



THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FOURTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

SPECIAL SITTING

TUESDAY, JULY 08, 2024 AT 2.30 PM

1. The Senate assembled at thirty minutes past Two O'clock.
2. The proceedings were opened with Prayer said by the Speaker.

3. **QUORUM OF THE SENATE**

The Speaker, having counted the Honourable Senators present at the commencement of the Sitting and confirming that there was Quorum, invited the Clerk to call out the Orders of the day.

4. **PRELIMINARY OBJECTIONS TO THE HEARING AND DETERMINATION OF THE PROPOSED REMOVAL FROM OFFICE, BY IMPEACHMENT, OF HONOURABLE ABDI IBRAHIM HASSAN, THE GOVERNOR OF ISIOLO COUNTY**

Pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure for the Hearing and Determination of the Proposed Removal from Office by Impeachment of a Governor in Plenary, the Speaker allowed the Counsel for the Governor to respond to the arguments by Counsel for the County Assembly of Isiolo on the preliminary objections, following which Senators sought clarifications on the preliminary objections.

5. **SUSPENSION OF THE SITTING**

The Speaker suspended the sitting at fifty minutes past Three O'clock, to allow for the preparation and circulation of a Supplementary Order Paper that would enable the Senate to make a fair and just determination on the preliminary objections raised by the Counsel for the Governor.

6. **SENATE RESUMED** – at eleven minutes past Five O'clock (The Speaker in the Chair)

7. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR – PRELIMINARY ISSUES ON THE PROPOSED REMOVAL FROM OFFICE, BY IMPEACHMENT, OF HON. ABDI IBRAHIM HASSAN, GOVERNOR OF ISIOLO COUNTY**

The Speaker conveyed the following Communication from the Chair:

“Honourable Senators, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Following the commencement of the process of the proposed removal from office, by impeachment, of Hon. Abdi Ibrahim Hassan, as Governor of Isiolo County, the firm of Theuri Wesonga, the Advocates representing the Governor raised, in writing, pursuant to rule 14 of the Third Schedule of the Rules of Procedure for hearing and determination of the proposed removal from office by impeachment of a governor, a preliminary objection. In particular, the Advocates stated as follows:

- a) That there was no valid or competent Motion for removal by way of impeachment of the Governor of Isiolo County, passed by a resolution of the County Assembly of Isiolo for the following reasons:

- (i) On 27th June, 2025 and 2nd July, 2025, the High Court in Isiolo vide *Isiolo High Court Constitutional Petition Number E004 of 2025 Hon. Abdi Ibrahim Hassan vs County Assembly of Isiolo and 2 Others*, invalidated the proceedings of the County Assembly of 26th June, 2025, giving rise to the impugned impeachment and further declared the resolutions to impeach the Governor as null and void and of no legal consequence. In particular, the Governor’s Advocates drew the attention of the Senate to paragraphs 45 and 46 of the Court’s Ruling which stated as follows, and I quote:

45. Therefore, it is the finding of this court that the motion dated 18th June, 2025 and debated by the 1st Respondent on 26th June, 2025 was in contravention of the Conservatory Orders of this Court issued on 25th June, 2025 hence the Resolution arising therefrom is null and void. Once an act is declared null and void, it is of no legal consequence.

46. As stated, the Resolution has evidently been submitted to the Speaker of the Senate. It is thus upon the Senate, once informed of the orders herein, to determine if it will proceed to handle the said Resolution, thus abetting a blatant disregard of the rule of law, or respect the orders.

- (ii) The law contemplates that impeachment proceedings can only be commenced and/or sustained before the Senate, upon the passage of a valid resolution by a county assembly in compliance with the procedure laid down in the law governing the removal of the Governor from office. However, in this instance, the County Assembly of Isiolo did not sit on 18th June, 2025 and 26th June, 2025 to table, debate, pass and/or vote on the motion for removal of the Governor from office by way of impeachment.
- b) That the purported Hansard reports of 18th June and 26th June, 2025 relied upon and furnished to the Senate by the County Assembly were forged, concocted, manufactured and engineered at a venue outside the County Assembly chambers and further that there exist no votes and

proceedings, voice transcripts and video recordings to corroborate the Hansard reports. Counsel invited the Senate to conduct a preliminary inquiry by way of a trial-within a trial in *limine*, with a view of establishing the authenticity of the Hansard reports presented by the County Assembly in support of the impeachment proceedings.

