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No first year student will be turned away from university for lack of fees; CS Machogu assures Committee Members

Members of the National Assembly Departmental Committee on Education have received assurance from the Cabinet Secretary for Education, Hon. Ezekiel Machogu that no university will turn away any first year Government-sponsored student over lack of fees when the institutions of higher learning reopen next week. The CS appeared before the Committee to shed light on the new university funding model.

During the meeting chaired by the Vice-Chairperson, Hon. Malulu Injendi (Malava), Members expressed their fears that many State-sponsored students may miss financial support by the Government consequently jeopardizing their prospects of university admission.

“Universities are admitting first year learners next week. Members of this Committee and our other colleagues want to be guaranteed that no learner will be locked out of the university for lack of fees,” said Hon. Ijendi.

In response, the CS told the Committee that all students will be admitted to universities come next week.

“All new students will be admitted to



The Cabinet Secretary for Education, Hon. Machogu appearing before the Departmental Committee on Education

universities, regardless of whether they have fees or not. The admission will be fairly flexible as we work on processing their application for funds. We don't want to lock out anyone,” said Hon. Machogu.

During the meeting, Members raised concern regarding the education loan application process highlighting challenges that prospective students face while navigating the intricate application system.

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The Vice-Chairperson Committee on Education, Hon. Malulu Injendi, chairing the meeting with CS Machogu to discuss the new university funding model



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Indonesian President H.E. Joko Widodo visits Parliament, pays respects at the late President Mzee Jomo Kenyatta's mausoleum

National Assembly Speaker Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula received the Indonesian President, H.E. Joko Widodo, who paid his respects at the mausoleum of our founding father, the late President, Mzee Jomo Kenyatta.

Head of State to both Kenya and the broader African continent. This visit holds promise of strengthening of ties between Kenya and Indonesia. Notably, on 18th March, 2022 Kenya officially opened its Embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia.

This historic event marked the inaugural visit of an Indonesian



Indonesian President and National Assembly Speaker Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula and Indonesian President H.E. Joko Widodo, at the late president Jomo Kenyatta's Mausoleum



Members raise concern over attack on Kirinyaga Member of Parliament; demand quick action against perpetrators



Kirinyaga Member of Parliament, Hon. Jane Maina. She was attacked by unknown people in Kirinyaga

Members of the National Assembly have condemned the attack of Kirinyaga Member of Parliament, Hon. Jane Maina, saying it is an act of cowardice and a regrettably primitive manifestation within modern political discourse.

The legislators demanded for swift and decisive action, urging investigative agencies to swiftly apprehend not only the assailants but also any potential masterminds and backers behind this brazen assault that left the MP injured.

A number of MPs including the Leader of Minority Party, Hon. Opiyo Wandayi (Ugunja) issued a resolute call for the investigative apparatus to expedite the apprehension of all those responsible, including potential orchestrators and financiers.

“We must condemn violence in all its shapes and forms. Violence

is violence whether it happens in Kondele or Kirinyaga,” Hon. Wandayi said.

Hon. John Mukunji (Manyatta) decried the attack, urging Inspector General of Police to conduct a thorough investigation and provide a comprehensive report to the parliament detailing the events.

“We want to see anybody who has been involved and even for those who mobilized for Hon. Njeri to be attacked, brought to book and put behind bars,” stated Hon. Mukunji,

Hon. Dorice Aburi (Kisii) urged her fellow woman representatives to stand united in denouncing this act of violence perpetrated against one of their own.

She underscored the ominous possibility that any of them could be subjected to a similar assault and stressed the importance of a united stance to counter such alarming trends.

Committee Reports

Public Learning Institutions to be issued with title deeds, Public Accounts Committee told



Members of the Public Accounts Committee follow proceedings during a meeting with Lands Principal Secretary Hon. Nixon Korir at Parliament Buildings

All public learning institutions in the country are set to benefit from issuance of title deeds by the Ministry of Lands.

This is according to the Principal Secretary for Lands, Hon. Nixon Korir who appeared before the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) chaired by Hon. John Mbadi (Nominated) to respond to audit queries.

The PS was taken to task on the Ministry's failure to avail the land ownership documents, buildings & structures and transport equipment worth billions of shillings to

auditors for audit review.

"Further scrutiny of the physical fixed assets register provided for audit revealed that the register was incomplete as it did not indicate details of assets, dates of acquisition and the cost of the assets," the report read in part.

As a result, the report noted further, the ownership and valuation of the assets could not be confirmed by the auditors.

In his response, Hon. Korir informed Members that the Ministry had initiated a programme of issuing title deeds and is currently collecting data of all the schools without the vital documents.

"We have asked the Ministry of Education to submit a list of schools that do not have land title deeds so that we can fast-track issuance of the documents," said Hon. Korir.

Further, the PS informed the Committee that he had involved the National Treasury in the exercise to help in ensuring that charges on title deeds are waived during implementation.

The Committee noted that a number of learning institutions are embroiled in disputes with individuals who were taking advantage of lack of title deeds to grab their land.

PIC on Governance and Education calls for prioritization of stalled projects and adequate project funding by the National Treasury

The National Assembly Public Investments Committee on Governance and Education says that there is need for the National Treasury to ensure that State projects are adequately funded and guaranteed completion within the prevailing economic frameworks.

