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## Health Committee opens probe into National Hospital Insurance Fund amidst claims of conspiracy between fund officials and private health facilities



■ Hon. (Dr.) Robert Pukose, who chairs the National Assembly Departmental Committee on Health flanked by his Vice-Chairperson Hon. Patrick Munene (Chuka/Igambang'ombe) during a meeting with top officials of the National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF) at Parliament Buildings.

The Departmental Committee on Health of the National Assembly is set to launch a public inquiry into fraudulent activities at the National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF).

Wide spread allegations of collusion between NHIF officials and private healthcare facilities to defraud the national insurer have

prompted this investigation.

Speaking on Tuesday after an interactive meeting with top management at the National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF), Endeless MP Robert Pukose expressed concern over prevalent claims that high-ranking NHIF management is involved with unscrupulous hospitals in

defrauding the fund through unsubstantiated and fictitious claims.

According to Hon. Pukose, the only way to salvage the deteriorating state of the fund is to launch a comprehensive investigation that may result in significant personnel changes at the NHIF.

“We, as a committee, cannot turn a blind eye to the misappropriation of public resources within NHIF. The only path to uncover the truth behind the NHIF crisis is through a public inquiry,” stated Hon. Pukose, who chairs the committee.

He further added, “Next week, we will convene to establish the terms of reference for the inquiry and invite all relevant stakeholders to present their knowledge of the situation at NHIF.”

The 15 member committee will also explore the preferential treatment given to privately-owned healthcare facilities at the expense of public health institutions.

“It is inconceivable that a private hospital could perform more surgeries than renowned institutions such as Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH) and Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital (MTRH), let alone both combined. Clearly, these claims are baseless,” remarked Moyale MP Prof. Guyo Waqo Jaldesa.

Supporting the proposal for a public inquiry, Mogotio MP Hon. Reuben Kiborek acknowledged that fraudulent activities at the NHIF have persisted throughout history and have been shielded by a covert arrangement wherein NHIF branch managers shield the higher-ups at the headquarters.

## Justice and Legal Affairs Committee holds public hearings on the management and regulation of conflict of interest in Public Service



■ Tharaka MP and Chairperson of the Justice and Legal Affairs Committee (JLAC) Hon. George Gitonga Murugara (Left) alongside Kibwezi West MP and Vice-Chairperson of JLAC Hon. Mwangi Mutuse (Right) during the Public Hearings.

The Justice and Legal Affairs Committee chaired by Hon. George Gitonga Murugara (Tharaka) has held public hearings on the Conflict of Interest Bill, 2023, that is sponsored by the Leader of Majority Party Hon. Kimani Ichung’wah (Kikuyu).

The Bill is seeking for an Act of Parliament to provide for the management and regulation of

conflict of interest in the discharge of official duties and connected purposes.

The Judiciary, while appearing before the Committee raised concerns on Clauses 5 and 6 which are giving the administration of the proposals exclusively to the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC). It noted that this is limiting the management of these provisions to EACC and takes away the constitutional functions of the Judicial Service Commission (JSC) and it offends the various provisions of the Constitution including article 1, 159, 172 and 249.

EACC supported the proposed law, stating that it will go a long way to augment the fight against corruption. They however, proposed a saving Clause for the Codes of Conduct and Ethics, developed pursuant to Sections 5 and 6 of the Public Officer Ethics Act, as Section 58 of the Bill seeks to repeal the Public Officer Ethics Act.

On their part, Law Society of Kenya (LSK) raised a concern with Section 32(1) on the one-year prior to appointment timeline for declaration relating to any financial affairs, arguing that one year is too short and is not

sufficient to determine the financial liquidity of a person. The association recommends the section to be amended to three or five years.

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecution (ODPP) proposed an insertion of a saving and transitional provision for Clause 42 of the Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Act (ACECA) which is proposed to be repealed by Clause 19 of the Conflict of Interest Bill, because there are ongoing investigations and cases pending before court, where persons have been charged or are being investigated under Section 42 of the ACECA.

Transparency International Kenya supported the Bill noting that Conflict of Interest Legislation in Kenya is essential for upholding good governance, promoting ethical conduct and safeguarding the public interest, ultimately contributing to the country’s development and the well-being of citizens. They proposed an inclusion of a definition of a “whistle blower”, taking note that there is a pending legislation on the Whistleblower Protection Bill 2021 in Parliament which would also be important to bolster the fight against corruption.

## Speaker Wetang'ula hosts South Africa multi-party Chief Whips' Forum

The Speaker of the National Assembly, Hon. Moses Wetang'ula last week met the Multi-Party Chief Whips' Forum from the National Assembly of South Africa led by Hon. Pemmy Majodina, MP, Chief Whip of the Majority Party (ANC).

The team was accompanied by His Excellency Mr. Mniwa Johannes Mahlangu, the High Commissioner of the Republic of South Africa to Kenya. The delegation is on a benchmarking tour to the Parliament of Kenya.

The Multi-Party Chief Whip's Forum is in Kenya to benchmark and share best experiences from the Parliament of Kenya. The forum is also keen to acquaint itself with the workings of the National Assembly and how the party coalitions function within the framework of the Political Parties Act.

