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## Counties set for extra funding as National Assembly passes County Government Additional Allocation Bill

**T**he National Assembly has passed the County Government Additional Allocation (No. 2) Bill (Senate Bill No. 8 of 2025) with amendments. This is after considering a series of amendments proposed during the Committee of the whole House stage.

The Bill which was passed by the Senate on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July, 2025 before being forwarded to the National Assembly for consideration, seeks to authorize the transfer of both conditional and unconditional additional allocations to county governments for the financial year 2025/26. These allocations come from the National Government's share of revenue as well as from development partners.

### What the Counties will get ►

It also proposes to allocate a total of KES. 93.53 billion as additional funds to County governments. This includes KES. 2.95 billion from Court Fines and 20 percent of Mineral Royalties as contained in the first schedule, KES. 10.04 billion from the National Government's Share of Revenue contained in the second schedule, KES. 23.63 billion from the Road Maintenance Fuel Levy Fund contained in the third schedule, and KES. 56.9 billion from loans and grants from development partners as contained in the fourth schedule

The Chairperson of the Budget and Appropriation

Committee, Hon. Samuel Atandi, led the House through the amendments, noting that they were necessary to align the Bill with current fiscal realities and to ensure that county governments receive resources in a more predictable and accountable manner.

### What the National Assembly amended ►

Among the amendments that the House made was adjustments on allocations for the construction of county headquarters. This was done to reflect the actual transfers, bringing the figure to KES. 449 million after deducting KES. 5 million meant for operational expenses.

On County Aggregation of Industrial Parks (CAIPs), the House agreed that priority will go to counties with pending balances from the National Government. The remaining funds will be shared among counties that have shown strong progress in implementing their projects.

Another significant change was the deletion of the third schedule, which had listed allocations to counties from the Road Maintenance Levy Fund.

### More money for informal settlement project ►

For the Kenya Informal Settlement Improvement Project, the House approved the reduction on the allocation under World Bank (IDA) funding from KES. 800 million to KES. 167.5 million. At the same time,

funding from the French Development Agency (AFD) was increased from KES. 1 billion to KES. 2.5 billion.

Lastly, the Kenya Devolution Support Programme II was revised with Level One grants increasing to KES. 3.43 billion, while Level Two grants were reduced to KES. 11.38 billion.

### COUNTY FUNDING BILL PASSED WITH KEY ADJUSTMENTS

- The National Assembly passed a Bill allocating **KES. 93.53 Billion** in extra funding to counties for 2025/26. Key amendments include:
- Adjusting county headquarters construction funds to **KES. 449 million**.
- Reducing World Bank funding for informal settlements from **KES. 800 million** to **KES. 167.5 million**.
- Increasing French Development Agency funding for the same project from **KES. 1 billion** to **KES. 2.5 billion**.
- The total allocation is broken down as **KES. 56.9 billion** from loans/grants, **KES. 23.63 billion** from the Fuel Levy, **KES. 10.04 billion** from the National Government, and **KES. 2.95 billion** from Court Fines and Mineral Royalties.



## PLENARY ▶

## Hon. (Dr.) Keynan backs digital conduct law, says it protects Kenya's sovereignty

**E**ldas MP Hon (Dr.) Adan Keynan has defended a proposed legislation regulating online conduct, saying it is not a tool of repression but a necessary safeguard for national stability, responsible leadership, and future generations.

Speaking during the debate on The Computer Misuse and Cybercrimes (Amendment) Bill, 2024 Hon. Keynan dismissed claims that enforcing civility amounts to censorship, arguing that elected leaders have a duty to guide society without undermining rights.

*"The civility in the management of our public affairs is not a sign of cowardice," he said. "The reason why the people of Kenya have chosen us to be their leaders for now is to provide guidance and leadership without fear, favour or abrogating their rights."*

He warned that the current digital environment allows actions that threaten the country's sovereignty, security, and social fabric.

*"Today one can do anything—things that even threaten our sovereignty, security and the very fabric of our society. Yet, we want to remain an independent and sovereign Republic. This is not punitive. It is just guidance. You are being told to follow the procedures, respect due process and not be too abusive," he said.*

Hon. Keynan praised Parliament for advancing the Bill and expressed hope that President William Ruto would assent to it.

"There is nothing better we can do as the Legislative Arm of the Republic of Kenya. I commend you for doing this. I hope that the President will assent to this," he added.

He urged young people to view the law as a positive guardrail rather than a threat, saying restrictions today may spare them future regret.

"My only solace to those who will be using this is



Eldas MP, Hon. (Dr.) Adan Keynan, makes his contribution on the floor of the House.

that you are being guided positively, because there are certain things that you must do at certain stages in your life. A time will come when retrospectively, you will say: 'I wish I was told' or 'I wish this happened,'" he stated.

With digital spaces expanding and technologies like artificial intelligence reshaping communication, the lawmaker said Parliament must step in to offer clarity and accountability.

"Because the world is now becoming a global village, I think the best we can do right now is to offer legislative guidance in the use of this facility, whether it is Artificial Intelligence or computer-generated. What we are doing is the right thing. There is nothing to fear," he said.

Hon. Keynan reiterated his optimism that once enacted, the law will provide "proper guidance to those who want to use this facility."

## Hon. Elachi sparks debate in Parliament over visa delays and online conduct

**D**agoretti MP, Hon. Beatrice has raised alarm over the growing trend of foreign embassies withholding Kenyan passports for prolonged periods during visa processing, warning that the trend could harm citizens and lawmakers alike.

