

Kitui County Assembly

THE HANSARD

First County Assembly – First Session

Thursday, 4th July 2013

The County Assembly met at 2:30pm

[The Speaker (Hon.George Ndotto) in the chair]

PRAYERS

(Communication from the Chair)

The Speaker: Now, Honourable Members, we may have no business to discuss this afternoon for two reasons; the business we have in our house at the moment are various Motions. And I was given to understand by one of the movers of the Motions that you need time to read, research and think through over the Motions before they are brought to the house for debate so that you can contribute effectively and from an informed position. And that is what I'm going to do; I put off all the Motions which are on our table until next week, and I direct the Clerk of the assembly to circulate a copy of all the Motions which have been tabled here so that the members can read, research, consult for the purpose of making effective contributions during the debate. That is why we are not going to table any motion.

Secondly, I have noticed, and I noticed during the Motion of Honourable Ngoima that you had difficulty knowing whether you should speak or what you should say. I also noticed yesterday that you had difficulty knowing when to do what when we were going through the appropriations Bill. And for that reason I'm going to avoid as much as possible any serious Motion until you are trained and informed properly what to do with the Bills, the Motions and so forth.

I'm trying to organise training for you next week, I'm not sure whether I'll succeed, but I'm trying my best to make sure you go through a thorough training next week so that we don't start jumping from one statement to another without knowing what exactly we are supposed to do.

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And for that reason, I had decided to adjourn the sitting of this afternoon until we do those two things.

Next Order.

County Assembly Clerk [Mr Mutambuki]: Messages

The Speaker: Any messages?

Next order.

County Assembly Clerk: Petitions.

The Speaker: Any petitions from your constituencies?

Next order.

County Assembly Clerk: Papers.

The Speaker: Next order.

County Assembly Clerk: Notices of Motions

The Speaker: Next Order.

County Assembly Clerk: Statements.

The speaker: Yes, someone wants to make a statement.

Hon. Maundu [Majority Leader]: *Asante* Mr Speaker.

Jambo ambalo nilikuwa nataka kujulisha nyumba hii ni ya kwamba kuna maafa ambayo yametokea sehemu ya Mwingi ampako watu zaidi ya watu kumi wameuwawa na majambazi, na ningeomba ruhusa kwa nyumba hii; kama itawezekana kutoka leo saa hizi, tuahirishe kikao ili watu wa Mwingi waweze kuhudhuria hayo maombolezi.

Hayo ndiyo ambayo ni statement nilikuwa nayo Bwana Mheshimiwa Spika. Asante.

The Speaker: Honourable Maundu that is a noble cause, but number seven is personal statements, not official... if you wanted the house to adjourn so that MCAs can go to mourn with the people of Mwingi, you could have brought it as a Motion of Adjournment, not as a personal statement.

I'm not sure whether what you have said can be done without violating the rules or the standing Orders; you can only adjourn this house through a Motion of Adjournment, you can't adjourn it otherwise. And since there is no Motion, perhaps with the discretion of the Speaker, I can allow one or two members to maybe say something because we don't know what exactly is the position. Can anybody tell us something about what is happening there? I have that discretion. Honourable from Mwingi Central.

Hon. Munyasya: Thanks for giving me that opportunity to explain what happened in Mwingi. Yester night at a shopping centre known as Kanyaa, Mwingi Central Constituency, Waita Ward, thugs struck there and killed around ten people. In retaliation when those people were being followed, two of them were killed and then they killed another one with a pistol in the morning. They are in the bush and the situation there is tense. So they are still being followed. That is the situation on the ground and I

think it is being addressed well. From the information we have, the police force we have from that side; from Kyuso, Mwingi East, Mwingi Central have taken charge. They are seriously pursuing the thugs. So that is the situation on the ground.

The Speaker: Anybody else who has additional information?

Yes Honourable Member?

Hon. Kitema: It is true, Mr Speaker as it has been stated by the Honourable Mwingi Central MCA. Thugs within that area came and killed the number of people which has been stated. Already we are informed about 12 people as per now have been killed. It's true the police are doing their best; they have deployed the police from all those police stations including Nguni. Also the community has turned up in a good number and they are pursuing those thugs. And as per how the situation is, it could have been good for this Honourable House to adjourn and probably go down to that place and join those who are pursuing for those robbers and mourn with the people. It would show the solidarity of the house; togetherness with the community.

