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Thursday 16th November, 2017

The County Assembly met at 2:52 p.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. G. Ndotto) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I will make a brief communication. You are aware that we shall be going to Naivasha next week for a training sponsored by Action-Aid Kenya. The venue will be Fish Eagle Inn. You are supposed to travel to Naivasha on Monday in order to be there in time for the training set to kick off on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

STATEMENTS

SCHEDULE OF BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING ON MONDAY 27TH NOVEMBER
AND ENDING ON FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER, 2017

*(Hon. Mbiti read the full Statement and laid
the Paper on the Table)*

MOTION(S)

MOTION ON FORMATION OF PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY

The Speaker: Hon. Kilonzo.

Hon. Kilonzo (Majority Leader): Thank you Mr Speaker Sir. I beg to move a Motion on formation of People's Assembly;

AWARE that on 8th of August and 26th of October, 2017 the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) conducted illegal, unconstitutional and undemocratic presidential elections,

RECOGNIZING the fact that the turnout for the presidential elections was only 30 percent, thereabout of the total number of all registered voters in Kenya, and therefore the

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President cannot by delegation, or otherwise, be properly vested with the people's sovereign power and authority.

OBSERVING that exercising of executive authority by the President is taking the dimension of imperial presidency.

KNOWING that National Assembly has enacted unconstitutional, illegal, undemocratic and draconian laws, and in particular laws that contravene the Bill of Rights and the principles for the electoral system; and

ACKNOWLEDGING the sovereign power of the people of Kenya, the supremacy of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and the sovereign right or authority of the people to determine the form of governance in Kenya.

This House resolves as follows:

That the presidential elections held on August 8, October 26, 2017 were invalid and the declaration of a president and formation of government out of a disputed poll marked by insignificant turnout was illegitimate.

To establish a People's Assembly to deliberate the country's affairs and recommend a pathway towards realisation of the aspirations, rights, and freedoms enshrined in the Kenyan Constitution (2010).

That Membership of the House to participate in the People's Assembly proceedings and constitute a special college to facilitate election or appointment of some Members to the national forum.

To support establishment of a truly Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission with a view to having a credible presidential election on or before 9th February 2018.

To have the performance of Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC), National Intelligence Service (NIS), Public Service Commission (PSC), Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC), and National Police Service (NPS) reviewed to guarantee their independence and serve Kenyans as mandated.

To have appropriate measures taken to safeguard and promote devolution and secure the financial progress of County Governments and that way create indivisible sovereign nation.

To have the 2010 Constitution reviewed to streamline the structures and operations of the Executive and Legislatures, realise inclusivity, promote the welfare of the marginalized, women and youth, eradicate poverty and corruption and advance social justice, equality and fairness for all Kenyan citizens.

Article 1 (1) of the Constitution states that "all sovereign power belongs to the people of Kenya and shall be exercised only in accordance with this constitution".

Sub-Articles:

(2)-The people may exercise their sovereign power either directly or through their democratically elected representatives.

(3) -Sovereign power under this constitution is delegated to the following state organs, which shall perform their functions in accordance with this constitution;

Sections

3 (a) parliament and the legislative assemblies in the County Governments.

3 (b) the national executive and the executive structures in the County Governments; and

3 (c) the Judiciary and independent tribunals. I will not read Sub-Article (4)

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Thus, the law is very clear that sovereign power rests with the people and can only be exercised either directly or through their democratically elected representatives and I emphasize the word democratically. Hence, the tenure of undemocratically elected president is untenable and the same case for Governors, Senators, or other leaders who are in office courtesy of disputed election and who in that regard cannot exercise sovereign power on behalf of the people of Kenya. The Motion on formation of the People's Assembly is all about addressing such injustice.

Sovereign power is delegated to various state organs including the National Parliament and County Assemblies. This is provided under Article 1(3) (a) of the (2010) Constitution. In the face of the election crisis, the County Assemblies are turning out to be the country's saviour through formation of the People's Assemblies. This is considering that National Assembly has failed to intercede on the matter. The controversial Bills passed by the current parliament and referred to the President for assent linger in our minds. Albeit, the President is yet to sign some of the Bills, the same regardless of imperfections will automatically become Acts of Parliament after lapse of 14 days.

The IEBC violated the Constitution by presiding over a disputed presidential election while the National Assembly has failed to enforce the law yet it is the custodian of legislation. The name IEBC shouldn't be mentioned in this House because we know what happened regarding the presidential election held on 8th August and repeated on 26th October 2017 following the order by the supreme court.

