



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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

_____ (No. 077 of 2023) _____

GUIDE ON

**AUTHORITY TO RETAKE THE MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT OF THE
HOUSE PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 33 BY THE MEMBER FOR
KATHIANI, THE HON. ROBERT MBUI, MP**

Honourable Members,

1. Standing Order 33(2) provides that any Member of the House may, with the support of at least twenty (20) Members, seek leave to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent national importance.
2. Based on our rules, and parliamentary practice, numerous Motions of adjournment have been considered in the House on, among other subject matters, insecurity in parts of the country, state of the education, health and agriculture sectors as well and the country's stance on various international undertakings.
3. **Honourable Members**, while matters contained in a proposed adjournment Motion may be of importance to a particular section of the membership of the House, the discretion to determine the admissibility is bestowed upon the Speaker. I have, in this regard, approved a number of proposed Adjournment Motions on various subject matters for consideration by the House.

4. The House will recall on 17th October 2023, I allowed the Member for Kathiani and Deputy Leader of the Minority Party, the Hon. Robert Mbui, MP to seek leave to move the adjournment of the House on the subject of demolitions in Athi River. Having attained the requisite threshold as provided by the Standing Orders, I directed that the Motion be moved on Thursday, 19th October 2023 at 5.00pm. However, before the appointed time on Thursday, 19th October 2023, the House rose out of a lack of quorum. This therefore meant that the Motion was not debated.
5. I have since received various representations from a number of Members that the Motion be renewed for consideration by the House. Noting that the matter is still live and the concerns raised remain active, and appreciating the deliberative role of the House as enshrined in Article 95(2) of the Constitution, I have acceded to the request to allow the renewal of the Motion.
6. **Honourable Members**, in acceding to the request, I made due consideration to the fact that the Motion contains matters currently affecting the people and which, if unattended may be detrimental to orderly conduct of operations in the country including within the land sector. This is especially so, noting more recent court rulings relating to land occupation and ownership in parts of Nairobi City County.
7. In this regard, **Honourable Members**, I direct that the House adjourns today at 5.30pm pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 33 for the purpose of discussing the matter of demolition of houses in *Athi River*, Machakos County.

I thank you.


THE RT. HON. (DR.) MOSES F.M. WETANG'ULA, EGH, MP
SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

25th October 2023