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A selfless straightforward legislator; Speaker Wetang'ula, MPs eulogize fallen MP

National Assembly Speaker Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula has praised the late MP, Hon. Johana Nge'no, as a dedicated progressive legislator who cared for his constituents and the country. Speaker Wetang'ula described the late Ng'eno as a straightforward legis- lator and a principled man. The Speaker joined President William Ruto, Deputy President Prof Kindiki Kithure, Cabinet Secretaries, several Governors, and Members of Parliament who convened at Emurua Dikirr to lay the departed lawmaker to rest alongside five other victims of last weekend's chopper crash.

Alongside President William Ruto, Deputy President Prof Kindiki Kithure, Cabinet Secretaries, Several Governors, and Members of Parliament convened at Emurua Dikirr for the final burial service of the six heroes.

He praised the late MP for his dedication. The late MP lacked discipline, either in his speech or actions. Parliament has lost one of its finest," noted the Speaker.

The weather mirrored the mood, making the farewell even more poignant.

The Speaker observed that the atmosphere during the burial, heavy with the sound of rain, was a testament to the cry the people have had for the departed soul.

He pointed out that he had known the late Ng'eno in 2006, when Ng'eno was entering politics with the intention of contesting the Kilgoris Parliamentary seat.

Hon. Wetang'ula emphasized that the attendance of most legislators at the burial was a sign of the great friendship Hon. Nge'no invested in. "He has walked his journey. God has rested him. God has never suffered from memory loss; he had plans for the late Ng'eno. His legacy will live on," he assured.

Representing the Parliamentary Service Commission (PSC), Dr. Wetang'ula said that within their legal powers and responsibilities, they will look into the welfare of Hon. Ng'eno's Parliamentary staff.

"To the people of Emurua Dikirr, you have lost your first and last line of defense. God gives and takes. He gave again," mourned Speaker.

Quoting Tanzania writer Shaaban Robert in his book "Maisha Yangu na Baada ya Miaka Hamsini", Speaker Wetang'ula said the late Ng'eno walked his journey and looked forward. Still, God told him his journey had come to an end.



" As the National Assembly and the Senate, we pray for all the affected families," consoled Speaker Wetag'ula.

Speaker Wetang'ula commended the Ad. Hoc Funeral Planning Committee, led by Hon. Julius Melly, for great coordination of the event despite the wet season, to ensure that everything runs smoothly.

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Nation bids farewell to Hon. Ng'eno, the 'Father of Musicians'

Musician-cum-DJ Paul Van Dyk once said that *music should either move your feet or move your heart.*

In the world of former Emurua Dikirr MP, the late Hon. Johana Ng'eno alias Ngong, the music did both, with a euphoric impact on his audience.

When he took to the stage, and music played, the ground below had to tremble and the multitude were naturally carried away.

That was Hon. Ng'eno who his constituents knew, with an easygoing personality that rhymed spectacularly with the aspirations of traditional musicians from Emurua Dikirr, the larger Narok County, the former Rift Valley region all through to the neighboring Uganda.

Most residents and leaders have mourned him as a passionate ambassador for music and art, owing to his outstanding role in the establishment of the Kalenjin Music Festival and the Kalenjin Music Festival Awards, where top performers were rewarded.



Kalenjin All Stars; a group of musicians who were supported by late Emurua Dikirr MP, Hon. Johana Ng'eno perform a song in commemoration of the late legislator.

This earned him the local nickname of father of musicians.

During the service for Hon. Ng'eno and the five other victims of the Saturday March 28, 2026 chopper crash, residents celebrated his towering legacy through song and dance, as key anthems specifically produced on eve of the said competitions were replayed.

The Kalenjin All Stars, a group of local musicians who previously also took part in the music extravaganza also performed a song they recorded after the legislator's death.

President William Ruto gave a recollection of one of his encounters with Hon. Ng'eno who at the time was organizing the last edition of the music competition in Eldoret last year.

At the time, Hon. Ng'eno, approached his office and informed the Head of State for sponsorship of the said event. A request the President said he took up and delivered.

In his address to mourners at Emurua Dikirr Primary School, the President directed the Ministry of Sports and Culture to set aside Kshs. 20million annually for musical competitions in honour of the legacy of the former MP who pioneered the local muscians' initiative.

Prior to the tragic chopper crash in Nandi, Hon. Ng'eno flying from Endebess Constituency where he attended a similar musical event.

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President William Ruto addresses mourners during the joint requiem service of the late Emurua Dikirr MP Hon. Johana Ng'eno and five others at Emurua Dikirr Primary School, Narok County.

The legacy of the late Emurua Dikirr MP, Hon. Johana Ng'eno, will endure in brick and mortar after President William Ruto directed that the Shauri Moyo Affordable Housing Project be renamed in his honour.

Speaking during the late Hon. Ng'eno's burial service at Emurua Dikirr Primary School in Narok County, the President said the project would now be known as the Johana Ng'eno Affordable Housing Estate in recognition of the MP's leadership as chairperson of the National Assembly Departmental Committee on Housing, Urban Planning and Public Works, who at the helm of the Committee oversaw the initiative on housing take off.

"Hon. Johana Ng'eno ensured that the Housing Agenda succeeded. Many leaders came to me asking that I drop the Housing Agenda, but Ng'eno was not among them," President Ruto said.

He praised the late MP for championing the Affordable Housing Programme in Parliament and thanked Members of the Housing Committee for supporting the policy.