The IEBC told us that 50 percent of all the registered voters in Kenya (over 19 million) turned out to vote whereas we know that less than 30 percent did so. What has been at the Supreme Court is in public domain. The Court initially performed well but has of late deviated due to lack of freedom and independence, which justifies the need for formation of the People's Assembly to push for credible leadership.

I know some Members and section of the public are worried as to what establishment of the People Assemblies is all about. Formation of the entities will culminate in a broad based national forum bringing together elected leaders, the clergy, civil societies, women, youth, and other interested groups.

Mr Speaker, governments cannot operate outside the constitution. Sovereignty of the people is enduring which explains why the people's rights are protected under progressive constitutions. The current constitution is not the first one for Kenya. We have had another constitution before. A government, which oppresses its people, ends up failing like the case in Zimbabwe. Egypt and Libya experienced the same. This is because power belongs to the people who cannot be shaken by the rule of guns.

The Jubilee government has been in power for four years now during which period it has become notorious for misrule. Looting has become institutionalised as exemplified by the Eurobond, NYS, hustlers jet, and Chicken Gate scandals. Deprivation is perpetuated at the expense of Wanjiku (ordinary Kenyans) who suffer the most as the resources meant to uplift their welfare are channelled away. Left unchecked, corruption will ruin Kenya's future.

Foreign debt has continued to rise and becoming unsustainable as the jubilee administration has exhibited uncontrollable appetite for external borrowing. A case in point being the Eurobond funds which the government failed to account for yet the same minister is seeking to float another bond at the international markets.

What is happening in Kenya is bound to impact negatively on our national integration.

It will have far-reaching consequences on our future. You have heard the calls for secession of Mombasa, Western, and Nyanza and to have Kenya divided into two resulting in the Central Republic Kenya and Peoples' Republic of Kenya. The calls are as result of oppression and

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injustices being meted out on Kenyans by the Jubilee Regime including killing of innocent people and curtailing freedom of speech.

As a country, our reputation is so tainted internationally. Let us not sit here and assume that we are save. Today, if you compare the value of the Kenyan shilling against the US dollar and other major foreign currencies, you will know what is bound to happen. Yes, the government has been pursuing foreign investors but our country's reputation is an impediment to that effort. It is so defiled. What are we going to do? We have to save this Country.

Jobs have not been spared either. There are layoffs everywhere with Nakumatt- a leading supermarket- being an example. As a County, which supports NASA (National Super Alliance), I urge this County Assembly to ratify the Motion on formation of the People's Assembly to save the ordinary people.

NASA is forming a Task Force to look into the various ills affecting the country including;

- The systemic continuing failure of electoral bodies, and the electoral system in general
- Performance of national security organs and the abuse thereof by the Executive.
- Protection and safeguarding devolution.
- Exclusion and discrimination in the allocation or distribution of public resources.
- The continued inability of the State, and our society in general, to deal with the root causes of political strife in particular poverty, unemployment, unemployment, extreme inequality, economic marginalization and historical grievances.

There is much more to the concept of the Peoples' Assemblies, than the concerns being expressed by those opposed to the idea. This country is going through a difficulty time. The call by NASA to its supporters to boycott products associated with companies linked to the Jubilee administration will in the short, run have a serious repercussion on the country's economy.

Thus, there is need for our national leaders' to dialogue but the Jubilee Government seems not to buy the idea. It is therefore unwise for this House to assume things are right. Thus, our elected leaders should be ready to drive the Peoples' Assembly agenda. For those who have gone through the Motion, it has a section, which spells out responsibilities to be undertaken by each stakeholder.

It will be good for Kenyans if pressure is sustained for the government and independent commissions to embrace good governance. Electoral fraud must be addressed. Imagine I am regarded as a voter but every time I vote, my vote does not count. The people of Kenyan cannot always be wrong.

The National Super Alliance (NASA) triumphed in the August 8 presidential election but the victory was stolen. This was confirmed by the verdict of the Supreme Court, which nullified the election due to glaring illegalities. Instead of declaring the winner, the Court ordered for a repeat election held under the same controversial conditions yet again. Thus, we NASA could not participate in the repeat poll since the IEBC ignored the Court's order to embrace specified reforms before the election was conducted.

Kenya does not belong to two tribes. It belongs to 42 tribes, which should enjoy the national cake equitably. Mr. Speaker, some people think that if none of them occupies the presidency, then Kenya has no leader. It is now the same case with the position of the

Deputy President. For that reason, this Assembly should pass the Motion to pave way for formation of the Peoples' Assembly pending further guidelines from above on what we shall do.