- c) That the purported impeachment motion as presented by the County Assembly of Isiolo fails to meet the criteria and legal threshold under Article 181 of the Constitution, section 33 of the County Governments Act, the Standing Orders of Isiolo County Assembly and the Standing Orders of the Senate.
- d) That the impeachment motion forwarded by the County Assembly of Isiolo is a sham, null and void and of no legal consequence to warrant admissibility, interrogation or any other action of the Senate hence the same should be struck out *in-limine*.

In response to the preliminary objections raised by the Advocate for the Governor, the firm of Alex & Boniface Advocates LLP, Advocates for the County Assembly of Isiolo stated in writing:

- a) That the preliminary objections raised by the Governor do not meet the threshold of a pure point of law as established by the time-honoured case of *Mukisa Biscuit Manufacturing Co Ltd vs West End Distributors (1969) EA 696*.
- b) That with regard to the first preliminary objection, the question of Court Orders that seek to prevent the Senate from fulfilling its constitutional duties has been settled by the Supreme Court of Kenya in *Mate & another v Wambora & another [2017] KESC 1 (KLR)* and the Court of Appeal in *Mwangaza v County Assembly of Meru & another; Council of Governors (Interested Party) [2023] KECA 1599 (KLR)* whereby the two Courts held that courts lack jurisdiction and are forbidden from interfering with the constitutional mandate of county assemblies and the Senate.
- c) That on the same question, the Speaker of the Senate recently ruled during the impeachment proceedings of the former Deputy President, that any injunction interfering with the work of Parliament has no effect on Parliament in the exercise of its constitutional functions.
- d) That consequently, the Senate through the Speaker of the Senate ought to dismiss the preliminary objection and proceed unabatted, unfettered and unhindered in line with its established precedents affirmed by both the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal.
- e) That in respect to the second preliminary objection (whether there was a sitting of the County Assembly to table, debate, pass and or vote on the Motion for removal of the Governor from office by way of impeachment) the same is purely a factual and evidential matter that can only be resolved at the full trial.

- f) That the Governor's request for a preliminary inquiry or trial within a trial is untenable as it is a misguided attempt to obstruct and derail the proper proceedings of the House and it is only necessary when the subject matter of the mini-trial cannot be established in the full trial.
- g) That on the alleged fraud and forgery relating to the Hansard reports, fraud must be specifically pleaded and particulars of the fraud alleged must be stated on the face of the pleadings. Moreover, considering that the standard of proof for fraud is more than a balance of probability, the allegations can only be established after a full trial.
- h) That the second preliminary objection is fatally defective and ought to be disallowed in the best interests of justice.
- i) That in respect to the third preliminary objection (whether the impeachment Motion meets the criteria and legal threshold under Article 181 of the Constitution, Section 33 of the County Governments Act and the Standing Orders of the Isiolo County Assembly), the issue can only be determined once the Senate has interrogated all the facts and evidence in the impeachment motion against the standard of impeachment as laid out by the Supreme Court in *Sonko v County Assembly of Nairobi City & 11 others [2022] KESC 76 (KLR)*.
- j) That the third preliminary objection is also fatally defective as it calls upon the interrogation of the merits of the impeachment motion at a preliminary stage, before the Senate has had the opportunity to hear the witnesses and consider the evidence led by the parties.
- k) That the preliminary objections ought to be dismissed and the matter proceeds to a full trial for a determination on the merits.