"When I write a book, I will dedicate an entire chapter to the Committee on Housing, Urban Planning, and Public Works for the role they played in supporting this agenda," the President added.

The Head of State also directed the Ministry of Sports and Culture to allocate Sh.20 million annually to support music festivals, saying the initiative would honour Ng'eno's passion for nurturing the creative industry.

Hon. Ng'eno, often referred to by musicians as the "Father of Musicians," died alongside five others in a helicopter crash on February 28 in Chepkiep, Mosop Constituency, Nandi County. The aircraft reportedly attempted an emergency landing before bursting into flames.

The President credited the late MP with spearheading development projects in Emurua Dikirr, noting that roads, technical training institutions, and the Kenya Medical Training College campus in the area bore his imprint.

"The history of this area cannot be fully told without Ng'eno. The road network, the technical schools, and even the KMTC campus all carry his signature," he said.

Deputy President Kithure Kindiki also paid tribute to the legislator, describing him as a bold leader who fiercely defended the interests of his constituents.

"He was a strong defender of his people, sometimes abrasive, but he balanced that with easy laughter when off duty," said DP Kindiki.

The National Assembly Speaker, Moses Wetang'ula praised Hon. Ng'eno for being disciplined in the August House as he selflessly served his people.

He was a straightforward leader who cared about his constituents. Parliament has lost one of its finest," mourned the Speaker.

Members of Parliament from both Houses, several Cabinet Secretaries, and a host of local leaders attended the burial, alongside leaders from Uganda and musicians credited Ng'eno with supporting the music industry and strengthening cultural ties within the Kalenjin community.

Leaders across the political divide described him as a fearless legislator who remained deeply committed to the development of Emurua Dikirr and the welfare of his constituents.

Hon. Ng'eno remembered for championing affordable housing, and people-centered leadership

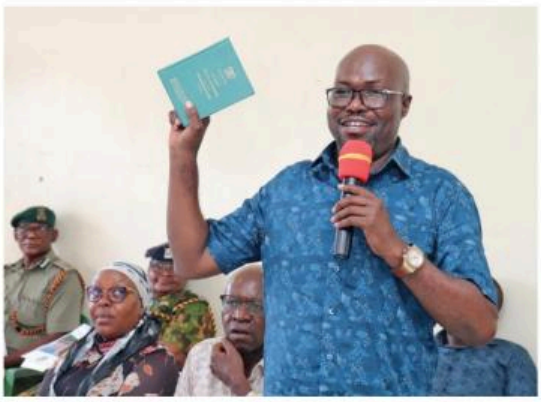
Leaders have paid glowing tribute to the late Emurua Dikirr MP, Johana Ng'eno, describing him as a principled legislator whose leadership left a lasting mark on Kenya's housing sector and on the communities, he served.

Hon. Ng'eno, who served as Chairperson of the National Assembly Departmental Committee on Housing, Urban Planning and Public Works, was widely credited for steering key policy discussions and legislative oversight that advanced the country's affordable housing agenda.

His Vice Chairperson on the Committee, Hon. Rindikiri Mugambi, remembered him as a compassionate leader who worked tirelessly to ensure Kenyans could access decent housing.

"The late Hon. Ng'eno was a man full of empathy and deep concern for Kenyans. These qualities made him exceptionally well-suited to steer the Housing Committee," Hon. Mugambi said. "Even after the passage of the Affordable Housing Act, he continued to burn the midnight oil during budget meetings and site visits. We have truly lost a great man," he mourned.

According to colleague MPs, Hon. Ng'eno approached housing not merely as a development programme but as a transformative national policy shift aimed at improving the lives of ordinary citizens.



Hon. Johana Ng'eno holding the Constitution of Kenya during public participation on the Affordable Housing Bill, now an Act.

National Assembly Speaker Moses Wetang'ula said Ng'eno was a vibrant political figure whose presence could instantly lift the mood at public gatherings.

"To the people he served, you have lost a true leader," Speaker Wetang'ula said, adding that the MP remained deeply connected to his constituents and understood the local issues that mattered most to them.

National Assembly Majority Leader Kimani Ichung'wah described Ng'eno as a sharp legal mind and a leader who brought passion and dedication to parliamentary work since they both entered the House in 2013.

Tinderet MP, Hon. Julius Melly, described the fallen legislator as a fearless leader who always spoke his mind and stood firmly for issues affecting communities.

"He was a fighter who championed worthy causes. He focused deeply on the needs of Emurua Dikirr while at the same time pushing for the implementation of the affordable housing programme," Melly said.

The late Ng'eno's influence extended beyond legislative work. Leaders noted his role as a patron of the arts and his support for musicians and cultural festivals, reflecting his broader interest in nurturing Kenya's creative economy.

Nairobi Governor Johnson Sakaja, said the capital city had benefited significantly from the affordable housing programme championed by Ng'eno and the Housing Committee.

"Nairobi is one of the biggest beneficiaries of the Affordable Housing Programme," Sakaja said. "Across estates such as Mukuru and Kibera, his work will be remembered through the housing projects that are transforming the lives of thousands of families."

Housing PS, Charles Hinga, remembered the late legislator as an intelligent man with a sense of humour.

"Hon. Johana Ng'eno had a great sense of humour and joked a lot about me. Even during the heated debates, he led the Housing Bill to completion. Chairman, may your legacy not go in vain. We will miss you, Chairman", Hinga mourned.

