a letter of appointment of the three officers from the Ministry and the list of the officers who were paid.

Concerning the FY 2019/2020, KMA was tasked to table before the Committee a schedule of all creditors that had been cleared, and those still pending in their long outstanding creditors' list and the evidence of payment and bank statements showing proof of payment.



Public Investment Committee on Commercial Affairs and Energy chairman, Hon. David Pkosing (Pokot South) left and Hon. Mwangi Kiunjuri (Laikipia East) who is a member of the Committee during KMA appearance before it.

When it was time to scrutinize the financial report for FY 2018/2019, the Committee Members sought an explanation from KMA on why it had not started the process of recovery from the a firm contracted for

supply, review and installation of an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system despite non-performance of contractual obligation.

According to the Auditor General's report for the mentioned FY, the supplier of ERP claimed Kshs. 2, 275, 749 despite not meeting the contractual obligations.

This translates to 20 percent of the contract sum of Kshs. 11, 378, 743 which was payable after first project meeting, contract sign off and signing of the project charter.

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Devise more stringent measures to tame careless road users, urges Speaker Wetang'ula



Deputy President, H.E Rigathi Gachagua, National Assembly Speaker Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Roads and Transport, Sen. Kipchumba Murkomen and other national leaders on Tuesday during the memorial service and fundraising for victims of the Londiani accident.

Speaker Moses Wetang'ula raised concern about the rate at which horror accidents are happening in the country causing anguish and pain to many families.

The Speaker who was attending a prayer service for the victims

and survivors of the Londiani tragedy alongside other national leaders, urged motorists to be extra cautious while on the road to help avert such occurrences.

"I continue to urge motorists and all road users to exercise heightened vigilance and make

proper and timely decisions to avert causing pain and anguish of this magnitude", said Speaker Wetang'ula.

He called upon the Transport and Roads CS Kipchumba Murkomen to subject drivers in the country to a psychiatric test which he said will help rule out mental instability.

The Speaker further noted that it was time for Roads and Transport legislations to be reviewed and more stringent measures introduced on careless road users as a measure to curb the regular occurring horror accidents.

"As custodians of the legislative power, we in Parliament, vow to collaborate diligently with the Ministry of Roads and Transport in enacting stringent regulations that will forge a path towards enhanced road safety. It is our duty to strive towards a future where such calamities eliminated", said

Speaker Wetang'ula.

He emphasized that there is a critical need to realign current traffic laws into the realities of the Kenyan roads for effective use for safety.

Dr. Wetang'ula said that most accidents occur due to Human error which can be eliminated by adhering to Road and Transport rules and regulations. He further indicated that it was important to have two driver for the long-distance drivers to ensure that motorists do not get fatigued long their journeys hence preventing mishaps on roads.

The Speaker assured the victims of the accident of government support during their period of mourning for the loss of loved ones.

House Approves Kshs. 7 billion for KDF Peace-keeping Mission and Operations in neighbouring war-torn Countries

The National Assembly has approved regulations to provide for the National Peace Support Operations Fund to support Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) peace keeping mission and operations in war torn countries.

This is after the House adopted the Report of the Committee on Delegated Legislation on its consideration of the Public Finance Management (National Peace Support Operations Fund) Regulations, 2023 on Wednesday last week pursuant to the provisions of Section 24(4) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012.

The import and objective of the regulations is to create the National Peace Support Operations Fund into which the Kenya government is expected

to contribute Kshs. 1 billion and Ksh6 billion to be remitted from peace operations that Kenyan troops are participating in.

Currently, Kenya is contributing troops to the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) and to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

Ainabkoi MP Hon Samuel Chepkonga, who chairs the National Assembly Committee on Delegated Legislation said before the promulgation of these Regulations by the Cabinet Secretary of the National Treasury and Economic Planning, monies pursuant to the participation of our troops in various missions have always been paid to the Consolidated Fund.