The Hon. Speaker welcomed them to Parliament and shared a brief history of the journey of the struggle for liberation in fighting for the independence of Parliament.

"When I first came here in 1993, Parliament was an extension of the office of the President. The President could recall and dissolve Parliament anytime," said Hon. Wetang'ula.

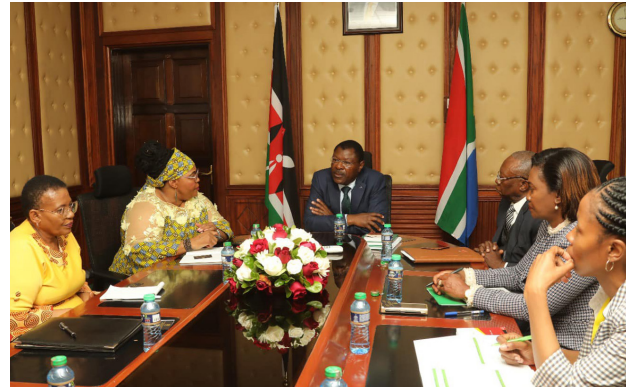
Hon. Pemmy Majodina said one of the most

notable differences between Kenya and South Africa is in the appointment of the entire Cabinet from outside Parliament. In the Republic of South Africa, the president can only appoint a maximum of four ministers outside Parliament. The president and the Vice President appear quarterly before the National Assembly to respond to Members questions as part of accountability.

They also noted that while Kenya holds a General Election of all elective positions after five years at a go, elections in South Africa are held after two and a half years and in split groups.

The Delegation further pointed the voting of clause by clause in the Committee of the whole House. They said in their case the House just votes for the report while the clause-by-clause voting is dealt with at the Committee level before it is brought to the house as a report.

The Speaker appreciated the cordial bilateral relationship shared with the Republic of South Africa. Given that Kenya and the Republic of South Africa subscribe to the Commonwealth system with regard to values and principles of governance, they have a lot to share.



■ Hon. Pemmy Majodina, MP, Chief Whip of the Majority Party (ANC) With National Assembly Speaker, Right Honourable (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula at Parliament Buildings.

## House adjourns normal business to discuss recent terrorist attacks in the Country



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This followed the passage of a motion for adjournment to discuss the matter, raised by Nandi Hills legislator Benard Kitur.

In the motion, Hon. Kitur, cited recent attacks in Lamu and Garissa Counties that had resulted in deaths of residents and even security personnel.

"About five lives of locals and two officers

of the Kenya Defence Forces lost their lives due to the attacks while several others suffered injuries of varying degrees...

It is against this backdrop that I seek leave for adjournment of the House to discuss this matter of great national concern," said Hon. Kitur.

During the debate Members said the spate of attacks necessitates urgent action by the relevant agencies to prevent further loss of life.

Members also said there was need for the

Unconfirmed reports indicate that five local residents and two officers attached to the Kenya Defence Forces lost their lives due to the attacks, while several others suffered injuries of varying degrees. *~Hon. Kitur*

security agencies to be facilitated with modern equipment including better armoured personnel carriers to minimize attacks. MPs said the attacks had ignited fear among residents, and created anxiety especially among parents over the safety of school going children.

The Defence Intelligence and Foreign Relations Committee is scheduled to meet Defence Cabinet Secretary Hon. Aden Duale to probe him on the matter, and other related issues.

Earlier this week, Members of the Committee also raised concerns about the issue in separate meetings with the top Military brass in the Kenya Army and in the Airforce. During the meetings, the Military Commanders rooted for better facilitation and enhanced budgetary allocation to fully meet their obligations.

In the current financial year the Budgetary allocation for the Defence Ministry was enhanced by Kshs. 1.7 Billion, to deal with among other issues recruitment of additional personnel, which has been pending for a while since suspension of the activity after the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic.

# Kenya Meat Commission on track towards commercial viability ; Agriculture and Livestock Committee told



■ **Members of the Agriculture and Livestock Committee keenly observing the meat packaging process at the KMC plant in Kibarani, Mombasa County.**

In a recent inspection visit to the Kenya Meat Commission (KMC) Facility in Kibarani, Mombasa, the National Assembly Committee on Agriculture and Livestock, chaired by Hon. Dr. John Mutunga, met with Managing Commissioner Brigadier J.N. Githaiga. The committee, responsible for budget oversight, delved into detailed discussions regarding the state corporation's

operations, assets, and finances.

During the visit, the Committee Members had the opportunity to tour the refurbished meat processing plant, which currently handles 250 large stock and 500 small stock per day. They also examined the chilling facilities, which can accommodate 1750 animals operating at temperatures ranging between 0 and 2 degrees Celsius.

Lawmakers were provided with insights into KMC's strategic plan by Managing Commissioner J.N. Githaiga, who highlighted the company's ongoing efforts to enhance its operations. A notable development revealed during the visit was KMC's intention to introduce sausages to Kenyan supermarkets, thereby expanding its product range.