TRIBUTES THE LATE EMURUA DIKIRR MP, HON. JOHANA KIPYEGON NG'ENO CBS BY LEGISLATORS



I mourn a colleague and my great friend since 2013, when we first entered Parliament together. He was a dedicated leader, a strong and fearless voice for the people of Emurua Dikirr, and a man deeply committed to service. He championed unity, pursued his work with unwavering focus, and supported Kalenjin musicians with great passion. Tragically, he lost his life while pursuing this work. His courage, dedication, and commitment to his constituents will always be remembered and cherished."

-Hon. Julius Melly (Tinderet)



He was a great leader and a true man of the people. His distinguished service in Parliament and unwavering commitment to his constituents leave a lasting legacy that will be remembered with honour. He stood for the rights, dignity, and welfare of those he served, always leading with courage and integrity. His passing is a profound loss to the country, and his dedication, vision, and example will continue to inspire all who had the privilege of knowing him."

-Hon. Fatuma Mohamed (Migori County)



"He was focused, vocal, and fearless; a steadfast leader who always stood for justice, equity, and the empowerment of his people. His courage in leadership and unwavering commitment to service earned him deep respect and admiration. He was a true hero and a tireless workhorse, dedicated to the people he served. On a personal level, I have lost not only a colleague but also a close friend. His legacy of service and integrity will never be forgotten.

-Hon. Rebecca Tonkei (Narok County)



"He was a friend, my boss, my Housing, Urban Planning and Public Works Committee Chairman. As his Vice Chairperson, working with him at first was difficult, but I later came to realize that he was one of the great leaders we have in this Parliament. He led with grace and integrity. He was not only a motivator but also someone to emulate in terms of leadership and championing the cause of success. guide us.

-Hon. Mugambi Rindikiri (Buuri)



My Chairman of the Housing Committee was a great man who always brought us together. A fearless man, he stood firmly for what was right and led by example. He was a leader of great repute, admired by many for his dedication and integrity. A planner with precision, he guided our work with clarity and purpose, ensuring every decision was carefully considered. His leadership, courage, and vision will forever inspire all who had the privilege to serve with him."

-Hon. Jane Kagiri (Laikipia County)



The last event he attended was in my constituency, where I hosted him just hours before the tragic helicopter crash claimed his life. He was a devoted, fearless, and vocal leader who always stood firmly by his decisions. A great mobilizer, he championed unity and justice and promoted local talent, supporting Kalenjin musicians without discrimination. I was fortunate to accompany him on empowerment drives in the North Rift region and Uganda. His legacy will never be forgotten."

-Hon. Dr. Robert Pukose (Endebess)



He was a fine gentleman, and I was privileged to serve with him for three consecutive terms in this Parliament. A fiery politician and strong defender of his constituents, and we watched him on TV often confronting the police when they seemed to harass or harm the people he represented. The country has lost a great leader, and this is a deeply sad moment. I urge those investigating this accident to act swiftly to allay fears and prevent any possibility of mischief."

Hon. Robert Mbui (Kathiani)



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-Hon. Marianne Kitany (Aldai)



He was a bold and unwavering leader who always spoke passionately for his people. He remained steadfast in defending their interests and worked tirelessly to ensure their voices were heard. His dedication to public service, courage, and fearless representation earned him the respect and admiration of many. He led with integrity and commitment, setting an example for others to follow. His legacy of service, courage, and devotion to his constituents will always be remembered with great respect."



"Since my recent entry into Parliament, he became more than a colleague, he was a mentor and a steady source of wisdom. He was a dedicated leader who served his people with passion, courage and unwavering commitment. His voice in Parliament and his presence among his constituents reflected a servant's heart and a firm belief in uplifting the lives of ordinary wananchi. His sudden death is a devastating loss to the people of Emurua Dikirr and the entire nation."


Hon. Cecilia Asinyen (Turkana County)


-Hon. Leo wa Mūthende (Mbeere North)



The last meeting we held as the Housing Committee and which he chaired, was a very productive session. We shared meaningful and exciting moments, never knowing it would be the last time we would sit with our able chairperson. I will miss my Chairman and the many good moments we shared across the country and even abroad. I recall our visit to Singapore, where we travelled together. He was a courageous man, a humanitarian, and deeply committed to uplifting others."

-Hon. Kakai Bisau (Kiminini)



There are many lessons we can learn from our departed colleague. One important lesson is the value of youth involvement in leadership and service. He taught us the importance of leading by example and empowering others. We also learn from him the meaning of courage and conviction, as well as selflessness and dedication to duty. Above all, his passing reminds us that life is a journey, and we do not know when our own journey will come to an end.""

-Hon. Edith Nyenze (Kitui West)



He was a happy soul and a dedicated lawmaker. His love for music, especially from local artists, was remarkable. He was so passionate about supporting them that he often traveled across the country to help those in financial need. Tragically, he lost his life while returning from an event where he had empowered another artist. He died doing what he loved most—helping others. His dedication and service to our country will always be remembered."

-Hon. Catherine Omanyo (Busia County)



His passion for politics and your dedication to Emurua Dikir Constituency was inspiring. We travelled together, laughed together, and even fought sometimes, but through it all, our bond only grew stronger. I remember every moment we shared, every laugh, every story, and every dream. He was a true friend, always giving and full of life. He was a cheerful giver, truly making a difference wherever he went. You will be deeply missed."

-Hon. Oscar Sudi (Kapseret)



He was a passionate believer and defender of the people of Emurua Dikirr, the Kipsigis community, the Kalenjin nation, and Kenya at large. His passing leaves a great void in our leadership. I urge our community to remain calm and assured that we shall rise again despite this painful loss. I also call upon the government to fast-track the implementation of all projects initiated during his term so his constituents can benefit from the development he intended for them."

