



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – FIFTH SESSION

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026 AT 2.30 P.M.

1. The House assembled at Thirty Minutes past Two O'clock.
2. The Proceedings were opened with Prayer.
3. **Presiding** – the Deputy Speaker.
4. **PETITION**

Petition regarding compliance by Safaricom PLC with statutory and constitutional obligations relating to sim card deactivation and re-assignment

The Deputy Speaker conveyed the following Petition-

Honourable Members, Article 119 of the Constitution accords any person the right to petition Parliament to consider any matter within its authority. Further, Standing Order 225(2)(b) requires the Speaker to report to the House any Petition other than one presented by a Member.

Honourable Members, I wish to report to the House that my office has received a Petition from **Mr. Thomson Kerongo**, ID No. **21XXX79**, regarding the compliance by **Safaricom PLC** with statutory and constitutional obligations relating to the deactivation and reassignment of SIM cards.

The Petitioner states that Safaricom PLC, a licensed telecommunications service provider, offers SIM card services that facilitate essential services including voice and data communication, mobile money services such as **M-Pesa**, access to financial services, customer identification, and the storage and processing of personal data.

Honourable Members, the Petitioner alleges that Safaricom PLC has adopted a practice of deactivating SIM cards after a specified period of inactivity—ordinarily six months—and subsequently re-allocating the corresponding mobile numbers to new subscribers. He contends that before such deactivation and re-assignment, affected subscribers are not always given adequate notice.

The Petitioner states that, consequently, subscribers who resume use of their lines may find unable to access communication services, mobile money accounts, financial services, or personal data associated with the SIM card, thereby violating consumers' rights guaranteed under **Article 46 of the Constitution**.

The Petitioner further states that subscribers who are unable to use their SIM cards for prolonged periods due to illness, travel, incapacity, imprisonment, or other unavoidable

circumstances risk losing access to communication services, financial accounts, and funds without adequate notice or due process.

The Petitioner additionally contends that a SIM card belonging to a deceased subscriber remains inactive and linked to financial assets; and that subsequent deactivation and re-assignment of such SIM cards without the involvement or authority of the deceased's personal representatives may prejudice the administration of the deceased's estate, contrary to **section 45 of the Law of Succession Act**, which prohibits unauthorized intermeddling with the property of a deceased person.

Honourable Members, the Petitioner also questions whether unclaimed funds associated with inactive, deactivated, or re-assigned SIM cards are handled in accordance with the **Unclaimed Financial Assets Act**, including whether such funds are remitted to the **Unclaimed Financial Assets Authority (UFAA)** where applicable.

In addition, the Petitioner states that there are ineffective and untimely dispute-resolution mechanisms in place, particularly during the processing, retention, transfer, and protection of subscribers' personal data in the course of SIM card deactivation and re-assignment.

The Petitioner therefore prays that the National Assembly **inquires into the circumstances under which Safaricom PLC deactivates and reassigns SIM cards**, determine whether those practices comply with the relevant laws, and recommend appropriate legislative, policy, regulatory, or administrative measures to safeguard consumers' rights.

Honourable Members, having determined that the matters raised by the Petitioner fall squarely within the authority of this House, and noting that the issues raised in the Petition are not pending before any court of law, constitutional body, or other legal forum, I hereby **commit the Petition to the Public Petitions Committee** for consideration pursuant to **Standing Order 208A**.

The Committee is required to consider the Petition and report its findings to the House and to the Petitioner in accordance with **Standing Order 227(2)**.

I thank you!"

5. PAPERS

The following Papers were laid on the Table of the House—

- (i) Memorandum on Accession to the International Nuclear Safety Conventions by the Republic of Kenya from the Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign & Diaspora Affairs;
- (ii) Legal Notice No. 142 of 2026 relating to the Election Campaign Financing Regulations, 2026 and the Explanatory Memorandum from the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (*was referred to the Committee on Delegated Legislation*);
- (iii) Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements for the years ended 30th June 2021, 30th June 2022, 30th June 2023, 30th June 2024, 30th June 2025 and the certificates therein in respect of the following –
 - (1) Getarwet Girls Secondary School – Kericho County;
 - (2) Rose Mwakwere Girls Secondary School – Kwale County;
 - (3) Friends School Bokoli Boys Secondary – Bungoma County;

- (4) Kapkitony Girls Secondary School – Elgeyo Marakwet County;
 - (5) St. Michael's Boys High School – Terige – Nandi County;
 - (6) Naivasha Day Secondary School – Nakuru County;
 - (7) St. Albert The Great Siakago Boys High School – Embu County;
 - (8) Kalulini Boys' High School – Makueni County;
 - (9) St. Joseph's Chakol Secondary School – Busia County;
 - (10) Kambi Garba Mixed Day Secondary School – Isiolo County;
 - (11) St. Stephen Chiliba Secondary School – Bungoma County;
 - (12) State House Girls High School – Nairobi City County;
 - (13) General Joseph Nkaissey High School – Kajiado County;
 - (14) A.C.K Musoma Secondary School – Busia County;
 - (15) AIC Kakuyuni Secondary School – Machakos County;
 - (16) Mashuuru Boys' Secondary School – Kajiado County;
 - (17) Burieruri Boys Secondary School – Meru County;
 - (18) St. Peter's Budokomi Secondary School – Busia County;
 - (19) Biliqi Nur Mixed Day Secondary School – Isiolo County;
 - (20) Yemit Boys Secondary School – Elgeyo Marakwet County;
 - (21) Kapcherop Boys Secondary School – Elgeyo Marakwet County;
 - (22) Merti Muslim Girls Secondary School – Isiolo County;
 - (23) Consolata Girls' Secondary School – Embu County; and
 - (24) Kiriani Boys Secondary School – Tharaka Nithi County.
- (iv) Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements for the years ended 30th June 2024, 30th June 2025 and the certificates therein in respect of the following –
- (1) Kiranga Secondary School – Kwale County;
 - (2) South Tetu Girls High School – Nyeri County;
 - (3) St. Bakhita Gataragwa Girls High School – Nyeri County;
 - (4) Waso Day Secondary School – Isiolo County;
 - (5) Isiolo Barracks Secondary School – Isiolo County;
 - (6) Joy Valley Special Secondary School – Bungoma County;
 - (7) Mwiyo Secondary School – Nyeri County;
 - (8) Sawagongo High School – Siaya County;
 - (9) Ramba Boys High School – Siaya County;
 - (10) Kilifi Township Secondary School – Lamu County; and
 - (11) Kiluani Boys Secondary – Kajiado County.
- (v) Status of Statements before Departmental Committees.