Brigadier J.N. Githaiga emphasized KMC's unrivaled efficiency of its meat processing plants, along with its ability to process high volumes of quality meat in line with consumer tastes and preferences.

Documents before the Committee revealed that KMC had been allocated Ksh 200 million in funds, which will be utilized for rehabilitating the canning line, installing a new borehole, establishing a water recycling plant, and developing renewable energy sources like solar and biogas production. Additionally, KMC aims to obtain ISO certification to bolster its credibility and competitiveness in the market.

Regarding the question of KMC's commercial viability, Hon. Monica Marubu, MP of Lamu County, inquired about the progress made in reducing reliance on government funding. Brigadier Githaiga informed the committee members that KMC

has been gradually decreasing its dependence on government funding, with 70% of its resources now being internally generated. The company plans to further diversify its revenue streams through exports, franchise shops, and partnerships within the hotel and tourism industry.

However, despite its positive trajectory, KMC faces a number of challenges that need to be addressed for sustained commercial viability. The company grapples with aging machinery and equipment, negatively impacting its productivity and efficiency. Furthermore, drought conditions have affected the supply of animals for processing, and delayed payments from government agencies have created cash flow challenges. Additionally, land disputes and limitations in international certification have hindered the exploration of untapped export markets.



■ **Members of the Agriculture and Livestock Committee led by Hon. Dr. John Mutunga Chair (centre) posing for a group photo with the management of Kenya Meat Commission.**

## Housing Committee conducts site visit of projects in Mombasa County

Housing, Urban Planning and Public Works Committee, chaired by Hon. Johanna Ngeno (Emurua Dikirr) conducted inspection visits of Buxton point and National Housing Corporation (NHC) projects in Changamwe and Shimo la Tewa Prison, last week.

Accompanying the Committee during the inspections were the Cabinet Secretary for Lands, Housing and Urban Development, Mr. Zachariah Mwangi, the Principal Secretary for Public Works, Mr. Joel Arumonang and officials from NHC.

These site inspections play a crucial role in evaluating the Ministry's performance in implementing such projects nationwide as part of the government's ambitious affordable housing program. By monitoring the progress of these projects, lawmakers aim to ensure the effective utilization of public funds, which will be contributed by Kenyans through the newly introduced 1.5% housing tax.



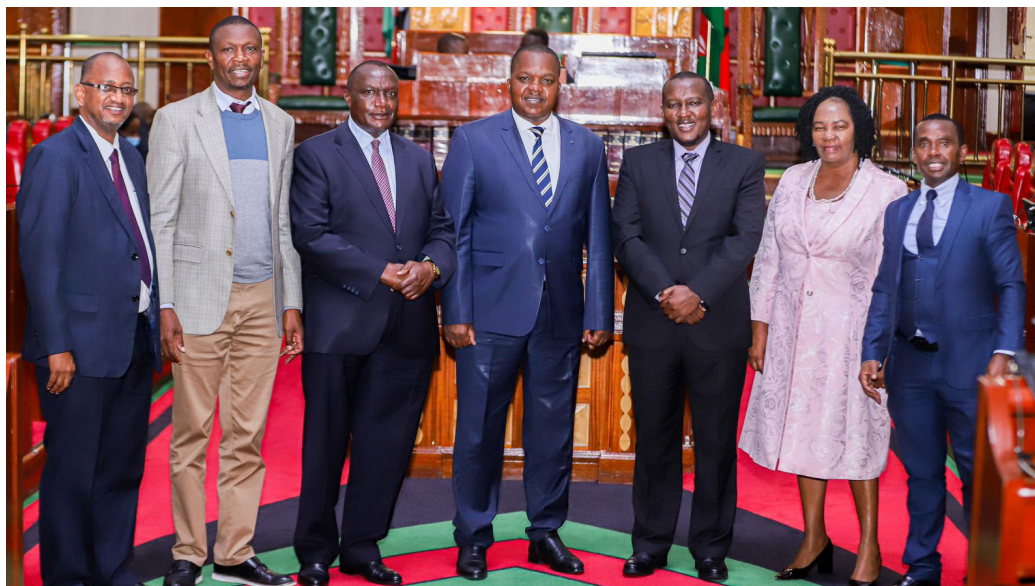
■ **Housing Committee together with the CS for Lands, Public Works, Housing & Urban Development, Mr. Zacharia Mwangi being briefed on the buxton housing project in mombasa.**

Impressed by the achievement and quality standards of the Buxton Point project, Lawmakers commended the government's vision to address the affordable housing challenge in the country.

Buxton Point, a modern and affordable housing project in Mombasa, is being developed through a partnership between GulfCap Real Estate and the County Government of Mombasa. It is one of the largest affordable housing initiatives in Kenya, comprising 2,000 housing and commercial units. The apartment options include one-bedroom, two-bedroom, and three-bedroom units, while commercial spaces start at 20 square meters.

"We are exploring ways to collaborate with county governments and private developers to create job opportunities for the unemployed and provide housing for those at the lower end of the socioeconomic spectrum," stated Ngeno, emphasizing the government's commitment to addressing these pressing issues.