"It has been very difficult for the Ministry of Defence to support the operations of our troops in those countries because we have to appropriate money paid to the Consolidated Fund to the peace missions we participate in," said Hon. Chepkonga as he moved the motion .

According to Hon. Chepkonga, it was agreed that a fund be created to

streamline this process, specifically to deal with the operations Kenyan troops participate in.

"Therefore, the Regulations put in place the National Peace Support Operations Fund so that the Government contributes or allocates Ksh1 billion to the Fund. Also, there will be an amount of Ksh6 billion received from the United Nations for the participation or salaries paid to our participating troops," added Chepkonga.

The Ainabkoi lawmaker reckoned that the fund is also to ensure the equipment the Kenya government supply to our troops is in working condition.

"Members may not be aware that most of the countries that have contributed troops to peace missions send brand new equipment together with their troops. One of the things the United Nations pays for is the equipment contributed to peace missions. If the equipment remains unserviceable, it will not be paid for the period in which it remains idle.



■ Ainabkoi MP Hon Samuel Chepkonga, who chairs the National Assembly Committee on Delegated Legislation.

Sports and Culture Committee calls on Bomas to explore ways of collaborating with tourists Hotels

The National Assembly's Sports and Culture Committee has urged the Bomas of Kenya board to forge partnerships with hotels, both locally and internationally, in a bid to enhance and promote the visibility of the Kenyan culture. The Committee believes that cultural tourism is key to ensuring that the centre becomes self-sustainable.

This call for collaboration follows the Committee's recent visit to the Bomas of Kenya cultural centre to assess the progress of its renovation. The previous House Committee on Sports, Tourism and Culture had flagged out the facility for its dilapidated state then. Many of the Members who are serving in the same Committee again in the thirteenth Parliament recalled being party to the resolution to allocate funds to support the restoration project during the budget process

in 2021/2022 Financial Year. During the inspection the lawmakers were full of praise and commended the Bomas of Kenya CEO, Mr. Peter Gitaa, for successfully revitalizing the centre and restoring it to its former glory. The legislators further stressed the significance of the centre in preserving Kenyan culture, noted that it plays a vital role in shaping the identity of the Kenyan people.

Hon. Jackson Kosgei (Nominated) posed some critical questions to the Bomas of Kenya board.

"How do you market yourself? Are you connected to the companies that host tourists? Are you integrated into the national marketing system? Are you aware that Bomas of Kenya serves as the gateway to experiencing the rich culture of our country?", he posed.



■ Members of the National Assembly's Sports and Culture Committee, led by the Vice Chair Hon. James Wamacukuru (Front Right) together with the Cabinet Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism and Culture Ms. Peninah Malonza (Centre) during the inspection tour of the Bomas of Kenya Cultural Centre in Langata Nairobi.

MUKURWE-INI CONSTITUENCY

Hon. Kaguchia partners with Kenya Commercial Bank Limited foundation to boost bursary kitty



Hon John Kaguchia signs an MOU with KCB Foundation that is set to officially launch the AKILI NI MALI program for the residents of Mukurwe-ini Constituency.

Mukurwe-ini Constituency MP, Hon. John Kaguchia, has partnered with KCB Foundation in a program dubbed, Shilingi

kwa Shilingi, that is aimed at increasing bursary kitty for the constituency. opportunities at a time when white collar jobs are scarcely available.

The arrangement will facilitate students who will be joining local polytechnics and colleges for short courses through the AKILI NI MALI program. Through this, youths will gain technical skills that will empower them to create job

According to the MP, the program is aimed at supporting over 1000 students to undertake courses in various technical fields including; masonry, plumbing, catering, Driving, electrical works, and tailoring amongst others.

UASIN GISHU COUNTY

Hon. Gladys Boss runs a free medical camp at Ainabkoi



Hon. Gladys Boss undergoes a Blood Pressure check-up during the medical camp.

Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly and the County MP for Uasin Gishu County Hon. Gladys Boss, held a free medical camp on 6th and 7th July at Plateau Mission Hospital in Kaptagat, Ainabkoi Constituency.

