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## Senators stand out at EAC Games

**The lawmakers produced the tournament's most memorable moments at the regional games as Kenya Parliament finished top of the table**

Senators put up an outstanding display at the 2025 East African Community (EAC) Inter-Parliamentary Games in which Kenya emerged top of the log at the close of the week-long competition. Kenya finished ahead of delegations from Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA), collecting a total of 20 medals: six gold, six silver and eight bronze, during the Games held in Uganda.

Kenya's Bunge FC produced some of the tournament's most memorable moments on its way to a silver-medal finish in a tournament that was anchored on the theme "Advancing Integration Through Parliamentary Sports".

Senator Allan Chesang was a star player in both football and basketball. The youthful lawmaker scored the winning goal during the football match against Burundi at the Nelson Mandela Stadium in Namboole, securing Kenya a silver medal in the regional tournament. The game ended 2-1. In the basketball match against hosts Uganda, Senator Chesang once again proved his mettle as he emerged as the team's top scorer with nine points. The Kenyan team, however, trailed Uganda 34-48 in a high-octane showdown at the Lugogo Indoor Gymnasium in Kampala.

In the same match against Burundi, Majority Leader Aaron Cheruiyot struck a left-foot screamer that became the talking point of the tournament.

The campaign was underpinned by a disciplined defensive and midfield performance that included Senator Eddy Oketch, Senator Faki Mohamed and Senator John Methu, whose coordination helped Kenya remain competitive throughout the tournament.

Senators featured prominently in other team sports. In volleyball, Senator Jackson Mandago and Senator Seki Lenku ole Kanar brought experience and stability as Kenya mounted a strong challenge against regional sporting



*Senator Allan Chesang in action during the match with Burundi.*



*Senator Beth Syengo and Senator Consolata Wabwire celebrate during the EAC Inter-Parliamentary Games.*

rivals, Uganda. The Senate's depth was also evident in basketball, where Senator Allan Chesang finished as the top scorer in a high-intensity encounter against hosts Uganda, with Senators Wafula Wakoli and Danson Mungatana providing defensive support. The women's basketball team, which included Senator Veronica Maina, Senator Betty Syengo and Senator Hamida Kibwana, went on

to secure a silver medal.

Kenya's dominance was clearest on the volleyball courts, where the men's team completed an unbeaten run to claim gold, with Hon. Dan Wanyama, a former Kenyan international, played the central role. Hon Wanyama led his team to victory in volleyball and also competed in athletics, running in the 4x100m and 4x400m relay teams, both of which won

gold medals.

The women's volleyball team, featuring Senator Joyce Korir, earned silver after a determined campaign. In darts, Hon Jackson Kosgei successfully defended his men's singles title by winning 10 of 11 matches to secure gold, before teaming up with Senator George Mbugua to add another gold in the doubles event.

Athletics also contributed to the medal haul, with Senator Hezema Lemaletian anchoring the women's 4x400m relay team to silver and later claiming bronze in the 800m. Senator Esther Okenyuri won silver in the women's 4x100m relay while also featuring in basketball and netball, as Senator Joe Nyutu added bronze in the men's 200m sprint. Combined with victories in tug of war and strong showings in golf, Kenya's performance reflected a broad and balanced effort across disciplines.

In the tournament, Hon Catherine Omanyo (Busia MP) emerged as one of the most active lawmakers at the championship: she participated in netball, basketball and athletics. She confirmed her athletic prowess by winning gold in the 100m race.

Hon Irene Mayaka (Nominated MP) competed in the women's walking race and later helped Kenya secure silver in the 4x400m relay race. She was also a key player in the basketball and netball teams.

Hon Rael Kasiwai (West Pokot MP) distinguished herself as an outstanding and prolific player in netball, volleyball, and basketball.

The results stand as a collective achievement of the Parliament of Kenya, while reinforcing the message delivered by Speaker Kingi that Kenya is ready to lead, both on the field and in advancing a more integrated and accountable East African region.

## Tourism key to regional integration, Senators say



1. Senator Jackson Mandago serves the ball during one of the Volleyball matches.
2. Kenya's Volleyball team sing the national anthem before a match.
3. Senator Hezena Lemaletian celebrates after leading the 4x400m relay team to second place.
4. Kenya's women Golf team led by Senator Tabitha Mutinda (second left) pose for a group photo.
5. Kenya's Darts team celebrate after emerging winners in the tournament.

Kenyan MPs have said sports are an important aspect of regional integration as they offer opportunity for experience sharing, cultural exchange and reflections.

The MPs made the observation after they visited tourist and heritage sites in and around Kampala at the end of the 2025 East African Community Inter Parliamentary Games.

Senator Danson Mungatana and Senator Miraj Abdullahi toured the Buganda Kingdom, including the infamous torture chambers located within the Lubiri Palace compound.

The underground chambers were constructed in the early 1970s as an armoury through the assistance of

the Israeli Government but were later converted into detention and torture facilities by former Ugandan president Idi Amin.

Ugandans opposed to his regime are believed to have been tortured and killed inside the dungeons, making the site a stark reminder of a dark chapter in the country's political history.

Sharing his reflections, Senator Mungatana said the visit offered education on the importance of safeguarding democratic freedoms. "The torture chamber reminded me of the democratic gains Kenya has achieved, which must be protected at all costs. The site has a lot of history," he wrote on his X handle.

Senator Abdullahi said the tour offered valuable insight into the history and culture of the Baganda community, Uganda's largest ethnic group. "The structure is old but has very fresh and informative content," she noted in a social media post accompanying photographs from the visit.

The Lubiri Palace compound also houses royal courts used for executive meetings and a museum displaying artefacts, photographs of past Kabakas and key milestones in the long and rich history of the Buganda Kingdom.

Senator Veronica Maina, MPs Joseph Kahangara and Lydia Haika visited the Uganda Martyrs Catholic Shrine at Namugongo, one of the

most significant religious landmarks in East Africa.

The shrine stands on the site where St Charles Lwanga and his companions were burned alive on June 3, 1886, after defying orders to renounce their Christian faith during the reign of Kabaka Mwangi II.

The executions marked the climax of the persecution of early Christian converts in the Buganda Kingdom.

Namugongo is a powerful symbol of faith, sacrifice and resilience, comprising both the Catholic Basilica and the Anglican Shrine.

It attracts millions of pilgrims annually from across Africa and beyond, especially during the annual Martyrs Day celebrations held every June 3.

# Speaker Kingi hails EAC Parliaments for sportsmanship, calls for deeper regional integration

Speaker Amason Kingi used the closing ceremony of the 15th East African Legislative Assembly Games to link the spirit of the competition to the broader goal of regional

integration. Reflecting on the unity displayed during the Games, Speaker Kingi challenged East African legislatures to translate the cooperation witnessed in the sports into concrete policy outcomes.

He pointed to the stalled EAC Monetary Union Protocol that had envisioned a single currency by 2023. “We are now in 2025 and we do not see any signs of a single currency. Parliament must ask

why,” he said, urging regional Parliaments to hold their Executives to account and ensure integration delivers practical benefits to citizens.