The Committee chaired by Hon. Jack Wamboka (Bumula), pointed out specific cases, such as the New Mitihani House project by the Kenya National Examinations Council (KNEC), which has been ongoing for 37 years without completion.

In relation to the costly consultancies associated with these protracted construction endeavors, the Committee observed that several projects allocated significant portions of their budget to consultancies, encompassing project conception, architectural design and supervision thus diverting construction funds.

"Consultants often provide their project designs upfront, compelling public agencies to pay them in advance," Hon. Wamboka said.

The Committee noted that lack of effective oversight by the Ministry of Public Works which should ideally monitor and manage these projects, has immensely contributed to projects stalling.

Hon. Wamboka made these remarks while moving a Motion on the adoption of the Committee Report on its consideration of the Auditor-General's report on the financial statements for the State Corporations (regulatory and governance agencies) for the Financial Years 2018/2019, 2019/2020 and 2020/2021.

Contributing in support of the Motion, Hon. Mark Mwenje (Embakasi West) said that Treasury ought to prioritize funding of stalled projects adding that the Government is losing a lot of money as a result of delayed payments to contractors.



The Chairperson of the Public Investments Committee on Governance and Education, Hon. Jack Wamboka (Bumula) moved the Motion on adoption of the Report by the Committee

Committee on Regional Integration told roadblocks to be eliminated by November 2023



The Cabinet Secretary for Interior and Administration of National Government, Hon. (Prof.) Kindiki making his presentation the Committee on Regional Integration



The Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Regional Integration, Hon. Salah Yakub (right) keenly following the CS Kindiki's presentation

The National Assembly Committee on Regional Integration has been told that all roadblocks across the country will be removed by November this year.

This is according to the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and Administration of National Government, Prof. Kithure Kindiki, who appeared before the Committee on Tuesday 22nd August, 2023.

In a session chaired by the Vice-Chairperson Hon. Yaqub Salah (Fafi) the CS stated that the move is one of the approaches that his Ministry has taken to minimize disruptions caused by police roadblocks across the country and along the Northern Corridor.

“Police roadblocks have been eliminated across the country and are only erected on need basis, with a directive from Kenya Police Headquarters for a particular purpose

and soon after achieving the objective they are dismantled. This roadblock elimination is a Presidential directive,” Prof. Kindiki stated.

According to Prof. Kindiki, the Northern Corridor Transit Patrol Unit (NCTPU) under the traffic department within the Kenya Police Service (KPS), is mandated to secure transit motor vehicles along the route from Mombasa Port to Malaba border, Isebania border and Busia border.

Peace has been restored in North Rift; Cabinet Secretary assures Committee on Administration and Internal Security

The Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security chaired by Hon. Gabriel Tongoyo (Narok West), has received assurance from the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and Administration of National Government, Prof Kithure Kindiki, that peace has been restored in the six North Rift counties that were declared as disturbed.

Prof. Kindiki stated that to address the insecurity in Turkana, West Pokot, Elgeyo Marakwet, Baringo, Laikipia and Samburu counties, the Government put in place a 30-day dusk to dawn curfew. He added that through the concerted efforts of the multi-agency security teams and collaborative effort from the local communities, calmness has been experienced for the last five months.

“North Rift region is currently peaceful and relatively calm. Incidences of banditry have significantly reduced since the launch of operation Maliza Uhalifu. The security operation was spearheaded by the multi-agency security team encompassing Kenya Defence Forces (KDF), General

Service Unit (GSU), Anti Stock Theft Unit (ASTU), Regular Police, and National Police Reserve (NPR),” he said.

According to the CS, through the security operations, 7,147 livestock, 646 illegal firearms and 285 rounds of ammunition have been recovered. In addition, normalcy is now restored in the region and there is a free movement of people and goods and minimized counter and revenge attacks between communities in the affected counties.

“The operation led to successful recoveries of stolen livestock and bandits have been flushed out from their hideouts. Displaced communities have returned to their homes, criminals and suspects have been arrested and charged and schools have reopened,” Prof. Kindiki told Members.

The CS noted that for decades the region has experienced insecurity resulting from cattle rustling and banditry which has enveloped the counties and become a national security concern.



The Chairperson, Committee on Administration and Internal Security, Hon. Gabriel Tongoyo, asks a question to the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and Administration of National Government, Prof. Kithuri Kindiki, when the CS appeared before the Committee on Thursday last week



Hon. Hussein Mohammed (Mandera East) on the left, and Hon. Roza Buyu (Kisumu West) follow proceedings during the meeting with CS Kindiki

Proposed pensions law to ensure timely pension payment to retired civil servants

The State will now be obligated to ensure timely payment of pensions to its retired civil servants within 90 days from the date such pension becomes payable, if MPs approve a proposed amendment Bill currently before the National Assembly.

The Pensions (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No.44 of 2022) seeks to amend the Pensions Act, Cap 189 to provide a timeline upon which the pensions department should pay pensioners.

Hon. Didmus Barasa (Kimilili), the sponsor of the Bill hailed the proposed legislation saying it will remedy the current delays experienced in payment of pensions. The Bill proposes that no retiree waits for pension payment for longer than 90 days.