Speaking during debate on the computer misuse and cybercrimes (amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No.41 of 2024) that seeks to regulate digital conduct and SIM card registration, Hon. Elachi said the inquiry now extends beyond paperwork.

"I want to comment on the challenges we shall go through as we apply for our visas. As much as we are laughing, this is one of the things that will hurt Kenya," she said. "Nowadays, embassies are staying with someone's passport. I even know a case of a Member of Parliament whose passport has been there for one

month. They are just looking at it and looking at all your social media."

She cautioned that young Kenyans seeking to study abroad may unknowingly jeopardize their chances due to their online footprints.

"We therefore need to caution our children who would wish to go for studies abroad, but might not get a chance because of what they do not know. This Bill will be a cure," she added.

Hon. Elachi also called for stricter regulation of SIM card ownership, arguing that every number must be tied to a verifiable identity.

"As we go through this, I also want our Chairman to think through this issue of SIM cards. If I have the first SIM card registered under my name, Beatrice Elachi, the second SIM card must also be registered under Beatrice Elachi," she said.

"You do not need a third SIM card because two SIM cards are enough. If you are really a serious person and you need three or four SIM cards, then you pay

for them. But you must be the person owning that SIM card."



Dagoretti North MP Hon. Beatrice Elachi during a session of the National Assembly's Public Petitions Committee at County Hall, Parliament Buildings.



## Hon. Elachi demands probe into domestic worker's mysterious death in Kilimani

Parliament has been urged to push for speedy investigations into the mysterious death of Ms. Zaituni Kavaya, a domestic worker who was reportedly found dead under unclear circumstances at an apartment in Nairobi's Kilimani area.

Raising the matter on the floor of the House, Dagoretti North MP, Hon. Beatrice Elachi called on the National Police Service (NPS) and the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) to prioritize the case, saying the deceased's family and the public deserve answers.



### Circumstances surrounding the death ▶

Ms. Kavaya is said to have been employed by a Sudanese national and was discovered dead at Mpuuga Apartments in circumstances that remain unsettled.

Her sudden

demise has stirred distress among relatives, friends and the wider community, who fear the case may be mishandled or overlooked.

*"This death is troubling and deeply painful to the family and all who knew Ms Kavaya. We are concerned that the facts around her demise have not been properly established," Hon. Elachi said. "I urge the DCI in Kilimani to expedite investigations into this matter and ensure justice is served."*

### Concerns over foreign nationals ▶

The legislator further raised alarm over what she termed lax scrutiny of foreigners residing in upscale city estates such as Kilimani.

She claimed that many are in the country posing as tourists yet operate under unclear legal status.

*"Could the Government scrutinise the visas of foreigners, especially those coming in as tourists? We have so many in Kilimani. We should know whether they are there legally or illegally," she said.*

Hon. Elachi also pointed to alleged illicit activities taking place in short-term rental units in the area, saying inadequate enforcement had created room for abuse.

*"With so many foreigners in Kilimani, many illegal things are happening, especially in the Airbnbs. We need to get a grip on who is coming into the country and why," she added.*

The MP appealed to the Immigration Department and security agencies to tighten border and residency controls, noting that while Kenya has opened its borders to visitors and investors, it must not do so at the expense of citizens' safety.

She called for coordinated patrols at points of entry and closer monitoring of expatriates, particularly

in neighbourhoods that have seen a surge of foreign occupants.



Dagoretti North MP Beatrice Elachi during a session of the National Assembly's Public Petitions Committee at County Hall, Parliament Buildings.

### Wider concerns over domestic workers' safety ▶

The death of Ms. Kavaya comes amid growing public unease over unresolved cases involving vulnerable domestic workers, especially those employed in private residences of foreign nationals.

Human rights advocates have frequently warned that many such workers operate without formal protection, contracts or oversight, making them susceptible to exploitation, abuse and cover-ups when harm occurs.

Leaders and lobby groups are now pressing authorities to treat Ms. Kavaya's case not as an isolated incident but as a test of Kenya's commitment to dignity and justice for domestic workers.

## Crackdown on cybercrime: MPs seek to entrench law to slam brakes on errant bloggers in bid to curb online abuse

Parliament is moving to radically tighten Kenya's digital space through a far-reaching law that targets cybercrime, online child exploitation, extremist content, fake news, identity theft and misuse of SIM cards.

The Computer Misuse and Cybercrimes (Amendment) Bill, 2024 now in its final stages proposes sweeping new powers to shut down websites, delete harmful content, punish digital fraudsters and protect minors in the online world.

If passed, the law will give courts and investigative agencies legal muscle to pull the plug on websites and digital platforms hosting illegal content, order their closure, and compel offenders to erase harmful material from the internet.

The Bill empowers authorities to seek court orders to block access to websites, apps or digital platforms that host or promote illegal content. This includes child sexual material, extremist or terror-related ideology, cult activity, online criminal networks and platforms used for digital radicalisation.

Those found culpable could be compelled to remove the offending content, deactivate or shut down accounts or devices, and comply with any further directives issued by the court.

The government would also be empowered to



Dagoretti South Hon. MP John Kiarie who chairs the National Assembly's Committee on Communication, Information and Innovation (CII), during a meeting at Bunge Tower, Parliament Buildings.

apply for pre-emptive shutdowns if investigators believe an online platform is being used to facilitate criminal activity.

Dagoretti South Hon. MP John Kiarie pushed amendments aimed at protecting ordinary Kenyans from the rising wave of online scams.

The Bill expands the definition of Identity theft to include passwords now recognised as personal data and

explicitly criminalizes digital impersonation, data harvesting and phishing.