-Hon. Hilary Kosgei (Kipkelion West)



He was a committed and courageous leader who served the people of Emurua Dikirr with dedication and integrity. He always stood firm for justice, fairness, and meaningful development, ensuring that the needs of his constituents were heard and addressed. His tenure was marked by visible progress and a deep passion for uplifting local talent, especially in music. His tireless contributions to our legislative work and to the growth and development of our country will leave a lasting legacy."

-Hon. Amina Mnyazi (Malindi



He was a wise leader, dedicated to serving the people, and believed in fairness, unity, and the power of public service to change lives. Many of us had the privilege of working alongside him and witnessed his patience, commitment, and respect for everyone. Beyond politics, he was warm and generous, always offering support and encouragement. Though he is no longer with us, his values, work, and example will continue to guide us.

-Hon. Mumina Bonaya (Isiolo County)



He was a courageous and steadfast leader who served his people with unwavering conviction and dedication. He was also a true gentleman. He was invited to many functions across Kenya and even abroad in Uganda, and he genuinely enjoyed connecting with the people. He was widely loved and respected. That he met his death in another constituency shows that he was a leader for all Kenyans, inspired by his bold and principled leadership."

-Hon. Patrick Makau (Mavoko)



As a Member of the Departmental Committee on Housing, Urban Planning and Public Works, I had the privilege of serving under his leadership. He guided our work on affordable housing with great conviction, clarity, and purpose. His commitment inspired us to remain focused on improving the lives of many Kenyans in need of decent housing. It is painful to imagine our next Committee sitting without our Chair. His wisdom, dedication, and leadership will be greatly missed by all of us."

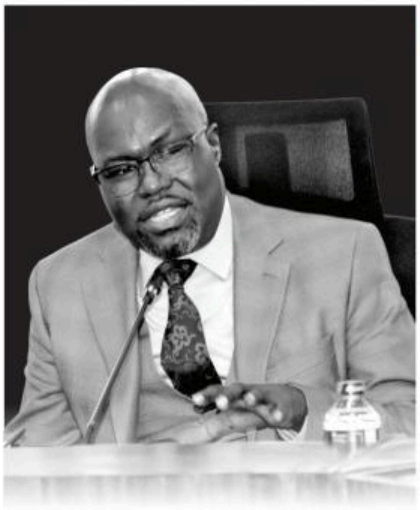
Hon. Esther Passaris (Nairobi County)



He was my constituent for many years when I served as the MP for Kilgoris. Emurua Dikirr was then part of Kilgoris, and we shared a long journey in politics. At times we were competitors, and at other times we worked together. He was courageous and always stood by his word. As the first area MP, he left a lasting mark in the constituency. Though we competed often, we did so with dignity and always maintained our friendship.""

-Hon. Julius Sunkuli (Kilgoris)

Hon. Johana Ng'eno's voice on affordable housing



WEDNESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2025

"There are Kenyans who need decent places to live, but planning must also safeguard land for farming and livestock. We cannot continue with haphazard development. The affordable housing drive of the last three years is commendable. It shows how we can plan urban life—setting aside land for housing while preserving space for agriculture.

I witnessed this transformation in Mukuru when residents were issued keys to their new homes. Families who once lived in congested informal settlements now have dignified housing with water, electricity, connectivity and other essential amenities."

WEDNESDAY, 5 JUNE 2024

— Budget Estimates Debate

"The Affordable Housing Programme fulfils Article 43 of the Constitution, which guarantees Kenyans the right to adequate housing with water, electricity and sanitation. As the Departmental Committee on Housing, Urban Planning and Public Works, we engaged the public, brought the law to this House, and enabled access to funds from the Housing Levy after its passage and presidential assent.

Of the KSh87 billion allocated in these estimates, nearly 80 per cent will go to affordable housing projects across towns and cities. **One critical component is the construction of hostels for university and college students. When we toured the country, we found student accommodation severely inadequate. Expanding hostels will ease the shortage and reduce the cost of housing for students."**

WEDNESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2025

— Debate on the State of the Nation

"I speak as someone who witnessed an earlier attempt at this programme in 1995 when the then Public Works Minister, Prof. Jonathan Ng'eno, launched it at KICC. I was then an architecture student. The initiative stalled for years until President William Ruto revived it.

Having travelled across the country, I have seen the real impact of the Affordable Housing Programme and modern markets. As an architect, I believe it is a transformative initiative that deserves national support. It will also create jobs for young people and stimulate economic activity in our constituencies."

MPs back Hon. Boss's petition to curb illicit alcohol trade



Uasin Gishu County Woman Representative Gladys Boss Shollei speaking at the National Assembly 3rd Leadership Retreat in Naivasha

Deputy Speaker and Uasin Gishu County Woman Representative, Hon. Gladys Boss Shollei has petitioned the National Assembly over the escalating production, distribution and consumption of illicit alcoholic brews across the country warning that the vice is destroying livelihoods and wiping out an entire generation of young people.

In the Petition tabled before the House, Hon. Boss said she was acting on behalf of residents of Uasin Gishu County who have expressed grave concern over the proliferation of unregulated alcohol particularly ethanol-based concoctions commonly referred to as "koroga".

"The production, distribution and consumption of illicit alcoholic brews has reached alarming levels," she stated in the Petition. "This crisis is not only a threat to public health but also a danger to the social and economic stability of our communities."