1. Speaker Amason Kingi speaks during the closing ceremony of the Games in Kampala.
2. The Speaker with Kenya’s Netball team that emerged second overall.
3. Speaker Kingi joins Kenya Parliament’s Darts team as they received the trophy of the best team in the tournament.
4. The Speaker and the victorious Kenya Golf team after they received the award.



1. Senator Beth Syengo (left) Senator Agnes Kavindu and other members of the women's tug of war team display their trophy after clinching the gold medal.
2. Speaker Amason Kingi claps for the winners during the award ceremony.
3. Senator Mohamed Faki joins his teammates in the football team to receive their medals.
4. Speaker Kingi and the victorious Darts team.
5. Senator Joe Nyutu (left) joins fellow Men's Athletics team in flying the Kenya flag high after they won all the races to emerge the overall winners during the Games.

# Speaker Wetang'ula: EAC should embrace sports as marketing tool



Senator Danson Mungatana and other legislators during the Games in Kampala.



Part of the Parliament of Kenya's team to the Games. From left, Senator Catherine Mumma, Senator Esther Okenyuri, Senator Miraj Abdullahi, Senator Betty Montent and Senator Consolata Nabwire.



National Assembly Speaker Moses Wetangula speaks during the opening ceremony.



Majority Whip David Wakoli and Hon Rachel Ameso, PSC Commissioner, joined other members of the Kenyan team to the Games during the opening ceremony in Kampala.



Commissioner Ameso (right) and members of the Kenyan team during the opening ceremony.

National Assembly Speaker Moses Wetang'ula has said restriction on free movement of people contradicts the East African Community (EAC) founding vision and undermine efforts towards deeper political and economic integration.

The Speaker challenged regional legislatures to dismantle legal and administrative barriers that hinder the free

movement of East Africans warning that genuine integration cannot be achieved if citizens are still treated as foreigners within their own community.

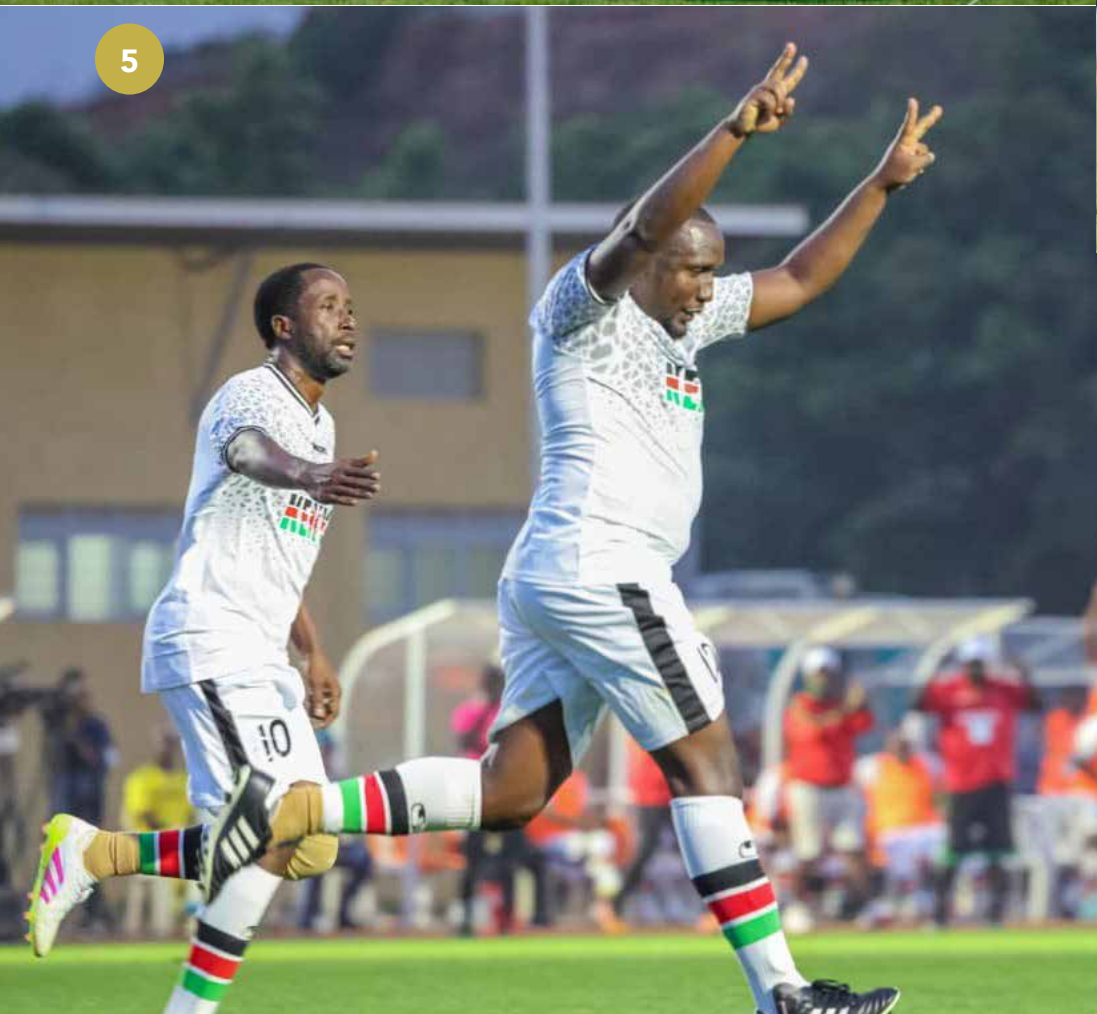
Speaking during the official opening of the 15th the East African Community Inter-Parliamentary Games (EAC-IPG) in Kampala, the Speaker said the Games are not merely about sports competition but also a demonstration of the region's

collective strength.

"These games are about making a statement that a united East African Community is richer while a divided region is poorer," he said, while he welcomed Somalia's recent admission into the EAC, expressing optimism that regional cooperation would help stabilise the country and expand development opportunities.

He also encouraged visitors to support Kampala's economy during their stay, jokingly urging them to "do everything within the book and enjoy yourselves day and night."

"Our national anthem is one of the most played in international capitals because of our athletes," he said, urging East African countries to embrace sports as a continental and global marketing tool.



1. Senator John Methu in action during the football match between Kenya and Burundi.
2. Senator Eddy Oketch dribbles the ball.
3. Kenya's Bunge FC before the match against the Parliament of Burundi.
4. Senator Aaron Cheruiyot takes on a Burundian opponent.
5. Senator Cheruiyot celebrates after scoring the goal against Burundi.



1. Speaker Amason Kingi awards the Kenyan golfers who emerged top in IPG games.
2. Kenyan Parliament Women tug of war team celebrate after they won the title.
3. Senator Mohamed Faki (second right) and his teammates in Bunge FC receive the silver medal.
4. Senator Beth Syengo, the Captain of the Netball team, is congratulated after they received their silver medal.
5. Senator Lenku ole Kanar (fourth right) lines up with the Volleyball team during one of the matches at the tournament. The team emerged the overall winner.



1. Speaker Amason Kingi delivers his speech during the closing ceremony of the 15th East African Parliamentary Games in Kampala on Tuesday, November 16.

