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Attorney General Hon. Justin Muturi and the team from the office of the Solicitor General during a meeting with the Ad Hoc Committee on Wednesday, August 30, 2023.

Ad-hoc Committee continues probe into Worldcoin's unauthorized data collection from Kenyans

Members of an Ad-hoc Committee formed by the House to probe the operations of a cryptocurrency firm last week intensified their probe, even as it emerged that data for over 350,000 Kenyans was illegally collected and shipped out of the country.

The Committee heard that the foreign company at the center of the controversial harvesting of Kenyans' personal data, *Worldcoin* is not registered in Kenya, and all its activities remain illegal.

The disclosure was made by the Attorney General Hon. Justin Muturi, the National Computer and Cybercrimes Coordination Committee, and the Communications Authority of Kenya, when they appeared before the Ad hoc Committee of Inquiry into the activities of Worldcoin and its subsidiary Companies

Tools for Humanity and *Sense Marketing*.

The 15-Member Committee chaired by Hon. Gabriel Tongoyo, (Narok West), learnt that despite

the Constitutional and other legal guidelines for operation of foreign companies in Kenya, *Worldcoin* breached the rules, harvested, processed, and transmitted extremely sensitive data from unsuspecting Kenyans without the necessary approvals.

"*Worldcoin* is not registered as a company for whatever purpose in accordance with the provisions of Kenyan law. According to the Business Registration Services, *Worldcoin* and *Tools for Humanity* do not appear in their database", said the AG. He, however, acknowledged that the Company is registered as data collectors and processors by the office of the Data Protection Commissioner.

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Committees' Round-up

Diaspora Committee seeks improved facilitation of migrant workers

The Committee on Diaspora Affairs and Migrant Workers has called on the State Departments responsible for facilitating migrating workers to find ways of working with recruiting agencies to streamline the management of migrant workers and enhance their welfare abroad.



The Chairperson of the Committee on Diaspora Affairs and Migrant Workers Hon. Haika Mizighi during the forum

The Committee chaired by Hon. Lydia Mizighi (Taita Taveta) made this call during a roundtable engagement with officials from the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, the State Department for Immigration and Citizen Services, State Department for Diaspora Affairs, Kenya Association of Private Employment

Agencies (KAPEA) and Representatives from the Association of Skilled Migrant Agencies of Kenya (ASMAK).

Making her opening remarks during the forum, Hon. Mizighi noted that in the wake of rising unemployment in the country, the Committee is keen to ease the facilitation of migrant workers with requisite documents for travel and work placements abroad.

She underscored the need for such engagements, in helping sort out the challenges affecting all stakeholders in the migratory worker's sector.

"It is expected that Kenyans and more particularly those in the diaspora will benefit from such engagements as this one. Indeed, it is only through continued strategic partnerships among the arms of Government, and in the spirit of inter-governmental relations guided by the principles of co-ordination, consultation, and cooperation that we shall be able to deliver on our mandates collectively", she told the forum.

The Secretary General of KAPEA Ms. Virginia Njoki told the Committee that the requirements for licensing of recruitment agencies and the exorbitant charges for the license itself had proven difficult for a number of them.

"Hon. Members, the Ministry's stringent

requirements and high cost of the one-year license is too high to keep us in business. A number of my members have closed shop in Kenya and are now operating in neighbouring countries like Burundi where conditions are favourable", Ms. Njoki said

In response, the Principal Secretary for Labour and Skills Development, Mr. Geoffrey Kaituko said the Ministry would soon be submitting the Labour Migration Management Bill for consideration by Parliament. He informed the lawmakers that the proposed law seeks to not only mainstream migration management, but also proposes the extension of licensing period for migrant recruitment agencies to two years from the current one year.



The Secretary General of the Kenya Association of Private Employment Agencies (KAPEA) Ms. Virginia Njoki (left) makes her submission during the round-table meeting.