“The House will agree with me that the law, as it is now, does not provide a timeline on when retired people should be paid their pensions. We have millions of Kenyans who have suffered in the hands of pension schemes,” said Hon. Barasa.

Seconding the Bill, the Deputy Leader of Majority Party, Hon. Owen Baya (Kilifi North) regarded it as timely due to the challenging economic times and limited finances.

“We need to amend the laws to ensure that retirees get their pension paid one month after retirement. The only savings these people have is their pension. However, this is deliberately delayed inordinately and as a result their families suffer,” said Hon. Baya.



Hon. Didmus Barasa (Kimilili) the sponsor of the amendment Bill seeking to amend the Pensions Act to set timelines for pension payment, currently before the House for debate

Loima Member of Parliament petitions for the release of Kenyan pastoralists jailed in Uganda

Hon. Protus Akujah (Loima) has presented a petition before the House calling upon the Government to act with speed to secure the release of 41 pastoralists jailed in Uganda.

In the petition, Hon. Akujah drew attention of Members to the dire situation Kenyans are facing in Ugandan prisons. The individuals have been convicted under questionable circumstances by a military court, sparking concerns about justice and human rights violations.

“Turkana Pastoralists were taken through a one-day court martial trial without any legal representation, right to appeal or right to a fair trial. Every person should be presumed innocent until proven guilty,” said Hon. Akujah.

According to the lawmaker, their predicament began with a cordon and search operation conducted by the Uganda People’s Defence Force (UPDF), leading

to the arrest and subsequent conviction of the 41 Kenyan citizens by the Moroto Third Division Military Court (MTDDC).

Making comments on the petitions, Hon. Nixon Ngikolong (Turkana East) said Kenya did not have security personnel along her borders.

“We don’t have military or security personnel on our borders, Turkana County residents are the ones taking care of the Ugandan, Ethiopian and South Sudan Borders. What is the Kenyan Government doing about these borders?” asked Hon. Ngikolong.

While supporting the petition, the Leader of Minority Party, Hon. Opiyo Wandayi (Ugunja) highlighted the recurring challenges faced by Kenyans along the borders with Uganda, calling for cross-border conflict resolution.

Hon. Kitayama Marwa (Kuria East), stressed that any injustice suffered by a border community is a matter of concern for the entire nation, emphasizing that the accused should have received a fair and impartial trial, which was evidently lacking in this case.



The Member for Loima, Hon. Protus Akujah, presented a petition in the House asking the Government to secure the release of Kenyans jailed in Uganda.

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Further, they noted that there is lack of comprehensive information to guide applicants through the procedure.

Responding to these concerns, CS Machogu said, “we are committed to reviewing all funding applications received after the September 7th deadline. Remedial actions will be taken if only a few students manage to apply within that timeframe.”

He added, “Depending on the volume of applications received, we are open to extending the deadline. Our goal is to accommodate as many students as possible.”

Accompanying the CS were the Principal Secretary for Higher Education, Dr. Beatrice Inyangala among other Ministry officials.



Members listening to the presentation by CS Machogu on new university funding model

National Treasury unveils FY 2024/25 highlights and medium-term budget process



The Chairpersons for Budget and Appropriations and that of Public Debt and Privatization Committees, Hon. Ndindi Nyoro and Hon. Shurie Abdi Omar pose for a photo the CS for National Treasury and Economic Planning, Prof. Njuguna Ndung'u, PS. Chris Kiptoo (National Treasury), PS. James Muhati (Economic Planning) and officers from the National Treasury, during the Launch of the FY 2024-25 and the Medium Term Budget Preparation process on 18th, August 2023

The Ministry of National Treasury and Economic Planning has presented the key highlights of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/25 and the Medium-Term Budget Preparation process to the National Assembly Budget and Appropriations Committee chaired by Hon. Ndindi Nyoro (Kiharu).

The Launch of the Sector Working Group (SWG) process was presided over by the Cabinet Secretary for National Treasury, Prof. Njuguna Ndung'u, alongside the Principal Secretary (PS) for National Treasury, Dr. Chris Kiptoo and the PS for Economic Planning, Mr. James Muhati (Economic Planning).

SGWs are required to document stakeholder engagements and attach evidence as annexures to Sector Reports for compliance with public participation requirements.

Dr. Chris Kiptoo urged MDAs to present resource needs for sector prioritization and budget allocation, preventing last-minute requests for additional funding.

Addressing the Budget Committee's concerns over pending bills, CS Ndung'u assured that more there will be stricter adherence and prioritization of stalled projects.

Hon. Nyoro affirmed the Budget and Appropriations Committee's commitment to adhering to guidelines and integrating MDAs' recommendations into the budgetary process.

"We stand prepared to support approval and oversight, ensuring responsible resource utilization through collaborative efforts," said Hon Nyoro.