2. Senator Consolata Wabwire (right), Senator Veronica Maina (second right) and Senator Beth Syengo (fourth right) and other members of the Netball team celebrate after they emerged second overall at the games.

3. Senator Hamida Kibwana in action during the Basketball action.



1. Senator Miraj Abdullahi and Senator Betty Montett during the closing ceremony of the Games.
2. Senator Tabitha Mutinda and Hon Esther Passaris
3. Senator Dan Maanzo congratulates Hon Vincent Musyoka, the silver medallist in the 100m race, Men category.
4. Senator Miraj and Hon Felix Odiwuor

## Senators want adhoc committee to probe Kenyans in Middle East



Senator Munyi Mundigi



Senator John Kinyua



Senator Karungo Thangwa and Senator Peris Tobiko

The House is bearing pressure on the national executive to complete investigations to find out why Kenyans working in the middle east states are suffering.

The legislators say the Government should not allow Kenyans to suffer simply because they were taken to the Middle East through agencies that are unlicensed or uncaring.

“It is a matter of concern that Kenyans in the diaspora, especially in the Gulf, that is Qatar, Dubai and Saudi Arabia, have cried for too long. They have appealed to the Senate and the National Assembly that they are not taken care of when in these countries,” said Senator Karungo Thangwa told the House.

He suggested the Senate should establish an ad hoc committee that will travel to Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Dubai to save Kenyans. “They are afraid to speak because if they do so, they will either be arrested, sent home or intimidated.”

He was responding to the Statement sought by Senator Alex Mundigi on the welfare of Kenyans working in the Middle East. The Senator raised issues touching on the wages paid to Kenyans in the Middle East, disparities compared to other nationalities, unsafe working environment, exploitation by unlicensed

recruitment agents and emotional distress among returnee workers which highlighted the lack of streamlined departure process, limited recognition of professional certification acquired abroad and inadequate support for community engagement and reintegration.

The Senator wants the Committee on Labour and Social Welfare to explain the measures the Government has implemented to safeguard the safety, dignity and legal rights of Kenyans working in Qatar and the returnees, including efforts to curb exploitation by unlicensed recruitment agents and prevent misuse of visitor visa in place of proper work permit.

He also wants the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to explain the extent of its engagement with the Qatar authorities to ensure fair wages, safe working conditions and address wages disparities affecting Kenyans in similar role compared to other nationalities, the steps taken to streamline pre-departure procedures just as the establishment of Qatar Visa Centre in Kenya and to support returnees through mental health concerning job readiness programmes and reintegration funds.

Senator Thangwa expressed disappointment by the situation Kenyans in Saudi Arabia find themselves in. “When they speak out, the Embassy of Kenya in

Saudi Arabia sometimes appears helpless or unable to assist,” he said even as he cited the case of countries like the Philippines, where citizens are protected by their Government whenever they travel to the middle east.

“Let us speed up the process of finding out why Kenyans are suffering. We should not allow Kenyans to suffer simply because they were taken there through agencies that are unlicensed or uncaring.”

Senator John Kinyua challenged the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to step and resolve the issue as it falls within its mandate. “As a Senate, ours is merely to talk, to ventilate and everything ends there,” he said, as he supported the call for the establishment of an adhoc committee to investigate the matter.

“The Ministry of Foreign Affairs should intervene so that Kenyans in the Diaspora feel they are also Kenyans. They are suffering.”

Senator Godfrey Osotsi said the issue of Kenyans suffering in the Middle East has dominated parliamentary debates for long and wondered why it was not being dealt with conclusively.

“I wonder why we are not dealing with this matter with finality. Even in the National Assembly, there have always been issues around labour rights of

Kenyans in the Middle East. We wonder why these issues continue to happen yet we have authorities in this country,” he said.

“We have the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection and the Ministry of Foreign Relations and Diaspora Affairs and these things continue to happen. The real truth about what is happening is the bogus recruitment firms which facilitate the travel of these people to these countries and the Government knows who these firms are.”

While supporting the formation of an adhoc committee, Senator Samson Cherarkey urged the House to summon the Principal Secretary and the Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs to explain what is happening. “If you look at 2024, Kenyans gave us foreign exchange revenue earner USD4.95 billion. That is around Kshs640.8 billion in foreign revenue. It has even surpassed tea and coffee, the traditional foreign exchange. That is sad.”

Senator Jackson Mandago said it is not enough for us to just send workers to the Middle East countries. “It is extremely important that the committee finds out from the relevant agencies whether we have bilateral labour agreements that guarantee the safety of Kenyans when they go to work in those countries.”

## Committee to probe Mothers Association eviction threats

The Senate has expressed concern over a possible scheme to evict members of the Single Mothers Association of Kenya from the land they have occupied for over 30 years.

In a Petition to the House, Senator Edwin Sifuna narrated the long history of alleged harassment of the Association, withheld documents and unlawful demolitions by the Nairobi City County Government for the land located in Ziwani, Nairobi County.

He told the House that the association, established in 1992, had consistently met all financial and legal obligations but is still being threatened with eviction due to unilateral land subdivision and refusal by the County Government to issue crucial land documents.

Senator Sifuna explained that the association has paid all rents and complied

with all requirements but continue to be threatened and intimidated and called on the Senate to intervene.

He listed missing documents — including the title deed, Part Development Plan (PDP), survey and beacon reports — and noted that demolitions were carried out in 2019 without notice.

Deputy Speaker Kathuri Murungi committed the petition to the Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Mohamed Faki, the chair of the Committee, assured the House of prompt action.

“We know that when a Petition comes to this House, the public expects the Senate to resolve it. Even with the impending recess, the Committee will process this matter expeditiously,” said



Senator Edwin Sifuna

Senator Faki.

He affirmed his team’s readiness to defend vulnerable groups and said the public knows that the Senate protects their rights.

“We shall not allow that goodwill to

be eroded,” assured Senator Faki.

The petition is seeking immediate cessation of intimidation and eviction threats, release of all withheld land documents and clarification of the land’s status and boundaries.

## PETITION

## House faults Committee findings on destroyed cane

Senators have accused a Committee of the House of abandoning a citizen who had turned to the Senate seeking solutions to a problem.

The lawmaker’s concern stems from a petition filed by Francis Otieno from Pap/Oriang, Siaya County, who had petitioned the Senate accusing the County’s Department of Public Works of diverting a road through his farm, destroying acres of sugarcane.

After conducting investigations on the Petition, the Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing in its report recommended that Mr Otieno should seek recourse elsewhere.

This is despite clear evidence that his sugarcane crop was destroyed during a county road construction project.

In its Initial submission, the Committee suggested the dispute involved the county’s contractor.

However, the Committee later concluded the matter was a private dispute between Otieno and the contractor, recommending that he pursue arbitration elsewhere.

But Senators who contributed to the debate on the report on the Petition challenged the conclusion with Senator Danson Mungatana being the first to register his disappointment.

“This citizen came to the Senate ex-



Senator Danson Mungatana

pecting justice after his crops were destroyed. The least we could do is give a clear finding. Instead, we left him high and dry. This is not how we should treat the people we represent,” he said.