The matter was referred to the National Assembly's Public Petitions Committee for consideration, as MPs from across the political divide rose to support the call for urgent and decisive action.

Contributing to the debate, Mwingi West MP Hon. Charles Nguna said the problem cuts across all constituencies and requires comprehensive regulation.

"The issue cuts across all constituencies. It is a common problem and we need to regulate alcohol abuse and use," he said. "I fully support the control of ethanol, the transportation and all those matters. Let the Public Petitions Committee deal with this matter expeditiously so that we can bring normalcy."

Njoro Hon. Charity Chepkwony described illicit brew as a serious and growing threat, particularly to the youth.

"The production, distribution and consumption of illicit brew in this country is our serious and main concern," she said. "The consumption has really affected our youth in Nakuru County. Who are our tomorrow's leaders when we accept the processing and distribution of substances that destroy them? It will really affect this country."

Samburu County Hon. Peris echoed the sentiments, noting that the problem is widespread and deadly.

"It is not only in Uasin Gishu or Njoro. It is all over the country," she said. "Most of our youth have engaged in illicit brews. We are losing some of them to death. Some have stopped their education and become destructive to the community. We need drastic action from production to distribution."

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ing levels," she stated in the Petition. "This crisis those matters. Let the Public Petitions Committee

Health Committee raises alarm non functional oxygen plant, cancer equipment at KNH

The National Assembly's Departmental Committee on Health has raised concerns over critical service gaps at the Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH) following a fact-finding visit to the country's largest referral facility.

Led by Seme MP, Hon. (Dr.) James Nyikal, the Committee toured key departments at the hospital acknowledging ongoing improvements but warned that congestion, equipment breakdowns and a non-functional oxygen plant are straining service delivery.



Seme MP Hon. (Dr.) James Nyikal, chairperson of the National Assembly Departmental Committee on Health is flanked by Chuka/Igambang'ombe MP, Hon. Patrick Munene during a meeting with the management of the Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH) at the hospital's headquarters in Nairobi.

Dr. Nyikal said the Committee was particularly disturbed by the state of the hospital's oxygen plant, which he confirmed is not operational.

"This oxygen plant is not operational and produces no oxygen," he noted further adding, "In reality, Kenyatta currently has no functioning plant."

"It appears that there were problems all the way from procurement, design, tendering, award, supervision, and even the payment process," noted Dr. Nyikal.

The Chairperson acknowledged that a working plant, would not only serve KNH but could also support other health facilities in the country.

KNH Acting CEO, Dr. Richard Leyisampe informed the Committee that the hospital currently serves about 700 patients daily who require oxygen support.

"We are procuring that oxygen for our patients. Occasionally, we also get oxygen from our sister institutions such as KU Teaching and Referral Hospital and Mama Lucy Kibaki Hospital," he said. "Therefore, we do not have shortages of oxygen."

However, he emphasised the urgent need for the hospital to have its own reliable supply system.

The Committee also raised concerns over disruption in cancer care following the breakdown of the hospital's Linear Accelerator (LINAC) machine, which Dr. Nyikal confirmed is currently non-operational, forcing a reliance on a cobalt machine for radiotherapy.

"They are improvising with what is called cobalt treatment. But really, the truth is some patients are missing the services they deserve," he said.

While management gave assurances that repairs would be completed within a week, Dr. Nyikal stated that the Committee would prioritise sourcing of funds to procure additional LINAC machines depending on the budget.

Lands Committee to expand probe into ownership of disputed Miwani Sugar Mills land

The National Assembly's Departmental Committee on Lands has resolved to widen its investigation into the controversial ownership of land associated with Miwani Sugar Mills, following fresh developments in a petition currently before the House.

The petition was submitted to the National Assembly by South Suba MP Caroli Omondi on behalf of Eng. Francis Elisha Ooko, a former joint receiver manager of Muhoroni/Miwani Sugar Company, which is currently under receivership.

The Committee, chaired by North Mugirango MP Joash Nyamoko, reached the decision after meeting Eng. Ooko in a session also attended by Mr Omondi and Muhoroni MP James K'Oyoo. Members noted that new evidence had emerged, necessitating further investigations.



Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Lands Hon. Joash Nyamoko (North Mugirango) during the meeting

Among the resolutions adopted by the Committee is a planned site visit to the disputed land to engage residents, private investors and other stakeholders with interests in the property. The Committee also resolved to summon additional stakeholders to shed light on the matter.

Those expected to appear before the Committee include the Chief Executive Officer of the Kenya Sugar Board and the Chief Registrar of the Judiciary to clarify issues relating to court rulings connected to the land.

During the meeting, Eng. Ooko told MPs that he feared for his safety and appealed to the National Assembly to intervene and guarantee his security as the Committee continues to deliberate on the petition.

Mr Nyamoko said the Committee would raise the matter with the relevant authorities.

Providing background to the dispute, which dates back to the 1990s, Mr K'Oyoo told the Committee that Miwani Sugar Mills Ltd was incorporated in 1992 but had earlier been placed under receivership in 1988 by the Bank of Baroda, Chase Manhattan Bank and Cultor Limited (formerly the Finnish Sugar Company Ltd).

He explained that the Government later incorporated Miwani Sugar Company (1989) Ltd as a wholly state-owned entity, with the Permanent Secretaries for the National Treasury and Agriculture serving as the sole shareholders.

The new company was created to acquire the assets and operations of Miwani Sugar Mills Ltd, which had been placed under receivership by the Finnish Sugar Corporation.