### SIM card misuse a major plank in online fraud ▶

MPs want to stop unauthorized SIM swaps and restrict individuals from owning multiple unregistered lines.

Lawmakers said child exploitation has gone unchecked in Kenya's online space for too long. The Bill introduces clauses to block websites and content that involve minors in explicit material.

MPs differed on whether to use the term "child abuse" or "inappropriate sexual content involving minors," but agreed action was overdue.

Hon. Kiarie said Kenyans spend more hours online than most of the world up to 4 hours 12 minutes daily making the country extremely vulnerable to fake news, cyberbullying, hate content and AI-generated disinformation.

*"With more than eight out of every ten posts likely to be fake or toxic, we are simply fortifying our laws to keep up with emerging dangers," he told the House.*

Under this provision, investigators would no longer need to wait for harm to occur. They could move to court proactively—before illegal content spreads or goes viral.



## Mandera MP seeks answers on alleged discriminatory screening at JKIA

**M**andera County MP, Hon. Umul Ker Kassim is demanding that the Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport provides an explanation for the decision to subject passengers from Mandera County traveling through the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) to a double passenger and luggage screening procedure, which she has labeled as discriminatory.

Speaking on the floor of the House, Hon. Kassim sought a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure regarding the reported discriminatory and inefficient passenger clearance processes at the international airport.

### The case against double screening ▶

Hon. Kassim highlighted her concern over the practice, stating that it violates basic rights to equitable service delivery.

*"Every human is entitled to equal dignity, fairness, and efficiency in accessing national services. However, passengers arriving from Mandera are consistently subjected to a double passenger and luggage screening process, once at departure and upon arrival at JKIA", she noted*

She further explained that this cumbersome procedure has resulted in unprecedented delays of over two hours, exposing innocent travellers, including patients on urgent medical evacuation, to undue fatigue, indignity, and even risk to life.

Addressing the balance between security and fairness, Hon. Umul asserted that

security measures must not infringe upon the rights of citizens.

"While safeguarding of national security is paramount, its enforcement must not be pursued at the expense of fairness and non-discrimination."

### Demands for Ministry's action ▶

In her submission, the lawmaker outlined a series of specific questions the Ministry needs to address, focusing on immediate and long-term solutions.

She also sought clarity on the measures put in place by the Ministry to guarantee the timely and dignified clearance of passengers from Mandera while still safeguarding national security requirements. Hon. Kassim also demanded to know the specific reasons why flights from Mandera are subjected to double luggage and passenger screening, and the steps being taken to streamline the process so that screening is finalized at departure rather than being repeated upon arrival in Nairobi.

Additionally, the MP demanded to understand the Ministry's plans and timelines for deploying advanced and time-saving scanning technologies, and for establishing a dedicated clearance protocol for domestic flights from

Mandera and similar regions.

She also called for a comprehensive restructuring of the passenger clearance system.



## Jukwaa la Bunge ▶

## Mbunge wa Voi Mheshimiwa Khamisi Chome azindua maabara ya kisasa

**S**hule ya Mwanyambo Comprehensive School katika Wadi ya Kaloleni imekuwa shule ya JSS ya kwanza kupata maabara ya kisasa inayotoa nafasi kwa wanafunzi 790 katika shule hiyo kuchukua masomo ya sayansi chini ya Miongozo ya Shule ya Kati, Sayansi, Teknolojia, Uhandisi, na Hisabati (STEM), Sayansi za Jamii na Sanaa na Sayansi ya Michezo katika mfumo wa CBE.

Akizungumza katika hafla ya ufun-guzi wa maabara ya kisasa iliyofadhiliwa na Voi NG CDF Mbunge wa Voi Mhe. Khamis Abdi Chome amesema kuwa maabara hiyo italeta suluhu kwa baadhi ya changamoto katika mfumo mpya wa CBE.

"Tunatarajia kupata, madaktari,

wauguzi, watafiti wa sayansi, wahandisi na kadhalika kutoka shule hii maana wanafunzi sasa wataweza kujifahamisha na masomo ya kisayansi kabla ya kujiunga na shule za Upili," ameingiza.

Akipongeza ujenzi wa maabara hiyo Mwenyekiti wa Bodi ya Usimamizi wa Mwanyambo Bw. Moses Dibo amesema idadi ya wanafunzi wanaosoma masomo ya Sayansi sasa wataongezeka.

Miongoni mwa waliokuwemo ni Naibu Chifu wa kata ndogo ya Kaloleni Bw. Shaban Nkrumah, wasimamizi wa idara ya elimu eneo Bunge la Voi, Mwenyekiti wa NG-CDF Bw. Dominic Alibai Mwambanga, Mkuu wa Taasisi ya Mwanyambo Livingstone Mulunga, waalimu, wazazi na wanafunzi.



## General ▶

## Deputy Speaker announces publication of 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the National Assembly Standing Orders

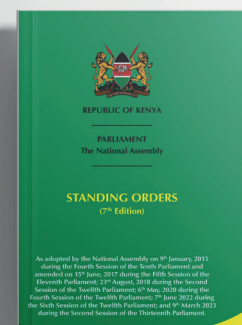
**T**he Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, Hon. Gladys Boss, has announced the publication and circulation of the 7<sup>th</sup> Edition of the National Assembly Standing Orders.

She explained that the new edition consolidates the 6<sup>th</sup> Edition, adopted in June 2022, and the subsequent Addendum approved in March 2023, which introduced provisions allowing Cabinet Secretaries to appear before the House to respond to questions and present reports in line with Article 153 of the Constitution.