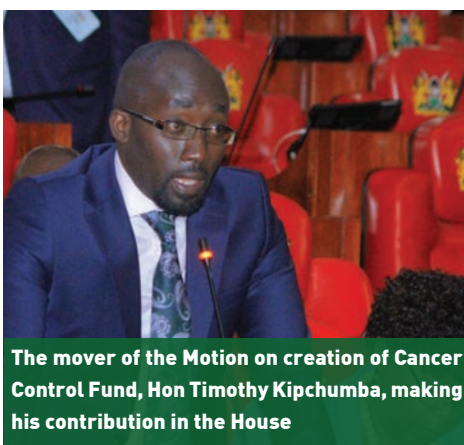
Members debate Motion on establishment of National Cancer Prevention and Control Fund

Members of the National Assembly have shown support for a Motion aimed at creating a dedicated fund to promote, prevent, control, and treat cancer in the country.

The Motion moved by Hon. Timothy Kipchumba (Marakwet East) urges the National Treasury to allocate funds to the proposed National Cancer Prevention and Control Fund

Further, the Motion seeks to address the pressing need for comprehensive health-care services for cancer patients in the country.

Hon. Kipchumba noted that early detection of cancer significantly improves treatment outcomes. He however said in



The mover of the Motion on creation of Cancer Control Fund, Hon Timothy Kipchumba, making his contribution in the House

Kenya cancer is often diagnosed at advanced stages which poses substantial challenges to effective treatment.

"This House is duty-bound to consider establishing this special Fund and allocating resources in subsequent fiscal years to comprehensively address cancer, ensuring proper treatment for our citizens," Hon. Kipchumba said.

A number of Members supported the Motion. Hon. Duncan Mathenge (Nyeri Town) supported the establishment of the fund in line with existing policies and legislations aimed at enhancing cancer care, with his counterparts Hon. Paul Biego (Chesumei), and Hon. Charles Nguna (Mwingi West), highlighting the potential for the fund to ease the financial burden of cancer treatment on both politicians and citizens.

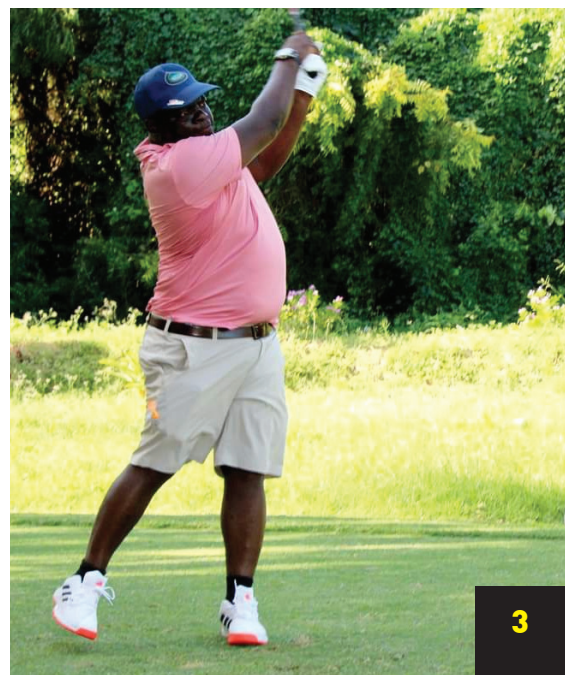
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- 1. Hon. Christopher Aseka (Khwisero) and Deputy County Commissioner Khwisero, Sub-County Administrator, KESHA & KEPSHA chairpersons, Constituency Funds Accounts Manager, Chairman for Interfaith Council and the Council of elders pose for a photo during the launch of NG-CDF Khwisero Strategic Plan 2023-2027 at Khwisero Technical and Vocational College on 21st August 2023
- 2. The Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly Hon. Gladys Boss, giving an address during the opening ceremony of the Law Society of Kenya (LSK), Annual General Conference, 2023. The Deputy Speaker reiterated the commitment of the Assembly to facilitate public participation in its legislative processes and agenda
- 3. Hon. Fred Ikana (MP Shinyalu) tees off at Nyali Golf and Country Club during the bilateral golf tournament pitting Kenyan Parliamentarians against their Ugandan counterparts. Team Kenya won the gold medal

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Maragua residents benefit from training on financial management and literacy



Hon. Mary Wamaua (Maragua) spearheaded training on financial management that benefitted over 60 groups across all the 37 locations in Maragua Constituency.

The program, themed *Elimisha Vikundi, Inua Mama,* and *Inua Jamii*, enabled participants to enhance their financial literacy and access various available Government funds.

Speaking during the training, Hon. Wamaua said that the knowledge gained from the training would help the constituents manage their hard-earned money and empower them on how to invest.

The lawmaker emphasized the potential for growth, particularly in small-scale poultry and pig farming, and encouraged utilization of government funds for wider benefit.

“The Government has funds that mwananchi can benefit from and I am calling upon you all of you to apply for these funds,” Hon. Wamaua said.

A number of parastatals heads were present at the event. They included Eng. Irungu Nyakera (Chair of Chairpersons), Eng. Gilbert Maluki (National Irrigation Authority) Faith Maura (Kenya Development Corporation) and James Ndungu (Medium and Small Enterprise’s Authority)

Also present were; Hon. Betty Maina (Murang’a), Hon. Sabina Chege (Nominated) and several Members of the County Assembly.

