



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

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**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**NOTIFICATION FROM THE SPEAKER**

*(No. 02 of 2021)*

**ON THE DEMISE OF THE HON. PAUL KOINANGE, MP, MEMBER FOR KIAMBAA CONSTITUENCY**

**Honourable Members,** It is with deep sorrow that I notify all Members and the general public of the untimely demise of the Member for Kiambaa Constituency, **the Hon. Paul Koinange, MP**, who passed on today, Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 while undergoing treatment at the Nairobi Hospital. He held a Masters degree in International Law from the Ohio University of International Studies, Athens and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and Political Science from Tarkio College, USA.

The Late Hon. Koinange was a respected negotiator who participated in the negotiations and subsequent signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) in the Republic of South Sudan. He was also a staunch Christian in which capacity he Co-Chaired the Bunge Christian Fellowship, which coordinated the Annual National Prayer Breakfast.

**Honourable Members,** during his first term in the 11<sup>th</sup> Parliament, Hon. Koinange's first legislative initiative was to actualize the constitutional right to emergency medical attention by way of a Motion in the National Assembly. Among other things, the Motion set in place the reforms witnessed in the National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF) requiring inclusion of renal services and other chronic illnesses in the Fund's cover.

**Honourable Members,** until his demise, the late Hon. Koinange was the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration & National Security where he spearheaded and advanced legislation and policy interventions that sought to promote peaceful coexistence, security and stability in the country. He was a dedicated and steadfast team leader who worked closely with all stakeholders in the security sector and oversaw fruitful collaborations between the entire sector and the Committee.

To his credit, several pieces of legislation relating to the security sector were introduced in the House. Amongst them, the Kenya Coast Guard Service Act, 2018 and The Narcotics, Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Amendment) Bill, 2020 which is undergoing Second Reading and is seeking to boost surveillance and enhance penalties for offences of possession and trafficking of narcotics and psychotropic substances. In sponsoring the Bill, the Hon. Koinange was inspired by the need to provide a lasting solution to the drug abuse menace in the country, and more specifically in his constituency where he observed that the drug nuisance had ravaged many young people in Kiambaa, as well as in the whole Country.

**Honourable Members**, the National Assembly, the constituency and indeed the nation, has lost a trustworthy, calm, consistent and devoted community leader who lived for the good of his constituents and the nation at large. On behalf of all Members and staff of the National Assembly and indeed on my own behalf, I wish to convey heartfelt condolences to the family of the late Hon. Paul Koinange, the people of Kiambaa Constituency, all his relatives and friends. As the National Assembly, we assure the family of our support during this period of grief.

In this regard, **Honourable Members**, and in line with the Parliamentary Service Commission's *Bereavement Policy*, I have constituted an *Ad-Hoc* Committee to help with the funeral arrangements. The Committee will be led by the **Member for Limuru Constituency, the Hon. Peter Mwathi, MP** and will comprise of the following other Members –

1. The Hon. Oku Kaunya, MP;
2. The Hon. Jude Njomo, MP;
3. The Hon. Fatuma Gedi, MP;
4. The Hon. Gathoni Wamuchomba, MP;
5. The Hon. Joshua M. Mbithi, MP; and,
6. The Hon. John L. Nakara, MP.

The Senate is to also to nominate two Members to the Committee.

**May God rest the soul of the late Hon. Paul K. Koinange in eternal peace.**



**THE HON. JUSTIN B.N. MUTURI, EGH, MP**  
**SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Wednesday, March 31, 2021