He argued that the Committee should have made a firm determination based on the evidence gathered during hearings and field engagements.

“A farmer invests time, money and emotion. When a tractor destroys your crop, that is not an accident. It is a violation. The Senate should have said so,”



Senator Joyce Korir

he said.

Senator Esther Okenyuri echoed the criticism, calling the recommendations “inadequate and unfair”.

“Some facts were not in dispute. The sugarcane was destroyed, assessment reports exist. Why ask him to start again elsewhere?” she posed and added: “Members of the public come to Parliament as a last resort. We cannot be part of the tossing.”

She argued that the Committee should have helped the petitioner secure com-



Senator Eddy Oketch

pensation or issue a directive compelling the county to act.

Senator Joyce Korir also faulted the Committee and called for a deeper inquiry.

“The petitioner did not receive justice. The Committee should go further and ensure fairness. A thorough investigation would reveal who should pay and how much,” she said.

The widespread criticism now puts pressure on the Committee, which is chaired by Senator Eddy Oketch.

## Senate to sign deal with Executive on House Business



*A sitting of the Senate.*

The Senate and the national Executive are in the final stages of developing a legislative policy agreement that will define how the two arms of Government will work together to develop in key areas. Relationship between the two sides on legislative policy involves a dynamic interplay: the Executive proposes policy and drafts laws, while Parliament debates and enacts the same, holding the power to approve or reject, ensuring accountability through oversight

The agreement being developed will focus on the growing concern in which Cabinet Secretaries have skipped House appearance without justifiable reasons and the bigger challenge of follow-up on undertakings they make when responding to Members' questions which is considered vital in ensuring the implementation of the undertakings.

Majority Leader Aaron Cheruiyot made the revelation of the agreement in a Statement to the House business last week in which he detailed the achievements the House had recorded in this year, 2025. The aim is to ensure implementation of the legislative work is professional and does not depend on the goodwill of individuals or the proximity to a Cabinet Secretary because of region, party or other sectarian considerations.

"It is on record that the Senate is dissatisfied with the conduct of a number of Cabinet Secretaries for failure to honour invitations to respond to questions," said the Majority Leader, promising to address the

issue with the Executive during the meeting planned between the two sides.

"It is important that Cabinet Secretaries know that they are accountable to the people's representatives and we do not take it lightly when they fail to come. I know that in this last part of the Fourth Session, almost 80 percent, all the Cabinet Secretaries that were supposed to come ended up showing up, but we still have problems."

The problem he cited are where CSs were writing letters a day or two before their appearance and sometimes for very flimsy reasons. "We must still continue to be vigilant on this matter. Additionally, the matter of follow-up on undertakings made by Cabinet Secretaries when responding to questions is vital in ensuring the implementation of these undertakings," he added, urging the Chairpersons of the various Committees to push for regular engagements with the Cabinet Secretary to ensure the implementation of such commitments.

The Majority Leader made the revelations when he submitted an update on House business, even as described the conduct of some Cabinet Secretaries — particularly those who routinely failed to appear before the Senate — as a direct affront to accountability.

Out of 130 questions filed by Senators this session, 31 remain unanswered, largely due to absentee Cabinet Secretaries or delayed written responses.

The Majority Leader revealed that his office, working with parliamentary committees, had drafted the legislative policy manual designed to regulate and professionalise interactions between the two arms of government.

The manual introduces five key parameters, including mandatory timelines, standardised response formats and codified procedures, intended to eliminate the current reliance on "personal goodwill" between individual Cabinet Secretaries and legislators.

The need for such a framework had become urgent, arguing that Parliament must operate on predictable rules rather than Executive discretion.

"We should not depend on relationships and political proximity in undertaking official duties. We want a proper legislative policy manual to guide how we engage with the Executive," he said.

The Majority Leader also cautioned government officials against ignoring parliamentary resolutions and court orders.

He cited a growing pattern of non-compliance that he described as "dangerous for constitutionalism".

He urged the Executive to match Parliament's cooperation with reciprocal respect for institutional boundaries.

Senators backed the push for stronger oversight and institutional discipline. Echoing Senator Cheruiyot's concerns, some senators proposed sharper measures to enforce

compliance from the Executive.

Senator Godfrey Osotsi termed the failure by the executive as a culture of impunity, arguing that Parliament had been reduced to issuing directives that go unimplemented.

He noted that many commitments made by Cabinet Secretaries during committee appearances or on the floor of the House had never been honoured, leaving county governments and citizens frustrated.

"We pass resolutions. Cabinet Secretaries make assurances but nothing happens. If we are to protect constitutionalism, this must change," said Senator Osotsi even as he called for the establishment of a permanent Implementation Committee empowered to track the actions or inaction of government ministries after they make pledges to the Senate.

He also proposed that the Parliamentary Service Commission set up a monitoring and evaluation office to ensure government compliance with parliamentary recommendations.

Senator Danson Mungatana called for structured, institutionalised engagement between the Executive and the Legislature noting that cooperation between the two should not depend on political party lines or personal relationships.

"We must institutionalise the cooperation between the Executive and Parliament so that it is not left to chance, personalities or goodwill," said Senator Mungatana, noting that predictable engagement would strengthen both oversight and policy implementation.

While acknowledging the importance of constructive cooperation, the Senators insisted that robust oversight must still remain Parliament's defining role.

Senator Cheruiyot however expressed optimism that the new policy manual, once finalised and adopted, would usher in a more disciplined era of intergovernmental relations.

"Our responsibility is to ensure the Executive respects the law and the Legislature's role. The manual will help us reset this relationship," he said.

## House starts looking into petroleum agreements



Majority Leader Aaron Cheruiyot

Majority Leader Aaron Cheruiyot last week tabled a set of high-stakes petroleum agreements and development plans that will determine the future of oil production in the South Lokichar Basin and surrounding blocks.

The documents he submitted include the Field Development Plan (FDP) for the South Lokichar Basin, the country's most promising oil discovery, as well as Production Sharing Contracts (PSCs) involving the Government and multiple exploration companies.

The companies are Turkana Drilling Consortium, Platform Resources Inc and Gulf Energy E&P B.V.

The PSCs cover Blocks 10BB, 13T, T6 and T7 — areas central to Kenya's prospective commercial oil production.

The tabling of the documents triggered constitutional requirements under Article 71, which mandates parliamentary ratification of any contract granting

rights to natural resource exploitation.

"These are important instruments that must come before Parliament," Senator Cheruiyot said as he laid the voluminous documents on the table.

The move effectively shifts the spotlight to the Energy Committee, which must now scrutinise the agreements for conformity with national interests, transparency provisions, equitable benefit sharing and environmental safeguards.

The petroleum contracts have undergone many years in negotiation that signal the most consequential governance moment of the sitting.

The House now bears the responsibility of balancing investor confidence with citizen protection, especially communities in Turkana, West Pokot, Baringo and surrounding regions who have long demanded fair revenue-sharing arrangements.

Deputy Speaker Kathuri Murungi directed the Committee to begin immedi-



Deputy Speaker Kathuri Murungi

ate scrutiny of the agreements, warning that failure to act within set timelines would automatically ratify the contracts.