PIC on Governance meets Attorney General over Institutional ownership and accountability

The Public Investments Committee on Governance and Education chaired by Hon. Jack Wamboka (Bumula), held a meeting with the Attorney General (AG), Hon. Justin Muturi, to discuss institutional ownership and accountability.

Members sought clarity on the ownership status of the Kenyatta University Training, Research, and Referral Hospital (KUTRRH) and engaged the AG on unresolved issues from the examination of the Auditor General's report concerning the Kiambu Institute of Science and Technology (KIST) and PC Kinyanjui Technical Training Institute.

During his presentation, Hon. Muturi told the Committee that the Committee on Health and that on

Implementation in the 12th Parliament had delved into the ownership of KUTRRH. The findings and recommendations presented to the House were that the hospital's ownership to be reinstated to the University.

The Committee noted that the matter is being addressed through collaboration between the Committee and the Attorney General's office.

"It is disheartening to witness Kenyatta University students encountering challenges, including having to carry out their research in makeshift facilities within another hospital. This situation stands in contrast to the institution's original vision and efforts to establish a dedicated hospital to cater to their specific needs," noted Hon. Wamboka.



The Attorney General, Hon. Justin Muturi, appeared before Public Investments Committee on Governance and Education to respond to Members concerns about institutional ownership and accountability



The Chairperson of the Public Investments Committee on Governance and Education, Hon. Jack Wamboka (Bumula), seeking clarification from the Attorney General, Hon. J.B. Muturi during a meeting last week

Justice and Legal Affairs Committee holds approval hearings for Director of Public Prosecutions nominee

The Justice and Legal Affairs Committee chaired by Hon. George Murugara (Tharaka) held approval hearing for the nominee for Director Public Prosecution (DPP), Mr. Renson Ingonga Mulele.

In his remarks, Mr. Mulele told Members that if approved as the next DPP, he is committed to pursuing a three-fold agenda which includes

building a people-centred prosecution service, creating innovative prosecution framework and positioning prosecutions as an enabler of National development.

During the session, the Committee sought to know how Mr. Mulele was going to handle the recent trend of high profile cases being withdrawn for lack of evidence.

“We have seen a number of high profile cases in court have been withdrawn for lack of evidence. Some of these

withdrawals are politically instigated. If your nomination is approved, what are you going to do to stop this?” Hon. Murugara asked.

In his response, the nominee told the Members that the power of the DPP to withdraw a court case is anchored in law and that the court first verify if the reasons given for seeking withdrawal of a case are valid or not.

He further argued that the reason why the DPP makes applications for withdrawal of cases is to save public their money in scenarios where it is



The Chairperson, Justice and Legal Affairs Committee, Hon. George Murugara (Tharaka), listens to the nominee for position of Director of Public Prosecution, Mr. Renson Mulele, as he responds to Members’ questions during approval hearings held last week

discovered that there is lack of enough evidence to proceed with a case.

The nominee assured the Committee that in his tenure if approved, there will be no political interference since he will be guided by the rule of law in execution of his duties.

“The mandate of DPP is clear. The office institutionalizes any criminal proceedings other than in court martial. It also has power to withdraw a case before court for a valid reason,” Mr. Mulele told the Committee.

The Committee also wanted to know how

the nominee will ensure there will be no fallout between his office and that of Director of Criminal Investigation (DCI) as witnessed between the immediate former DCI and DPP bosses, Mr. George Kinoti and Mr. Noordin Haji respectively.

Mr. Mulele attributed the fallout to lack of understanding of specific mandates by the two institutions. He therefore, assured the Committee that once in office he will sit with the DCI office and distinguish the mandate of each institution.



The nominee for appointment as the Director for Public Prosecutions, Mr. Renson Mulele, takes an oath at the beginning of the approval hearing by the Justice and Legal Affairs Committee

Committee on Housing queries decision to adjust Githurai market’s construction cost

The Departmental Committee on Housing, Urban Planning and Public Works has expressed concern over the decision made by the State Department of Housing and Urban Development to adjust the construction cost of the new Githurai market in Kiambu County.