"The 7<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Standing Orders does not contain any new provisions. It is simply a merger of the 6<sup>th</sup> Edition and the Addendum, bringing them together into one harmonized document," Hon. Boss clarified.

The Deputy Speaker added that the update was meant to resolve confusion arising from Members and the public citing repealed provisions. "This consolidation ensures clarity and consistency for both Members and the public when referencing the Standing Orders," she noted.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Edition has been published in English, Kiswahili, and a bilingual version, and is available in print and online through the Parliament website. Members of the House Leadership received their copies during the Leadership retreat in August, while the Office of the Clerk has begun distributing copies to the rest of the membership.



A screen grab of the 7<sup>th</sup> Edition of the National Assembly Standing Orders



## COMMITTEES' ROUND-UP ▶

## House Committee questions government plan to scrutinise sports fund for Talanta Sports City project

The National Assembly Committee on Sports and Culture has raised concerns over the Government's decision to securitise the Sports, Arts and Social Development Fund (SASDF) in its quest to raise more than KES. 44 billion for the construction of Talanta Sports City.

The project is one of the flagship venues for the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON).

Committee Members, chaired by Hon. Dan Wanyama, warned that the financing model would ultimately burden taxpayers who would shoulder the cost of repaying the securitised loan for over 15 years.

During the meeting held at Bunge Tower, the Committee met with Sports Principal Secretary Mr. Elijah Mwangi and National Treasury's Director General for Public Investment and Portfolio Management, Mr. Lawrence Bet, to deliberate on the proposed securitisation and on the reallocation of SASDF resources to

semi-autonomous government agencies (SAGAs).

Mr. Bet, appearing on behalf of Treasury PS Dr. Chris Kiptoo, told lawmakers that the securitisation plan had already received approvals from the Treasury, the Attorney General and capital markets regulators.

He revealed that the bond was listed at the Nairobi Securities Exchange in July 2025.

"The financing model will spread repayment over 15 years at an interest rate of 7.93 per cent, with proceeds directed towards completing Talanta Sports City in time for AFCON 2027," said Mr. Bet.

However, lawmakers questioned the long-term impact on taxpayers with Hon. Stephen Mule (Matungulu) arguing that by the end of the repayment period, Kenyans would have paid more than KES. 97 billion, which would be more than double the principal amount.

"This is a colossal amount of money to extract from already overtaxed citizens," said Hon. Mule, who also questioned how the Government planned to service the debt while restricting betting; a key contributor to the Sports Fund.

Other MPs raised transparency and accountability issues with Hon. Charles Nguna (Mwingi West) saying the securitisation plan was undertaken without public participation, as required by law.

"Kenyans were kept in the dark. There was no advertisement or public consultation on the financing model," he said.



Legislators Hon. Robert Basil Ngui (left) and Hon. Elsie Muhanda engage in a tête-à-tête during a meeting with Sports PS Mr. Elijah Mwangi and Mr. Lawrence Bet, the Director General for Public Investment and Portfolio Management

Kabete MP and Committee Vice-Chair Hon. James Wamacukuru criticised the Treasury for failing to provide supportive documents.

"The submissions have been shallow with no evidence to justify the securitisation plan," he said, pressing National Treasury to explain how ordinary Kenyans would benefit from the project.

The Committee also expressed concern that Treasury had delayed disbursing funds to SAGAs despite Parliament appropriating resources to them.

"We are not happy that SAGAs remain in financial distress because Treasury is dragging its feet. This has hindered service delivery," said Hon. Wanyama, directing Treasury to release the funds immediately.



Sports Committee Chairperson Hon. Dan Wanyama speaking during a meeting with Sports Principal Secretary Mr. Elijah Mwangi at Bunge Tower

## Former Kaiti NG-CDF Manager under investigations for gross financial impropriety, Audit Committee told

The Decentralized Funds Accounts Committee has directed the NG-CDF Board to furnish it with all documentation detailing the reported misuse of millions of shillings by former Kaiti Constituency fund account manager Daniel Maluki.

The Committee chaired by Hon. (Dr.) Gideon Mulyungi, while scrutinizing reports of the office of the Auditor General for Kaiti for the last ten years, learned that the Maluki is under investigations by the DCI for possible gross financial impropriety where public funds may have been diverted and misapplied for personal benefit and hence could not be accounted for.

## KES. 280 million lost in three years ▶

According to the Board, the Audit that covered 2020/2021, 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 Financial Years revealed that Maluki, who is now retired from public service but lectures at a local University, is under investigation for:

Chairing the session, Committee Vice-Chairperson Hon. Gertrude Mbeyu expressed grave concern with the amount of money misappropriated, emphasizing that such managers are the reason why some Kenyans do not see the benefits of CDF.

*"You have turned Kaiti into a crime scene. Unfortunately, when this happens the MP is blamed."*



Hon. Mburu Kahangara, MP (Lari) and DFAC Vice-Chairperson Hon. Gertrude Mbeyu Mwanjanje during the Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Parliament Buildings.

*Yet these decisions are made by the managers that we entrust with the Funds." Stated Hon. Mbeyu.*

The matter is under active investigation in accordance with Section 56 of the NG-CDFC Act which directs that complaints of a criminal nature shall be forwarded by the Board to the relevant government agencies with prosecutorial powers.