Thank you Mr Speaker.

The Speaker: Well Honourable Members, this is a very sad moment for Kitui County to have lost so many people for nothing. It is very unfortunate and I think we should show our concern. But we can't adjourn the house without a motion; it is illegal. As you know it is not good to do that.

What we are going to do is to stand and observe a minute of silence to remember those who have lost their lives and we will perhaps... I will allow those who are from that side and would like to go and mourn with the bereaved families, I can allow them permission to absent themselves from the joint sitting tomorrow morning and perhaps we discuss the matter further next week. For the time being, the meeting for tomorrow; the joint meeting will have to continue unfortunately because it is on the Order Paper. But I will ask you to stand up in silence for a minute.

(All members stand for a minute of silence in honour of the victims)

The Speaker: Thank you.

We will definitely ask those who might be going, particularly... They are from which constituency? Is it Mwingi Central? Which ward?

Hon. Kitema: Waita.

The Speaker: Where is the MCA for Waita.

Hon. Munyasya: He has already left.

The Speaker: He's already there? Yeah Because of that matter.

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On behalf of this assembly, we want to pass our condolences to the people of Waita for that loss and we are with them; we'll pray with them.

It's unfortunate! The situation of security in this county or in Kenya is becoming a matter of concern for everybody. I don't know what is happening; people just take *pangas* and start killing each other like goats. It is unbelievable! And I hope those who are dealing with security can protect the people of this country because every day we hear so many people have died. Every day we hear so many people have died! Every day so many people have died! I don't know whether killing someone is not important or what!

Honourable Kilonzo what is bothering you? There is nothing on the table. What do you want to... I only allowed discussion on the issue in Mwingi because it's a major concern to everybody, otherwise there is no motion. What do you want to say?

Hon. Kilonzo: *Bwana Spika, nashukuru sana kwa sababu ya kunipa fursa hii. Lakini mimi ninaomboleza pamoja na waheshimiwa wenzangu kutoka Mwingi ya kati kwa sababu ya maafa ambayo yamewapata. Lakini kufikia sasa, tumeelezwa, na ninaamini ya kwamba ile habari mimi sijaipata vizuri, na ninafikiri waheshimiwa wengi hawaiielewi. Tungeelezwa kinaga ubaga na kuambiwa; ni watu wangapi, ni wanaume wangapi, kuna watoto, kuna wanawake ni sababu gani? Tusije tukaanza kusema ni wezi na inaweza kuwa tu ni fedheha za kinyumba. Bwana Spika ningeomba wale wako na hiyo habari watueleze vile tunavyoweza; tukitoka hapa tunaweza kueleza watu wengine.*

Asante Bwana Spika.

The Speaker: That question is very important, very good. But it is coming a bit too late when I have already ruled on the matter. It's a very useful question, but it is coming a bit too late. I have already ruled on the matter and I don't want anybody to discuss the matter again! The Speaker has already ruled. If you want more details, when you step outside you can talk to your colleagues and they will give you more information.

Mr Kasinga I've already ruled! I hope...

Hon. Kasinga:

(Laughter)

The Speaker: Next Order!

County Assembly Clerk: Motions and Bills.

The Speaker: Is there any motion pending? The motions that are there, I have already ruled that they will be tabled next week and I have directed the Clerk to circulate the motions. And if you want to make any amendments, because I think there is a motion which is there which is very

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good and can be amended to include others; the one by Honourable Kilonzo, you have to do the amendments in writing and bring to me for approval. You can't introduce your amendments here on the floor. If you want to propose amendments, and it is a good motion which can include other things, please do so before next Tuesday. Let me see it before I allow you to table the amendments. After I adjourn the house, maybe the Clerk wants to say something to you for your own benefit, please remain behind for a minute or two with the Clerk. Can you stand up.

Honourable Members, the house stands adjourned until next week Tuesday; 9th July 2013 at 2:30pm.

The County Assembly rose at 2:45pm.