The medical camp was co-sponsored by Lions Club International and Gladys Boss Foundation.

Residents had an opportunity to get free check-ups on urology, consultations on general medical conditions, free eye screening and mental health condition checkups.

NAROK COUNTY

Narok County MP celebrates students exam success

Narok County MP, Hon. Rebecca Tonkei, recently joined the teaching fraternity, pupils and parents from Enoosagami Primary school in Melelo Ward, Narok South Constituency to celebrate their consistent exemplary results. Hon. Tonkei also distributed free sanitary pads with the aim of increasing girls' access to education as part of her "Tusome, Tujijenge" programme. The programme which will cut across the vast county is meant to motivate school going students on the importance of



Hon. Rebecca Tonkei, Narok County MP planting a tree with students from Enoosagami Primary school

education and proper career choices.

"The goal of education is not to increase the amount of knowledge but to create the possibilities for a child to invent and discover, to create men and women who are capable of doing new things," she added.

In attendance were; Kitilai Ntutu (Narok South Mp), Area MCA Mr. Sulunye among others.

KIMILILI CONSTITUENCY

Hon. Barasa hands over Kimilili ICT center and community library

Residents of Kimilili Constituency can now embrace the boundless opportunities offered by the digital age, thanks to the area MP, Hon. Didmus Barasa who launched an ICT center and community library.

"This new chapter signifies a new journey towards self-empowerment and sustainable development." Said Hon. Barasa.

Speaking during the handover ceremony, the area MP further added that the center will act as a catalyst for change and it will foster a brighter future for generations to come.



Hon. Didmus Barasa poses for a photo with residents in his constituency.

MBEERE SOUTH CONSTITUENCY

Mbeere South MP launches last mile connectivity project



Hon. Nebart Muriuki with residents of Mbeere South during the launch.

Mbeere South MP Hon. Nebart Muriuki recently launched Kenya Power and Lighting Company's (KPLC) Last Mile Connectivity project for his Constituency in a public participation exercise with the residents of Nguru Village, Gataka Nyangwa Sub-location in Mavuria Ward.

The transformers will serve all the residents within a 600 meter radius. Hon. Muriuki aims at having the transformers installed in the whole Constituency in the near future.

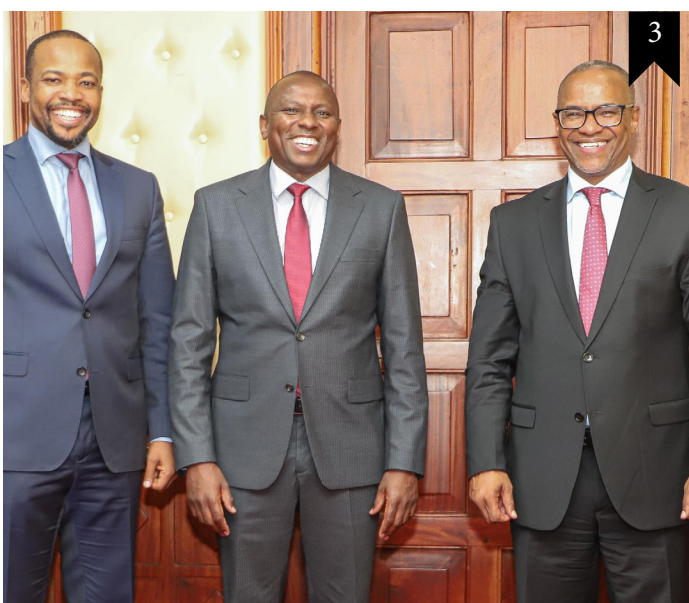
"Having electricity in our homes helps to improve the standards of living, boosts our economy as people are able to run small businesses, provides an alternative source of clean energy in our cooking and lighting, improves security and makes it easy for our kids to study at night." Said Hon. Muriuki.



