



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

MESSAGES

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

_____ (No. 007 of 2024) _____

ON

**NOMINATION OF A PERSON FOR APPOINTMENT AS THE
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE**

Honourable Members,

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 42(1), I wish to report to the House that I have received a Message from His Excellency the President regarding nomination of a person for appointment as the **Inspector-General of the National Police Service**.

2. In the Message, **Honourable Members**, His Excellency the President conveys that in exercise of powers conferred by Article 245(2)(a) of the Constitution and Section 12(2) of the National Police Service Act, 2011 as read together with Section 5 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, 2011, he nominates **Mr. Douglas Kanja Kirocho** for appointment as the Inspector-General of the National Police Service. The President therefore seeks approval of the nominee by Parliament.

3. **Honourable Members**, for clarity, Article 245(2)(a) of the Constitution states and I quote:
“The Inspector-General is appointed by the President with the approval of Parliament.”

4. **Honourable Members**, it is notable that the approval of the nominee is among those that the Constitution requires to be undertaken by the two Houses of Parliament. In this regard, the vetting of the candidate will be done by a joint Sitting of the relevant committees of both Houses of Parliament, in accordance with the established practice.
5. For clarity, **Honourable Members**, the vetting process shall proceed in the following manner:
- (i) **THAT**, the vetting of the nominee proposed for appointment as Inspector-General of the National Police Service shall be conducted jointly by the National Assembly Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security and the relevant Senate Standing Committee;
 - (ii) **THAT**, the Chairpersons of the two Committees will co-chair the joint sittings and the secretariat will comprise officers of the two Houses;
 - (iii) **THAT**, the quorum of the Joint sittings of the Committees will be the respective quorums of each of the committees as stipulated in the Standing Orders of the respective Houses;
 - (iv) **THAT**, as contemplated under Rule 9(6) of the Joint Rules unless a decision is reached by consensus, any vote to be taken in the joint sittings of the Committees shall be by separate Houses. This will ensure that the numerical difference of the individual Members representing the Houses in the joint sittings has no effect on the decisions of the joint sittings of the Committees;
 - (v) **THAT**, the joint Committees shall, having concluded the vetting hearings, submit a Joint Report to the respective Houses in the manner contemplated by the Standing Orders of the respective Houses; and

(vi) **THAT**, the approval process shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, 2011.

6. **Honourable Members**, the timeline for consideration of a nominee for appointment as the Inspector-General of the National Police Service is prescribed in section 12(7) of the National Police Service Act, 2011, which provides as follows:

“Parliament shall, within fourteen days after it first meets after receiving the name of the nominee—

(a) vet and consider the nominee, and may either approve or reject the nomination, and

(b) notify the President as to its approval or rejection.”


A plain reading of the said provision suggests that the fourteen (14) days will start counting on Wednesday, 7th August 2024 being the day after the House first meets following receipt of the name of the nominee. In this regard, the fourteen (14) days will lapse on **Tuesday, 20th August 2024.**

7. **Honourable Members**, I am aware that the National Assembly is scheduled to proceed for recess from Friday, 9th August 2024. Ordinarily, I would have ordered that the counting of days with respect to the consideration of the nominee ceases during the recess period and resumes when the House first sits upon resumption, being Tuesday, 10th September 2024.

8. However, **Honourable Members**, conscious of the critical duties bestowed upon the Inspector-General of the National Police Service under Article 245(2)(b) of the Constitution, the Joint Committee will be expected to expedite the approval hearing within the statutory timelines. Upon conclusion, I implore the Leader of the Majority Party to consult with his counterpart in the Senate for purpose of requesting for a Special Sitting of the respective Houses to receive and consider the report of the Joint Committee.

9. Honourable Members, this Message, together with the resume of the nominee, will now stand committed to the Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security of the National Assembly jointly with the relevant Senate Standing Committee for consideration. The Committees are expected to forthwith jointly commence the approval process; notify the nominee and the general public of the time and place for holding the approval hearings, and upon conclusion, table the report within statutory timelines.

I thank you!


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SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Thursday, 1st August, 2024