# Petitions Committee calls for expansion of Hola Town and restoration of irrigation scheme



The Public Petitions Committee together with the Principal Secretary of Irrigation, Mr Ephantus Kimotho after a fruitful meeting regarding the de-gazettement of Hola Irrigation Scheme.

The National Assembly's Public Petitions Committee convened meeting, bringing together key stakeholders to discuss petition regarding the de-gazettement of 2000 acres of the Hola Irrigation Scheme.

The meeting saw the participation of Mr. Ephantus Kimotho, Principal Secretary (PS) of Irrigation, and Mr.

Charles Muasya, Acting CEO of the National Irrigation Authority (NIA), reflecting the Government's commitment to addressing the petition's concerns and fostering collaborative efforts for the expansion of Hola town.

The petition was filed with the intention of facilitating the growth of Hola town and the County headquarters, culminating in a

multi-agency team led by the County Commissioner who's primary objective is to compile a comprehensive report that not only addresses the future development of the town but also tackles the issue of encroachment on the Irrigation Scheme by local community members.

During the meeting, Hon. Nimrod Mbai (Kitui East), who

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led the Committee, raised pertinent questions regarding the Ministry's prolonged delay in taking decisive action on the petition, which has been ongoing for over a decade. In response, the Principal Secretary (PS) shed light on the main obstacle impeding progress—the challenge of identifying a specific parcel of land for de-gazettement due to the involvement of multiple agencies. This complexity has made effective oversight from the Ministry a formidable task.

Expressing gratitude for the National Irrigation Authority's commitment to de-gazette 2000 acres of the Hola Irrigation Scheme, Hon. Mbai emphasized the importance of optimizing the remaining 7000 acres, which are currently underutilized. He stated, "We are glad that the National Irrigation Authority has agreed to allocate 2000 acres for the community. If we can cultivate the rest of the land, Hola has the potential to become a significant source of food for the nation."

In his concluding remarks, Mr. Kamotho reaffirmed the Ministry's dedication to collaborating with the county, emphasizing the creation of a comprehensive spatial plan for the region.

# Kangema MP, Hon. Kihungi pushes for National Government control of village polytechnics to boost youth employment opportunities



Kangema MP Hon. Peter Kihungi while attending a session of the National Assembly Public Investments Committee on Commercial Affairs and Energy at parliament Buildings.

Kangema MP, Hon. Peter Kihungi, is advocating for a revision of the law to transfer the management of village polytechnics to the National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF).

Currently, as per the fourth schedule of the new Constitution, which outlines the distribution of responsibilities between the National Government and County Governments, pre-primary education, village polytechnics, home craft centers, and childcare facilities fall under the jurisdiction of county governments.

"I also endorse the notion that NG-CDF should take the lead in overseeing polytechnics. Constituencies have numerous polytechnics, but due to the current county structure, the counties are unable to enhance the infrastructure and consequently fail to utilize them," Hon. Kihungi said during the debate on audited accounts for (NG-CDF).

Hon. Kihungi proposed that if county governments agree to amend the legislation to transfer the management of polytechnics from county to national level and allow NG-CDF to oversee their operations, polytechnics would be effectively utilized.

"Our young people would then have the opportunity to benefit from these institutions by applying for on-line jobs," he added.

He suggested that the Government only needs to equip the polytechnics with computers and provide training to the students.

"County governments have not effectively utilized the potential of polytechnics. Therefore, I propose that polytechnics and

TVETs be jointly placed under the national government, with the NG-CDF funding the necessary infrastructure, including computer facilities," he emphasized.

According to Hon. Kihungi, this initiative by the national government would generate online employment opportunities and enable the youth to secure jobs in large numbers.

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# Lands Committee promises swift action on land dispute between Kandara Residents and Del Monte Kenya Limited

In a bid to address a longstanding land dispute between the Kandara Residents Association and Del Monte Kenya Limited, the Committee on Lands, chaired by Hon. Joash Nyamoko convened a Kandara Residents Association which represents residents from Murang'a and Kiambu Counties.

The Association comprises individuals who claim to have suffered historical land injustices and atrocities allegedly committed by Del Monte Kenya Limited.

During the meeting, Mr. Geoffrey Kairu, the Secretary General of the Association, presented documents prepared by Real Plan Consultants, outlining the land parcels claimed and occupied by Del Monte.

These documents were submitted as part of a complaint filed with the National Land Commission in 2019.

However, the implementation of the Commission's recommendations has been delayed, prompting Mr. Philip Njuguna to present a petition to the House on behalf of the Kandara Resident Association, alleging irregular renewal of leases held by Del Monte Kenya Limited.

According to the petition, the residents claimed to be the original owners of the land, which was unlawfully taken from them and leased to Del Monte Kenya Limited.

Additionally, they accused the County



■ North Mungirango MP Hon. Joash Nyamoko (Right) and Nairobi County MP Hon. Esther Passaris, during a meeting with Kandara Residents Association.

Government of Murang'a of renewing the company's leases without public involvement, in violation of Section 13 of the Land Act, 2012. Upon scrutiny of the submitted documents, the Committee discovered that 4,843 acres of land in Murang'a County and 2,696 acres of land in Kiambu County had been reverted back to the respective counties.