Caption: A section of the residents of Maragua Constituency listen attentively to Hon. Wamaua during the training on financial management and literacy held at the constituency

Hundreds of Ndhiwa Constituents benefit from free medical camp

Hundreds of residents of Ndhiwa Constituency turned up for free medical checkups and treatment during a free medical camp in Ndhiwa Primary School last week.

The camp was organized by Ndhiwa Constituency Office in collaboration with Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH), Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital (MTRH), and Kenya Medical and Research Institute

Ndhiwa MP, Hon. Martin Owino, explained that the camp aimed to improve residents’ health by providing services for various ailments.

“Illnesses hinder economic growth and by addressing people’s health issues, they better contribute to the overall development of the society. Therefore, this free medical camp will be an annual event,



Ndhiwa MP, Hon. Martins Owino, speaking to residents who turned upon for medical attention during a free medical camp held on 18th, August, 2023 at Ndhiwa Primary School.

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taking place in the third week of August each year. “

Residents received care for various health issues, including jigger infestations, diabetes, and hypertension, cervical cancer screening, Eye Nose and Throat (ENT) checkups, HIV tests, reproductive health and nutrition.

Isiolo County MP disburses funds to empower Women, youth and People Living with Disability

Isiolo County MP, Hon. Mumina Gollo has launched a National Government Affirmative Action Fund (NGAAF) programme to empower women, youth and PWD groups.

Among the beneficiaries of the funds are 175 college students who received Kshs 1.2 million in bursaries, Kshs.1.3 million worth of revision, reference and story books benefiting Isiolo Community Library to aid learning in the county. Further allocation of Kshs 2.4 million is set to benefit 24 women groups in Isiolo.

“It is my humble appeal to everyone to accord my office more understanding and patience as resources we receive are not enough to cover all deserving women, youth and PWD groups to benefit under this programme. We intend to devise innovative ways to mobilize more resources to cover more groups in future,” said Hon. Gollo.

She further reaffirmed her commitment to improving education sector and the economic empowerment for these special groups. Hon. Gollo acknowledged Twiga Group for their support in donating books and other resource materials.



Isiolo County MP, Hon Mumina Gollo (centre) pose for a photo with members of one of the women groups in Isiolo who benefited from the NGAAF initiative.

Kajiado North MP, opens new laboratory in Kiserian

Kajiado North MP, Hon. Onesmus Ngogoyo recently opened a new science laboratory at Kiserian Junior Secondary. The laboratory was officially opened by the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Hon. Kipchumba Murkomen who was the chief guest.

The project which was funded by the Kenya ports Authority (KPA) will enable students to increase their knowledge in sciences.

Hon. Murkomen promised the area MP that he would continue to explore ways of supporting the school’s infrastructure development through strategic partnership with him.



Kajiado North MP Hon. Onesmus Ngogoyo together with the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Hon. Kipchumba Murkomen officiating the opening of a new science laboratory at the Kiserian Junior Secondary School

MOTION – BANNING THE GROWING OF EUCALYPTUS TREES IN THE COUNTRY



THAT, aware that, the eucalyptus tree species are popular among large scale and commercial tree farmers in Kenya;

noting that, these tree species are grown in most ecological zones in the country and in particular in the Western, Central Rift Valley, Central Kenya, parts of Eastern and the Coastal Regions of the country; acknowledging that, farming of the eucalyptus trees has been on the rise due to their fast growth, good economic returns and diverse commercial uses such as transmission poles, fuelwood, timber, plywood, pulp, fencing posts and building materials among others; concerned that, eucalyptus trees species are majorly cited as high water depleting agents through high consumption, transpiration and evaporation thus causing the drying up of streams, rivers and depletion of groundwater water sources;

Deeply concerned that, the high depletion of water by the said trees has caused adverse negative effects on soil fertility, land degradation and are a serious threat to the biodiversity; recognizing that, due to the serious threats posed by the Eucalyptus trees to the biodiversity, there is need therefore for their removal and replacement with other types of trees to improve conservation of water sources and the ecosystem;

this House resolves that the National Government through the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry –

- i. orders absolute banning of planting eucalyptus trees and encourages planting of indigenous species across the country;
- ii. orders the uprooting of all eucalyptus trees and replacement with other varieties of trees particularly, indigenous species to ensure conservation of water sources and preserve the ecosystem;
- iii. initiates the process of putting in place punitive measures against persons who defy the above orders.

The Hon. Moses Kirima, Central Imenti Constituency

POLICY ON INTEGRATING A CURRICULUM FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS



THAT, aware that, Article 42 of the Constitution accords every person the right to a clean and healthy environment and that Article 69(1)(d) of the Constitution also mandates the State to encourage public participation in the management, protection conservation of the environment.

Concerned that, the prevailing climate change and global warming has adversely affected our ecosystems and biodiversity causing unprecedented droughts, food insecurity and famine thus affecting livelihoods and our economy, further concerned that, there is a general lack of awareness or insensitivity among our citizens regarding the place of environmental conservation in preserving our biodiversity.

Noting that, there is need to inculcate a culture of environmental conservation practices to restore and maintain balanced natural ecosystems, and ensure protection of biodiversity, including reducing the effects of pollution and conserving natural resources for our future generations.

