

REPUBLIC OF KENYA THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT- (FOURTH SESSION) THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTIFICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

____ (No. 005 of 2025)____

ON

THE DEMISE OF THE HON. CHARLES ONG'ONDO WERE, MP, MEMBER FOR KASIPUL CONSTITUENCY

Honourable Members,

- 1. It is with profoundly deep sorrow that I notify the House of the tragic passing on of the Member for Kasipul, **the Hon. Charles Ong'ondo Were, MP.** The Late Member succumbed to injuries that he sustained after being shot at close range by two gunmen, riding on a motorcycle, along Ngong Road this evening, Wednesday, 30th April 2025.
- 2. Honourable Members, until his tragic death, the Late Hon. Ong'ondo Were was dedicatedly serving the people of Kasipul Constituency for the Second Term in Parliament. He was also a committed Member of the Departmental Committee on Blue Economy, Water and Irrigation and the Select Committee on National Cohesion and Equal Opportunity.
- 3. Honourable Members, you will agree with me that the Hon. Ong'ondo Were was indeed an affable, humble and non-confrontational person. The shooting leading to his tragic demise therefore highlights the disheartening depreciation of the cardinal virtue of respect for the sanctity of life and degradation of the principles upon which our land is founded.

- 4. In this regard, **Honourable Members**, I have since instructed the Inspector-General of Police to expeditiously but thoroughly investigate the incident and report the findings to the House immediately, through my Office. Further, the Inspector-General of Police is required to enhance the security of all Kenyans, especially the security of our national leaders.
- 5. **Honourable Members,** on behalf of all Members of the National Assembly, the entire Parliamentary fraternity, and indeed on my own behalf, I take this early opportunity to convey our heartfelt condolences to the family of the late Hon. Charles Ong'ondi Were, the people of Kasipul Constituency and all his relatives and friends for losing such a gallant leader.
- 6. **Finally,** I will be providing additional information and further guidance, including on funeral arrangements for our departed colleague, as the matter unfolds.

May God rest the soul of the late Hon. Charles Ong'ondo Were in eternal peace.

I thank you.

THE RT. HON. (DR.) MOSES F.M. WETANG'ULA, EGH, MP SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, 30th April 2025