



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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

_____ (No. 007 of 2026) _____

ON

**THE DEMISE OF THE MEMBER FOR OL KALOU CONSTITUENCY, THE
LATE HON. DAVID NJUGUNA KIARAHO, MP AND FORMER SENATOR
FOR KIRINYAGA COUNTY, THE LATE HON. DANIEL KARABA**

Honourable Members,

1. As I welcome you back from the short recess, you may recall that on Sunday, 29th March 2026, I notified you and the general public of the untimely demise of the Member for Ol Kalou Constituency, the late **Hon. David Njuguna Kiaraho, MP**, who passed away earlier that morning while receiving treatment at the Nairobi Hospital. The demise of the Hon. Kiaraho brought loss of a dedicated legislator, a distinguished professional, and a committed servant of the people of Nyandarua County and the nation at large.
2. The late Hon. Kiaraho was born on 2nd October 1963 in Ol Kalou, Nyandarua County. He began his education at Munyeki Primary School before proceeding to the Alliance High School for his 'O' Level studies. In 1982, he joined Nairobi School for his 'A' Levels, where he continued to excel academically. In 1985, he was admitted to the University of Nairobi for a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture, after which he established a distinguished career in the field. The late Member served as Principal Architect at Archgrid Systems, in which role he built a strong professional foundation in infrastructure development and the built environment, contributing to numerous projects that shaped both public and private sector spaces.

3. **Honourable Members**, the late Hon. David Kiaraho joined elective politics in 2013 when he was elected as the Member for Ol Kalou Constituency. He was subsequently re-elected during the 2017 and 2022 General Elections. Throughout his three-term tenure, he served with dedication as a member of the Departmental Committee on Transport & Infrastructure and the Procedure & House Rules Committee.
4. As a member of the Departmental Committee on Transport & Infrastructure, he played a pivotal role in the processing of legislation aimed at safeguarding road reserves, as well as in the development of frameworks to facilitate the establishment of pedestrian walkways and infrastructure for non-motorised transport.
5. **Honourable Members**, over his years of service in Parliament, the late Hon. Kiaraho has maintained a close connection with the people of Ol Kalou, serving them with dedication and passion. He was a steadfast advocate for the advancement of education, demonstrated by, among other things, the provision of school buses to various institutions and ensuring proper oversight and timely disbursement of bursaries to deserving students in Ol Kalou constituency.
6. The Hon. Kiaraho demonstrated a strong commitment to community welfare through active engagement in key development initiatives, including the promotion of universal healthcare, enhancement of agricultural productivity, support for affordable housing, upgrading of roads, expansion of electricity and water connectivity, and spearheading infrastructural developments at the J.M. Kariuki Referral Hospital and Nyandarua University College.
7. In his demise, the institution of Parliament, the people of Ol Kalou, and indeed the whole nation has lost a devoted legislator, a servant of the people, and a committed advocate for justice.

8. **Honourable Members**, in order to accord a befitting send-off to our departed colleague and in line with the PSC Bereavement Policy, I have appointed an *Ad Hoc* Parliamentary Funeral Planning Committee to coordinate the funeral arrangements. The Committee will comprise the following Members of Parliament—

- (1) **The Hon. Kwenya Thuku, MP – Chairperson/Team Leader;**
- (2) **The Hon. Faith Gitau, CBS, MP – Vice-Chairperson;**
- (3) The Hon. Musa Sirma, EGH, MP;
- (4) The Hon. Gabriel Tongoyo, CBS, MP;
- (5) The Hon. Haika Mizighi, CBS, MP;
- (6) The Hon. John Kiragu, CBS, MP;
- (7) The Hon. Eve Obara, CBS, MP;
- (8) The Hon. Marianne Kitany, MP;
- (9) Sen. Tabitha Karanja Keroche, MP;
- (10) Sen. Wahome Wamatinga, MP; and
- (11) Sen. Betty Montet, MP.

In addition, a family representative will be co-opted onto the committee.

9. **Honourable Members**, to celebrate the life and legacy of the late Hon. Kiaraho, a **Requiem** Service will be held on Tuesday, 7th April 2026 at Ol Kalou Stadium, Nyandarua County. The funeral service will thereafter take place at PCEA St. Andrew's Church, Nairobi, followed by interment at his family farm in Tigoni, Kiambu County, on Friday, 10th April 2026.

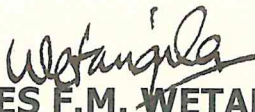
10. **Honourable Members**, I also wish to report the demise of **the late former senator for Kirinyaga County, Sen. Daniel Karaba**, who passed away on 23rd March 2026. The Hon Karaba was born on 22nd June 1948 in Kirinyaga County. He had a distinguished career in the teaching profession, serving as a principal in several institutions, and as the Chairperson of the Kenya Secondary Schools Heads Association (KSSHA), from 1984 to 1998.

- 11.** In 2002, the late Sen. Karaba ventured into elective politics and got elected into the 9th Parliament as the Member for the then Kerugoya/Kutus Constituency, currently Kirinyaga Central Constituency. He served as the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Education, Research, and Technology, and spearheaded the development of education policies, including the Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) Policy.
- 12.** In 2013, the late Hon. Karaba successfully vied for and was elected as the first Senator for Kirinyaga County in the 11th Parliament, a position in which he served until 2017, during which time he served as the Chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on Education. The late Sen. Karaba retired from active politics in 2022 but remained a respected elder and source of counsel to many within his community and beyond. The late Sen. Karaba will be laid to rest tomorrow, Wednesday, 1st April 2026 at his home in Kirinyaga County.
- 13. Honourable Members,** on another sad note, I wish to inform the House that I have received news on the passing on of Mama Dorothy Baya Mweri, the beloved mother of the Deputy Leader of the Majority and Member for Kilifi North, the Hon. Owen Baya, CBS, MP on the evening of 30th March 2026. Her departure is a profound loss not only to her family but also to all who were touched by her grace, wisdom, and unwavering commitment to community.
- 14.** In this moment of sorrow, we stand in solidarity with the Deputy Leader and their family, offering our support and prayers as they navigate this difficult time. May her memory be a lasting blessing, and may the family find strength, comfort, and peace in the legacy of love and dignity she leaves behind.
- 15. Hon. Members,** on behalf of the House, the Parliamentary Service Commission, and indeed on my own behalf, I convey our heartfelt condolences to the families, relatives, and friends of our colleagues and Mama Dorothy Baya.

16. In honour of our departed colleagues, the **Hon. David Njuguna Kiaraho, MP, Sen. Daniel Karaba,** and Mama Dorothy Baya, I request that we all stand and observe a moment of silence.

May their souls rest in eternal peace.

I thank you!


THE RT. HON. (DR.) MOSES F.M. WETANG'ULA, SC, EGH, MP
SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
Tuesday, 31st March 2026