Mr. Kairu emphasized the disadvantaged economic situation of the Kandara residents, explaining that they lacked the means to defend themselves. He claimed that Del Monte currently occupies 7,400 acres of land belonging to the government.

It was revealed that the previous Committee on Lands during

the 12th Parliament had also investigated the Kandara land issue.

Members of the Committee later engaged in a fact finding mission to Kandara accompanied by the National Land Commission to meet with representatives of Del Monte Limited and Kandara residents Association.

# Defence Committee inspects works at Defence Headquarters

The National Assembly Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations has inspected the Officer's mess at the National Defence Headquarters.

Led by Committee Chair Hon. Nelson Koech Members were informed that extension and renovations works at the facility had been completed, and that it was already in use.

The Mess constructed at an estimated cost of Kshs. 159.8 Million, is a recreational facility for Officers; as part of Ministry's efforts to develop and strengthen the moral component of Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) troops which is fundamental to overall Military Success.

During the meeting Members inquired into other Defence related issues facing the nation including recent resurgence of terrorist attacks in parts of the Country.

Hon. Koech told the KDF team that the Committee would support KDF efforts to acquire modern equipment in addition to purchase of more armored personnel carriers to minimize attacks on Kenyan

troops.

"In fact the Ministry of Defence is among the few which in the next financial year budget had it's allocation enhanced to deal with these challenges and recruitment of more personnel," said Hon. Koech.

Members said it was necessary for the Defence Ministry to extend it's Corporate Social Responsibility activities beyond their operational zones to fully benefit Kenyans across the Country.

The Committee also visited the Kenya Airforce Headquarters, at the Moi Airbase in Eastleigh to assess it's operational status.

During the visit, Kenya Airforce Commander Major General John Omenda, also took Members on a guided tour of the facility, as he also explained key challenges hampering their full delivery of Air Defence needs of the Country.

Hon. Koech emphasized the importance of Air Defence as a critical component in keeping Kenya safe from any external aggression.

"This is a very important entity and I can

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assure you that this Committee will do it's best to support you," said Hon. Koech.

The Committee is due to draft Reports on the two visits, detailing their findings from the site inspection tours.



■ National Assembly Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations Committee Chair Hon. Nelson Koech flanked by Kenya Army Commander Lt Gen. Peter Njiru during a visit by Members to Officers Mess at Defence Headquarters.

# Public Debt and Privatization Committee apprised on the Supplementary Estimates II for Financial Year 2022/23

Following submission of the Supplementary Estimates II for the Financial Year 2022/23 to the National Assembly on 14th June 2023, and according to Standing Order 207(A), the Public Debt and Privatization Committee is considering the Consolidated Fund Service Expenditures and submitting a report to the House.

In a meeting chaired by Balambala MP Hon. Abdi Shurie, lawmakers'

scrutinized a report presented by the Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO).

According to the report, the Consolidated Fund Services (CFS) Expenditures for FY 2022/23 are expected to increase by Kshs. 24.78 billion, from Kshs. 1.552 trillion to Kshs. 1.577 trillion, from the revised Supplementary I Estimates. This is due to an increase of Kshs. 7.04 billion and Kshs. 17.02 billion in public debt

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interest and redemption payment respectively. In addition to that, PBO noted that there is also an increase of Kshs. 1.43 billion in guaranteed debt payment from Kshs. 14.68 billion to Kshs. 16.1 billion.

Nevertheless, there is a marginal decline in salaries and allowances for Constitutional office holders by Kshs. 707 million which is a 15 percent drop, from Kshs. 4.62 billion to Kshs. 3.92 billion. However, this decline is temporary as it is projected to increase in the FY 2023/24 to Kshs. 4.73 billion.

Salaries for Constitutional office holders are a direct charge on the Consolidated Fund, as provided for in the Constitution and various Acts of Parliament.

Further, the Public Debt Service is expected to increase by Kshs. 24.06 billion from Kshs. 1.361 billion to Kshs. 1.385 billion which represents



**Balambala MP and Chairperson of the Public Debt and Privatization Committee Hon. Abdi Shurie (right) alongside the Vice-Chairperson Kitui Central MP Hon. (Dr) Makali Mulu, during the meeting**

a 2% increase from the Revised Estimates I for FY 2022/23. The increase is mainly driven by an increase of Kshs. 16.50 billion in external interest from Kshs. 138.44 billion to Kshs. 154.94 billion, an increase in domestic debt redemption by Kshs. 6.28 billion from Kshs. 461.41 billion to Kshs. 467.69 billion, and an increase in external debt redemption by Kshs. 10.74 billion.

The Domestic debt interest is set to decline by Kshs. 9.45 billion from Kshs. 537.38 billion to Kshs. 527.93 billion. The decline is occasioned by a decline in new loans interest by Kshs. 11.3 billion, from Kshs. 11.4 billion to Kshs. 110 million.

The CFS Expenditures are mandatory expenditures that the Constitution and various Acts of Parliament exclude from the Appropriations Act, and are therefore a direct charge to the Consolidated Fund.