Senator Kathuri reminded senators that Article 71 of the Constitution requires Parliament to approve any contract granting rights over natural resources.

He cited Section 31 of the Petroleum Act, which prescribes strict deadlines noting that the Senate has 60 days to ratify or reject the contracts.

If no decision is made within 90 days, he said, the agreements become ratified by law.

"These are constitutional obligations with specific timelines," the Deputy Speaker emphasised and added: "The Committee on Energy must conduct public participation, undertake due diligence and table its report before the House not later than February 10, 2026. The Senate must make a determination by February 22, 2026."

Senator Kathuri's directive points to the gravity of the agreements involving Turkana Drilling Consortium, Gulf Energy and Platform Resources Inc.

The Field Development Plan for the South Lokichar Basin was also included as it is a document that will guide Kenya's long-awaited commercial oil production.

The Committee is expected to engage county governments in Turkana, Isiolo, Baringo, Elgeyo Marakwet and others that may be directly impacted by the oil fields.

Stakeholders including civil society, environmental experts, revenue-sharing advocates and community representatives will also be engaged.

The Deputy Speaker cautioned that the recess period would not exempt the Committee from its responsibilities.

"The deadlines are constitutional. The Committee must work throughout the recess to meet the deadlines," he directed.

## House to probe Kiambu Land rates increase



Speaker Amason Kingi consults Deputy Clerk Eunice Gichangi on a procedural issue.

Speaker Amason Kingi has directed the Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources to investigate the excessive increase of land rates imposed by the County Government of Kiambu to the residents.

The County Government has implemented a 1,000 per cent increase in land rates, raising annual charges from Sh10,000 to Sh15,000. The increase is based on a 0.1 per cent valuation rate, which residents consider excessive, unfair and economically burdensome.

In his directive, the Speaker wants the Committee to determine how the County Government set the new rates and determine whether the increases are justifiable or lawful.

This follows a Petition submitted to the House by Mr Dickson Miano on behalf of residents of Kahawa Sukari within the County.

In the Petition, the residents say they were never notified of the intention to revise or increase the land rates arguing that the increase lacks proper legal and

valuation basis as required by law.

They further argue that despite the legal requirement for county governments to prepare a valuation roll and facilitate public participation, residents remain unaware of whether the roll was prepared as they have been unable to access it at the county offices.

They also do not know the basis for the land valuation and are not aware of any public participation conducted during its preparation.

The petitioners argue that the entire valuation and rate setting process violates constitutional requirements, particularly public participation, transparency and accountability noting that multiple attempts to obtain information from the county offices have been unsuccessful.

“The services supposedly funded by the land rates, such as waste management, road maintenance and general infrastructure are poorly delivered or not delivered at all, making the steep increase unreasonable,” the Petition reads in part.

The residents say they approached the Kiambu County Government, the county assembly and the area leaders but have received no response and no action

has been taken regarding this matter.

Apart from determining the legality of the new rates, the residents also want the Committee to obtain full details about the current Kiambu County valuation roll, including when and how it was prepared, who prepared it, when it took effect and where residents can inspect it.

“The Committee should confirm whether public participation was undertaken during its preparation and provide supporting evidence,” say the residents, adding that the Committee should investigate any enforcement actions taken or planned regarding the new rates.

They want the Committee to recommend that the previous rates of Sh1,500 per plot remain in place until the County Government complies with the legal requirements of public participation, fair taxation principles and valuation processes.

The residents want the Committee to initiate legislative intervention to streamline the process of setting land rates.

The Committee is required to table its report in the House for consideration within 60 days of reading the prayer.

The Senate shall then consider the report of the Committee.

## BILLS

### Autism Bill introduced in House

Efforts to strengthen support for persons living with autism have received a major boost after the Autism Management Bill, 2025, was finally introduced in the House.

Sponsored by Senator Karen Nyamu, the proposed law seeks to cure longstanding gaps in the diagnosis, care and social inclusion of children and adults living with autism across the country.

For years, parents and caregivers have struggled with limited access to screening services, inadequate early intervention programmes and a shortage of trained specialists.

Many families depend on expensive private centres, while others go without any form of professional support, leaving affected children vulnerable to delayed development and preventable complications.

The National Council for Persons with Disability Analytical Monograph on Autism (2024), indicates that approximately 75 million people worldwide have autism spectrum disorder, repre-



Senator Karen Nyamu

senting 1 per cent of the global population. The World Health Organisation (WHO) estimates that one out of 59 children are born with autism and related developmental disabilities, making this a significant public health concern that requires dedicated legislative attention. A report done by the Autism Society of Kenya in 2007, show that about one in

every 25 children suffer from Autism. This accounts for about 4 per cent of the general population in Kenya.

Since there is no central data collection Centre for autism cases in Kenya however, the statistics are not quite accurate and therefore affecting the policy and budgetary issues towards autism in Kenya. The challenges surrounding management of Autism in Kenya include late diagnoses, a shortage of trained professionals, limited access to specialized education and therapeutic services, and inadequate data on autism prevalence. There is no comprehensive legal framework specifically addressing the needs of persons with autism, resulting in poor service delivery and insufficient coordination between national and county governments.

The Bill proposes to institute a unified national framework to guide how autism is managed both at the national and county levels.

It also seeks to streamline screening procedures in health and education in-

stitutions to ensure early detection and to promote the establishment of county-based support units equipped to provide therapy, counselling and family assistance.

It lays the foundation for training and accreditation systems that will professionalise autism-related services.

If enacted, the Bill will ensure that children receive interventions from competent practitioners grounded in evidence-based practice.

Beyond the clinical aspects, the Bill confronts widespread stigma experienced by families living with autism.

It seeks to establish community awareness programmes that encourage acceptance, understanding and inclusion, while promoting collaboration between national and county governments to ensure consistency in service provision.

If enacted, the law is expected to encourage a whole-of-society shift in attitudes toward autism, reducing discrimination in schools, workplaces and social spaces.

## New Majority Whip in House

The Majority party has effected changes in its leadership in the House, electing Senator David Wafula Wakoli as the new Majority Whip in the changes announced by Speaker Amason Kingi.

Senator Wakoli takes over from Senator Bonny Khalwale who was removed from the position following a resolution passed by Senators who sit on the ma-

majority side.

“From the correspondence, the minutes indicate that a resolution was passed to remove the Majority Whip, Senator Bonny Khalwale in accordance with House rules,” said Speaker Kingi.

“The minutes further indicate that the Majority Party elected Senator David Wakoli to serve as the Majority Whip in his place.”



Senator David Wakoli



Senator Bonny Khalwale

## Baringo County finally gets new Senator



Senator Veronica Maina and Senator Munyi Mundigi watch on as Mr Cheburet Kiprono Chemitei is sworn in as the Baringo Senator.



Speaker Amason Kingi looks on as the Senator Maina and Senator Mundigi introduce Mr Chemitei before his swearing in.



Senator Chemitei takes oath of office.



Speaker Kingi congratulates Senator Chemitei after taking oath of office.

The House has welcomed Mr Cheburet Kiprono Chemitei, who was on Tuesday, December 2, sworn in as the new Senator for Baringo County.