The Committee, chaired by Hon. Johana Ngeno (Emurua Dikirr), sought an explanation from the Principal Secretary for State Department for Housing and Urban Development, Mr. Charles Hinga, why there was alteration of the project cost from the initial Kshs.827.170 million to Kshs.1.026 billion.

“The variation in terms of costs is quite significant. You recently advertised the construction of 60 markets, and we are concerned that their costs may also be inflated. What justified the review of the costs?” inquired Hon. Ngeno.

In response, PS Hinga told the legislators that the increase in the construction cost of the modern market, featuring five stories, was attributed to adjustments in the scope of work and design modifications during the project’s

implementation.

“As the project progressed, there were adaptations in the scope of work and design, leading to a review of costs and resulting in a contract sum of Kshs.1.026 billion,” he explained.

According to PS Hinga, these changes were essential to enhance the functionality, structural integrity, and visual appeal of the project, which was initiated in October 2019.

Hon. Ngeno, directed the State Department to provide the Committee with the original Bill of Quantities, drawings, designs, and other pertinent documents related to the project.



Housing and Urban Development PS Charles Hinga listens as Members of the Housing Committee pose questions to him during a recent session



Members of the Housing Committee Hon. Daniel Manduku (Nyaribari Masaba) confers with Hon. Jane Kagiri (Laikipia County) during meeting with Housing PS Charles Hinga.

Transport and Infrastructure Committee investigates power black-out at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport

The Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure chaired by Hon. George Kariuki (Ndia) last week met with the Principal Secretary, State Department of Transport, Mr. Mohamed Daghar and the management of the Kenya Airports Authority (KAA) over the blackout that occurred at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) on the night of Friday, 25th August, 2023.

Members sought to know why the JKIA does not have a stable and reliable power backup, and what led to power supply failure on the said day.

The Ag. Managing Director, Mr. Henry Ogoye, explained to the Committee that they experienced challenges with the main substation that serves the Technical and Terminal Ring circuits. The Technical Ring, is an active generator that supplies power to all the airside substations that is the Airfield Ground Lighting (AGL), Fire stations, Control Tower, Remote receiver Station and the radar. The Terminal Ring on the other hand supplies power to the passenger terminals T1A, B, C, D, E and T2.

Mr. Ogoye further said there were attempts to have the two generators pick the load automatically to no avail as they failed to close the main breakers due to the intermittent grid power supply. He added that the technical team on duty resulted to manual operations of the switch gear and isolated the Technical and Terminal Rings from the main 11KV Board.

In his response to the Members' question, Mr. Daghar cited poor management at KAA as the main course

of the black-out. He informed the Committee that the Authority's Board's had since terminated the contracts of the Managing Director and the General Manager for Engineering.

The Committee expressed their dissatisfaction with the responses provided by Mr. Daghar and Mr. Ogoye. They urged the team to ensure that regular simulation exercises are carried out to test disaster response preparedness.

Hon. Kariuki told the PS to table before the Committee a written submission stating measures put in place to manage KAA.

"JKIA is the main reception of this country and the region and this Committee will not allow you to lower its standards", he said.



The Chairperson of the Committee on Transport and Infrastructure, Hon. George Kariuki (Ndia) chairing a meeting with KAA representatives to discuss the power blackout that occurred at the JKIA in August

Bumula Member of Parliament proposes amendment to law to enable the establishment and funding of the offices of Official Leader of Opposition and Deputy

Hon. Wamboka Wanami (Bumula) is proposing amendment to the Political Parties Act to establish the offices of Official Opposition Leader and that of Deputy Opposition Leader.

Appearing before the Justice and Legal Affairs Committee chaired by Hon. George Murugara (Tharaka), Hon. Wamboka said the office bearer shall be a candidate from the political party that receives the second greatest number of votes in a Presidential Election.