This House resolves that the Government through the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry develops and implements a policy on integrating a curriculum for environmental conservation in primary and secondary schools in the Country..

The Hon. Umul Ker Kassim, Mandera Constituency

ESTABLISHMENT OF STRATEGIC GRAIN STORAGE RESERVES AND SILOS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO SMALLHOLDER FARMERS



THAT, aware that, agriculture is the backbone of the Kenya's economy contributing approximately 33% of the GDP and employing more than 40 percent of the total population and 70 percent of the rural population;

noting that the sector's performance has been declining as a result of adverse effects of climate change, resulting in droughts, famine and food insecurity;

further noting that Smallholder farming is predominantly rain-fed cereal grain farming and farmers experience boom harvest every time there is adequate rains;

Concerned that such farmers majorly lack proper post-harvest grain handling and modern storage facilities and resort to selling their harvest almost immediately after harvesting at low prices when market is flooded to reduce the risk of suffering losses through spoilage;

Cognizant of the fact that the current state of affairs exacerbates poverty in rural areas and there is need for instituting measures that boost local production to augment our grain reserves as stipulated under the National Food and Nutrition Security Policy, which would also lead to a reduction of grains imports in the country;

This House now resolves that the Government through Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development establishes strategic grain storage reserves and silos in close proximity to smallholder farmers so as to address post-harvest inefficiencies. defy the above orders.

The Hon. Jessica Mbalu, Kibwezi East

REGULATION OF THE SUGAR INDUSTRY TO DISCOURAGE BRANDING OF SUGAR BY NONMILLERS



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THAT, aware that, the importation and exportation of sugar is regulated by various laws including the Crops Act and the Agriculture and Food Authority Act,

Further aware that, the Agriculture and Food Authority is charged with the responsibility of regulating the importation and exportation of sugar in the country in accordance with the law.

Noting that, the importation of sugar is also negotiated within the regional trade blocs' frameworks and agreements to enable the country to meet the demand for sugar.

Further noting that, individuals or entities are allowed to import sugar provided they obtain the necessary permits and meet the required standards.

Concerned that, despite these regulations, there have been instances of illegal importation of low quality sugar or adulterated sugar.

Further concerned that, unscrupulous traders have been found to rebrand the sugar which does not meet the standards of the Kenya Bureau of Standards specifications.

Deeply concerned that, this poses significant health risk to consumers as well as undermining the efforts to regulate and strengthen the sugar industry to protect local millers.

Acknowledging that, the country has the potential to produce enough sugar to meet its domestic demand as the sector has been a key driver of economic growth.

Further acknowledging that there is need for concerted efforts by stakeholders to discourage the branding of sugar by non-millers and promote the development of the local sugar industry.

Now therefore, this House resolves that the Government through the Ministry of Trade, Investments and Industry ensures strict operationalization of the regulatory frameworks governing sugar importation into the country.

The Hon. Peter Salasya, Mumias East

QUESTION TIME

Rights to televise sports: Cabinet Secretary inform House of plans to revamp Kenya Broadcasting Corporation to a vibrant sports channel

The National Assembly has been told that plans are in place to revamp State broadcaster, Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC) to a serious sports channel that will win rights to televise most sporting activities in the country and generate revenue.

This is according to the Cabinet Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Hon. Ababu Namwamba, who appeared before the House on Wednesday 23rd August, 2023 to answer questions from Members.

The CS who was responding to a question by Hon. John Kiarie (Dagoretti South) who demanded to know why the rights to televise sports in Kenya have been given to Tanzania's Azam TV at the expense of KBC.

In response Hon. Namwamba said, "We have started slowly to build KBC sports muscles



The Cabinet Secretary for Youth Affairs and Sports, Hon. Ababu Namwamba, responding to questions from Members when he appeared before the House during Question Time

to be a key sports channel in the country and region and generate sponsorship packages that will attract federations and clubs."

In a response to a question by Hon. Gladys Boss (Uasin Gishu), who sought to know why the

Talanta Hela App was not working, the CS said the app has not been activated, citing procurement challenges for the delay in operationalization.

"I have tried severally in vain to look for the Talanta Hela App to join and follow its activities. Can the Ministry tell the House whether the app exists or not?" Hon. Boss asked.

In his response CS Namwamba defended the delay, noting that once the App officially in use, it will revolutionize sports in the country.

"This is a digital sports app that will help in scouting for talents across the country for the purpose of nurturing. The digital forum gives a talented player from any corner of the country an opportunity to upload a video of his expertise for recognition by coaches and teams that can recruit him or her and develop the talent," Hon. Namwamba said.



