



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – FOURTH SESSION

JOINT SITTING OF PARLIAMENT

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025 AT 2.30 P.M.

1. Parliament assembled at thirty minutes past Two O'clock.

2. ARRIVAL OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

The President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces, His Excellency Hon. William Samoei Ruto, PhD., CGH, escorted by the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker of the National Assembly and accompanied by Maces of both Houses, entered the Chamber at eleven minutes to Three O'clock.

3. The Proceedings were opened with Prayer said by the Speaker of the Senate.

4. CONVOCAION BY THE SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

The Speaker of the Senate conveyed the following communication from the Chair –

“Your Excellency Hon. (Dr.) William Samoei Ruto, CGH, President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces;

The Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula, EGH, MP, Speaker of the National Assembly;

Honourable Members of Parliament;

Article 132 (1)(b) of the Constitution provides that the President shall address a special sitting of Parliament once every year and may address Parliament at any other time.

Article 132 (1)(c) of the Constitution further provides that the President shall, among others, once every year, report in an address to the Nation, all the measures taken and the progress achieved in the realization of the national values referred to in Article 10 of the Constitution.

In addition, Article 240 (7) of the Constitution requires the President, in his capacity as the Chairperson of the National Security Council (NSC), to report to Parliament annually on the state of the security of Kenya.

In this regard, the Chief of Staff and Head of Public Service, *vide* a letter referenced EOP/CAB.26/4A VOL. VII/(1) dated 3rd September, 2025, informed the Speakers of the Houses of Parliament of the intention of His Excellency the President to address Parliament.

Consequently, and upon consultation, the address to Parliament by His Excellency the President was scheduled for today, Thursday, 20th November, 2025.

Pursuant to Standing Order 25 (2) of the Senate Standing Orders, I notified Honourable Senators of the place, date and time of today's special sitting *vide Gazette Notice No. 16518*, which was published in a Special Issue of the Kenya Gazette on Wednesday, 12th November, 2025.

Further, together with the Right Honourable Speaker of the National Assembly, we notified all Members of Parliament and the general public of today's special sitting *vide notices placed in The Daily Nation and The Standard newspapers on Wednesday, 12th November, 2025.*

Accordingly, Honourable Members, this special sitting is properly convened.

I thank you."

5. CONVOCATION BY THE SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The Speaker of the National Assembly conveyed the following communication from the Chair—

"Your Excellency, Hon. (Dr.) William S. Ruto, CGH, President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces;
The Rt. Hon. Amason Kingi, EGH, MP, Honourable Speaker of the Senate;
Honourable Members of Parliament;
Members of the Diplomatic Corps;

Distinguished Guests; Ladies and Gentlemen;
Article 132(1) (b) of the Constitution requires the President to address the nation once every year and at any other time. Further, Article 132(1) (c) of the Constitution requires the President to, once every year, report, in an address to the nation, on measures taken and progress achieved in the realization of our national values.

Additionally, Article 132 (1) (c) (iii) of the Constitution provides that the President shall submit a report for debate to the National Assembly on the progress made in fulfilling the international obligations of the Republic.

In this regard, Hon. Members, by way of a Message to the House, His Excellency the President conveyed his desire to address a Special Sitting of the Houses of Parliament today, 20th November 2025. Therefore, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 22 of the National Assembly Standing Orders, by Gazette Notice No. 16519, which was published in the Kenya Gazette on 12th November 2025, and indeed as also notified to all Members and the general public by way of newspaper notification published on 12th November 2025, I gave Notice of this Special Sitting of Parliament to the Members of the National Assembly.

Accordingly, Honourable Members, this Special Sitting is properly convened.
Your Excellency, Honourable Members, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,
It is the custom of Parliament to recognize invited guests seated in our galleries. I therefore wish to recognize the following guests who are seated in the Speaker's Row –

Her Excellency Rachel Ruto, First Lady of the Republic of Kenya, and other members of the First Family;

His Excellency Hon. (Prof.) Kithure Kindiki, EGH, the Deputy President of the Republic of Kenya;

The Hon. Musalia Mudavadi, EGH, the Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs;

Your Excellency, Hon. Members, also present this afternoon is the Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Court, Hon. Lady Justice Martha Koome, EGH. She is accompanied by the Deputy Chief Justice and Vice President of the Supreme Court, Hon. Lady Justice Philomena Mwilu, EGH, Hon. Justice Daniel Musinga, CBS, Presiding Judge, Court of Appeal, Hon. Justice Oscar Angote, MBS, Presiding Judge of the Environment and Land Court, and Hon. Justice Byram Ongaya, EBS, Judge of the Employment and Labour Relations Court.

