

BARINGO COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THE HANSARD

The House met on Wednesday 8th March 2023 at 3:00 PM

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Tarus) in Chair

PRAYER

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Tarus): Okay Hon. Members welcome to this afternoon session and we are sorry we are a bit late because of one or two hitches here, so we will proceed, Clerk.

NOTICE OF MOTION

REPORT ON STATUS OF IDENTIFIED PROJECTS IN THE COUNTY

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Tarus): Okay Hon. Members we have notice of Motion by the Chairperson Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee. Hon. Chair to the Committee please move the Notice of Motion.

Hon. Kiprono: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Notice of Motion, adoption of report of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee on the status of identified projects in the County. That this House adopts the report of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee on the status of identified projects in the County, I beg to table.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Tarus): Okay you beg to move the Motion not to table.

Hon. Kiprono: To move the Motion, thank you. To give notice to move.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Tarus): To give Notice.

Hon. Kiprono: Yes.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Tarus): Okay thank you Hon. Member for Lembus Perkerra, that is the Hon. Kiprono for giving the Notice of Motion. I direct that this moves back to the House Business Committee for allocation of time. So having no other agenda to...

What is the point Hon. Lokales?

ISSUES OF ALLEGED CORRUPTION ON RECRUITMENT KENYA FOREST SERVICE OFFICERS IN BARINGO COUNTY

Hon. Limo: A Point of Concern Mr. Speaker. I wish to raise a point of concern and it is also a matter of County importance. Mr. Speaker that dictates that I should have written to you previously or before. Mr. Speaker but I feel I should give you a synopsis of what I wish to say Mr. Speaker if you grant me permission.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Tarus): You know I should have gotten to know what it is so that I can allow you because it's good to follow the House rules and procedures so that we don't do things that are out of context.

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Hon. Limo: It is not a big deal Mr. Speaker. If you give me that opportunity to highlight about the recruitment today. Mr. Speaker, today it was a recruitment day for Kenya Forest Service Officers in Baringo County. Mr. Speaker today many children of Baringo gathered in the stadium here to try their luck and it happened by around 9 O'clock. I was called by some of the recruits Mr. Speaker that is the officer in charge Mr. Mkungi. The gate was closed by 7:30am and there were some young men from Tiaty who had hired a *Matatu* to travel all the way from Tiaty West to Kabarnet and they had just arrived some minutes passed 8:00am.

We tried to negotiate with Mr. Mkungi Mr. Speaker and he was so adamant to accept even for the recruits to try their best. We know Mr. Speaker in this country there are no jobs for young people and for somebody to even commit and pay transport from as far as Kolowa, Churo and Silale to come and try his/her luck Mr. Speaker it is not in vain. The law of justice demand that people be given fair opportunities, equitability for all and for that exercise I think I lacked transparency and it was marred by corruption Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I spoke personally with Mr. Mkungi and immediately and left. There were some young men who were called at the gate and their certificates were picked. They were hand-picked from the gate and taken directly to Mr. Mkungi. Mr. Speaker there were many young men who even requested me to speak on their behalf. Not only from Tiaty, those who come from Salawa, some were coming from Baringo North, they were locked out Mr. Speaker. They were not given an opportunity to try and they were shouting.

When you come and call amongst hundreds and thousands of young men trying to secure a job, you call two of them, pick their papers and leave the rest then I think Mr. Speaker that is corruption and what is killing this country is corruption. I know this Government of United Democratic Alliance (UDA) is against corruption therefore the exercise which was done today was not fair to the young people of Baringo. I am even informed Mr. Speaker, immediately we left there were a lot of hide and seek in play which was going on in the stadium.

Imagine Mr. Speaker a young man was told, both of your two legs look like they are left sided how Mr. Speaker? We have two legs, the right and the left leg. How can the two legs be for left Mr. Speaker? That is corruption and it was a way of removing them. We are told even Mr. Speaker some were told you did not go through...

they were scrutinized...there was an ambulance called from here and it was taken Mr. Speaker...

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Tarus): What is your information Hon. Robert Cheruiyot?

Hon. Cheruiyot Kiplagat: Before the Hon. Member concludes Hon. Speaker, he is saying he left the stadium then he says he saw, then he heard. So we will request the Hon. Member to give us facts of what he really knows and what he saw himself but not what he heard from other people.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Tarus): Okay thank you Hon. Cheruiyot and Hon. Member be brief because...

Hon. Limo: I think Mr. Speaker, I was so clear and I want to repeat from where I left that; when I was leaving the main gate then an officer in green uniform without this *madoadoa* came and he called the name of two young men. One was a name for a lady and another one for a man and

Mr. Speaker before even I opened my car, I stood to see what he was doing on. I physically saw Mr. Speaker and not even heard. Let the Member get it clear. This was a neatly dressed young girl who was light skinned and another handsome guy to say Mr. Speaker, came from the crowd because the names were mentioned loudly because there were many people.

You cannot mention a name silently when there is a big crowd. Let the Member get that very clearly. So Mr. Speaker when I left, this is what I am telling him that there were those who were in line and they saw me when I was negotiating and fighting so hard for those who were locked outside the gate. They even called me that they had been removed on ground that is not true. One mentioned that he was told that his two legs resembled one another. You get it Mr. Speaker. Then another one was told, you see Mr. Speaker it is time that is dry and when it is dry people have not consumed enough water, your urine strongly coloured. I am a medic Mr. Speaker from my background, my certificate and Curriculum Vitae (CV).

When it is dry and you have not taken water, your urine becomes concentrated and sometimes if somebody want to use that, he will tell you that; there is an odor in your urine and it is contaminated. Some of our young men here Mr. Speaker were removed on those grounds and therefore I want to appeal through the Hon. Members and to you Mr. Speaker that we make in this Assembly a presser on the same so that the exercise may be nullified and the sons of those who don't have money may get this positions because I am told Mr. Speaker that there was corruption and that one Mr. Speaker goes without even saying, people bought this job.

Mr. Speaker who will fight and speak for the innocent ones? Especially those who don't have god fathers. If somebody here has a godfather what about that one who doesn't have a godfather and what will he say Mr. Speaker? Mr. Speaker that is the case I wanted to bring to your attention this afternoon, thank you Mr. Speaker for the opportunity.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Tarus): Okay thank you Hon. Member, Hon. Lokales the MCA for Tirioko Ward. I think that is maybe outside our mandate but I would request that maybe Members can meet and make that particular presser and of course you articulate your issues because we may not do it as an Assembly not unless it is brought as a Motion or a petition so that is it. Since we don't have any other matter to deliberate on we will stop there.

ADJOURNMENT

Order Members, this House stands adjourned until Tuesday next week that will be on 14th March 2023 at 9:30am.

The House rose at 3:14PM.