(Deputy Leader of the Majority Party)

6. STATEMENT MADE PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 44(2)(b)

Pursuant to Standing Order 44(2)(b), the Deputy Leader of the Majority Party (Hon. Owen Baya) made a Statement to the House regarding the status of Statements before Departmental Committees, and thereupon tabled the Statement.

7. STATEMENT MADE PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 44(2)(a)

Pursuant to Standing Order 44(2)(a), the Deputy Leader of the Majority Party (Hon. Owen Baya) made a Statement to the House regarding business of the National Assembly scheduled to be transacted from 25th August 2026, and thereupon tabled the Statement.

(Change of Chair from the Deputy Speaker to the Fourth Chairperson of Committees)

8. REQUESTS FOR STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 44(2)(C)

- a) The Member for Gilgil (Hon. Martha Wangari) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security regarding rising incidences of violence in political rallies across the country. The Committee Chairperson (Hon. Gabriel Tongoyo) undertook to respond to the Statement on 26th August 2026.
- b) The Member for West Mugirango (Hon. Stephen Mogaka) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning regarding implementation of income tax exemptions for persons with severe disabilities and their parents or guardians. The Committee Chairperson (Hon. Kimani Kuria) undertook to respond to the Statement on 27th August 2026.
- c) The Member for Awendo (Hon. Walter Owino) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning regarding impending auction of land belonging to South Nyanza Sugar Company Limited. The Committee Chairperson (Hon. Kimani Kuria) undertook to issue a preliminary response on 27th August 2026, and a comprehensive response to the Statement once the National Assembly resumes from its upcoming Recess.
- d) The Member for Mandera (Hon. Umul Ker Kassim) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Regional Development regarding preparedness for the anticipated El Nino rains in ASAL Counties. The Committee Chairperson (Hon. Peter Lochakapong) undertook to issue a preliminary response on 27th August 2026, and a comprehensive response to the Statement once the National Assembly resumes from its upcoming Recess.
- e) The Member for Nandi Hills (Hon. Benard Kitur) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security regarding forceful eviction of squatters in Nandi Hills Constituency. The Minority Whip, Hon. Millie Odhiambo, undertook to have Response to the Statement presented by the Committee Chairperson on 27th August 2026.

9. RESPONSE TO A STATEMENT PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 44(2)(C)

- (i) The Vice Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure (Hon. Didmus Mutua Barasa) **responded** to a Statement sought by the Member for Turkana South (Hon. Ekwom Nabuin) regarding maintenance and improvement of two roads in Turkana South Constituency; and
- (ii) The response by the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure to a Statement requested by the Member for Mathioya (Hon. (Dr.) Edwin Mugo) regarding the deteriorating state of the Thika super highway was **deferred**.

10. MOTION – CONSIDERATION OF SESSIONAL PAPER NO. 4 OF 2026 ON THE NATIONAL PETROLEUM POLICY

Order Read;

Order deferred.

11. MOTION – CONSIDERATION OF THE INTER-AFRICAN COFFEE ORGANISATION NEW AGREEMENT

Order Read;

Order deferred.

12. MOTION – INQUIRY INTO THE PROPOSED SALE OF SHARES IN EAST AFRICAN PORTLAND CEMENT PLC

Order Read;

Order deferred.

13. THE POWER OF MERCY BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 56 OF 2025)

Motion made and Question proposed-

THAT, the Power of Mercy Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 56 of 2025) be now read a Second Time.

(Leader of the Majority Party)

Debate arising;

Rising in his place, the Member for Funyula (Hon. Ojiambo Oundo) claimed to move that debate on the Motion be adjourned pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 96(1).

Motion made and question proposed –

THAT, debate on the motion be now adjourned pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 96(1).

Question put and negatived;

Debate resumed;

Rising in his place, the Member for Seme (Hon. James Nyikal) claimed to move that debate on the Motion be adjourned pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 96(1).

Motion made and question proposed –

THAT, debate on the motion be now adjourned pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 96(1).

Question put and agreed to;

Debate adjourned.

14. MOTION – INSPECTION VISIT TO THE KENYAN EMBASSY IN RABAT, MOROCCO

Order Read;

Order deferred.

15. MOTION – INSPECTION VISIT TO THE KENYAN EMBASSY IN CAIRO, EGYPT

Order Read;

Order deferred.

16. MOTION – APPOINTMENT OF A FIRM TO PROVIDE EXTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES TO THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

Order Read;

Order deferred.

And the time being twenty-Eight minutes to Seven O'clock, the Fourth Chairperson interrupted debate and adjourned the House without Question put pursuant to the Standing Orders.

17. HOUSE ROSE - at twenty-Eight Minutes to Seven O'clock

M E M O R A N D U M

The Speaker will take the Chair on,
Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 2.30 p.m.

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