



REPUBLIC OF KENYA
THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (THIRD SESSION)
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

____ (No. 014 of 2024) ____

ON

**ALLEGATIONS OF BRIBERY OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT IN THE
DISCHARGE OF PARLIAMENTARY DUTIES**

Honourable Members,

1. I wish to inform the House that my office is in receipt of correspondences dated 24th and 25th June 2024, from various Members of Parliament regarding allegations of bribery of Members of Parliament during the voting on the Finance Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 30 of 2024). The Honourable Members include the Hon. Joseph Munyoro, MP, the Hon. Josses Kosgey Lelmengit, MP, the Hon. Jane Kagiri, MP, the Hon. Kanyuithia Mutunga, PhD, MP, and the Hon. Didmus Wekesa Barasa, MP. The Hon. Didmus Barasa, MP also raised the matter on the floor of the House on Wednesday, 25th June, 2024.
2. In their complaint, the Members allege that on Sunday, 23rd June, 2024, the Member for Juja Constituency, the Hon. George Koimburi, MP, was quoted across various Media outlets claiming that Members of this Honourable House who voted in support of the Second Reading of the Finance Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 30 of 2024) were bribed with Kshs. 2 million each to do so.

3. The affected Hon. Members sought my guidance on how to address this matter. In their estimation, the assertions attributed to the Hon. Koimburi, if left unsubstantiated, continue to bring shame and odium to Members of Parliament and paint the entire House in a bad light.
4. **Honourable Members**, you will recall when the matter was raised on the floor of the House, I did undertake to give a considered ruling at the next sitting of the House, which is today.
5. In a related development, I wish to inform the House that I have also received a letter dated 22nd July, 2024 from the Hon. Koimburi titled "APOLOGY LETTER". The letter indicates as follows, and I quote—

I George Koimburi Ndung'u of ID No: elected Member of Parliament for Juja constituency would like to tender my apology to the house leadership and my colleague members of parliament. I understand we are living on a very dynamic and sensitive times and my utterances in the past may have caused some problems in the country. I am remorseful and humbly seeking for forgiveness. As an ambassador of peace I pray that peace do prevail in our country. God bless Kenya.

6. Today, at the rise of the House Business Committee at around 1.45 pm, I did call the Hon. Koimburi to ascertain his authorship of the letter. The Hon. Koimburi did confirm authorship of the letter and further denied any claims that he has dissociated himself from its contents. The Hon. Member further indicated that he is currently away in Mombasa and unavailable to attend the sittings of the House until **Tuesday, 30th July, 2024.**

7. **Hon. Members**, Any allegation of corrupt practice, bribery or attempted bribery is a stain on the privilege of the institution of Parliament and deserves expeditious investigation and resolution. **The practice and precedents applicable of the House require that any issue touching on the privilege of the House should be dispensed with as a matter of priority.**
8. I fully appreciate the pain and discomfort that the pendency of Hon. Koimburi's allegations continues to cause the affected Members. However, I have reluctantly allowed the Hon. Koimburi to avail himself to the House by 2.45 pm on Tuesday, 30th July 2024, to explain his actions with regard to the complaint raised by the affected Members and the context of his "Apology" letter in the manner contemplated by the Parliamentary Powers and Privileges Act, 2017 and the Standing Orders. Thereafter, I shall guide the House on any subsequent actions to be taken in the matter.

The House is accordingly guided.

I thank you!


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SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 23rd July, 2024