Further, the Political Parties (Amendment) he Bill seeks to amend section 25 of the Principal Act by deleting subsection (1), and substituting a new subsection to provide for the distribution of funds to the two offices from the Political Parties Fund.

According to the provisions of



Bumula Member of Parliament, Hon. Wamboka Wanami when he appeared before the Justice and Legal Affairs Committee.



The Chairperson of the Justice and Legal Affairs Committee, Hon. George Murugara (left), alongside Hon. Tom Kajwang' (right), during the meeting to discuss the proposed amendments to the Political Parties Act

the Constitution, establishment of such an office would call for a referendum, however, Hon. Wamboka argues that this amendment Bill would cut off this requirement.

"We have a problem in the country. The constitutional way is going to take a lot of time. This move is meant to quell some of the tension that exists in the country," said Hon. Wamboka.

According to the Legislator, the establishment of these offices will promote active participation by individual citizens in political life including organizing civic education in democracy and other electoral processes; and influencing and shaping of public opinion on matters of good governance, democracy and electoral processes.



Fiscal Analysts from African Legislatures explore strategies for restoring financial sustainability amidst uncertain economic times



27th August - 1st September 2023 Whitesands Beach Resort,

Delegates from across Africa who attended the just concluded 6th Annual Conference for the African Network of Parliamentary Budget Office (AN-PBO) in Mombasa County, pose for a group photo on the first day of the Conference. The Conference was officially opened by the Chairperson, Budget and Appropriations Committee, Hon. Ndindi Nyoro (Kiharu). Clerk of the National Assembly, Mr. Samuel Njoroge and Clerk of the Senate Mr. Jeremiah Nyegenge also made remarks during the opening session.

The forum for the African Network of Parliamentary Budget Offices has called for strategic planning of fiscal structures as a means to restoring sustainability as world economies continue to be hit by uncertainties.

Cognizant that many countries have seen a decline in the state of public finances over the past few years as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and economic instabilities, the forum elected to focus on practical strategies for managing public debt and fiscal sustainability in times of uncertainty.

In the deliberations which formed the key agenda for the second day of the just

concluded 6th Annual conference for the African Network of Parliamentary Budget Offices (AN-PBO), delegates drawn from different nations shared their perspectives on how to manage Africa’s growing public debt including refinancing debts, prompt repayment of debts, and restructuring.

Further, the forum considered ways of reducing the gap between revenue and expenditure and sought solutions for improving the continent’s exports.

Sharing his perspectives on Kenya, the Deputy Director, PBO, Mr. Robert Nyaga, cited drivers of public debt including the need for better infrastructure such as roads, persistent

low growth of financed projects, cheap global finances that keep recurring, spending programs and tax policies by the Government, and lack of economic foresight to avert public debt crisis.

Mr. Misael Kateshi, the Head of PBO in Zambia, told the forum that his Government had developed a plan to achieve fiscal sustainability. He said the Government has enhanced domestic resource mobilization amongst other

The forum also heard from Ms. Vilma da Conceição Pinto, a Brazilian Independent Fiscal Institution – Federal Senate and Ms. Janet Mataka, the Principal Economist, PBO Uganda.

Members seek urgent action over Kenyans jailed in Uganda

Lawmakers have called on the Government to act swiftly to secure the release of Kenyans incarcerated in Uganda.

In a Statement read on the Floor of the House by the Leader of Majority Party, Hon. Kimani Ichung’wa (Kikuyu) on behalf of the Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, H.E President Yoweri Museveni stated unequivocally that the murder of three Ugandan geologists attributed to the detained Kenyans must be resolved or reparations given to the victims’ families before any talks on amnesty can commence.