**Members of the Public Debt and Privatization Committee led by their Chairperson Balambala MP Hon. Abdi Shurie (left), during the meeting.**

## Audit Committee raises concerns over unsupported transactions at Communications Authority of Kenya

The National Assembly's Public Investments Committee on Social Services, Administration and Agriculture last week queried Communication Authority Kenya (CA) over questions raised by the Auditor General on the authority's books of accounts for the Financial Year ended June 2018.

The audit Committee chaired by Hon. Emmanuel Wangwe (Navakholo) took CA, led by their Director General Ezra Chiloba, to task for failing to provide documents to back the transfer of assets worth Ksh.156.5 million which have not been traced.

Mr. Chiloba's team was also questioned over the differences in financial transactions records amounting to Ksh.26.8 million.

The Committee also demanded the tabling of the contracts for construction of Kitale Station land boundary wall at a cost of Ksh.41.8 million, repairs of Kitale Station boundary wall at Ksh.26.49 million and refurbishment of WIP buildings at CA headquarters at a cost of Ksh.2.38 million.



**Hon. Emmanuel Wangwe (Nabakholo) Chairing the Committee's audit sitting with the CAK boss, Mr. Chiloba**

**"Why did CA use such an amount of money on renovations when the same can put up a new building for a headquarter?"**

Caleb Amisi, the Committee vice chairperson, and Saboti MP asked.

In his response, Mr. Chiloba told the Committee that the refurbishment of the CA Centre in Nairobi Westlands area was done at a cost of Ksh.111,919,277 and will be furnishing the Committee with contract documents.

The MPs also questioned the missing documents for the procurement and ownership of freehold land worth Ksh.41.78 million.

"The issues that have been raised happened when some of us were not in office. For me, the value of appearing before you is fairly objective During that period, there was a major transition happening. This included automation of our services and management changes," Mr Chiloba responded.

He said the transition may not have been done in a proper way thereby officers missed out on what the auditors wanted.

**KITUI COUNTY****Kitui County MP launches Huduma Mashinani Initiative, enhancing service delivery to locals**

*Hon. Dr. Irene Kasalu engaging with residents of Mutha Ward at the mobile health clinic.*

In a remarkable effort to improve service delivery and bring essential Government services closer to the people, Kitui County MP, Hon. (Dr) Irene Kasalu, recently unveiled the Huduma Mashinani Initiative.

Hundreds of locals from Mutha Ward have already reaped the benefits of this groundbreaking program, receiving a wide range of Government services.

Under the initiative, provision of health-care services was prioritized, ensuring that the community has access to vital medical assistance.

Additionally, the Huduma Mashinani Initiative has facilitated the issuance of important documents such as birth certificates, certificates of good conduct, and abstract forms. This streamlines the bureaucratic process for the local residents, saving them time and effort.

Dr. Kasalu expressed her commitment to improving the lives of the local community and emphasized the importance of easing access of services stating that, "We believe that by bringing Government services closer to the people, we are empowering them and facilitating their progress. Our ultimate aim is to ensure that no one is left behind."

**TAVETA CONSTITUENCY****Taveta MP launches School feeding program**

Hon. John Okano Bwire, MP Taveta, recently handed over food and books to pupils at Kidong Primary School.

While addressing students and teachers, Hon. Bwire added that food serves as an incentive to send children to school and continue their education, and they can be leveraged specifically to reduce barriers to schooling for girls.

"When school meals are targeted towards low-income or vulnerable children, they serve as a social safety net. School feeding programs have led to improved nutrition, school attendance, performance and higher high school transition rates. And by sourcing

ing food directly from farmers, we are boosting local markets."

Hon. Bwire sensitised parents about the benefits of the school feeding programme and encouraged them to contribute towards it. He however noted that, getting parents to contribute funds towards school feeding programmes during these hard economic times is a challenge, but with determination, commitment and the support of all actors, it is possible.

**RONGAI CONSTITUENCY****Commissioning of classrooms in Mosop Ward**

The academic journey of students from Atebwo Primary School in Mosop Ward, Rongai Constituency took a positive turn after the area MP, Hon. Paul Chebor commissioned the construction of four classrooms.



"Schools are the catalyst for progress, we are transforming communities by unlocking the potential

*Hon. Paul Chebor (Centre), together with school representatives and students of Atebwo Primary School sit in one of the newly constructed classroom in Mosop Ward, Rongai Constituency.*

of every child and laying the foundation for a prosperous and equitable society."

During the commissioning, Hon. Chebor assured members of his Constituency that his administration is committed to actualizing a comfortable learning environment for all school children in Rongai Constituency.

**KONOIN CONSTITUENCY****Konoin residents benefit from free medical camp facilitated by Mater Hospital in partnership with area MP, Hon. Yegon**

Over 3,000 residents from Konoin Constituency in Bomet County benefitted from a free medical camp conducted over the weekend in their area by Mater Misericordiae Hospital in partnership with the office of the area MP, Hon. Brighton Yegon.

According to Hon. Yegon the screening exercise that took place at Mogogosiek Township Primary majored on Rheumatic Heart Disease screening but patients who were diagnosed with other diseases were treated and discharged.

