



REPUBLIC OF KENYA
THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FOURTH SESSION)
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

_____ (No. 029 of 2025) _____
ON

**RESUMPTION OF SITTINGS, PRIORITY BUSINESS FOR THE
SECOND PART OF THE FOURTH SESSION, AND TRIBUTE TO THE
LATE HON. CHARLES ONG'ONDO WERE, MP, MEMBER FOR
KASIPUL CONSTITUENCY**

Honourable Members,

1. I wish to welcome you back to the House from the just-concluded long recess. I believe that you are geared up to embark on legislative business as the House commences the second Part of the Fourth Session, which is characterised by consideration of the Budget and related business, therefore christened the *Budget Session*.
2. Having said that, I am aware that the recess period was a working recess, given the enormous amount of time that you employed towards public hearings on the Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 4 of 2025) and consideration of the Budget Estimates for the financial year 2025/2026.
3. **Honourable Members,** as we commence the Second Part of this Session, the House will prioritise budget-related business appreciating the strict statutory timelines therein.

4. Specifically, the House will soon be considering the Report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Estimates for FY 2025/2026. This will in turn pave way for consideration of the Estimates in the Committee of Supply, and the attendant legislations including the Appropriation Bill, 2025 and the Finance Bill, 2025. The House is further expected to consider the Senate Amendments to the Division of Revenue Bill, 2025, if any, and the County Allocation of Revenue Bill, upon receipt of the Bills from the Senate.
5. In addition, **Honourable Members**, the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury and Economic Planning is scheduled to make a public pronouncement of the Budget Policy Highlights and Revenue-Raising Measures for the National Government for the Financial Year 2025/2026 on 12th June 2025, in line with section 40 of the Public Finance Management Act, Cap. 412A. We have been notified that this date has been agreed to by the Member-States to the East Africa Community (EAC), in line with the established practice of synchronizing the '*Budget Speech*' day.
6. **Honourable Members**, the timely consideration of the critical House business I have highlighted calls for your utmost dedication, and I urge each one of you to rise to the occasion so that together, we deliver on the legislative mandate of this House, in line with the Constitution.
7. Additionally, **Honourable Members**, further to my earlier Communication regarding the hosting of the 22nd National Prayer Breakfast which was scheduled to be held on Thursday, 29th May 2025, this is to inform you that, due to unavoidable circumstances, the event will now be held **tomorrow Wednesday, 28th May 2025** at the **Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi** starting at 7.00am.

8. Consequently, the Women's Convocation and the National Conversation were also rescheduled to today, Tuesday, 27th May, 2025, at the same venue. I am aware that arrangements for the successful hosting of the prayer breakfast tomorrow are at an advanced stage. I take this opportunity to once again invite you all as we come together to pray for our nation.
9. **Honourable Members**, as you are aware, the First Part of this Fourth Session ended on a sad note for the National Assembly and indeed the country, following the tragic shooting of the Member for Kasipul, **the Hon. Charles Ong'ondo Were, MP**, on Wednesday, 30th April 2025. The late Member succumbed to injuries that he sustained after being shot at close range by a gunman on a motorcycle along Ngong Road in Nairobi.
10. Following the shooting of the late Hon. Were, **Honourable Members**, I did notify the House and indeed the general public *vide Notification No. 5 of 2025*, issued on 30th April 2025. Further, I appointed an *Ad Hoc* Funeral Committee, chaired by the Hon, Peter Kaluma, CBS, MP.
11. The Committee ably coordinated Parliament's support to the family in the funeral arrangements that culminated in the befitting sendoff that was accorded to the late Hon. Were at his rural home in *Karabok*, Homa Bay County, on Friday, 9th May 2025.
12. On my own behalf, and that of the House and the Parliamentary Service Commission, I extend our sincere gratitude to all Members of Parliament and the parliamentary fraternity for supporting the family of the late Hon. Were in their moment of grief.

13. Honourable Members, as indicated in my Notification, the National Assembly, Kasipul Constituency and indeed the nation, lost a dependable and astute legislator who served his constituents and the nation with utmost dedication.

14. Although the late Hon. Ong'ondo Were has already been laid to rest, we continue to convey our heartfelt condolences to his family, the people of Kasipul Constituency, and all his relatives and friends for the loss of a gallant leader.

15. May I also urge the security agencies to ensure that the perpetrators of the heinous killing of the late Hon. Ong'ondo Were are brought to book and his family receives justice for the loss of their loved one.

16. Honourable Members, in honour of our departed colleague, the **Hon. Charles Ong'ondo Were**, I request that we all stand and observe a moment of silence.

May the soul of our departed colleague, the late Hon. Charles Ong'ondo Were, continue resting in eternal peace.

I thank you!


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SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 27th May 2025