According to a Report on the matter which was tabled in the House, in March 2022, eight Kenyan herders were arrested in Uganda’s Kotido region after being suspected of involvement in the killing of three Ugandan geologists and two Ugandan People’s Defence Forces (UPDF) soldiers. They were tried and found guilty of possessing weapons in a Ugandan Court Martial in April 2022. The three were sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Thereafter, on April 8, 2023, the UPDF conducted a cordon and search operation within Turkana kraals, leading to the arrest of 32 Turkana herdsmen. These individuals were swiftly tried in a court martial and sentenced to 10 years each for illegal possession of firearms and ammunition.

“Turkana pastoralists were taken through a one-day court martial trial without any legal representation, right to appeal or right to a fair trial which is that every person should be presumed innocent until proven guilty,” decried Hon. Protus Akujah (Loima).

Regarding the measures taken by the Kenyan Government, the Cabinet Secretary told the House that the Ministry had made efforts to secure the release of the Kenyan detainees, including through high-level diplomatic engagements. He revealed that a delegation from Kenya led by the Cabinet for East African Community, Ms. Rebecca Miano had visited Uganda in February 2023 to negotiate the release of the Turkana herders.

Following the update, lawmakers called for a comprehensive approach to address these issues and ensure the protection of Kenyan citizens. The Members further underscored the need to enhance cross-border diplomacy between Kenya and Uganda to address conflicts and border security.



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The Attorney General attributed the ability of a foreign company to infiltrate the Kenyan space and set up shop for illegal activities, to the existing gaps in country's laws, and inadequacies of regulations. He underscored the need to device ways to combat the rising cases of fraudsters in the digital market, adding that innovators are always ahead of the regulators.

"The activities of Worldcoin invoke legal questions. There is a possibility they took more than the Iris against the individuals image rights. There is need to protect Kenyans within the area of consumer protection laws, and it is critical that the National Treasury takes the lead in proposing the setup of a task force to deal with crypto currency within the space of data and consumer protection. The laws we have are not sufficient to address matters such as this one." the AG advised.

In their submissions before the Committee, the Cybercrimes Coordination Committee told the legislators that their preliminary assessment of the operations of WorldCoin point towards genuine

concerns on the security and safety of the Kenyan Citizens' sensitive personal data and Kenya's cyberspace. They revealed that critical data from over 350,000 Kenyans has been processed and transmitted to Amazon Servers in the USA.

"The Owners of this project are very ambitious people. It is a multinational company that came to Kenya to allegedly conduct research which involved collection of very critical personal data which they would in turn use to develop their systems without approval," said the Director, NC4, Can. (Dr.) James Kimuyu.

On his part, Dr. Ezra Chiloba, the Director- General, Communications Authority of Kenya (CAK) said they were unaware of the existence or activities of the Company Worldcoin in Kenya, as it is not registered with the Authority as a practitioner, and CAK only learned about it from media reports.

The Committee's inquiry into the matter continues with meetings scheduled this week with various state agencies meant to shed light on the matter at hand.

Preliminary assessment of the operations of WorldCoin

- Worldcoin is not registered in Kenya, and all its activities remain illegal.
- Sensitive data harvesting from unsuspecting Kenyans without the necessary approvals.
- Existing gaps in country's laws, and inadequacies of regulations.
- Data from over 350,000 Kenyans has been processed and transmitted to Amazon Servers in the USA.

The Committee's inquiry into the matter continues



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1. Transport and Infrastructure Committee, led by Ndia MP Hon. George Kariuki in the company of KAA representatives on a site visit tour at the JKIA

2. Clerk of the Senate, Mr. Jeremiah Nyegenye (foreground) and the Chairperson, Budget and Appropriations Committee, Hon. Ndindi Nyoro (Kiharu) arrive for the 6th Annual Conference of the African Network of Parliamentary Budget Office (AN-PBO) held in Mombasa last week.

3. The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Ms. Susan Nakhumincha converses with Hon. Peter Kaluma (Homabay town), and Hon. Capt. Ruweida Obbo (Lamu East) after the CS appeared before the Ad Hoc Committee of Inquiry into Worldcoin at Parliament Buildings on Thursday, August 31, 2023.