The MP also disclosed that 25 out of the 80 children diagnosed with heart conditions were referred to Mater Hospital, Nairobi for further treatment, stating that his office will subsidize their travel and NHIF facilitation.



*A patient receives free medical care at Mogogosiek, Konoin Constituency. Looking on (In a reflector jacket) is the area MP, Hon. Brighton Yegon .*

**ELDAS' CONSTITUENCY****Hon. Keynan hosts Education Day to celebrate Eldas' academic giants**

*Hon. Adan Keynan hands over a trophy to one of the top performing schools in Eldas Sub-County.*

Eldas Member of Parliament Hon. Adan Keynan convened an education day and prize giving event to celebrate academic champions in Eldas Sub-county.

The event is a significant yearly platform for the community to embrace and appreciate the transformative values of education.

Hon. Keynan, who was the Chief guest at the event said he would champion other similar initiatives to motivate pupils and students, and to empower the local community.

"I am impressed by the coordination among education sector players in the Sub-County and their tenacious resolve to upscale academic performance, which has so far realized landmark improvements and quality results in many schools across the Sub-County and the entire Constituency," said Keynan.





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**Rubber Meets the Road!** Members of the Sports and Culture Committee enjoy a bus ride on their way to carry out an inspection Visit of Jamhuri Sports Ground, in Woodley Ward in Nairobi.

- 1 Inclusive Collaboration!** National Assembly Committee on Members Services and Facilities posing for a group photo with Kakamega County MCAs who serve the corresponding Committee at the County
- 2 Fact finding in Action!** Members of Lands Committee, led by the Chairperson Hon. Joash Nyamoko engaging with Residents of Kandara on an inquiry on disputed land between Del monte limited and Residents Association.
- 3 Taking off!** Members of the National Assembly Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations Committee, led by Chairperson Hon. Nelson Koech during a site inspection tour of the Kenya Airforce Headquarters at Moi Airbase in Eastleigh.
- 4 Ready, Set, Go!** Bomet East MP Hon. Richard Yegon, a member of the Sports and Culture Committee flags off a car during the launch of the WRC Safari Rally leg at Uhuru Park Nairobi.

## Policy for the provision of mental health services in all healthcare facilities



~ Likoni MP Hon. Mishi Mboko

That, aware that Article 43(1)(a) of the Constitution provides that every person has the right to the highest attainable standard of health including the right to health care services; further aware that, mental health is a key determinant of overall health and socio-economic development; recognizing that, the Constitution assigns to the national

government the responsibility of matters of health policy; concerned that, according to the World Health Organization (WHO), mental and neurological disorders are common and about ten (10) percent of the global population suffer from at least one mental health disorder at any given time; concerned that, psychiatric units are only available in a few facilities in the country and patients requiring psychiatric services have limited or no access to these facilities; acknowledging that, access to healthcare facilities would lead to improved overall health, increased economic productivity, social equity and improved quality of life for all; now therefore, this House urges the National Government, through the Ministry of Health, to collaborate with County Governments to develop a policy integrating mental health services in all healthcare facilities in the country.



~ Marsabit County MP Hon. Naomi Waqo

## Urgent action to address the recent surge in road accidents in the country

That, aware that, the National Transport and Safety Authority Act 2012, provides for the establishment of the National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA); further aware that, the Authority in line with section 4 of this Act plays a critical role in ensuring the provision of safe, reliable and efficient road transport services; concerned that, there has been an alarming surge in road accidents in the recent past resulting in loss of life, injuries and damage to properties; further concerned that, the Authority has not effectively and fully performed its functions of regulating safe and reliable transport service especially in dealing with public service vehicles; noting that, poor maintenance of motor vehicles and a lack of proper regulation are leading contributors to the marked increase in road accidents; deeply concerned that, school-going children are increasingly becoming victims of these road accidents; recognizing that, it is the responsibility of the Authority to ensure adherence to the road traffic rules, and to establish systems and procedures for, and oversee the training, testing and licensing of drivers; now therefore, this House resolves that the government through the Ministry of Roads & Transport undertakes a comprehensive overhaul of the transportation sector to provide for proper regulation of the sector and ensure strict operationalization of the Traffic regulations to provide a safer and more reliable transport sector.

## Establishment of a national fund to support victims of Gender-Based Violence



~ Teso South MP Hon. Mary Emaase

That, aware that Article 29 of the Constitution provides the right of every person to freedom from any form of violence; further aware that, Gender-Based Violence (GBV) is a serious violation of human rights with records indicating that one in every three women will experience sexual or physical violence in their lifetime; noting that according to the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), Gender-Based Violence includes sexual, physical, mental and economic harm inflicted in public or in private and may

involve threats of violence, coercion and manipulation in the form of intimate partner violence, sexual violence, child marriage, and female genital mutilation; further noting that, timely response to and effective post-management of GBV incidences is critical in curbing the effects of these incidences to victims; concerned that at present, there are inadequate Gender-Based Violence response centres and shelters in the country with limited resources being provided for victims seeking assistance; further concerned that, there are inadequate rehabilitation and reintegration programmes for victims and perpetrators of Gender-Based Violence; recognizing that, victims of Gender-Based Violence as well as perpetrators require specialized professional assistance for full reintegration into the community; this House therefore resolves that the Government through the relevant Ministry establishes a national fund to ensure all survivors of GBV have adequate, timely and unhindered access to quality services that meet their needs, and support victims of GBV to have access to timely and un-hindered quality services.