Senator Chemitei takes over the seat previously occupied by the late William Cheptumo, who died in February after a long illness.

The new Senator was sworn into office by Speaker Amason Kingi.

Welcoming the new legislator, Majority Leader Aaron Cheruiyot, expressed

hope that Mr Chemitei join the Senate with great potential.

“I have no doubt, in my mind, that the people of Baringo County made the right decision, sending us such a brilliant young man to join many other young people in this House who continue to fight and ensure that devolution succeeds in this country,” said Senator Cheruiyot.

He added: “There is nothing or anybody that you need to impress in this House. You have already done what

needs to be done. Take the next few days to learn. You do not have to speak in your first few days, but interact and learn from your colleagues, the staff, the Speaker and your constituents until such a time you feel that you will be comfortable to make your contribution.”

Senator Okongo Omogeni wished the lawmaker the best and expressed hope that he will serve many tenures as a Senator.

Senator Chemitei was born in Nyali-Buch, Mogotio Constituency 35 years

ago. He studied Mass Communication at the Technical University of Kenya before venturing into business and later politics.

His first bid came in 2022 when he unsuccessfully contested the Mochongi Ward MCA seat in Baringo County.

Following the death of Senator Cheptumo, Chemitei was nominated as the UDA candidate in the senatorial by-election.

## History as Senators earn CPST–McGill Gender Equality Credentials



*Female lawmakers who participated in the Mainstreaming Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (GEWE) Programme at CPST pose for a group photo after their graduation.*



*Clerk of the Senate Jeremiah Nyegenye with the Senators who participated in the Mainstreaming Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (GEWE) Programme at CPST. From left, Senator Veronica Maina, Senator Hamida Kibwana, Senator Agnes Kavindu, Senator Joyce Korir, Senator Tabitha Mutinda and Senator Esther Okenyuri.*



*The lawmakers try out a jig to express their appreciation after their successful completion of the training programme.*



*Senator Catherine Mumma speaks during the graduation ceremony.*

Parliament has registered a major milestone in advancing women's leadership after ten legislators drawn from the Senate and National Assembly completed the Parliamentary Practices: Mainstreaming Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (GEWE) Programme.

The intensive 11-week online course, offered through a long-standing partnership between the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training (CPST) and McGill University, ran from May to August 2025 and focused on strengthening gender-responsive legislation, oversight, and institutional reform.

At the heart of the achievement were six women Senators whose commitment to gender equality and public service was widely celebrated. Senator Joyce Korir, Senator Veronica Maina, Senator Tabitha Mutinda, Senator Agnes Muthama, Senator Hamida Kibwana and Senator Esther Okenyuri were recognised

as powerful voices shaping the future of the Senate and redefining the role of women in Parliamentary leadership.

Their graduation underscores the growing impact of women lawmakers in championing inclusive legislation and ensuring that gender considerations are embedded across all sectors of governance.

They were joined by four Members of the National Assembly; Hon Beatrice Elachi, Hon Martha Wangari, Hon Irene Mayaka and Hon Sabina Chege, all of whom were commended for their dedication to strengthening gender equality within Kenya's legislative processes.

Presiding over the graduation ceremony National Assembly Deputy Speaker Gladys Boss Shollei described the programme as an incubator of equitable and progressive governance.

Drawing from her own leadership journey, she noted that challenges faced by women in public service often rein-

force their determination to champion gender issues.

"When women legislate, they legislate for society as a whole," she observed, urging the graduates to drive gender mainstreaming across all sectors for sustained national progress," she said. She represented Speaker Moses Wetangula at the event.

CPST Board Chairperson Rachael Ameso applauded the lawmakers for balancing professional and personal responsibilities while undertaking the rigorous programme. She emphasised the need for modernised parliamentary training and highlighted the role of innovation.

"AI presents enormous opportunities, and investing in tailored training is essential for strengthening parliamentary effectiveness," noted Commissioner Ameso, reminding the graduates that the certification represents, not just a milestone but a call to action, to apply their

acquired skills in shaping Kenya's democratic and gender-responsive future.

Other Parliamentary leaders present, including Senator Wahome Wamatinga, the Clerk of the Senate Jeremiah Nyegenye, Director General Parliamentary Joint Service Clement Nyandiere, and CPST Executive Director Nyokabi Kamau celebrated the lawmakers' achievement and reaffirming CPST's commitment to building inclusive governance.

Since its establishment in 2016, the CPST–McGill partnership has played a defining role in empowering women legislators, equipping them with the tools to craft equitable laws and champion gender justice. This year's graduating cohort, particularly the six trailblazing Senators, signals another leap forward in strengthening women's leadership at the highest levels of Kenya's parliamentary system.

## Majority Leader lauds House for 2025 scorecard



*Senator Aaron Cheruiyot, the Majority Leader.*

Majority Leader Aaron Cheruiyot has hailed Senators for what he described as a productive and focused year and urged them to maintain close contact with their constituents during the Christmas recess.

The Majority Leader said 2025 had been filled with robust debates, diligent committee work and the passage of crucial legislation that will shape the nation's future.

He reminded the lawmakers that their responsibility as representatives of the people extends far beyond the walls of the Senate chamber. "As we embark on recess, take time to reconnect with your constituents, listen to their concerns and aspirations. It is

through genuine engagement with the people that we represent that we will ensure our legislative decisions truly reflect their aspiration," he advised.

A total of 12 Bills initiated by the Senate in 2025 session have already been enacted into law, while 128 others are at various stages of law making.

Majority Leader Aaron Cheruiyot told the House that a total of 140 Bills were published by the Senators during the fourth session that ended on Friday week. In that period, 29 Bills were transmitted to the National Assembly for consideration and are still awaiting conclusion.

One Bill was referred back by the

President for reconsideration, two Bills were referred back from the National Assembly with amendments and one Bill was defeated at the mediation level.

Another 45 Bills remain pending within the Senate, another 13 Bills are undergoing concurrence while 19 were denied concurrence under Article 110.

Three other Bills were negatived and nine others were withdrawn by their sponsors.

"From the foregoing, the Senate still has a long way in concluding its legislative agenda. I urge that we redouble our efforts during the Fifth Session," the Majority Leader told the House in a report detailing the status of House Business before it adjourned for the Christmas holidays.

The Majority Leader also hailed Kenyans who have made vigorous use of Articles 37 and 119 of the Constitution, which allows the public to petition the Senate to consider any matter of public concern.

During the year, the House received 75 petitions. He noted that 55 of 75 petitions have already been concluded.

He commended committees that handled the Petitions expeditiously, singling out the Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources for what he described as significant strides.

A total of 133 Motions were filed by Senators during the year, with 102 being adopted, while the remaining lapsed at the close of the session.

Senator Cheruiyot advised sponsors wishing to pursue the lapsed Motions to reintroduce them afresh in the Fifth Session.

On parliamentary oversight, Majority Leader Cheruiyot revealed that 1,468 Statements had been sought under being a record workload for committees.

At least 1,026 Statements have been concluded as he urged Committees to use the recess to clear the remaining backlog.

He however issued a firm warning over the trend of Cabinet Secretaries failing to appear before the Senate to answer questions despite constitu-

tional obligations to do so.