4. Bunge Golf team captain Hon. Rindikiri Mugambi with Hon. Joseph Munyoro in the course at the Nyalı Golf Club

5. Bunge FC players led by captain Otiende Amollo in action during their friendly match with Gor Mahia Legends

6. Bunge FC head coach George Sunguti giving instructions to players during their half time break

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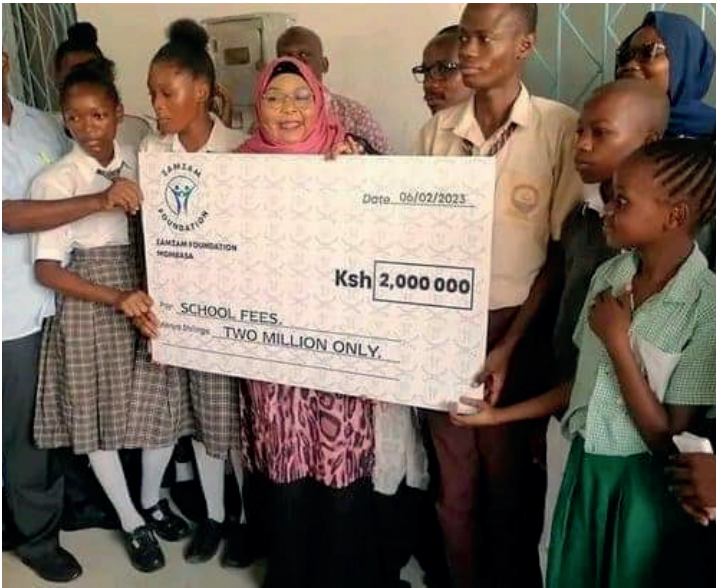
Boost for students from poor families in Mombasa as Hon. Zamzam enrolls them on education fund programme

Mombasa County MP, Hon. Zamzam has sponsored 350 secondary school students from poor families and those living with disabilities.

“I have decided to sponsor the education of these children from my pocket because their situation is bad. Their families cannot afford to educate them because of poverty,” said the MP as she issued them with cheques.

She noted that her team was compiling a list of more students from such background to benefit from the programme.

“Education is the only investment the children can have. I have decided to support them so that they can change their poor families,” she noted. Hon. Zamzam called upon well-wishers to support the programme so that more students can benefit from it.



Mombasa County MP, Hon Zamzam displays a dummy cheque on funds she donated to bright and needy children to support their education from her Foundation



One of the beneficiaries of the Zamzam Foundation Education Fund gives a hug to Hon. Zamzam during the issuance of bursary cheques recently

KAITI CONSTITUENCY



Kaiti MP, Hon. Joshua Kimilu (in floral shirt) accompanied by the National Government Constituencies Development Fund Board Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Yusuf Mbuno and the Constituency CDF staff launch the construction and equipping of an administration block at St.



Monica Wautu Secondary School in Kaiti Constituency. Upon completion the project is expected to provide teachers with much needed offices to boost efficiency in service delivery.

Members debate Motion on comprehensive deworming policy to improve child health and education

Members of the National Assembly have debated a Motion aimed at compelling the Ministry of Health. The Motion moved by Hon. John Waithaka (Kiambu) seeks to establish a comprehensive national policy for the deworming of school-going children.

The lawmakers argue that implementing deworming in schools is an exceptionally cost-effective intervention strategy with manifold holistic and societal advantages.

These benefits encompass increased school attendance, improved academic performance, and overall better health for children.

During debate on the Motion, Members underscored the historical challenges faced by previous deworming initiatives, which, despite collaborative efforts between the Ministry of Health and the non-governmental organization Evidence Action, suffered from lack of coordination, reliance on external support and a shortage of clear policy guidelines and budgetary allocations.

According to Hon. Waithaka, health transcends mere absence of disease, encompassing physical, mental, social, and emotional well-being.