Eng. Ooko, however, told MPs that there was no evidence that the Government formally transferred the acquired assets from Miwani Sugar Mills Ltd to Miwani Sugar Company (1989) Ltd.

During the deliberations, Mr K'Oyoo said the long-running dispute had heightened tensions among residents, private investors occupying parts of the land and government agencies interested in using sections of the property for public investment.

Mr Nyamoko said the Committee would fast-track the inquiry by engaging all relevant stakeholders and witnesses to ensure the matter is resolved.

"This is clearly a very emotive and complex matter, and we will invite all the persons mentioned here so that we can bring it to a logical conclusion," he said.

The Chief Registrar of the Judiciary and the Chief Executive Officer of the Kenya Sugar Board, who had been scheduled to appear before the Committee, wrote requesting the rescheduling of their appearance

Funeral service of departed Emurua Dikirr MP, the late Hon. Johana Kipyegon Ng'eno CBS



From right: The President of the Republic of Kenya, H.E. Dr. William Ruto; Deputy President Dr. Kithure Kindiki; Speaker of the National Assembly Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula; Leader of the Majority Party in the National Assembly Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah; and Leader of the Majority Party in the Senate Sen. Aaron Cheruiyot follow the proceedings during the memorial service of the late Hon. Johana Ngeno.



From left: The Governor of Narok County, Patrick Ole Ntutu; the wife of the late Emurua Dikirr MP, Ms. Naiyonoi Ntutu Ng'eno, and a family member during the memorial service of the late Hon. Johana Ng'eno.



An aerial view of a mammoth crowd of mourners gathered at Emurua Dikirr Primary School in Narok County.



National Assembly Sergeant-at-Arms officer prepares the casket of the late Emurua Dikirr MP Johana Ng'eno for lowering to the grave

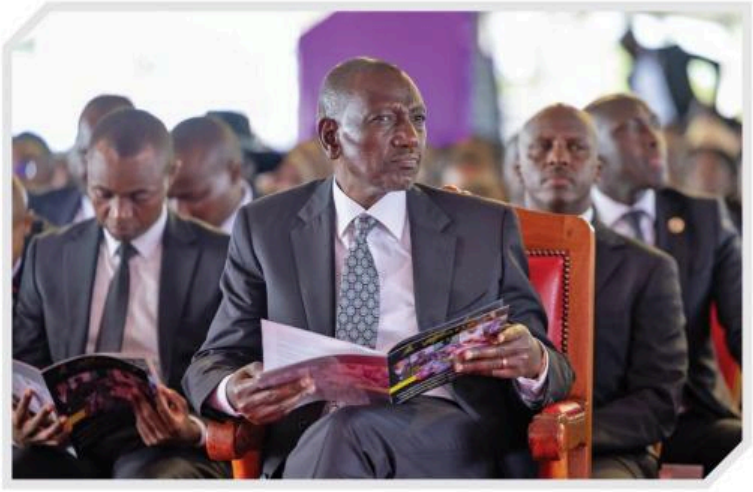




From right: The President of the Republic of Kenya, H.E. Dr. William Ruto; Deputy President Dr. Kithure Kindiki; Speaker of the National Assembly Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula; Leader of the Majority Party in the National Assembly Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah; and Leader of the Majority Party in the Senate Sen. Aaron Cheruiyot follow the proceedings during the memorial service of the late Hon. Johana Ngeno.



From right: Speaker of the National Assembly, Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula; Leader of the Majority Party in the National Assembly, Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah; and Leader of the Majority Party in the Senate, Sen. Aaron Cheruiyot, converse during the memorial service of Hon. Johana Ng'eno.

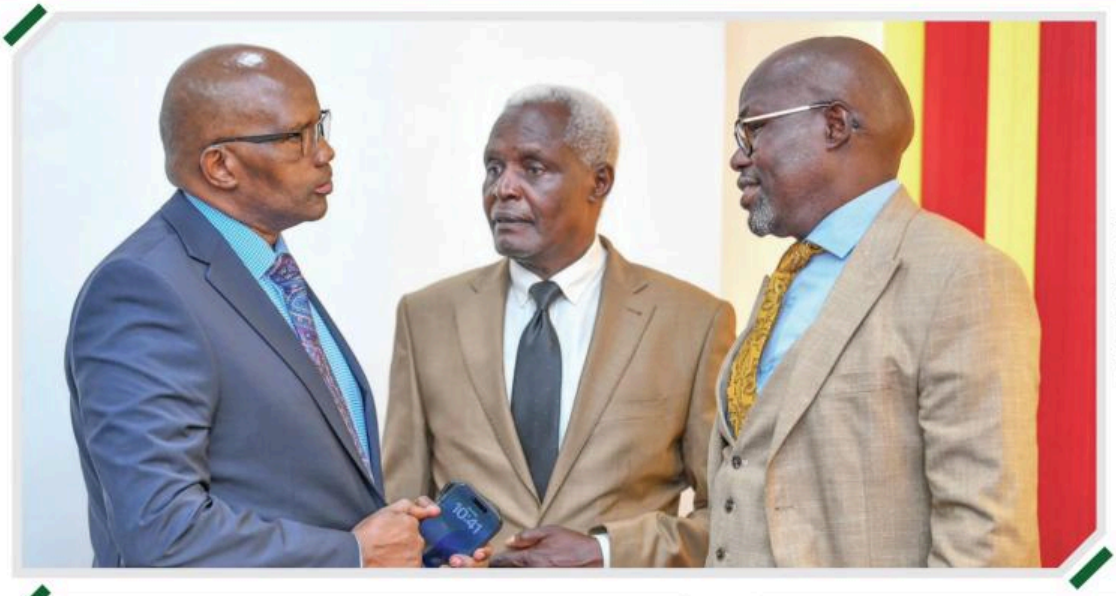


H.E President William Ruto keenly following proceedings at the joint requiem mass held in honour of the late Johana Ng'eno and five others



Combat boots of the late Amos Rotich placed atop a flag-draped casket during the requiem service honour the life and service of the Kenya Forest Service Officer and body guard to the fallen Emurua Dikirr MP.





he late Emurua Dikirr MP, Hon. Johana Ng'eno, in discussion with his Vice-Chairperson of the Housing, Urban Planning & Public Works Committee, Hon. Mugambi Rindikiri, and Committee Member Hon. Abraham Kirwa.