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The hallmark of establishment of the People's Assembly is civil disobedience. Imagine if we refuse to pay taxes! Jubilee operatives use public resources to hire choppers to fly over the country and to buy opposition politicians. The regime will be forced to the negotiation table. If people refuse to pay taxes and that is when this country will move forward.

I said during Mashujaa Day that there was no point of subjecting Kenyans to another round of voting when tensions were so high. I preferred that the two antagonistic leaders (President Uhuru Kenyatta and Opposition Leader Raila Odinga) should have been encouraged to sit down, talk, and agree on the way forward.

Mr. Speaker, the Kapenguria Six unanimously settled on Mzee Jomo Kenyatta and he ascended to the presidency without any political antagonism. There was no voting then. They sat down and agreed that Mzee Jomo Kenyatta will be the leader and that is why the country has remained peaceful and managed to come this far.

We need dialogue as a country and the Peoples' Assemblies is the way to go. I beg to move the Motion and urge the Minority Leader- Hon. Kisangau- to second the Motion.

(Applause)

Hon. J.M. Kisangau: Thank you Mr Speaker. I have stood to strongly support the Motion, which seeks to safeguard the sovereign power of the people of the Republic of Kenya.

The Motion, I believe, is just not about elections but one that seeks to enforce reforms in this country. It will have a bearing on police reforms as well as the electoral system, National Security Intelligence Service and Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission.

As Members of Kitui County Assembly, we need to stand with the truth. We all know that the NASA candidate (Raila Odinga) won the presidential contest held on August 8, 2017 but the results were manipulated denying him victory.

The number of votes captured at polling stations and transferred to tallying centres at constituency level differed with the ones released at the national tallying centre. A secret tallying centre was established at the National Intelligence Service (NIS) headquarters, which generated inflated results and transmitted them to the national tallying centre at the Bomas of Kenya centre from where they were released for public consumption.

I would like to thank the Supreme Court led by the President Justice Maraga for nullifying the presidential election, which did not reflect the will of the people.

The repeat presidential election held on the 26th of October 2017 was to me more of an opinion poll. This is because 'President Kenyatta managed a paltry 822 votes in Yatta/Kwa Vonza ward which I represent and has more than 16, 700 registered voters. The 822 who voted for Uhuru do not represent the will of the majority of the people in Yatta/ Kwa vonza.

Mr Speaker, I know many people, are wondering what will happen once the Motion on formation of the Peoples' Assembly is passed. The Assembly will have representation at the ward, constituency, county, and national levels.

At the national level, we will something similar to the 'ufungamano initiative-(a forum of religious organizations which promoted one Kenya one people ideology . This is

where all delegates from the ward, constituency, county and national levels will be converging for joint deliberations and finding solutions to pertinent issues as well as spearheading the NASA agenda.

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For example seeking solution on how we can stop the police from taking instructions to kill innocent people. We all witnessed in Kisumu recently when police gunned down guiltless civilians. They were seen in Televisions ruthlessly attacking Boda Boda riders and shooting at them.

This Country is confronted with serious challenges than the elections which needs to be addressed. Kenya belongs to all of us, whether you are from Mount Kenya, Rift Valley, or the coast region. We are all stakeholders. We own the country. We should feel that we all belong to Kenya.

In addition, I support the Motion because it seeks to reform and make the Judiciary more independent. We saw the ‘President’ referring to the Chief Justice and his team as ‘*wakora*’ after the Supreme Court nullified the Presidential results of the August 8 2017 election. As an institution tasked with dispensing justice, the Judiciary must be respected. It has to remain independent as stipulated in the Constitution.

I wish to request the Hon. Members of this House to support and pass the Motion for the interest of our people because and bearing in mind that Kitui County is a NASA zone. The Co-NASA principal and the Deputy President designate comes from this County. We want to be very clear. We want to say it without fear or contradiction that we as an Assembly and people of Kitui do not recognise the election of Uhuru Kenyatta as the president of Kenya in relation to the election held on the 26th of October 2017.

(Applause)

Kenya, Mr Speaker, has over 19 million registered voters going by the current statistics by the IEBC out of which only 3.5 million voted for their preferred presidential candidates by 5 pm on 26th of October 2017 as per data deriving from KIEMS kits. This is by the time all the polling stations were closed on the material day.