Honourable Senators, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Counsel for the Parties have this morning, made oral submissions on the preliminary objections and the responses thereto, following which a number of Senators, including Sen. Aaron Cheruiyot, Sen. Daniel Maanzo, Sen. Karungo Thangwa, Sen. Tom Ojienda, Sen. Danson Mungatana, Sen. Godfrey Osotsi, Sen. Samson Cherarkey, Sen. Enoch Wambua, Sen. Wakili Sigei, Sen. Catherine Mumma, Sen. Alexander Mundigi, Sen. Agnes Kavindu, Sen. Karen Nyamu, Sen. Okiya Omtatah, Sen. John Methu, Sen. Peris Tobiko, Sen. Mwenda Gataya and Sen. Esther Okenyuri, sought clarifications on the same. In the clarifications, the Senators sought to be informed among other things, the identity of the Clerk of the County Assembly; whether there was a sitting of the County Assembly of Isiolo on the impeachment process and whether the Hansard recording of the Assembly's proceedings was submitted to the Senate in full and its validity in the proceedings before the Senate; the status of the decision of the High Court to nullify the proceedings of the County Assembly;

whether the proceedings of the County Assembly are transmitted or broadcast live; the deployment of security officers at the County Assembly; whether the impeachment Motion that was quashed by the High Court is the same Motion submitted to the Senate and its validity for impeachment proceedings against the Governor; whether the sittings of the County Assembly were properly convened; whether or not there was a court order issued against the County Assembly on the impeachment process.

Subsequently, Counsel for the County Assembly gave responses to the questions and clarifications sought by Senators by stating *inter alia*, that the “Governor captured the clerk” and that the County Assembly had evidence in this respect and that the impeachment process ought to proceed; that preliminary objections are primarily founded on issues of law and that the County Assembly had witness statements to counter the allegations made by the Governor; that the County Assembly held sittings to impeach the Governor and evidence on the same would be adduced; that the Supreme Court in the case of Martin Nyaga Wambora gave guidance in respect of incomplete impeachment proceedings.

Likewise, Counsel for the Governor responded to the issues raised by Senators by stating *inter-alia* that with respect to the question relating to who the Clerk of the County Assembly is, the County Assembly’s own submissions in Volume 5, page 8 settled the matter; that there were no sittings of the County Assembly and that affidavits of the deponents in the proceedings indicated that there were no sitting of the County Assembly; that no appeal has been lodged on the Court Orders against the County Assembly; and that the Motion before the Senate was the same Motion declared null and void by the High Court.

Arising from the preliminary issues canvassed, the following are the issues that require determination by the Senate:

- a) Whether the County Assembly of Isiolo held sittings on 18th June, 2025 and 26th June, 2025, to table, debate, pass and/or vote on the Motion for the proposed removal from office by impeachment, of the Governor of Isiolo County; and
- b) Whether in light of the Court Orders nullifying the proceedings of the County Assembly of 26th June, 2025, the Senate is able to proceed with the hearing on the proposed removal from office by impeachment, of the Governor of Isiolo County.

It is not in doubt that the trial court in impeachment matters is the Senate. Accordingly, the preliminary objection raised by Counsel for the Governor will be determined, by a vote of the Senate. The procedure for proceeding to this vote will be by motion in the usual manner, preceded by a notice of motion. The vote will be taken upon the conclusion of debate. To this end, I have directed the Clerk to prepare and circulate a Supplementary Order Paper containing two Notices of Motion and the respective Motions, speaking to each of the preliminary issues raised.

Honourable Senators, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The decision on the proposed removal from office, by impeachment, of a county governor, and any consequential or incidental decision thereto, are matters concerning counties and accordingly, and has been previously ruled, in all the impeachment processes undertaken by the Senate, these decisions are made by the Senate by vote by county delegations. Accordingly, the preliminary issues will be upheld only if supported by the votes of at least twenty-four delegations.

It is clear that if the preliminary issue contesting whether the County Assembly of Isiolo held sittings on 18th June, 2025 and 26th June, 2025, to table, debate, pass and/or vote on the Motion for the proposed removal from office by impeachment, of the Governor of Isiolo County, is upheld, this impeachment shall terminate forthwith and it will not be necessary to proceed on the Motion or vote on the second preliminary issue. If however, the first preliminary issue is negatived, the Senate will proceed to consider and determine the Motion on the preliminary issue relating to the Court Orders and their effect.

It is so ordered.”