## Implementation of First Aid training as a core subject in Schools



~ Saboti MP Hon. Caleb Amisi

That, aware that first-aid training is a key component of Emergency Medical Response (EMR); further aware that first-aid response promotes a safer and healthier community by reducing accidents and injuries; noting that lack of first-aid training and skills among the general public has contributed to the aggravation of preventable injuries

and accidents which, in some cases, has led to loss of lives; further noting that the current education system does not include first-aid training as a compulsory subject in the curriculum which deprives students of essential knowledge and skills necessary for their personal safety and that of persons around them; acknowledging that it is critical

to equip students with the ability to assess and handle day-to-day emergencies in schools and at home; now therefore, this House urges the National Government through the Ministry of Education to develop and implement a comprehensive first-aid curriculum for schools across the country.

# House briefed on the short recess, upcoming House Business and the Cabinet Secretaries appearing to answer questions

Members of the National Assembly will be commencing their short recess on the second session beginning Friday, 7th July 2023 to Monday, 24th July 2023. While making the announcement on the Floor of the House, Leader of the Majority Party Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah urged the Committee Chairpersons to ensure there is smooth transaction of House Business.

Hon. Ichung'wah also briefed Members on the upcoming business on the House this week, that includes a special motion on the nomination for appointment as the Chairperson of the Commission on Revenue Allocation and the nomination for appointment as a member of the Salaries and Remuneration Commission. Further, the House will also be Debating various Reports and Bills.

The Leader of the Majority Party also notified the House on the Cabinet Secretaries that will

be appearing in the National Assembly to answer Members' Questions.

"Hon. Speaker, in accordance with the provisions of the Standing Order 42A (5) and (6), I wish to notify the House that three Cabinet Secretaries will appear before the House on the afternoon of Wednesday, 5th July 2023, to respond to Members' Questions." Said Hon. Ichung'wah.

The Cabinet Secretary for Water, Sanitation and Irrigation Hon. Alice Wahome will be answering questions regarding collapsing dykes around Lake Kanyaboli that have caused flooding and displacement in Alego Usonga Constituency; the status of implementation of the Moi's Bridge - Matunda Water Supply and Sanitation Project in Ikolomani Constituency; the status of Naoros and Nadoto Irrigation Scheme in Turkana County and the status of the Rongo Town Water Supply Project.

The Cabinet Secretary for Labour and Social Protection Hon. Florence Bore, will answer Questions on the welfare of Kenyans working in Saudi Arabia and the regulation of recruiting agencies; the status of various Social Protection Programmes including the Older Persons Cash Transfer Scheme; the Inua Jamii Programme; the plight of orphans, widows and widowers in the country and the eligibility of cancer survivors being registered as Persons with Disabilities.

Finally, the Cabinet Secretary for Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development Hon. Zacharia Mwangi Njeru, will answer Questions on errors in Title Deeds for parcels of land in Mui Coal Basin; the High Mast security lighting project in Mwingi Town; the ownership status of Kwale International Sugar Company; status of boundaries of Laisamis Constituency; status of Kazi Mtaani Project Phase 3 in Nakuru Town East Constituency; status of ownership of land in Mowlem Ward in Embakasi Constituency and delayed payment of compensation to residents whose land was compulsorily acquired in 2017 for the construction of Kibwezi - Kitui Road.



# Hon. Mwengi Mutuse tables Notice of Motion seeking clean, safe and adequate water for all Citizens



■ **Kibwezi West MP Hon. Mwengi Mutuse in a past engagement with his constituents.**

Kibwezi West MP, Hon. Mwengi Mutuse has tabled a Notice of Motion calling on the Government to institutionalize rainwater harvesting and develop an affirmative action plan for investment in rainwater harvesting purification, storage, and distribution. The lawmaker specifically wants the government to address this matter in the Arid and Semi-Arid areas.

Citing the Water Act of 2016, which provides for guaranteed access to clean and safe water for all citizens, the Legislators highlighted the importance of water in ensuring human and animal health, food security, and a sustainable environment.

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The lawmaker also acknowledged that the lack of clean and adequate water has far-reaching effects on various aspects of life, including economic activities, food security, education, and health, with rural areas and urban slums being particularly affected.

Further, he argues that recurring droughts have led to acute water shortages, resulting in loss of lives, livelihoods, and environmental degradation, with arid and semi-arid (ASAL) regions experiencing the most severe consequences.

This call for government intervention aims to address the water crisis, improve living conditions, and promote sustainable development in these vulnerable regions. Kenya's population is 53 million, about 28 million lack access to safe water while 41 million lack access to improved sanitation.

The rising water demand in the country and the growing water scarcity due to climate change, population growth, urbanization, water pollution, affects economic activities, food security, education, and health. Replace one of the photos with this fact box it's information from the notice of motion.



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