## AUDIT FINDING

- ▶ Failure to account for disbursed bursary funds that exceeded the allocated funds by over **KES. 19 Million.**
- ▶ Misappropriation of funds by Projects Management Committee where over **KES. 83 Million** meant for **29** of the **34** sampled projects was not accounted for
- ▶ **KES. 4,443,724** was withdrawn in **cash** and **not accounted**
- ▶ Ghost projects worth **KES. 37 Million** - these were funded but never implemented and the **funds misappropriated**
- ▶ Irregular **cash withdrawal** of **KES. 141,609,075**



## Public Debt Committee seeks measures put in place by KQ to reimburse public monies used to pay their guaranteed debt



Hon. Shurie and the Committee Vice-Chairperson Hon. Irene Njoki (Bahati) in consultation during the meeting

The Kenya Airways last week on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025, appeared before the National Assembly Committee on Public Debt and Privatization, chaired by Hon. Abdi Shurie (Balambala) to give answers on the measures they have put in place to reimburse public monies used to pay their guaranteed debt.

In FY 2023/24, the National Government disbursed KES.14.3 billion and KES. 13. 18.79 billion in FY 2024/25 towards the Exim Bank USA/PEFCO loan, with an additional KES. 17.96 billion projected for payment in FY 2025/26 under the same facility.

During the meeting, it was also noted that in addition, during FY 2024/25 the Government covered KES. 19.69 billion in working capital requirements on behalf of KQ, through facilities secured from local banks but guaranteed by the State.

### KQ's financial troubles and Project Mawingu ▶

While giving the background on how the debt was accrued, the KQ CEO Mr. Allan Kilavuka, told the Committee that the unfortunate failure of Project Mawingu marked the beginning of Kenya Airways financial misfortunes and it negatively impacted the performance of the airline and eroded its equity further threatening its survival.

According to the CEO the failure was caused by downturns on traditional tourist sources for the Kenyan market following adverse terrorism advisories on Kenya in 2013, the JKIA fire in 2013, whose

immediate aftermath saw KQ lose USD 4 million and countless disruptions and the Ebola pandemic in Western Africa in 2014.

*"The delayed delivery of B787 aircraft whose entry into service per Project Mawingu plan was in 2013/14 but were delivered in 2014/2015 led to the sourcing of alternatives aircraft (B777) where two were delivered in 2013/2014, a much larger and more expensive alternative. This resulted in high fleet operational and maintenance costs," he told the Committee.*

### Lawmakers' questions on debt and compliance ▶

Reacting to the presentation, Hon. Kwenya Thuku (Kinangop) asked the total debt that KQ owed to the local banks and whether any valuation was done on the loans before being converted into shares.

In his response, Mr. Kilavuka disclosed Kenya Airways owed local banks KSh.19.69 billion in loans, but which the Government settled in January 2025.

*"KQ could not settle this debt due to cashflow pressure attributed to the impact of COVID-19 pandemic. A shareholder loan agreement between GoK and KQ is currently being finalized and should be signed within the next about two months," the CEO said. Hon. Shurie sought to know how KQ is ensuring adherence to PFM Act, "How will KQ ensure compliance with the PFM Act in relation to obligations owed to the government," the Chairperson asked.*

On this the CEO told the Committee that, all disbursements to Kenya Airways PLC by the Government of Kenya from the year 2020 are secured by shareholder loan agreement and the Airline remains committed to making repayments as required adding that they have signed up a shareholder loan agreement complete with a repayment schedule.



Mr. Kilavuka and Alice Mwenga (seated left) during the meeting.

## House Committee and NCIC push for faster action on Kilifi peace initiative



National Assembly Committee on Cohesion and Equal Opportunities chairperson Hon Adan Yussuf Haji addressing stakeholders at Marafa Social Hall during a meeting to review implementation status of a peace deal initiated by the House team and the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) in parts of Kilifi county.

The National Assembly Committee on Cohesion and Equal Opportunities working in collaboration with the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC), has raised concern over slow progress in implementing measures aimed at fostering peace in Kilifi County.

The Committee led by chairperson Hon. Adan Yussuf Haji, together with NCIC Commissioners, convened a follow-up meeting at Marafa Social Hall in Magarini Constituency to assess the impact of a peace initiative launched several months ago.

The session brought together regional security teams and other stakeholders.

Hon. Haji (Mandera West) commended the community for maintaining relative calm but expressed disappointment over the limited progress since the April 25<sup>th</sup> consultative meeting.

*"It is worrying that relevant security agencies and stakeholders mandated to implement the agreed proposals are dragging their feet, slowing down efforts to find a lasting solution to insecurity," Hon. Haji said.*

He urged local administrators to

accelerate implementation of pending recommendations, adding that the Committee will escalate the matter to the Ministry of Interior and National Administration to ensure faster action.

Hon. Haji further appealed to residents to uphold peace and cohesion.

He emphasised that stability is essential for the region's economic, social and political development.

The Committee is expected to hold a meeting with herders tomorrow, followed by a joint session that will bring together both farmers and herders to encourage dialogue and work towards sustainable solutions.



A participant giving his views during a peace meeting at Marafa Social Hall in Magarini Constituency, Kilifi County.



## Regional Integration Committee will fast track ratification of EAC Protocol amendment, Hon. Mayaka says

**T**he National Assembly Committee on Regional Integration has pledged to expedite the ratification of the Amendments to Article 24 (2) of the East African Community (EAC) Customs Union Protocol.

Speaking during a meeting with the State Department of EAC on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, the Committee chairperson, Hon. Irene Mayaka said that the Committee is determined to fast track the ratification of the amendment and put the matter to a close.

