

## THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY - (THIRD SESSION)

## COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR ON HEIGHTENED SECURITY IN ALL GOVERNMENT INSTALLATIONS INCLUDING PARLIAMENT

**Honourable Members**, as you may be aware, there have been heightened security checks around all critical government installations including Parliament. The Parliamentary Service Commission, which I chair, is implementing meticulous measures aimed at enhancing the security of all persons and facilities within and around the precincts of Parliament. In this regard, Members and parliamentary staff are required to be vigilant and to cooperate with the security agencies as they implement these measures.

Honourable Members, from now on, the Speaker's Rules on admittance of strangers will be strictly enforced, including the requirement that a Member will not allowed to have more than two visitors at any one time. Visitors will also not be allowed access to the precincts of Parliament without duly authorized visitor's cards. Further, no Member of Parliament will be allowed to bring in visitors aboard the Member's vehicle, except a driver and official bodyguards. All other passengers will be required to alight from the vehicle at the gates for screening and scrutiny of the invitation cards.

**Honourable Members**, you may also be aware that a member of staff of the Parliamentary Service is being questioned by security agencies on security related issues and has been arraigned in Court today. I wish to assure you that the Commission is keenly following up on this matter to its logical conclusion.

Finally, I also wish to assure all Members, parliamentary staff and the public at large that stringent security measures have been put in place to secure you and all parliamentary facilities as you discharge your duties within the precincts of Parliament.

I Thank You.

## THE HON. JUSTIN B. N. MUTURI, EGH, MP <u>SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY</u> <u>April 28, 2015</u>