



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (SECOND SESSION)

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MESSAGES

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

_____ (No. 012 of 2023) _____

**NOMINATION OF PERSONS FOR APPOINTMENT AS
GOVERNOR OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF KENYA AND
DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE
SERVICE**

Honourable Members,

1. Standing Order 42(2) relating to **Messages from the President** provides that *"If a message is received from the President, at a time when the House is not in session, the Speaker shall forthwith cause the message to be transmitted to every Member and shall report the message to the House on the day the House next sits."*
2. Further, **Honourable Members**, you will recall that, on Wednesday, 15th February 2023, the House resolved that should the Speaker receive any message from the President, National Executive or the Senate during recess, the Speaker shall forthwith refer the Message to the relevant Committee without recalling the House. The House also resolved that whenever the Speaker invokes this Resolution, the Speaker shall **report** to the House upon resumption.

3. In this regard, **Honourable Members**, I wish to report to the House that during the May 2023 recess, I received two Messages from His Excellency the President regarding nomination of persons for appointment to various State offices.
4. In the first Message, His Excellency the President conveyed his nomination of **Dr. Kamau Thugge, CBS**, for appointment as Governor of the Central Bank of Kenya, following the recommendation of the Public Service Commission. In doing so, His Excellency the President invoked the provisions of Article 231(1) of the Constitution as read together with section 13(1) of the Central Bank of Kenya Act (Cap. 491) and sections 3 and 5 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, 2011.
5. For clarity, **Honourable Members**, Article 231(1) of the Constitution establishes the Central Bank of Kenya while section 13(1) of the Central Bank of Kenya Act (Cap. 491) provides that *"there shall be a Governor who shall be appointed by the President through a transparent and competitive process and **with the approval of the National Assembly**"*.
6. In this regard **Honourable Members** and in keeping with the House resolution, I referred the Message, together with the curriculum vitae and other relevant documentation of the nominee, to the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning to undertake the approval hearing. I also directed the Clerk to transmit the Message to all Members of the National Assembly *vide* my Notification Number 002 of 16th May, 2023.

7. Honourable Members, it is expected that the Committee has already commenced approval hearings and should table its report on or before **tomorrow, Wednesday, 7th June 2023** to enable the House to conclude the matter within the statutory timelines.

8. Honourable Members, the second Message from the President relates to the nomination of **Mr. Noordin Haji, CBS**, for appointment as Director-General of the National Intelligence Service. The Message conveys that pursuant to the provisions of Article 242 of the Constitution as read together with section 7(1) of the National Intelligence Service Act, 2012 and sections 3 and 5 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, 2011, the President nominated **Mr. Noordin Haji, CBS**, for appointment as the Director-General of the National Intelligence Service.

9. Honourable Members, Article 242 of the Constitution establishes the National Intelligence Service while section 7(1) of the National Intelligence Service Act, 2012 provides that "*There shall be a Director-General of the Service who shall, **with the approval of the National Assembly**, be appointed by the President.*"

10. Honourable Members, section 7(3) of the National Intelligence Service Act, 2012 states that –

*"The National Assembly shall, **within fourteen days** after it **first meets** after receiving the names of the nominee,*

(a) consider the suitability of the nominee; and


(b) either approve or reject the nominee for appointment."

11. Similarly, **Honourable Members**, in keeping with the House resolution, I also referred the Message, together with the curriculum vitae and other relevant documentation on the nominee, to the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations for the Committee to undertake the approval hearing. I also directed the Clerk to transmit the Message to all Members of the National Assembly *vide* my Notification Number 003 of 19th May 2023.

12. The Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations is expected to expedite the approval process and table its report on or before **Tuesday, 13th June 2023** to allow the House to consider the nominee within the prescribed statutory timelines.

13. Honourable Members, the House is accordingly guided.

I thank you!


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SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 6th June 2023