*"This Committee will ensure that the National Assembly passes the ratification of the amendment to Article 24 (2) of the Protocol," Hon. Mayaka said.*

### Current Membership Limitation ►

Currently, the Protocol, under article 24 (2) limits the East African Trade Remedies Committee membership to nine, with Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania having three members each, excluding other countries; the Republic of Burundi, Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Congo, Federal Republic of Somalia and the Republic of South Sudan.

### State Department's Clarification ►

Appearing before the Committee, the Integration Secretary for the State Department for EAC, Dr. Alice Yalla explained that the ratification of the Protocol will pave the way for Partner States that accede to the

Treaty to nominate members to the EAC Trade Remedies Committee.

She noted that the Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs in February 2017 submitted a memorandum to the National Assembly Speaker on the ratification of the Protocol on the establishment of the EAC Customs Union and has been awaiting approval since then.

However, the Committee sought clarity on the benefits of the ratification to the country, failure by some EAC partner states to honour financial obligations and the state of dispute between Kenya and Tanzania regarding the denial of licences to Kenyan traders.

### Benefits to Kenya ►

Dr. Yalla assured Members of the Committee that Kenya is reaping well from the region in terms of trade and that the ratification will boost the country's trade aggressively.

*"Kenya is the greatest beneficiary of Foreign Direct Investment, and the ratification of the Protocol will strengthen Kenya's trade position," said Dr. Yalla.*

For Kenya-Tanzania Trade Prohibition Act, the Integration Secretary said that the State Department has already deepened the negotiation and is awaiting Tanzania to liberalize.

Dr. Yalla added that that the State Department is considering other mechanisms and is open to advocacy to amicably resolve the issue of non remittances by some EAC partner states.



Regional Integration Committee chairperson, Hon. Irene Mayaka chairing a Committee meeting with the State Department for EAC

### Way Forward ►

Once ratified, all members of the EAC bloc will officially take part in ensuring adherence to the application of EAC rules of origin, guide subsidies and countervailing measures; regulate safeguard measures and provide safeguard mechanisms.

## PIC-SAA engages Sports Kenya on billions lost in failed stadia projects

**T**he National Assembly's Public Investments Committee on Social Services, Administration and Agriculture (PIC-SSAA), in a session chaired by Vice-Chairperson Hon. Caleb Amisi (Saboti), put Sports Kenya management on the spot over serious audit queries dating back to the 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 financial years.

Appearing before the Committee, Sports Kenya's Acting Director General, Gabriel Komora, and his senior management faced tough questioning over billions of shillings spent on projects that remain incomplete or abandoned, including failed stadium ventures.

The most startling revelation concerned three proposed national stadiums in Nairobi, Kisumu, and Eldoret, estimated to cost KES. 42 billion. Despite millions spent on consultancy and feasibility studies, none of them were ever constructed.

"How do you justify spending millions on consultancy when you don't even have land titles for these projects?" pressed Hon. Amisi.

Records show Sports Kenya paid KES. 99.6 million for a feasibility study and KES. 57 million for architectural and project management services, despite failing to secure formal land ownership for the projects.

### Bloated costs ►

Cost overruns on existing projects further fuelled MPs' outrage. The Kipchoge Keino Stadium in Eldoret, initially contracted at KES. 109.7 million, ballooned to KES. 355.1 million, an increase of over 200 percent.

"Why were essential elements that contributed to this massive cost increase not foreseen in the original



The Sports Kenya Ag. Director General Mr. Gabriel Komora (right) and the Director Finance Mr. Japheth Kaunyu (Left)

contract?" Questioned Hon. Martin Owino. Sports Kenya management failed to provide convincing explanations and was asked to furnish documents for a fresh KES. 3.5 billion rehabilitation contracts for the stadium.

Lawmakers also raised eyebrows over questionable expenditures, including a KES. 24.4 million payment linked to a Moscow football club. Komora clarified that the matter fell under the Ministry of Sports, not Sports Kenya, but MPs insisted on more accountability.

### Lack of land titles ►

conduct a physical inspection of disputed sites, including Kipchoge Keino Stadium, and demanded a comprehensive report on all proposed stadia in Kenya from 2015 to date.