Sitting of the National Assembly during Question Time on Wednesday 23rd August, 2023



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
13TH PARLIAMENT - SECOND SESSION**

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE, INTELLIGENCE, AND FOREIGN RELATIONS

**IN THE MATTER OF ARTICLE 118 (1)(b) OF THE CONSTITUTION
AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF AN INQUIRY INTO THE CONDUCT OF THE BRITISH ARMY TRAINING UNIT IN KENYA (BATUK)
INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA**

WHEREAS, Article 118(1) (b) of the Constitution requires Parliament to facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of Parliament and its Committees;

AND WHEREAS, Article 95 of the Constitution mandates the National Assembly to represent the people, deliberate on issues of concern to the people and exercise oversight of state organs. The National Government under the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution is mandated to oversee National defence and the use of national defence services;

FURTHER, WHEREAS, Kenya and the United Kingdom have a Defence Cooperation Agreement that, among others, allows the British Army Training Unit in Kenya (BATUK) to operate in the Country. The Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence, and Foreign Relations is carrying out an inquiry into the conduct of BATUK in the country and consequently, report to the House;

FURTHER, WHEREAS, The main objective of the Inquiry is to conduct a comprehensive investigation into alleged malpractices within BATUK since its inception to date under the following terms of reference:-

- To investigate alleged ethical breaches related to ethical misconduct, including corruption, fraud, discrimination, abuse of power, and other unethical behaviors.
- To investigate allegations of Human Rights violations including mistreatment, torture, unlawful detention, killings, or any other violations of internationally recognized human rights standards.
- To assess BATUK's operational integrity especially safety protocols, compliance with legal requirements and adherence to established military standards.

NOW THEREFORE, in compliance with Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution, the Committee hereby invites members of the public and stakeholders to submit memoranda on the specific terms of reference of the inquiry as outlined or on any other relevant issue they may wish to draw the attention of the Committee to.

The memoranda should be addressed to the **Clerk of the National Assembly, P.O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi**; hand-delivered to the **Office of the Clerk, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi**; or emailed to ena@parliament.go.ke; to be received on or before **Friday 6th October 2023 at 5.00 p.m.**

**S. NJOROGE
CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
Friday 11th August, 2023**

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**REPUBLIC OF KENYA
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - SECOND SESSION

**IN THE MATTER OF ARTICLE 118(1) (B) OF THE CONSTITUTION
AND
IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
NATURAL RESOURCES (BENEFIT SHARING) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 6 OF 2022)**

INVITATION TO SUBMIT MEMORANDA

WHEREAS, Article 118(1) (b) of the Constitution requires Parliament to facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of Parliament and its Committees and Standing Order 127(3) of the National Assembly Standing Orders requires House Committees considering Bills to facilitate public participation;

AND WHEREAS, the Natural Resources (Benefit Sharing) Bill (Senate Bills No. 6 of 2022) was read a First Time on **Thursday, 17th August 2023** and thereafter referred to the Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining for consideration and reporting to the House;

IT IS NOTIFIED that the **Natural Resources (Benefit Sharing) Bill (Senate Bills No. 6 of 2022)** is a Bill originating from the Senate sponsored by **Sen. Danson Mungatana**, which seeks to provide a legislative framework for the establishment and enforcement of a system of benefit sharing in natural resource exploitation between natural resource exploiters, the National Government, county governments and local communities and to that end provides that the Commission for Revenue Allocation oversees the same.

NOW THEREFORE, in compliance with Article 118(1) (b) of the Constitution and Standing Order 127(3) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, the Clerk of the National Assembly hereby invites the public and stakeholders to submit memoranda on the Bill to the Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining.

Copies of the Bill is available at the National Assembly Table Office, Main Parliament Buildings or on www.parliament.go.ke/the-national-assembly/house-business/bills.

The memoranda may be forwarded to the **Clerk of the National Assembly, P.O. Box 41842- 00100, Nairobi**; hand-delivered to the **Office of the Clerk, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi**; or emailed to ena@parliament.go.ke to be received on or before **Monday, 4th September 2023 at 5.00 p.m.**

**S. NJOROGE
CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
(22nd August 2023)**

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REPUBLIC OF KENYA
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
13TH PARLIAMENT - 2ND SESSION 2023
JOINT AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON THE INQUIRY
INTO THE ACTIVITIES AND OPERATIONS OF WORLDCOIN KENYA

IN THE MATTER OF INQUIRY BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY INTO THE
ACTIVITIES AND OPERATIONS OF WORLDCOIN COMPANY IN KENYA

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND SUBMISSION OF
MEMORANDA

WHEREAS, Article 118(1) (b) of the Constitution provides that *Parliament shall facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of parliament and its Committees;*

AND WHEREAS, Article 95 of the Constitution of Kenya mandates the National Assembly to represent the people, deliberate on issues of concern to the people and exercise oversight of state organs.

FURTHER WHEREAS, *Worldcoin*, a block chain company, recently launched its iris-for-tokens in Kenya, offering free cryptocurrency tokens to participants upon registration and scanning of the irises in various locations in Nairobi, including the Kenya International Conference Centre (KICC).

NOTING, that there are concerns that the data collected may be used for purposes other than the declared intent by the blockchain company and may pose a risk on the protection and privacy of the participants if not monitored. In addition, there have been recent cases of cyber-attacks in the country, thereby posing greater risk in management of data.