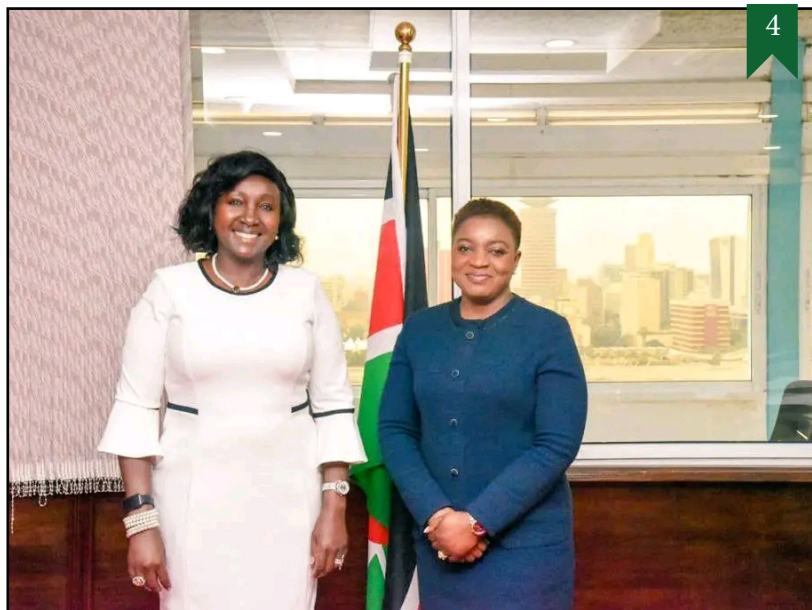
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1 Members of the Kenya Disability Parliamentary Association (KEDIPA) during a Press Conference at Parliament Buildings, where they expressed dissatisfaction over the slow issuance of visas to deaf sports persons, seeking to represent Kenya in the World Deaf Handball Championships in Copenhagen, Denmark.

2 Members of the Departmental Committee on Lands, during a meeting with Mr. Philip Mainga, MD, Kenya Railways Corporation (KRC) regarding the status of compensation for Project Affected Persons (PAPs) in the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) project.

3 The Leader of the Majority Party Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Centre) meets with the CS, Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development Mr. Zachary Njeru (right) and the Principal Secretary, State Department of Lands, Hon. Nixon Korir in his office after the CS's Question Time on Wednesday. (Photo courtesy: LoM's Office).

4 The Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly Hon. Gladys Boss poses for a photo with the Cabinet Secretary (CS) for Health Hon. Susan Nakhumicha. Hon. Boss had paid a courtesy call on the CS.

Kiharu MP Hon. Ndindi Nyoro (right) is gifted a football jersey by Murang'a Seals Football Club, the newest entrant into the Kenyan Premier League (KPL). The legislator together with his friends gifted the team with Kshs. 1 million following their elevation and for beating Shabana FC 2 - 1 recently. Photo: Courtesy/Ndindi Nyoro

Policy and funding for sugarcane farming in the Country



~ Matungu MP Hon. Peter Nabulindo

THAT, aware that, commercial sugar cane production in Kenya was introduced in the early years of independence with an aim of eliminating dependence on sugar importation and contributing to economic transformation in the sugar belt and the country at large through agriculture; acknowledging that, at its pinnacle, the sugar industry significantly contributed to the country's National Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and became one of the largest employers which supported livelihoods of many Kenyans both directly and indirectly; concerned that, over the last 25 years, sugarcane farming particularly in Western Kenya has been declining significantly, thereby dipping sugar production from over 600,000 metric tonnes per year in the 1990s to less than 300,000 metric tonnes in recent years; noting that, the decline in sugarcane farming has forced local millers to operate far below their milling capacities and pushed