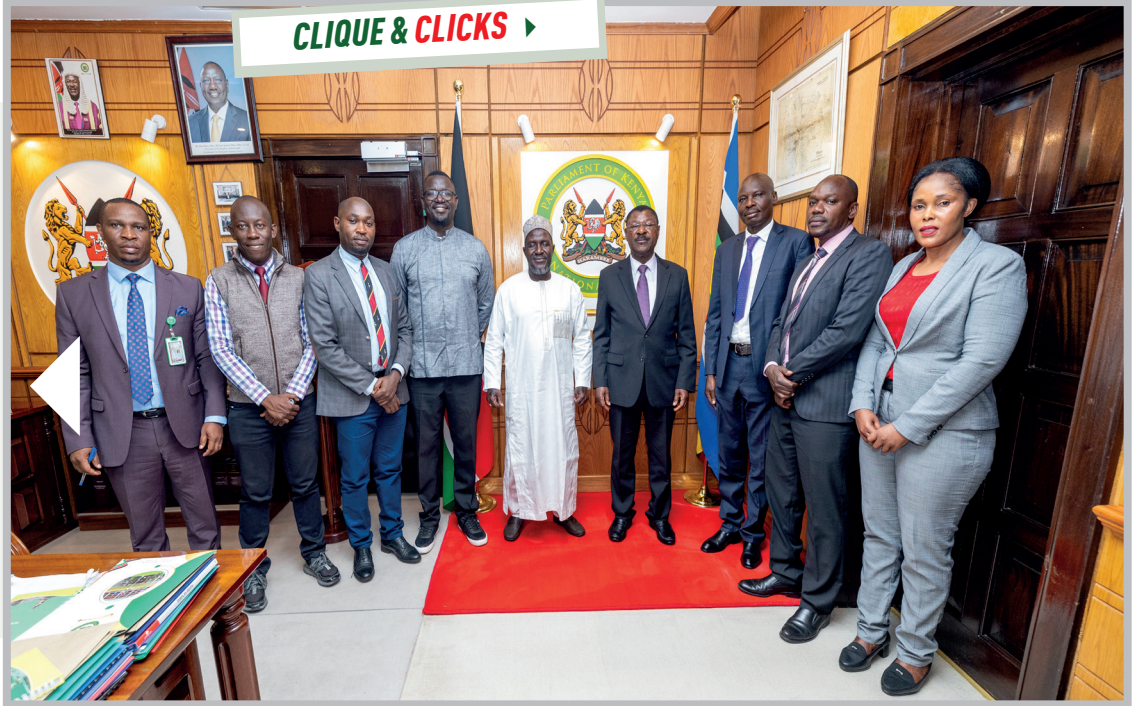


Vice-chairperson of the Public Investments Committee on Social Services Administration and Agriculture Hon. Caleb Amisi during a meeting with the Sports Kenya management on the audit queries.



# CLIQUE & CLICKS

Courtesy call meeting with President of the Bureau of East African Community Speakers, National Assembly Speaker, Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula. He was briefed by the members of the Uganda Parliamentary Sports Club on their preparations for the East African Community EALA games which Uganda gracefully agreed to host. Present at the meeting were; Mr. Waiswa Henry, Solomon Kirunda, Charles Bukwua, Waddimba David and Matovu Moses.



Members of the Bunge men and women teams jointly conduct a training exercise ahead of the EAC inter parliamentary games to be held in Kampala, Uganda in December this year.



The Members of the Departmental Committee on Tourism and Wildlife led by the Vice-Chairperson Hon. Rashid Bedzimba (right), Hon. (Capt) Ruweida Obo (centre) and Hon. Peter Shake (left) at Manda Airport, Lamu County.



Members of the Parliamentary Service Commission (PSC), led by the Chairman of the Commission, the Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula pose for a group photo with the inaugural Board of Trustees of the Parliamentary Service Commission Post-Service Medical Scheme for Members of Parliament during the Inauguration of the Scheme for Members of Parliament, on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2025, at County Hall, Parliament Buildings



## BUNGE MASHINANI ▶

## BUNGOMA COUNTY

## Hon. Wambilianga Empowers Kahawa Women Group with Ksh 100,000 Grant

Bungoma County MP Hon. Catherine Wambilianga has extended her support to grassroots women initiatives by issuing a grant of KES. 100,000 to the Kahawa Women Group in Kituni Village, Misikhu Ward, Webuye West Constituency.

The grant is aimed at boosting the group's small-scale businesses, enabling members to expand their ventures and move closer to financial independence.

The initiative is part of Wambilianga's broader agenda to empower women across Bungoma County through economic empowerment programs.

Speaking during the handover ceremony, Hon. Wambilianga reaffirmed her commitment to engaging with women at the grassroots level and ensuring no group is left behind.

"My mission is to reach every village and listen to the voices of our women. By supporting them with resources and training, we are giving them the tools to transform their lives, support their families, and uplift entire communities," she said.

Members of the Kahawa Women Group expressed gratitude for the grant, noting that the support would help them diversify into more profitable ventures such as poultry farming and table banking.



Bungoma Woman Representative Catherine Wambilianga hands over a Ksh 100,000 grant to members of Kahawa Women Group in Kituni Village, Misikhu Ward.

## YATTA CONSTITUENCY

## Hon. Basil Commissions a new water project for school, market and locals



Hon. Basil addresses students and residents at St. Bakhita Secondary school during the launch.

Yatta Member of Parliament Hon. Robert Basil launched a water project that is aimed at serving St. Bakhita Kyua secondary school, kyua market and residents of Kyaani Village in his Yatta Constituency.

The event was attended by both students and locals who thanked the MP for the efforts to have the project realized. They said the project will help

keep children in school and also help small traders at the local market.

Hon. Basil encouraged them to support such projects saying it was the right of every Kenyan to have access to clean water.

"Clean and reliable water means healthier families, empowered schools and thriving businesses, under my leadership, Yatta continues to move forward, one project at a time," said Hon. Basil.

## TURKANA COUNTY

## Hon. Emathe hosts fellow leaders for Women empowerment programme in Turkana Central



Chief guest Hon. Vincent Musyoka in a Turkana traditional hut is joined by host MP Hon. Joseph Emathe on his in glasses to dance to a Turkana traditional tune.

Turkana central MP Hon. Joseph Namuar Emathe last week hosted a number of leaders from Parliament led by Hon. Vincent Musyoka, MP Mwala who was the chief guest, in a women empowerment program held at Ngimurie primary school in Kerio Delta ward of Turkana Central.

Hon. Musyoka who represented other leaders not present but sent

their contributions was able to raise a total of over KES. 2 million to support Ngimurie women group. He also used the opportunity to call for peace among residents of Turkana.

Hon. Emathe together with other leaders from Turkana boosted the kitty with their contributions. He called on residents to shun away from divisive politics and focus on social economic development of the region

## KABONDO KASIPUL CONSTITUENCY

## Hon. Obara Opens new Kokwanyo Assistant chief's office, inspects infrastructural works at Ober Mixed primary school



Hon. Obara is joined by locals as she inspects a modern computer lab at Ober mixed primary school

Kabondo Kasipul MP Hon. Eve Obara last week commissioned the Kokwanyo West Assistant Chief's office and also inspected the ongoing works at Ober Mixed Primary school in Kokwanyo-Kakelo Ward of her Kabondo Kasipul Constituency.