“The objective of this Motion is to ensure that the Ministry of Health comes up with a clear national policy that will see that school-going children are dewormed on a regular basis so as to keep them safe while at the same time ensuring that they stay focused in their studies and that intestinal worms, which are common to children are got rid of,” said Hon. Waithaka.

As per the World Health Organization (WHO) records, deworming has been shown to increase school attendance by 57.5 percent.

Based on this fact, Hon. Waithaka said regular deworming program, therefore, holds the promise of reducing absenteeism in our schools, minimizing grade repetition, and ultimately enhancing test scores and other learning outcomes.



Hon. John Waithaka, Member of Parliament for Kiambu Constituency, moved the Motion



A sitting of the National Assembly during debate on the Motion aimed at compelling the National Government, particularly the ministry of Health, to establish a comprehensive national policy for deworming of school-going children

Quotes of The Week

“Madam Speaker there’s an issue that requires urgent attention by the Committee on Health. This past one week, we have been struggling with the issue of admission of university students, but there’s a bigger issue going on unnoticed, and that is the admission of students to Kenya Medical Training Colleges.



As Members in this house, a number of us have used taxpayers’ money to build these colleges across the country, and as we speak there’s total confusion as to the procedure for admission of students to these colleges”.

Hon. Opiyo Wandayi, Ugunja MP, Leader of the Minority Party



From where I sit as a member of Education Committee, it seems that the panic that this Higher Education New Funding Model has elicited within the Members and the country at large should not exist because all the students who have been selected for admission will get admitted to the University

There are also those students who have been admitted to private universities against their desire. We are assured that these students have the opportunity of reapplying on the Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service (KUCCPS) platform for selection to public universities”.

Malava MP, Hon. Malulu Injendi, Vice Chair Education Committee weighing in on the Higher Education New Funding Model

“I wish to support the Sugar Bill as a Member of the Agriculture and Livestock Committee. If there is a Bill, we have done justice to, it is this one. As a committee we were able to engage with all the stakeholders in the Sugar Industry. We engaged with farmers, millers, factories all the way from Ramisi in Kwale to Nzoia in Bungoma, and the overriding factor that emerged is that the Sugar industry is ailing and in need of urgent intervention”.



Hon. David Kiplagat, Soy Constituency MP, Member of the Agriculture and Livestock Committee



Policy for the Provision of mental health services in all healthcare facilities



THAT, aware that Article 43(1)(a) of the Constitution provides that every person has the right to the highest attainable standard of health including the right to health care services

Further aware that, mental health is a key determinant of overall health and socio-economic development

Recognizing that, the Constitution assigns to the national government the responsibility of matters of health policy

Concerned that, according to the World Health Organization (WHO), mental and neurological disorders are common and about ten (10) percent of the global population suffer from at least one mental health disorder at any given time

Concerned that, psychiatric units are only available in a few facilities in the country and patients requiring psychiatric services have limited or no access to these facilities

Acknowledging that, access to healthcare facilities would lead to improved overall health, increased economic productivity, social equity and improved quality of life for all

Now therefore, this House urges the National Government, through the Ministry of Health, to collaborate with County Governments to develop a policy integrating mental health services in all healthcare facilities in the country.

Hon. Mishi Mboko, Likoni Constituency

Action to address the recent surge in road accidents in the country



THAT, aware that, the National Transport and Safety Authority Act 2012, provides for the establishment of the National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA)

Further aware that, the Authority in line with section 4 of this Act plays a critical role in ensuring the provision of safe, reliable and efficient road transport services

Concerned that, there has been an alarming surge in road accidents in the recent past resulting in loss of life, injuries and damage to properties

Further concerned that, the Authority has not effectively and fully performed its functions of regulating safe and reliable transport service especially in dealing with public service vehicles

Noting that, poor maintenance of motor vehicles and a lack of deeply concerned that, school-going children are increasingly becoming victims of these road accidents

Recognizing that, it is the responsibility of the Authority to ensure adherence to the road traffic rules, and to establish systems and procedures for, and oversee the training, testing and licensing of drivers

Now therefore, this House resolves that the government through the Ministry of Roads & Transport undertakes a comprehensive overhaul of the transportation sector to provide for proper regulation of the sector and ensure strict operationalization of the Traffic regulations to provide a safer and more reliable transport sector.