the country to over-rely on net importation of sugar, which negatively impacts on the balance of trade; noting that, the decline in sugar production is attributable to factors such as mismanagement, interference and unfair competition from cheap imported sugar; further concerned that, state-owned sugar millers like Mumias Sugar Company and Nzoia Sugar Company ceased milling while owing farmers hundreds of millions of shillings; appreciating that, the Government has been putting in place strategies, policies and regulations to define roles of millers and major players and stakeholders in the sugar industry in a bid to revamp the sector; concerned that, the acute shortage of sugarcane resulting from mass abandonment of sugarcane farming continues to roll back initiatives for reviving sugar milling; recognizing that, further investment in revamping sugar companies before reviving sugarcane farming would occasion loss of the invested public funds instead of yielding success; now therefore, this House resolves that, the National Government, through the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, reviews the sugar development policies to provide that every investor-miller sets aside definite funds for development of sugarcane farming, incentivizing farmers to embrace sugarcane growing and to enhance cane production in each of the respective.



~ Manderu South MP Hon. Abdul Haro

Development of a satellite-based climate change Monitoring policy

THAT, aware that, Article 43 of the Constitution as read together with section 9 of the Water Act, 2016 provide for the access to clean, safe and adequate water for all citizens; further aware that, access to water guarantees human and animal health, food security, clean and sustainable environment among other socioeconomic drivers; acknowledging that, with a population of nearly 53 million, about 28 million Kenyans lack access to safe water while 41 million lack access to improved sanitation; further acknowledging the rising water demand in the country and the growing water scarcity due to climate change, population growth, urbanization, water pollution, and poor management of water resources; noting that, the lack of clean, safe and adequate water affects economic activities, food security, education, and health and that the effects are especially evident in rural areas and urban slums; further noting that, with recurring drought, the country experiences acute water shortage resulting in loss of lives, livelihoods, as well as environmental degradation with arid and semi-arid (ASAL) areas being the most affected; recognizing that this has led to economic decline in these areas partly due to successive marginalization and or under investment in water; further recognizing that, during rainy seasons, these areas experience destructive immense surface water flow sometimes leading to flooding, and that with adequate supply of water, these ASAL areas can greatly contribute to food security, employment and wealth creation hence reduce poverty and accelerate national economic growth; this House therefore urges the National Government through the relevant Ministry, to- (i) institutionalize rainwater harvesting and storage in the country and particularly in the Arid and Semi-Arid areas; and (ii) develop an affirmative action programme for investment in water harvesting, purification, storage and distribution in the Arid and Semi-Arid areas.

Establishment of a science museum

THAT, aware that, Article 11(2)(b) of the Constitution provides that the government shall recognize the role of science and indigenous technologies in the development of the nation; further aware that the Vision 2030 provides for the integration of information, communication and technology in the country's transformative agenda; concerned that, there exists no science museum for consolidating indigenous scientific and technological innovations, training and research purposes in the East Africa Region; appreciating that, integration of science and technology would greatly enhance Kenya's economic and societal success; noting that there is potential for growth in the technology sector by establishing a science museum; further noting that, the informal science education plays a key role in the progression of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM);



~ Dagoretti South MP Hon. John Kiarie

acknowledging that science museums operate as the nexus between science practitioners, policy-makers and the public; cognizant of the fact that, a science museum in the country would greatly impact on the economy of the country in the quest to become an industrialized nation; now therefore, this House resolves that, the national Government through the relevant Ministries establishes and operationalizes a science museum in the country.

Bunge Men's Basketball Team Emerges Champions of Multi-Sports Corporate Basketball Tournament

The Kenya National Assembly Men's Basketball team, are the current champions of the just concluded Multi-Sports Corporate Basketball Tournament organized by Impel Sports.

The team's officials presented their winners trophy to Mr. Samuel Njoroge, the Clerk of the National Assembly at his office at Parliament Buildings.

The Clerk lauded the team for the victory and for making Parliament proud.

The team recently beat the runners-up, the National Bank of Kenya, in a hotly contested match that was played at Railways Training Institute in South B, Nairobi to bag the trophy.

Bunge Basketball Team head coach Jeniffer Injete said that the team's disciplined and hard work led to the victory.

"We have been practicing hard every Tuesday and Thursday at the Nyayo National Stadium on ball works and physical fitness; and that is how we ended up the Tournament champions!" She said.