Of the 130 questions filed by Senators, 93 had been responded to while 31 remain pending due to absentee Cabinet Secretaries or delayed responses.

"Cabinet Secretaries must know they are accountable to the people's representatives. We do not take it lightly when they fail to come," he noted, adding that the matter will be addressed at an upcoming joint retreat between the Executive and Parliament.

The Senator further announced that a formal legislative policy agreement, a manual designed to guide interactions between Parliament and the Executive, is nearing completion.

The manual is expected to standardise timelines, procedures and expectations for Cabinet Secretaries when responding to parliamentary business, thus ending reliance on personal goodwill and political proximity.

A marquee achievement of the session, he noted, was the smooth passage of the fourth basis for revenue allocation to counties, which will determine how devolved units will share national resources for the next five years.

The formula was passed with minimal friction compared to previous attempts and the Majority Leader noted that this signals a growing maturity in intergovernmental fiscal negotiations.

He also disclosed that the Parliamentary Budget Office had completed a scientific county performance evaluation tool that was developed in collaboration with his office.

The tool will measure how effectively county governments are delivering services using transparent and weighted indicators. Senators will be briefed on the findings before they are released to county assemblies and the public.

"Our responsibility extends far beyond this Chamber. Let us reconnect with the people and ensure our decisions continue reflecting their aspirations," he said.

## Parliament staff humanitarian mission at KNH

Representatives of Parliamentary staff on Thursday, December 18, visited Kenyatta National Hospital where they spent time with the young patients during this festive season. The interest of the team was in the Paediatric Oncology Ward where they showed solidarity and care for children undergoing cancer treatment. The team, which was led by the Clerk of the Senate Jeremiah Nyegenye, engaged the young warriors

through songs, one to one interactions and words of encouragement that lifted the spirits and brought smiles to the faces of the ailing warriors.

The visit had been organised by the members of the Senate Wellness Committee as part of its 2025 Christmas Charity Initiative with focus on minors battling cancer.

The humanitarian plan is focusing on bringing warmth, comfort and festive

joy to children bravely fighting cancer as they embody resilience, courage and hope.

The team presented donations aimed at supporting the children's care, comfort and overall wellbeing.

The visit created moments of joy and reassurance for the children and their caregivers, highlighting the importance of compassion, emotional support and human connection alongside medi-

cal treatment. It also reflected a shared commitment to supporting healthcare institutions and standing with vulnerable patients during challenging times.

The initiative points to the Senate's unwavering commitment to compassion and community service beyond the halls of Parliament.



1. Deputy Clerk Eunice Gichangi speaks to Parliamentary staff before the start of visiting the patients.
2. Clerk of the Senate Jeremiah Nyegenye, who is also the Secretary to the PSC, gifts one of the doctors at the Kenyatta National Hospital during the visit.
3. Some of the items that Parliamentary staff bought and donated to the patients at the Hospital.

## Seneta ataka maelezo kuhusu usimamizi wa mbuga ya Amboseli

Seneta Okoiti Omtatah, ameibua hoja bungeni kuzungumzia uhamisho wa usimamizi wa mbuga ya taifa ya Amboseli hadi kwenye serikali ya Kaunti ya Kajiado, hatua iliyofanywa rasmi na Rais William Ruto tarehe 8 Novemba 2025, akisisitiza kuwa mabadiliko haya yanagusa masuala nyeti ya kikatiba, kisheria, kimazingira na kiutawala.

Seneta Omtatah amesema kuwa mbuga za taifa kwa mujibu wa Katiba ziko chini ya mamlaka ya serikali ya kitaifa na uhamisho huu unaibua maswali muhimu kuhusu usimamizi wa ardhi za umma, jukumu la Shirika la Huduma za Wanyamapori (KWS), uhuru wa Tume ya Ardhi ya Taifa na ufuataji wa Sheria ya Uhifadhi na Usimamizi wa Wanyamapori, 2013.

“Tunataka serikali iweke wazi ni kwa vipi na kwa misingi gani mbuga kama

Amboseli inapelekwa chini ya usimamizi wa Kaunti, kwa kuwa hili ni jambo nyeti linalogusa maslahi ya taifa, urithi wa wanyamapori na mapato ya taifa. Hakuna hatua yoyote inayofaa kuchukuliwa bila uwazi na uwajibikaji,” alisema Seneta Omtatah.

Aliongeza kuwa mbuga ya taifa ya Amboseli, iliyoorodheshwa kama hifadhi ya UNESCO na mfumo muhimu wa ikolojia unaovuka mipaka ya Kaunti, inazalisha mapato makubwa ya taifa kupitia utalii na wanyamapori, huku ikihifadhi idadi ya wanyamapori wenye thamani ya Kimataifa. Historia yake na hukumu za mahakama za awali zinaonesha kuwa ni nyeti kubadilisha usimamizi wake. Seneta Omtatah alisisitiza kuwa Amboseli si mali ya Kaunti pekee, bali ni urithi wa taifa na Kimataifa na hivyo uhamisho wowote unapaswa kufanywa kwa uwazi, kisheria na kwa kuzingatia

maslahi ya taifa. Alisisitiza kuwa hatua yoyote isiyozingatia masharti ya kikatiba inaweza kuharibu ulinzi wa mbuga, kupunguza mapato ya taifa na kuhatarisha ustawi wa jamii zinazozunguka mbuga.

Seneta Omtatah alitaka Kamati ya Seneti ya Ardhi, Mazingira na Maliasili ifafanue uhamisho wa majukumu kati ya serikali ya Kitaifa na Kaunti. Alitaka pia ufafanuzi kama kulikuwa na ushauriano na Tume ya Ardhi ya Taifa, KWS na Waziri wa Ardhi, Ujenzi, Makazi na Maendeleo ya Miji na kuelezea jukumu lao katika mpangilio mpya. Alisisitiza umuhimu wa kuhakikisha ushirikishwaji wa wananchi, mipango ya kimazingira, mipango ya nafasi na kuzingatia mabadiliko ya tabianchi kabla ya uhamisho.

Aidha, alitaka maelezo kuhusu utaratibu wa ukusanyaji wa mapato, ukaguzi na uwajibikaji wa fedha zinazozalishwa

na mbuga. Seneta Omtatah aliongeza kuwa ni muhimu kuelewa madhara ya uhamisho huu kama mfano kwa Kaunti zingine kuhusu udhibiti wa mali za taifa zilizohifadhiwa na kinga za maslahi ya taifa. Alisisitiza ufuataji wa masharti ya kikatiba na sheria husika ikiwemo Sheria ya Maji 2016, Sheria ya Uhifadhi na Usimamizi wa Wanyamapori 2013, Sheria ya Mahusiano ya Serikali ya Taifa na Kaunti, 2012 na Sheria ya Ardhi 2012.

“Ni muhimu serikali iwe wazi na kutoa maelezo ya kina juu ya uhamisho huu, kuhakikisha maslahi ya taifa yanadumishwa na hifadhi zinabaki salama. Hii ni hifadhi yenye umuhimu mkubwa Kitaifa na Kimataifa, hatua za kudumu zinahitajika kulinda rasilimali hizi na jamii zinazozunguka hifadhi zinapaswa kushirikishwa kikamilifu katika mipango ya usimamizi na ulinzi,” alisisitiza Seneta Omtatah.