Members of the Departmental Committee on Housing & Urban Works led by Hon. Johana Ng'eno at Kiambu Affordable Housing project



Members of the Departmental Committee on Housing, Urban Planning & Public Works, led by the late Committee Chairperson, Hon. Johana Ng'eno (second left) and Hon. Caleb Mule (far left), join officials from the State Department of Housing on an inspection visit to the Buxton Point Housing Project in Mombasa



Members of the Departmental Committee on Housing, Urban Planning & Public Works, led by the late Committee Chairperson, Hon. Johana Ng'eno (centre left), pay a courtesy call to the Governor of Wajir, H.E. Ahmed Abdullahi Jiir (centre right), before touring the Wajir Affordable Housing Project. Also present, from left, are Hon. Aden Daud, Hon. Abraham Kirwa, Hon.



Members of the Departmental Committee on Housing, Urban Planning & Public Works, led by the late Committee Chairperson, Hon. Johana Ng'eno, receive the President H.E. William Ruto during the handover of

called Hale, Hon. Daniel Hallcock, and Hon. Joshua Kimmo

Phase One of the Homa Bay Affordable Housing Project

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KAPSERET CONSTITUENCY

Hope for man who lost hands as Hon. Sudi donates posho mill machine

A man from Kapseret constituency who lost both hands in an accident was overcome with emotion as area MP Hon. Oscar Sudi donated a posho mill to help him become financially independent.

Sammy Kipchumba Kemei, 36 yrs a resident of Chelabal in Sosiot village, Ngeria Ward, was involved in an accident in October 2024 when a chaff cutter machine attached to a tractor chopped off his hands.

The accident left him struggling to support his family and adapt to life without his limbs.

Speaking after handing over the machine, Hon. Sudi said he first met Mr Kemei in 2024 and initially offered him financial assistance but later opted for a more sustainable solution.

"When I first met Sammy, he was going through a very difficult time. I realised that occasional financial support was not enough. This posho mill will help him run a small business and provide for his family with dignity," said Hon. Sudi.

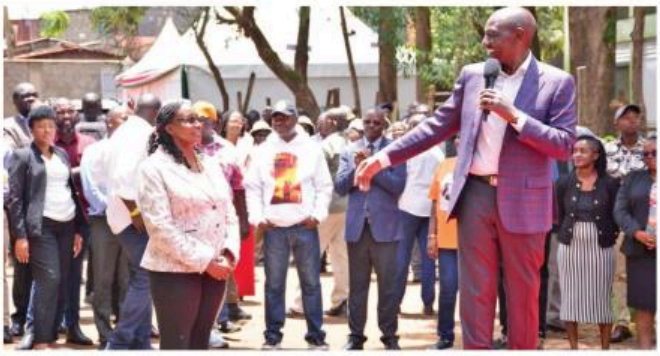
The legislator noted that empowering residents with income-generating opportunities was key to restoring hope among vulnerable families.

Mr Kemei expressed gratitude for the support, saying the posho mill had given him a fresh start.



Staff from the office of Hon. Oscar Sudi, MP for Kapseret Constituency, hand over a posho mill to Sammy Kipchumba Kemei of Chelabal, Sosiot village in Ngeria Ward, Uasin Gishu County, to help him start a small business after losing both hands in an accident in 2024

DAGORETTI NORTH CONSTITUENCY



President H.E William Ruto introducing Dagoreti North MP Hon. Beatrice Elachi to the gathering at Kawangware primary school where he commissioned modern classrooms during a tour of the informal settlement area.

Modern classrooms spark hope for Kawangware primary school learners

The unveiling on modern classrooms at Kawangware primary school in Dagoreti North constituency by President William Ruto has ignited hope among learners from the informal settlement area in the city.

Area MP Hon. Beatrice Elachi while welcoming the construction of the modern classrooms at the school, added that the project will greatly improve the learning environment for pupils.

The classrooms were officially handed over to the school on Thursday during a visit by President Ruto, who also reaffirmed his pledge to provide a school bus to the institution to help ease transport challenges faced by learners.

Speaking during the event, Hon. Elachi said: "The development marks an important milestone in efforts to enhance access to quality education in the constituency. The new classrooms will create a more dignified and conducive environment for our learners".

The legislator thanked the President for supporting education projects in the constituency, noting that such initiatives would help uplift standards in public schools.

NORTH MUGIRANGO CONSTITUENCY

New offices to improve government services in North Mugirango

National government administrators in North Mugirango will benefit from new infrastructure built through the NG-CDF under the patronage of Hon. Joash Nyamache.

Hon. Nyamache said that the Fund has started a programme to build offices for Assistant County Commissioners (ACCs), chiefs and assistant chiefs to improve service delivery.