The team is currently training for the upcoming East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) games, that will be held in Rwanda later this year.



A section of officials and players of the Bunge Men's Basketball team present the Trophy they won during the annual Impel basketball tournament at Railway Training Institute in South B Nairobi, to the Clerk of the National Assembly Mr. Samuel Njoroge in his office at Parliament Buildings.



REPUBLIC OF KENYA THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - SECOND SESSION

IN THE MATTER OF ARTICLE 118 (1)(b) OF THE CONSTITUTION
AND
IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF:

1. THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 3 OF 2023);
2. THE PARLIAMENTARY PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 5 OF 2023);
3. THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 6 OF 2023); AND
4. THE CROPS (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 8 OF 2023)

INVITATION TO SUBMIT MEMORANDA

WHEREAS, Article 118(1) (b) of the Constitution requires Parliament to facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of Parliament and its Committees and Standing Order 127(3) of the National Assembly Standing Orders requires House Committees considering Bills to facilitate public participation;

AND WHEREAS, the Wildlife Conservation and Management (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 3 of 2023); the Parliamentary Pensions (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 5 of 2023); the Public Service Commission (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 6 of 2023); and the Crops (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 8 of 2023) were read a First Time on **Wednesday, 5th July 2023** and thereafter referred to the relevant Departmental Committees for consideration and reporting to the House;

IT IS NOTIFIED that:

1. **The Wildlife Conservation and Management (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 3 of 2023)** is a Bill sponsored by the **Hon. Ruweida Mohamed Obo, MP** which seeks to amend the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act No. 47 of 2013 to include sharks, stone fish, whales and sting rays among the wildlife species in respect of which compensation as a result of death and injury may be paid. This will ensure that persons who live along water bodies are entitled to payment of compensation as a result of death and injury from the specified wildlife species.
2. **The Parliamentary Pensions (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 5 of 2023)** is a Bill sponsored by the **Hon. Makali Mulu, MP** which seeks to amend the Parliamentary Pensions Act, Cap. 196 to bring it into conformity with the provisions of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and provide for the Act to apply to Members of both Houses of Parliament. The Bill further seeks to bring Cap. 196 into conformity with the directions of the Salaries and Remuneration Commission as regards the retirement benefits due to Members of Parliament.
3. **The Public Service Commission (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 6 of 2023)** is a Bill sponsored by the **Hon. Benjamin G. Mwangi, MP** which seeks to amend the Public Service Commission Act, 2017 to prescribe the mandatory retirement age of sixty years in the Act. The amendments are meant to increase job vacancies to Kenyans below the age of sixty years. The Bill also seeks to address the issue of an officer acting in a position for more than six months.
4. **The Crops (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 8 of 2023)** is a Bill sponsored by the **Hon. Tandaza Kassim Sawa, MP** which seeks to amend the First Schedule to the Crops Act No. 16 of 2013 to include Achiote as a scheduled crop.

NOW THEREFORE, in compliance with Article 118(1) (b) of the Constitution and Standing Order 127(3) the Clerk of the National Assembly hereby invites the public and stakeholders to submit memoranda on the Bills to the respective Departmental Committees listed below:

	BILL	COMMITTEE
1	The Wildlife Conservation and Management (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 3 of 2023)	Tourism and Wildlife
2	The Parliamentary Pensions (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 5 of 2023)	Finance and National Planning
3	The Public Service Commission (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 6 of 2023)	Labour
4	The Crops (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 8 of 2023)	Agriculture and Livestock

Copies of the Bills are available at the National Assembly Table Office, Main Parliament Buildings or on www.parliament.go.ke/the-national-assembly/house-business/bills.

The memoranda may be forwarded to **the Clerk of the National Assembly, P.O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi; hand-delivered to the Office of the Clerk, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi; or** emailed to cna@parliament.go.ke to be received on or before **Friday, 21st July 2023 at 5.00 p.m.**

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