FURTHER NOTING, that the National Assembly established a Joint Ad-hoc Committee on Tuesday, 15th August 2023, vide the Speaker's Communication No. 055 of 2023, to among other things, inquire into the activities and operations of *Worldcoin* under the following terms of reference-

1. To inquire into the operations and ultimate objectives of the activities of *Worldcoin* in Kenya;
2. To inquire into the legal and regulatory compliance of operations of *Worldcoin*, and its agents in Kenya;
3. To inquire whether due diligence was undertaken by the relevant government agencies before *Worldcoin* started its operations in Kenya;
4. To inquire into the nature, use and safety of data collected by *Worldcoin* in Kenya;
5. To inquire into the organizational structure and the activities of *Worldcoin*;
6. To inquire into the source of money or consideration if any paid to the members of the public who presented themselves for registration and the potential beneficiaries;
7. To inquire whether Kenyans were exposed to any health hazards as a results of the activities of *Worldcoin* in the country;
8. To inquire into the legal and regulatory gaps that permitted operations of *Worldcoin* in Kenya; and
9. To recommend necessary legislative interventions.

NOW THEREFORE, in compliance with Article 118 (1) (b) of the constitution, the Committee hereby invites the public to submit memoranda on the specific terms of reference of the inquiry as outlined and on any other relevant issue they may wish to draw the attention of the Committee to.

The memoranda may be sent to the **Clerk of the National Assembly, P.O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi**; hand-delivered to the **Office of the Clerk of the National Assembly, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi**; or emailed to cna@parliament.go.ke to be received **on or before Wednesday, 6th September, 2023 at 5.00pm.**

S. NJORGE
CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

24th August, 2023

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REPUBLIC OF KENYA
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – SECOND SESSION (2023)

IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS (PARLIAMENTARY
APPROVAL) ACT, 2011 AND THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
PROSECUTIONS ACT, 2013

AND

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PERSON
NOMINATED FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF THE DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

NOTIFICATION TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON THE APPROVAL HEARING
AND SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Article 157(2) of the Constitution as read together with section 8(5) of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions Act, 2013, H.E. the President notified the National Assembly of the nomination of **Mr. Renson Mulele Ingonga** for appointment as the Director of Public Prosecutions on Thursday, 17th August 2023;

AND WHEREAS, following the notification of nomination, the Speaker of the National Assembly committed the name of the nominee, the Certificate of Presidential Nomination, *curriculum vitae* and other testimonials of the nominee to the Departmental Committee on Justice & Legal Affairs to conduct approval hearings and report to the House pursuant to Standing Order 45(1) of the National Assembly Standing Orders;

FURTHER WHEREAS, Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution requires Parliament to facilitate public participation in the legislative and other business of Parliament and its Committees, and section 6(9) of the Parliamentary Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, 2011 provides that *"any person may prior to the approval hearing and by written statement on oath, provide the Clerk with evidence contesting the suitability of a candidate to hold the office to which the candidate has been nominated"*;

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED to the general public and the nominee that pursuant to the provisions of **Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution** and section 6(4) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, 2011, the Departmental Committee on Justice & Legal Affairs shall conduct the approval hearings/vetting of **Mr. Renson Mulele Ingonga**, the nominee for appointment as Director of Public Prosecutions, on **Thursday, 31st August 2023 in the Mini-Chamber, County Hall, Main Parliament Buildings at 10.00 am**

NOW THEREFORE, in compliance with Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution and section 6(9) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, 2011, the National Assembly hereby invites members of the public to submit any representations they may have, by way of written statements on oath (*affidavits*) with supporting evidence contesting the suitability of the nominee for appointment as Director of Public Prosecutions.

The memoranda may be forwarded to the **Clerk of the National Assembly, P.O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi**; hand-delivered to the **Office of the Clerk, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi**; or emailed to cna@parliament.go.ke so as to be received **on or before Wednesday, 30th August 2023 at 5.00pm.**

IT IS FURTHER NOTIFIED THAT, the nominee is required to-

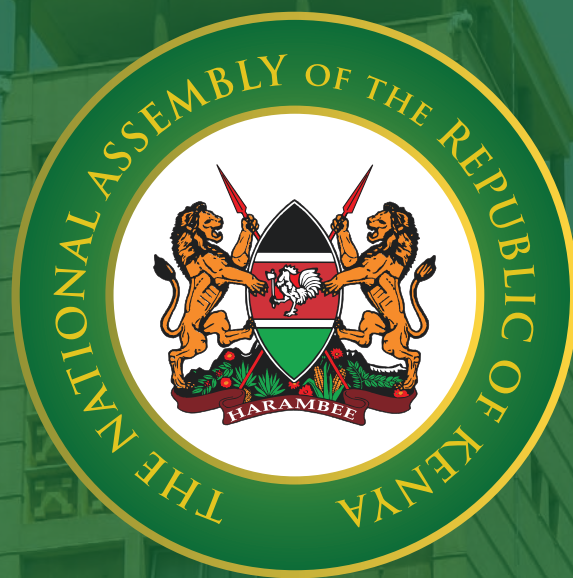
1. appear for the approval hearing with the original identity cards, academic and professional certificates and other relevant testimonials; and
2. obtain letters/certificates of compliance from the following institutions -

- (a) **Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission;**
- (b) **Kenya Revenue Authority;**
- (c) **Higher Education Loans Board;**
- (d) **Directorate of Criminal Investigations; and,**
- (e) **Office of the Registrar of Political Parties.**

S. NJORGE
CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Thursday, 24th August 2023

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