"Construction of offices for Magwagwa ACC and the chief of Matungo location is ongoing and nearlycomplete. This will help our people access government services more easily," said Hon. Nyamache during a tour of the projects.

He added that these officers are important links between the government and the wananchi, and therefore need proper and suitable working spaces.

We're working closely with administrators from the national government in identifying areas they are needy so that we can facilitate through the NG-CDF," he added.

The MP noted that apart from providing conducive environment to the administrators l, the infrastructure wouod help in changing the faces of the areas they are located.

He called on residents to provide support to the administrators noting that they need each other.



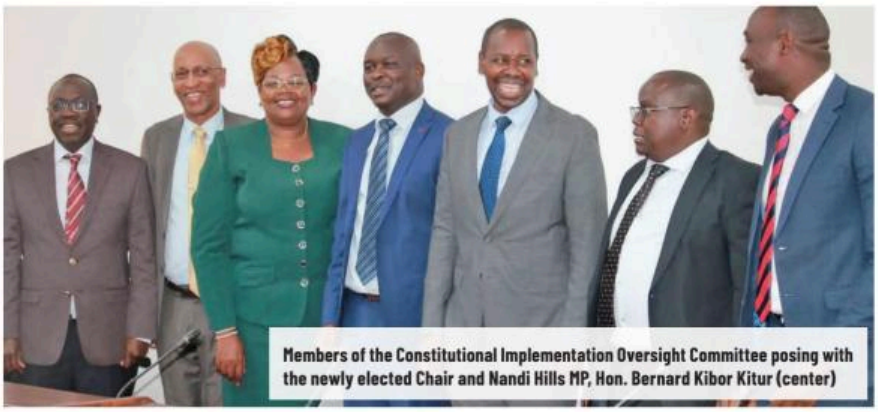
The new offices for the Magwagwa Assistant County Commissioner under construction under the infrastructure development funded by the local NG-CDF. The MP noted that the projects would provide a conducive environment for the officers hence improve service delivery

during a tour of the projects.

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Hon. Kitur wins CIOC chairmanship race



Members of the Constitutional Implementation Oversight Committee posing with the newly elected Chair and Nandi Hills MP, Hon. Bernard Kibor Kitur (center)

In a resounding show of unity and confidence, members of the Constitutional Implementation Oversight Committee (CIOC) have elected Hon. Bernard Kibor Kitur (Nandi Hills), as their new Chairperson, handing him a near-unanimous 99 percent mandate to lead the powerful parliamentary watchdog into a new chapter.

The election followed the declaration of a vacancy by the Clerk of the National Assembly of Kenya under Standing Order 179(2), after the House appointed Members to various Committees on February 24, 2026. In accordance with parliamentary procedures, interested candidates collected and submitted nomination papers through the Office of the Director, Audit, Appropriations and General Purpose Committee at Continental House before the March 2 deadline.

Two candidates were duly nominated: Hon. Kitur and Hon. Gathoni Wamuchomba, HSC, M.P. After the Committee vote conducted under Standing Order 179(2), Hon. Kitur emerged the clear winner, securing near-unanimous backing from members. A win members described as a clear signal for renewal and reform.

"The Committee needed a fresh start," Hon. Mukunji remarked, emphasizing the desire for youthful leadership capable of steering a more energetic and responsive oversight agenda.

Chairperson Kitur quickly set the tone for his leadership and pledges to restore vibrancy to the Committee and reinforce its core function of safeguarding constitutional implementation.

Central to his agenda is an expedited audit of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and enhanced supervision of the nine constitutional commissions that fall under CIOC's oversight.

Members have urged the new Chair to fast-track the constitutional review process and champion the restoration of full institutional independence for the commissions.

Key among their concerns is ensuring independent budgeting and secure funding mechanisms insulated from undue interference — measures viewed as essential to protecting constitutional governance.

CIOC plays a pivotal role in monitoring, facilitating, and reporting on the implementation of constitutional provisions. With an emphatic mandate and heightened expectations, Chairperson Kitur assumes office at a critical juncture.

For Committee members, the message is unmistakable: a new era has begun at CIOC — defined by youthful energy, reform-dr iven leadership, and an emphatic vote of confidence.

This week in history



This historic photograph captures a defining moment in the early years of independent leadership in Kenya, featuring some of the country's foremost nationalist figures shortly after the end of colonial rule. At the centre is the nation's founding President, Jomo Kenyatta, standing alongside a number of prominent leaders who were instrumental in shaping Kenya's political future, including his eventual successor, Daniel arap Moi.

In the first week of March 1966, Parliament witnessed a decisive shift in the country's politics.

A Kenya African National Union (KANU) delegates' conference took place in Limuru and allies of the Vice President Jaramogi Oginga Odinga moved to stop it.

On 8 March 1966, 49 Members of Parliament and Senators petitioned President Jomo Kenyatta to postpone the meeting, arguing that party rules had not been followed. The following day, 99 legislators counter-petitioned, backing the conference and effectively sealing the outcome.

The petitions exposed the depth of division within the ruling party. Vice President Odinga's supporters feared that proposals championed by KANU Secretary-General Tom Mboya would abolish the powerful post of party vice-president and replace it with eight provincial vice-presidents, a move widely interpreted as targeting Odinga.

When KANU delegates met in Limuru on 12–13 March 1966, the changes were adopted, stripping Odinga of his position in the party. Within weeks he resigned from government and later formed the Kenya People's Union (KPU), triggering the political confrontation that culminated in the General Election of 1966.

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