However, an additional 4 million people were purported to have voted in favour of Uhuru between 5 pm and 6 pm on the material and transmitted to the National Returning Officer, which signalled electoral fraud. We are saying this, Mr. Speaker, we do not go to vote for sake of it; we vote to get the leaders we want; the leaders who can represent us and not oppress us.

As we pass the Motion, I request the Hon. Members, who will be nominated to the Peoples’ Assembly, to push for a transparent Electoral Commission. A commission that will operate on a clear mandate and adhere to the due process of the law in conducting future elections.

With those few remarks, Mr Speaker, I beg to strongly support and second the Motion.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Kasee: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, for giving me the opportunity to contribute. I have stood to support the Motion and as I do so say that, this country is actually at crossroads. The presidential elections held on August 8 and October 26, 2017 were very undemocratic and unconstitutional.

What as Hon. Members of this House need to ask ourselves is whether we shall deal with a president who was unconstitutionally elected? The Motion emphasizes on people’s assembly as a forum where members will look at some of the issues relating to devolution. Assemblies are under attack and we need to support devolution. We need to establish the

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people's assembly so that we link up with other stakeholders namely religious leaders, business people, and professionals in discussing how we shall move forward.

The Motion seeks to advance the interests of women, youth and the marginalised groups which is interesting. So, I request my colleagues that we strongly support the Motion so that we establish a platform where we shall be able to share our views on how to move forward on presidential elections. Article 37 of the constitution gives people the right to assemble. Therefore, the Motion is in tandem with the Constitution. For Hon. Members who are fearsome about the Motion, I inform them that Article 192 of the Constitution protects this House.

I reiterate my support for the Motion and formation of the People's Assembly Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: Hon. Mbiti

Hon. Mbiti: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir for giving an opportunity to speak on the Motion. I have scrutinized the Motion and noticed that the notion about the People's Assembly is not very clear. There is talk about civil disobedience and as a Christian, when we talk of disobedience, I recall that the first sin was committed by Adam and Eve and the kind of situation...

Hon. Thuvi: On a Point of Order Mr. Speaker!

The Speaker: Hon. Mbiti, there is a Point of Order from Hon. Thuvi.

Hon. Thuvi: I have gone through the Motion and I have not seen civil disobedience being referred to anywhere. So let the Hon. Member tell us where he has got that information.

The Speaker: Yes Hon. Mbiti, clarify.

Hon. Mbiti: The mover of the Motion mentioned civil disobedience. So, that is the source of the word. Mr. Speaker when we talk of disobedience as an assembly and country, I do not think it is right for us to promote disobedience. That path may lead the country into serious destruction.

Mr. Speaker Sir, it is said that my people perish because of lack of knowledge and we need as Hon. Members of this House to further understand the people's assembly is all about. The idea is strange. There is a court case regarding the outcome of the presidential election held on 26th October, 2017 and hence sub judice to discuss the matter. This House has no jurisdiction to state that the elections were unconstitutional because the court has given a ruling on the matter.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I am also worried because the structures of people's assembly are not clear. We do not know what will happen once this House embrace the people's assembly. Article 2 of the Constitution states that the people may exercise their sovereign power either directly or indirectly through their democratically elected representatives. What will be the fate of this House if that is taken away from us? Such are the things which should be clarified before make a decision.

I believe that we should have a thorough knowledge about the issue. It is not as simple as we may want to put it. It will be a serious undertaking. I am worried of the people's assembly because in case of any disagreement, who will arbitrate? Who will fund the assemblies? Mr. Speaker, those are the things which must be clarified before we decide.

I am worried about the position of this House. There was a memorandum, which was signed by the NASA, and if you want a copy, I can bring it to the House. With that I want to very strongly oppose the Motion until clarification is provided on the People's Assembly and structures. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: I will Put the Question because no one else is willing to contribute. I can see all of you are seated. I should not wait.

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(Hon. Jane (Mutua) and Hon. Kiruru
stood up in their places)

The Speaker: Hon. Jane Mutua

Hon. Jane Mutua: Asante sana Bwana Spika kwa kunipea ruhusa nitoe maoni yangu kwa huu mswaada. Pia Mheshimiwa Spika, naomba pia kuwe na mpango na upande wa serikali vile tutakuwa tunakaa hapa bungeni na mrengo wa upinzani. Wanao unga serikali mkono upande wao na wapizani upande wao ili tuwe tukijuana na kuangaliana kwa macho vizuri.