Hon. Naomi Waqa, Marsabit County

Implementation of first aid training as a core subject in schools



THAT, aware that first-aid training is a key component of Emergency Medical Response (EMR)

Further aware that first-aid response promotes a safer and healthier community by reducing accidents and injuries

Noting that lack of first-aid training and skills among the general public has contributed to the aggravation of preventable injuries and accidents which, in some cases, has led to loss of lives

Further noting that the current education system does not include first-aid training as a compulsory subject in the curriculum which deprives students of essential knowledge and skills necessary for their personal safety and that of persons around them

Acknowledging that it is critical to equip students with the ability to assess and handle day-to-day emergencies in schools and at home

Now therefore, this House urges the National Government through the Ministry of Education to develop and implement a comprehensive first-aid curriculum for schools across the country..

Hon. Caleb Amisi, Saboti Constituency

Establishment of National fund to support victims of gender-based violence



THAT, aware that Article 29 of the Constitution provides the right of every

person to freedom from any form of violence further aware that, gender-based violence (GBV) is a serious violation of human rights with records indicating that one in every three women will experience sexual or physical violence in their lifetime

Noting that according to the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), gender-based violence includes sexual, physical, mental and economic harm inflicted in public or in private and may involve threats of violence, coercion and manipulation in the form of intimate partner violence, sexual violence, child marriage, and female genital mutilation

Further noting that, timely response to and effective post-management of GBV incidences is critical in curbing the effects of these incidences to victims

Concerned that at present, there are inadequate gender-based violence response centres and shelters in the country with limited resources being provided for victims seeking assistance

Further concerned that, there are inadequate rehabilitation and reintegration programmes for victims and perpetrators of gender-based violence

Recognizing that, victims of gender-based violence as well as perpetrators require specialized professional assistance for full reintegration into the community

This House therefore resolves that the Government through the relevant Ministry establishes a national fund to ensure all survivors of GBV have adequate, timely and unhindered access to quality services that meet their needs, and support victims of GBV to have access to timely and unhindered quality services.

Hon. Mary Emaase, Teso South Constituency



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:-

- a) To investigate alleged ethical breaches related to ethical misconduct, including corruption, fraud, discrimination, abuse of power, and other unethical behaviors.
- b) To investigate allegations of Human Rights violations including mistreatment, torture, unlawful detention, killings, or any other violations of internationally recognized human rights standards.
- c) 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 cna@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

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.

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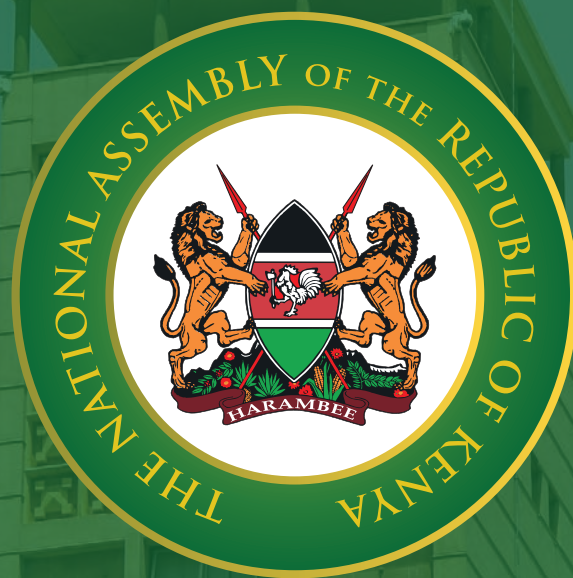
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