The MP said the commissioning of the assistant chief's office brings

government services close to the people and also boosts security in the area.

The ongoing projects in Ober Mixed primary schools which includes setting up a modern computer lab, fully equipped classrooms, improved sanitation and a kitchen is also supported by a National telecommunications company in the country.



## Sports ▶

## Parliament gears up for inaugural PSC Sports Day showdown

The stage is set for an action-packed showdown as teams from both the National Assembly and the Senate gear up for an electrifying Parliamentary Service Commission (PSC) Sports Day.

The much-anticipated inaugural PSC Games, slated for Friday, October 31 to Saturday, November 1, 2025, at the Ulinzi Sports Complex in Nairobi, will see parliamentary officers battle it out in over 30 sporting disciplines.

### Clerk's Message ▶

According to the Clerk of the National Assembly Mr. Samuel Njoroge, the two-day event is expected provide an opportunity for staff from different departments to interact, build rapport, and enhance productivity at work.

Mr Njoroge said this during the official opening of sports trials at the KCB Leadership Centre in Karen, Nairobi County. The trials brought together staff from the Office of the Clerk, Sergeant-at-Arms, Legal Services from both the Senate and National Assembly, Human Capital and Administrative Services, and Parliamentary Research Services—collectively known as Team Red.

Apart from staff from the National Assembly and the Senate, officers from the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training (CPST) and Parliamentary Joint Services will also take part in the upcoming games.

### Teams composition and disciplines involved ▶

The staff will compete in athletics, swimming, volleyball, basketball, netball, football, and tug of war. Indoor games such as badminton, table tennis, chess,

pool, scrabble, and darts will also be featured, with staff living with disabilities taking part in several of the disciplines.

Parliamentary staff have been grouped into colour-coded teams. Apart from Team Red, there is also Team Black, Team White, and Team Gold.

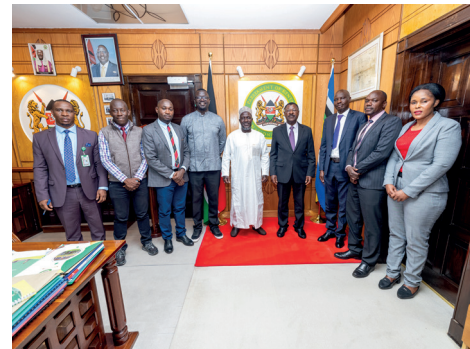
Team Black comprises staff from the Office of the Clerk of the Senate, Security and Safety, Finance and Accounting, Engineering and Maintenance, and the Parliamentary Budget Office. It also includes officers from Legislative and Procedural Services from both Houses.

Team White includes staff from the Office of the PSC Secretary, PSC Secretariat, CPST, Catering and Hospitality, Hansard and Audio Services from both Houses, as well as Litigation and Compliance.

Team Gold is made up of officers from the Speakers' Offices and Committee Services in both the Senate and National Assembly, along with staff from the Office of the Director General, Library and ICT, Parliamentary Broadcasting Unit, Internal Audit, and Liaison.

**Sports are not only good for our health but also help us know each other better and work together as a team. It teaches us that we all have different abilities, and the most important thing is supporting one another," he said.**

## EALA Games to foster Regional Integration and enhance EAC Cooperation, Speaker Wetang'ula says



Preparation for the EALA games is in top gear as Uganda is set to host the annual East African Community EALA games in Kampala. National Assembly Speaker, Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula in his capacity as the President of the Bureau of East African Community Speakers has urged the organisers to utilise the games to bring the EAC nations together.

Speaking during a courtesy call by the Uganda Parliamentary Sports Club led by its Chairperson, Hon. Basalirwa Asuman, who came to brief him on the state of preparedness, the Speaker expressed his gratitude to Uganda for agreeing to host the games while at the same time preparing for elections.

"We look forward to coming to Uganda," he said while restating his previous call to the EAC nations to use the games to build cohesion.

"Sports bring people together; they break barriers, whether race or tribe. We must encourage unity of purpose," said the Speaker.

He at the same time reiterated his call for the utilisation of parliamentary diplomacy to enhance regional integration saying the games offered a platform for the deepening of co-operation.

"It is not about who wins or loses, it's about bringing people together. We should mean business when we talk about integration, we need to have free movement of people, goods and services," he affirmed.

While noting that they were bottlenecks hindering the effectiveness of the integration push, he however noted that steps had been taken to counter the emerging issues.

"We should be big on the question of economics and how to grow our people; we must keep the spirit of the East African Community," he added.

The Uganda Parliamentary Sports Club were on a benchmarking visit to learn lessons on how to host the games after Kenya successfully staged the regional championship last year.

The meeting was attended by amongst others, the Clerk of the National Assembly Mr. Samuel Njoroge, the Ugandan delegation including Mr. Waiswa Henry, Solomon Kirunda, Charles Bukuwa, Waddimba David and Matovu Moses.



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**Picture 1:** Clerk of the National Assembly Mr Samuel Njoroge addressing a section of staff before the start of a sports trial at the KCB Leadership Centre grounds in Karen, Nairobi.

**Picture 2-3** Clerk of the National Assembly Samuel Njoroge warms up with a section of staff before the start of a sports trial at the KCB Leadership Centre grounds in Karen, Nairobi.



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