Mheshimiwa Spika nimesimama kuunga mkono mjadala huu. Kama vile unavyojua, tumeteseka kama wakenya na vile hili bunge la wananchi itasaidia kusukuma serikali ambayo iko kwa ofisi hila hali sio serikali ambayo imechaguliwa na mwananchi. Ni serikali ya kujichagua yenyewe Mheshimiwa Spika.

Vile unavyojua Mheshimiwa Spika sisi tumechaguliwa kutoka kwa maeneo yetu ya wadi na vile uchaguzi ya tarehe nane na tarehe ishirini na sita uliendeshwa hakuna mwenye hajui. Ukingalia vile watu wamejiandikisha kama wapiga kura, na uonyeshwe mitambo ya KIEMS, hautalewa ni nini kilitokea. Kwa mfano wadi yangu wapiga kura ambao wamesajiliwa ni elfu kumi na tatu na mia kathaa. Lakini ukiangalia riporti ya tume ya uchaguzi Mheshimiwa Spika, utaona ni mia nane peke yake. Rahisi mstaafu Moi alikataa kuwasikiza wa kenya ndio maandamano yakaanza ila sisi twataka bunge la mwananchi kudai haki zetu.

Vile ujuavyo Mheshimiwa Spika, serikali ilioko ni kama imenajisi demokrasia nchini Kenya. Kwa hivyo Mheshimiwa Spika naunga mkono kuundwa kwa bunge la mwananchi ndio tusukume serikali ambayo haina masikio ndio itunze wananchi wake. Vile ujuavyo, kumeharibika ya kwamba hakuna mtu ujali maneno ya *mutethia* kwa sababu hata wakiongea upande ile mwingine wanataka tutaje majina yao ambayo wanaita Wanjiku ama sijui nani, huku kwetu ni Kathini, mutethia, Mutuku na wengineo na hao ndio wale wananchi tunataka kutunza Mheshimiwa Spika.

Na kwa sababu ni kama mwokozi amekuja, naomba tupitische hii mswaada haraka. Tunajua ye kwamba hii ni kaunti ya Mheshimiwa Kalonzo Makamu wa Raisi ambaye tunatarajia aapishe hivi karibuni pamoja na Raisi wetu Mheshimiwa Raila. Sisi ni wana NASA damu. Hakuna siku watu ya Bondo mahali Raila ametoka uchimbana na hao pamoja na Makueni washapitisha hii mswaada. Bado sisis. Hii kitu tungekuwa tumemalizana nayo jana wacha leo.

Mheshimiwa Spika, naomba kwa hayo machache niseme asante na naunga mkono kwa dhati huu mswaada. Asante.

The Speaker: Hon. Kanandu

Hon. Kanandu: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I start by saying that this country has experienced serious injustices. I will refer to some instances to make the Hon. Members understand what I am talking about.

In 1966, Mr. Speaker, 29 Members of parliament led by the late Jaramogi Oginga Odinga formed the Kenya Peoples Union (KPU) through which he for the first time introduced opposition politics in parliament. The same year, he shifted from the government side to the opposition. That time, the president applied the powers vested on the presidency to detain people without trial.

In 1992 when Kenya transitioned from single party rule to multipartyism, I remember one Pius Nyamwoya going into hiding in November of the same year after he drew a caricature

of the president in a magazine called the society. He was forced into hiding due to the fear of what could have happened to him. It was unthinkable to represent a sitting present in a cartoon.

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However, that is a by gone. The man enjoyed freedom later because he sacrificed to fight for democracy in this Country.

I followed the contribution by Hon. Jane (Mutua) and she has really touched me. She reminded me of what I did on 26th October 2017. I traversed my Ward to on a mission of ensuring Jubilee got very few votes and they only managed 446 votes out of 14,612 registered voters. This was a clear indication and confirmation that majority of Kenyans are not interested in current regime.

As a strong supporter and member of NASA, I want to go on record urging that we must stand up to be counted today. Initially, I had reservations on formation of the people's Assembly. But I did soul searching overnight on the political happenings across the world. One thing I realised is that even the Americans themselves encountered political problems in 1776 but later said no to British rule.

People who were not constitutionally elected should not lead us. It is time we rise up and say they must go. After the passage of this Motion, we should go to our Wards and inform the people about the move. At first, I was fearsome on what would happen with the establishment of the People's Assembly. I was worried about its structure and pondered whether I might end up ceding the power vested on me by the electorate. But it is clear to me now that I am eligible for nomination as member of the People's Assembly where I will be able to present my views on the way forward.