8. **NOTICE OF MOTION – PRELIMINARY ISSUE ON WHETHER THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF ISIOLO HELD SITTINGS ON 18TH JUNE, 2025 AND 26TH JUNE, 2025, ON THE PROPOSED REMOVAL FROM OFFICE, BY IMPEACHMENT, OF HONOURABLE ABDI IBRAHIM HASSAN, GOVERNOR OF ISIOLO COUNTY**
(The Senate Majority Leader)

THAT, WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 181 of the Constitution and Section 33 of the County Governments Act, on Thursday, 26th June, 2025, the County Assembly of Isiolo approved a Motion for the removal from office by impeachment, of Honourable Abdi Ibrahim Hassan, the Governor of Isiolo County;

AND FURTHER, WHEREAS by letter Ref. CA/RES/VOL.I/001, dated 26th June, 2025, and received in the Office of the Speaker of the Senate on 27th June, 2025, the Speaker of the County Assembly of Isiolo informed the Speaker of the Senate of the approval of the Motion by the County Assembly and further forwarded to the Speaker of the Senate, documents in evidence of the proceedings of the Assembly including the list of 16 out of 18 Members of the County Assembly that voted in favour of the removal from office, by impeachment, of Honourable Abdi Ibrahim Hassan, the Governor of Isiolo County;

NOTING that a preliminary issue was raised by the Governor of Isiolo County on whether the County Assembly of Isiolo held sittings on 18th June, 2025 and 26th June, 2025, to table, debate, pass and/or vote on the Motion for the proposed removal from office by impeachment, of the Governor of Isiolo County;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate resolves to uphold the preliminary issue raised on whether the County Assembly of Isiolo held sittings on 18th June, 2025 and 26th June, 2025, to table, debate, pass and/or vote on the Motion for the proposed removal from office by impeachment, of the Governor of Isiolo County and accordingly terminates the proceedings for the proposed removal from office, by impeachment, of Honourable Abdi Ibrahim Hassan, the Governor of Isiolo County.

9. **NOTICE OF MOTION – PRELIMINARY ISSUE ON COURT ORDERS ON THE PROPOSED REMOVAL FROM OFFICE, BY IMPEACHMENT, OF HONOURABLE ABDI IBRAHIM HASSAN, GOVERNOR OF ISIOLO COUNTY**
(The Senate Majority Leader)

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AND FURTHER, WHEREAS by letter Ref. CA/RES/VOL.I/001, dated 26th June, 2025, and received in the Office of the Speaker of the Senate on 27th June, 2025, the Speaker of the County Assembly of Isiolo informed the Speaker of the Senate of the approval of the Motion by the County Assembly and further forwarded to the Speaker of the Senate, documents in evidence of the proceedings of the Assembly including the list of 16 out of 18 Members of the County Assembly that voted in favour of the removal from office, by impeachment, of Honourable Abdi Ibrahim Hassan, the Governor of Isiolo County;

NOTING that a preliminary issue was raised by the Governor of Isiolo County on whether in light of the Court Orders nullifying the proceedings of the County Assembly of 26th June, 2025, the Senate is able to proceed with the hearing on the proposed removal from office by impeachment, of the Governor of Isiolo County;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate resolves to uphold the preliminary issue raised in light of the Court Orders nullifying the proceedings of the County Assembly of 26th June, 2025 and accordingly terminates the proceedings for the proposed removal from office, by impeachment, of Honourable Abdi Ibrahim Hassan, the Governor of Isiolo County.

10. **MOTION – PRELIMINARY ISSUE ON WHETHER THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF ISIOLO HELD SITTINGS ON 18TH JUNE, 2025 AND 26TH JUNE, 2025, ON THE PROPOSED REMOVAL FROM OFFICE, BY IMPEACHMENT, OF HONOURABLE ABDI IBRAHIM HASSAN, GOVERNOR OF ISIOLO COUNTY**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 181 of the Constitution and Section 33 of the County Governments Act, on Thursday, 26th June, 2025, the County Assembly of Isiolo approved a Motion for the removal from office by impeachment, of Honourable Abdi Ibrahim Hassan, the Governor of Isiolo County;

