

# REPUBLIC OF KENYA



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## ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT (FOURTH SESSION) THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

(No. 30)

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#### ON THE DEMISE OF THE LATE HON. ELIUD NGALA MWENDWA, MP FORMER MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR KITUI CENTRAL CONSTITUENCY

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**Honourable Members,** it is with profound sorrow that I convey to the House the demise of the late Hon. Eliud Ngala Mwendwa, MP. The late Hon. Ngala, who was the first Member of Parliament for Kitui Central Constituency, passed on, on Wednesday June 8, 2016 at age of 97 years while undergoing treatment.

**Honourable Members,** the late Hon. Ngala, a son of the former Senior Chief Mwendwa Kitavi, was born in 1923 at Kalia in Matinyani, Kitui County. He joined the Africa Inland Church Matinyani Primary School in 1935 before transferring to Kitui School in 1938. Thereafter, he joined Alliance Boys High School in 1943 for his O-Level education, after which he enrolled at Kagumo Teachers Training College from where he graduated as a teacher. The late Hon. Ngala had an illustrious teaching career at Kitui School and Matinyani DEB School before becoming a tutor at Mutune Teachers Training College, now St Angela's Girls Secondary School.

**Honourable Members,** the late Hon. Ngala joined politics in 1961 and was elected to the Legislative Council (Legco) as the representative of Kitui Central. When Kenya attained independence in 1963, the late Hon. Ngala was among the

distinguished men who were appointed by the founding President, Mzee Jomo Kenyatta, to the fifteen-member first Independence Cabinet, in which he served as the Minister for Labour. He also served as a Minister in various Ministries, including the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Co-operatives. While serving as a Minister the Late Hon. Ngala was credited as the architect of various landmark achievements by the government of the day. In particular, he shall be remembered for the inception of the celebrated National Social Security Fund (NSSF) and the National Youth Service (NYS) while serving as the Minister for Labour.

**Honourable Members**, on behalf of all Members of the National Assembly, that of the Parliamentary Service Commission and indeed on my own behalf, I wish to convey our condolences to his family and the people of Kitui Central Constituency for the great loss. As the National Assembly, we assure the family of our support during this period of grief. In honour of the exemplary service that the late Hon. Eluid Ngala Mwendwa, MP rendered to the nation and, I now request that we all stand to observe a minute of silence.

**May his soul rest in eternal peace.**

**Thank you!**

**THE HON. JUSTIN B.N. MUTURI, EGH, MP**  
**SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**Thursday, June 9, 2016**