## Seneta Shakila ataka hatua kuboresha vituo vya Kizingitini na Ndau

Seneta Shakila Abdalla ameibua hoja bungeni akiitaka serikali kuchukua hatua za dharura kukabiliana na changamoto zinazokabili vituo vya kutua vya Kizingitini na Ndau, ambavyo amevielezea kuwa ni uti wa mgongo wa uchumi wa Lamu Mashariki na muhimu kwa usalama wa wavuvi, biashara ya baharini na maendeleo ya jamii.

Seneta Shakila alisema kuwa maeneo hayo yameathirika kwa kiasi kikubwa kutokana na athari za mabadiliko ya tabianchi, ikiwemo kupanda kwa kiwango cha maji ya bahari, mawimbi makali na mmomonyoko wa fukwe. Hali hii imevuruga shughuli za uvuvi, kuhatarisha maisha ya wananchi, na kuharibu miundombinu muhimu kama maeneo ya kutua samaki, maduka ya biashara ndogo ndogo, na barabara za kufikia fukwe hizo. Aliongeza kuwa hali mbaya ya maeneo haya ina hatari ya kuathiri usalama wa chakula na kuzidisha umaskini miongoni mwa familia zinazotegemea uvuvi.

“Ni jukumu la serikali kuhakikisha kuwa maeneo haya muhimu yanakarabatiwa haraka ili kulinda maisha na riziki za wakazi wa Lamu Mashariki. Tunataka kufahamu hatua ambazo serikali ya Kaunti na kitaifa zimechukua, iwapo fedha za dharura zinatumiwa ipasavyo na kiwango cha maandalizi yazo kukabiliana na athari za tabianchi ambazo zimeendelea kuwatishia wakazi,” alisema Seneta huyo.

Aliongeza kuwa licha ya kuwepo kwa



Seneta Shakila Abdalla

mifumo ya ufadhili ya kukabiliana na mabadiliko ya tabianchi ikiwemo FLOCA, CCRIG na KEMFSED, bado hakuna hatua madhubuti zilizochukuliwa kutatua tatizo hili kwa usahihi. Alisisitiza kuwa ni muhimu serikali ifafanue iwapo ukarabati wa Kizingitini na Ndau unastahili kufadhiliwa kupitia miradi hiyo, ikizingatiwa umuhimu wake kiuchumi,

kijamii na kitalii.

Seneta Shakila pia alitaka ufafanuzi wa utaratibu uliowekwa kuwezesha serikali za Kaunti na jamii kutumia fedha hizo kwa uwazi, uwajibikaji na kwa ushirikishwaji wa wananchi. Aidha, alitaka kujua kama Wizara ya Mazingira, kwa kushirikiana na Idara ya Uchumi Sawamawati na Uvuvi, inafahamu hali

mbaya ya vituo hivyo na ni hatua gani za dharura zinaweza kuchukuliwa mara moja ili kuzuia madhara zaidi.

“Tunataka maelezo kama kuna mikakati ya muda mfupi na mrefu ya kuhakikisha maeneo ya kutua baharini hayapatwi tena na athari kama hizi katika siku zijazo. Serikali lazima iwe na mpango madhubuti wa kukabiliana na majanga ya kimazingira ili kuhakikisha wananchi wanakuwa salama na jamii inastawi. Aidha, ni muhimu kuhamasisha jamii za kiasili kushiriki kikamilifu katika mipango ya ulinzi na urejeshaji wa miundombinu hii,” alisisitiza Seneta Shakila.

Seneta huyo aidha, alilitaka Bunge kuzipa kipaumbele jamii zilizo hatarini katika ukanda wa pwani, hususan zile zinazotegemea uvuvi, katika upangaji wa ufadhili wa Kitaifa na Kaunti unaoenga kukabiliana na athari za tabianchi na kulinda miundombinu ya baharini. Alisisitiza kuwa hatua za dharura zinafaa kuchukuliwa kabla tatizo hili liwe la kudumu na kuathiri vizazi vijavyo.

Kamati ya Ardhi, Mazingira na Maliasili iliagizwa kulichunguza ombi hilo kwa kina na kuwasilisha ripoti kamili bungeni ndani ya muda uliowekwa, ili hatua muafaka zichukuliwe bila kuchelewa, kuhakikisha usalama na ustawi wa wakazi wa Lamu Mashariki na ukuaji endelevu wa uchumi wa pwani.

## Dr Buchere laid to rest

The Parliamentary fraternity has been hit hard following the passing on of Dr Philip Buchere on November 24, 2025. Until his death, the late Buchere was the Director in charge of the Senate Liaison Office (SLO).

SLO is a Directorate within the Parliamentary Service Commission (PSC) under the Office of the Clerk of the Senate. It provides a nexus between the Senate

and the county governments and various devolution stakeholders. The office has, since its establishment, played a crucial role in facilitating county assembly visits to Parliament on attachments, study tours and benchmarking, and providing technical support on legislative issues when requested.

Dr Buchere joined PSC in 2013 and enjoyed a chequered and distinguished

service at PSC. He started as the Director, Curriculum Development, Training and Research, at the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training (CPST), before moving to the Senate Liaison Office in 2021.

In the various portfolios he held, Dr Buchere pioneered many innovative and progressive programmes that enriched service delivery, drove work output, and

promoted the Senate's engagements with all its stakeholders.

"A humble and joyful team leader, Dr Buchere will be fondly remembered by the staff and leadership of the Parliament of Kenya for his charisma, intellect, and selflessness," said Speaker Amason Kingi as he eulogised one of his officers.

Dr Buchere was buried on November 13, 2025.



1 National Assembly Speaker Moses Wetangula views Dr Philip Buchere's body at the late Nairobi's home.

2 Speaker Wetangula, who is also the Chairman of the Parliamentary Service Commission, signs the Condolences Book at the late Dr Buchere's Nairobi home.

3 Deputy Clerk Mohamed Ali, flanked by members of the Senate Board of Management, speaks during the funeral ceremony of the late Dr Buchere. The team was led by the Clerk of Senate, Mr Jeremiah Nyegenye, 4th right.



1. Clerk of Senate Jeremiah Nyegenye, who is the Secretary to the PSC, addresses mourners when he led Parliamentary staff to condole with the family of the late Dr Buchere at their Nairobi home.
2. National Speaker Moses Wetangula with Hon Rachel Ameso, the PSC Commissioner, condole with the parents of the late Dr Buchere in Nairobi.
3. Senator Godfrey Osotsi eulogises the late Dr Buchere during the requiem mass which was held at Church of God, Buru Buru, Nairobi County.
4. Former Member of Parliament, Hon Naomi Shaban, who also served as vice chair of PSC, delivers her speech at the Church.
5. Hon Rachel Ameso eulogises Dr Buchere during the requiem mass at Church of God, Buru Buru, Nairobi County.
6. Parliamentary Staff who served as the pallbearer during Dr Buchere's requiem mass at the Church of God, Buru Buru, Nairobi County.



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