We are also honoured to have in our midst the immediate former Speakers of the Houses of Parliament, the Hon. Francis Ole Kaparo, Hon. Ekwere Ethuro, and the Hon. Kenneth Lusaka, EGH, the Governor for Bungoma County, and Clerk Emeritus of the National Assembly, Amb. Michael Sialai, CBS.

Also in the gallery, we have the Chairperson of the Council of Governors, who is also the Governor of Wajir County, the Hon. Ahmed Abdullahi, and the Hon. Johnson Sakaja, Governor of Nairobi City County.

May I also accord special recognition to all Cabinet Secretaries present and particularly acknowledge five of them, who are former ranking members of the Houses of Parliament, namely Hon. Aden Duale, EGH, former leader of the Majority Party in the National Assembly, Hon. Kipchumba Murkomen, EGH, former Senate Majority Leader, Hon. John Mbadi, EGH, and Hon. Opiyo Wandayi, EGH, both former Leaders of the Minority Party in the National Assembly, Hon. Alice Wahome, EGH, and Hon. Mutahi Kagwe, EGH.

I also acknowledge Principal Secretaries and members of the diplomatic corps, Heads of Constitutional Commissions and Independent Offices, and State Corporations present.

You are all welcome to Parliament.

Your Excellency, I wish to make a special welcome to Parliament and mention the Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces, General Charles Kahariri, and the respective Service Commanders, the Inspector General of Police, and other leaders of our disciplined forces who are seated at the Speaker's Row. Parliament deeply appreciates your outstanding contribution to national defence, security, and distinguished service to the Nation.

To all invited guests, Karibuni Bunge.

Your Excellency, Honourable Members, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, I wish to draw your attention to the officer standing to the right of Mr. Speaker, in green. He is the Chief Serjeant-At-Arms of the National Assembly, Mr. Aloisio Lekulo, OGW. He is from the smallest community in our Nation, the Elmolo Community, and it is remarkable that he has risen to the highest ranks in public service, as the Chief Serjeant-At-Arms. Today, is his last day on duty, having served diligently in public service. We thank him for the distinguished service he has rendered to the nation and wish him well.

Your Excellency, Honourable Members, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, It is now my singular honour and privilege to invite His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces to address this Special Sitting of Parliament.

Welcome, your Excellency.”

Thereupon, the Speaker invited His Excellency the President to address the Special Sitting of the two Houses.

6. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 132 OF THE CONSTITUTION

Pursuant to Article 132(1)(b) & (c) of the Constitution, His Excellency the President delivered an address to the Joint Sitting of Parliament.

7. ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE

The Speaker of the Senate conveyed the following—

“Your Excellency the President, the Right Honourable Speaker of the National Assembly, Honourable Members and distinguished guests, please be up standing.

We have come to the conclusion of the business of the day and it is now time to adjourn.

The Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, 25th November, 2025 at 2:30 pm in the Senate Chamber.”

8. ADJOURNMENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The Speaker of the National Assembly conveyed the following—

“Honourable Members of the National Assembly, the National Assembly now stands adjourned until Tuesday, 25th November, 2025 at 2:30 pm.

May I take this opportunity to invite all Honourable Members and our guests to a Reception at the Parliament Courtyard.

May I also request all of you Honourable Members and our guests to remain standing in your places until the procession of His Excellency the President and the Speakers leaves the Chamber. I thank you!”

9. DEPARTURE OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

Thereupon, His Excellency the President departed from the Chamber in State procession.

10. PARLIAMENT ROSE - at nineteen minutes past Four O'clock.

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The Speakers will take respective Chairs on Tuesday, November 25, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.

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