As a prospective nominee to be part of the People's Assembly, I do strongly support the Motion. Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

Hon. Alex Musili: Ahsante mheshimiwa Spika. Kwanza nashukuru sana kwa kupata fursa ya kuchangia kwa mara ya kwanza tangu kuanzishwa kwa Bunge hili.

Bwana Spika nimesimama kupinga vikali mswaada kuhusu kubuniwa kwa bunge la mwananchi kwa sababu sijaelewa vizuri. Watu wa wadi ya Nuu yenye nawakilisha wananitegemea, wananiamini na wanataka zaidi kusoma kutoka kwangu. Nina hakika ya kwamba nitakapowatembelea wataniuliza maswali kuhusu kubuniwa kwa bunge lenyewe na kwangu itakua gumu kuwaeleza jambo silifahamu vizuri.

Bwana Spika, kulingana na vile mswaada unajadiliwa, kuna uezekano mkubwa kwamba bunge hili itaupitisha. Lakini nataka ijulikane na inakiliwe vizuri kwamba mwakilishaji wa wadi ya Nuu katika bunge hili aliupinga vile hajaelewa nia yake.

Bwana Spika ni ombi langu mjadala wenyewe uhairishwe kwa siku kadhaa ili wale ambao hawajaelewi vizuri kama mimi wapate muda wa kuupekua. Labda nikiuelewa vizuri, nitabadili msimamo wangu.

Kwa hayo machache napinga mswaada juu ya kubuniwa kwa bunge la wananchi na bunge hili. Shukran.

Hon. Kiruru: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I rise to support the Motion. However, I could have opposed it were the debate held earlier. I resolved to support the idea yesterday evening after watching the news and getting wind of what is happening in Zimbabwe. The people there are fighting for liberation. I considered Kenya next on line.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Kenyans have been subjected to injustices in the name of marginalization, dictatorship and forceful rule by the minority through the power of the gun. The country is troubled internally and is bound to collapse. Even young kids know something is wrong and get worried when they see the President and his Deputy while watching news.

We cannot allow that situation to persist. Mr. Speaker Sir, the people in Ukambani live in fear of the unknown. A time has come for us as a legislature to sacrifice to liberate our people. The people of Nguni elected me and are watching to see the kind of decision I will

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make on their behalf. Will it liberate or suppress them? Not to waste time, I this Motion should have been passed much earlier. I want this Assembly to be on record as the second legislature in Kenya to pass the Motion on formation of the People's Assembly. By doing so, we shall have acted in solidarity with the NASA co-principal Kalonzo Musyoka who hails from this County.

With those remarks, Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to support the Motion on behalf of myself and the people I represent. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members I can now put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

Next order!

2. MOTION ON ADJOURNMENT OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

Hon. Kilonzo (Majority Leader): Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I rise to move a Motion on adjournment of the County Assembly;

THAT pursuant to provision of Standing Order No. 25 (3), this Assembly do now adjourn its sittings with effect from today 16th November, 2017 to allow the Members to travel to Naivasha for a training on Mineral exploitation, Oversight, Vetting and development of Committee work plans and resume its sittings on the Tuesday of 28th November, 2017 at 2.30 P.M.

This is a straightforward Motion Mr. Speaker, as the Members understand importance of the training. Minerals are important in this County. The constitution requires us to perform the oversight function. Our other duties include preparation of committee work plans and vetting. We know that most business of the House is executed through committees.

With those few remarks, I request the Minority Leader to second the Motion.

Hon. Kisangau: (Minority Leader) Thank you Mr. Speaker. I strongly support the Motion and thank your office for creating training opportunities for us. Most of us are first timers in this House and we need to be taken through the legislative procedures. The content of this training is critical to this House.

The Budget, Finance and Public Accounts Committees underwent training in Nairobi last week. We were taken through a number of topics regarding the running of business in the House.

It is discouraging for Members to come for plenary and in most cases do with reading of the Order paper due to lack of Business. As members we should be in a position to come up with Business such as Statements and petitions.

The trainings, Mr. Speaker, are therefore important for the Members and I am in full support of such a trend, not just for now but in future as well. We will appreciate if you continue creating more training opportunities for us. By doing so, I assure you that you will Chair a vibrant House.

With those remarks, Mr. Speaker Sir, I second the Motion. Thank You.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, that brings us to the end of the Order Paper. We can now adjourn the House.

(The Members stood up in their places)

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ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members, the House now stands adjourned until Tuesday 28th November, 2017 at 2:30 P.M.

The County Assembly rose at 4.03 PM.