AND FURTHER, WHEREAS by letter Ref. CA/RES/VOL.I/001, dated 26th June, 2025, and received in the Office of the Speaker of the Senate on 27th June, 2025, the Speaker of the County Assembly of Isiolo informed the Speaker of the Senate of the approval of the Motion by the County Assembly and further forwarded to the Speaker of the Senate, documents in evidence of the proceedings of the Assembly including the list of 16 out of 18 Members of the County Assembly that voted in favour of the removal from office, by impeachment, of Honourable Abdi Ibrahim Hassan, the Governor of Isiolo County;

NOTING that a preliminary issue was raised by the Governor of Isiolo County on whether the County Assembly of Isiolo held sittings on 18th June, 2025 and 26th June, 2025, to table, debate, pass and/or vote on the Motion for the proposed removal from office by impeachment, of the Governor of Isiolo County;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate resolves to uphold the preliminary issue raised on whether the County Assembly of Isiolo held sittings on 18th June, 2025 and 26th June, 2025, to table, debate, pass and/or vote on the Motion for the proposed removal from office by impeachment, of the Governor of Isiolo County and accordingly terminates the proceedings for the proposed removal from office, by impeachment, of Honourable Abdi Ibrahim Hassan, the Governor of Isiolo County.

(The Senate Majority Leader)

Debate arising;

And there being no more Senators wishing to contribute;

Mover replied;

Before the Question was put, and pursuant to Standing Order No. 84 (2), the Speaker ruled that the Motion affects counties;

The Speaker directed that electronic voting be taken, pursuant to Standing Order 86 (2), and that the Division bell be rung for five minutes;

Upon the expiry of the five minutes, the Speaker directed that the doors be locked and the bars drawn and asked Senators to log-in for electronic voting;

And the Speaker having ascertained that there was Quorum, pursuant to Standing Order 42 (1);

The Speaker put the Question and directed Senators to cast their votes by pressing either the **“Yes”**, **“No”** or **“Abstain”** button;

The results of the Division were as follows:

AYES – 31

NOES - 12

ABSTENTION – 0

AYES

1. Sen. Abass Sheikh Mohamed, MP
2. Sen. Cherarkey Samson, MP
3. Sen. Chute Mohamed Said, MP
4. Sen. Ekomwa James Lomenen, MP
5. Sen. Ogolla Beatrice Akinyi, MP – voted on behalf of Homa Bay County Delegation
6. Sen. Kamau Joseph Githuku, MP
7. Sen. Keroche Tabitha Karanja, MP
8. Sen. Kathuri Murungi, MP
9. Sen. Khalwale Boni, MP
10. Sen. Kisang William Kipkemai, MP
11. Sen. Maanzo Daniel Kitonga, MP
12. Sen. Madzayo Stewart Mwachiru, MP
13. Sen. Methu John Muhia, MP
14. Sen. Mundigi Alexander Munyi, MP
15. Sen. Mungatana Danson Buya, MP
16. Sen. Murango James Kamau, MP
17. Sen. Mwaruma Johnes Mwashushe, MP
18. Sen. Mwenda Gataya Mo Fire, MP
19. Sen. Nderitu John Kinyua, MP
20. Sen. Nyutu Joe, MP
21. Sen. Ojienda Odhiambo Tom, MP
22. Sen. Oginga Oburu, MP
23. Sen. Okoiti Andrew Omtatah, MP
24. Sen. Osotsi Godfrey Atieno, MP
25. Sen. Recha Julius Murgor, MP
26. Sen. Seki Lenku Ole Kanar, MP
27. Sen. Sifuna Edwin Watenya, MP
28. Sen. Thang'wa Paul Karungo, MP
29. Sen. Wafula David Wakoli, MP
30. Sen. Wamatinga Wahome, MP
31. Sen. Wambua Enoch Kiio, MP

NOES

1. Sen. Adan Dullo Fatuma, MP
2. Sen. Boy Issa Juma, MP
3. Sen. Cheruiyot Aaron Kipkirui, MP
4. Sen. Chesang Allan Kiprotich, MP
5. Sen. Haji Abdul Mohammed, MP
6. Sen. Lelegwe Steve Ltumbesi, MP
7. Sen. Mandago Jackson Kiplagat, MP
8. Sen. Muthama Agnes Kavindu, MP
9. Sen. Mwinyihaji Mohamed Faki, MP
10. Sen. Oketch Eddy Gicheru, MP

11. Sen. Roba Ali Ibrahim, MP
12. Sen. Wakili Hillary Kiprotich Sigei, MP

Question, agreed to.

RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY

THAT, WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 181 of the Constitution and Section 33 of the County Governments Act, on Thursday, 26th June, 2025, the County Assembly of Isiolo approved a Motion for the removal from office by impeachment, of Honourable Abdi Ibrahim Hassan, the Governor of Isiolo County;

AND FURTHER, WHEREAS by letter Ref. CA/RES/VOL.I/001, dated 26th June, 2025, and received in the Office of the Speaker of the Senate on 27th June, 2025, the Speaker of the County Assembly of Isiolo informed the Speaker of the Senate of the approval of the Motion by the County Assembly and further forwarded to the Speaker of the Senate, documents in evidence of the proceedings of the Assembly including the list of 16 out of 18 Members of the County Assembly that voted in favour of the removal from office, by impeachment, of Honourable Abdi Ibrahim Hassan, the Governor of Isiolo County;

NOTING that a preliminary issue was raised by the Governor of Isiolo County on whether the County Assembly of Isiolo held sittings on 18th June, 2025 and 26th June, 2025, to table, debate, pass and/or vote on the Motion for the proposed removal from office by impeachment, of the Governor of Isiolo County;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate resolves to uphold the preliminary issue raised on whether the County Assembly of Isiolo held sittings on 18th June, 2025 and 26th June, 2025, to table, debate, pass and/or vote on the Motion for the proposed removal from office by impeachment, of the Governor of Isiolo County and accordingly terminates the proceedings for the proposed removal from office, by impeachment, of Honourable Abdi Ibrahim Hassan, the Governor of Isiolo County.

11. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR – ON THE EFFECT OF THE RESULTS OF THE DIVISION ON THE PRELIMINARY OBJECTION**

The Speaker conveyed the following Communication from the Chair:

“Honourable Senators,

As you may recall, in my communication earlier this afternoon, I made it clear that if the preliminary issue contesting whether the County Assembly of Isiolo held sittings on 18th June, 2025 and 26th June, 2025, to table, debate, pass and/or vote on the Motion for the proposed removal from office by impeachment, of the Governor of Isiolo County, was to be upheld, this impeachment proceedings would terminate forthwith and it would not be necessary to proceed on the Motion or vote on the second preliminary issue as listed in the Supplementary Order Paper. This Motion having been passed, the impeachment

proceedings in the matter of the proposed removal from office, of the Governor of Isiolo County, have forthwith terminated.

The termination of the impeachment proceedings also leads to the lapse, by operation of law, of the three days of Special Sittings terminating on Thursday, 10th July, 2025, which I had gazetted.

Accordingly, the regular sittings of the Senate pursuant to the Senate Calendar for the Fourth Session, approved on 19th February, 2025, shall resume tomorrow, Wednesday, 9th July, 2025, at 9:30 am. The relevant Order Paper will be prepared and circulated in the usual manner.

Honourable Senators,

There is one last matter which is of grave concern. In the course of her contribution, the Senator for Isiolo County, Sen. Fatuma Dullo has expressed serious fears about the security situation in Isiolo County. Sen. Dullo has expressed concern, particularly that after this impeachment proceedings, neither the County Assembly of Isiolo nor herself as the Senator for Isiolo County, are safe.

The security of all persons is not a matter to be taken lightly. The security of the Senator, similarly, must be assured. I therefore direct that an extract of the Hansard in relation to the concerns expressed by Sen. Dullo be obtained by Office of the Clerk of the Senate and be addressed in a letter to the Inspector General of Police as well as the County Commissioner of Isiolo County for their information and necessary action.”

Having concluded the business of the day, the Speaker adjourned the Senate at Nine O'clock without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

12. **SENATE ROSE** – at Nine O'clock

M E M O R A N D U M

The Speaker will take the Chair on
Wednesday, July 9th 2025 at 9:30 am