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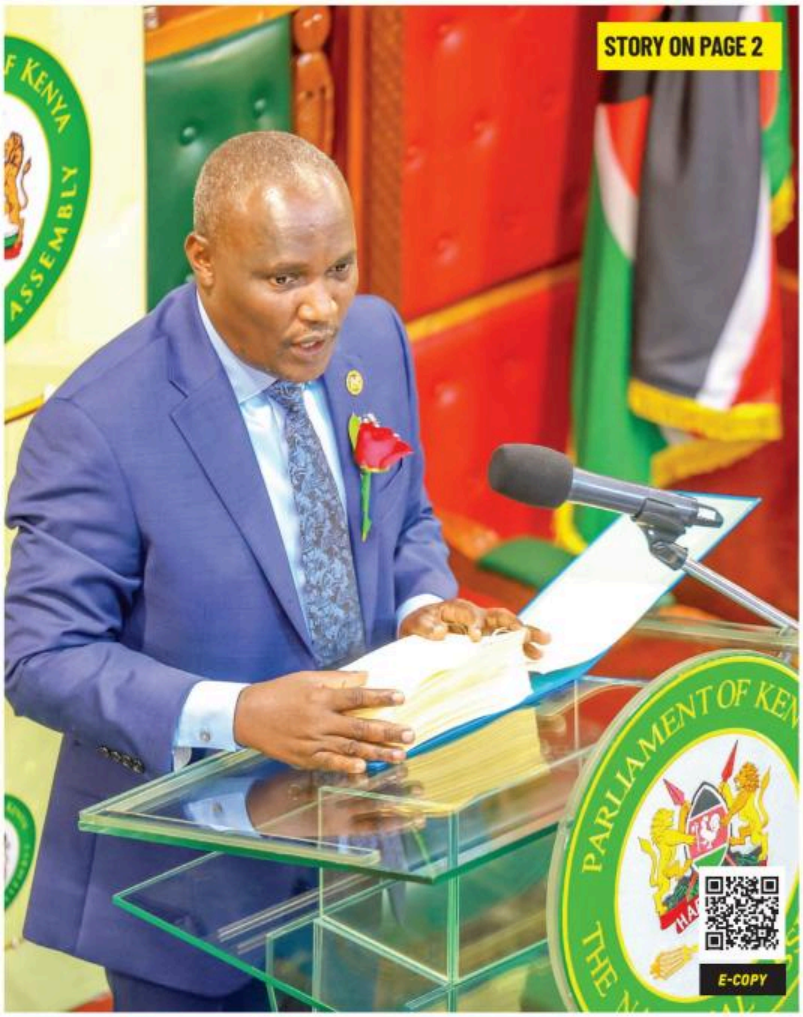
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Education, Health take the biggest share as Treasury CS presents National Budget



Cabinet Secretary for National Treasury Hon. John Mbadi makes the pronouncement of Budget Highlights in the National Assembly on Thursday June 11, 2026

Treasury CS assures Kenyans of economic stability amid global uncertainty



National Treasury Cabinet Secretary, Hon. John Mbadi (centre), Alego Usonga MP and Budget and Appropriations Committee Chairperson Hon. Samuel Atandi and Finance and National Planning Committee Chairperson Hon. Kimani Kuria posing ahead of the pronouncement of the 2026/27 Budget Highlights and revenue raising measures

National Treasury and Economic Planning Cabinet Secretary Hon. John Mbadi has reiterated the Government's commitment to steering the Kenyan economy through stability amid the raging global tensions that have had corresponding economic shockwaves.

Addressing the National Assembly on Thursday as he presented the Budget Policy Highlights for the 2026/27 FY, Hon. Mbadi reiterated that policies set out in the 2026/27 Budget were anchored on policies steered through attaining economic stability amid the uncertain global economic space.

He noted that the Budget was anchored on policy directions that empower the country to navigate the heightened global uncertainties that have rocked this financial year.

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PLENARY

MPs welcome tax-neutral revenue plan as National Treasury focuses on growth



Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury Hon. John Mbadi makes Budget Highlights pronouncements in the National Assembly on June 11, 2026

National Treasury Cabinet Secretary Hon. John Mbadi has unveiled a raft of revenue-raising measures in the 2026/27 Budget aimed at stimulating local production, protecting jobs, enhancing food security, and widening the tax base without introducing new taxes or increasing existing tax rates.

Presenting the KSh 4.82 trillion budget before the National Assembly, CS Mbadi said the Government had deliberately avoided imposing additional tax burdens on citizens, opting instead for reforms that enhance efficiency in revenue collection and improve fairness in the tax system.

"In this regard, I have deliberately chosen not to introduce new tax measures or increase tax rates that would further overburden hardworking Kenyans and their families," Hon Mbadi told lawmakers.

"Instead, the measures in place are focused on improving tax collection, creating fairness in the tax system and broadening the revenue base without burdening Mwananchi," he added.

The Cabinet Secretary said the Government expects to raise an additional KSh 98.9 billion through administrative reforms, improved compliance, and digitalisation of tax processes.

To lower production costs and enhance the competitiveness of local industries, Kenya secured approval from the East African Community (EAC) to continue applying duty remissions on critical industrial inputs.

CS Mbadi announced that manufacturers of pharmaceuticals, roofing materials, automotive parts, leather products, cold storage facilities, and digital devices such as smartphones, laptops, and tablets will continue benefiting from a zero percent duty remission on selected imported inputs.

The Treasury CS further disclosed that Kenya would continue applying a reduced duty remission rate of 10 percent on selected raw materials used in furniture and door manufacturing, as well as completely knocked-down motorcycle assembly kits.

Responding to Kenyans concerns on keeping food prices stable and ensuring sufficient supply of key commodities, the Government will maintain preferential import duty arrangements on wheat, animal feed inputs, rice and dates.

"Kenya was allowed to continue importing wheat at a duty remission rate of 10 percent instead of the Common External Tariff rate of 35 percent, he said.

He added that duty-free importation of animal feed ingredients would support livestock farmers and contribute to lower production costs in the agricultural sector.

CS Mbadi said the Government's revenue strategy will rely heavily on technology and administrative reforms rather than new taxation.

Among the measures outlined are pre-populated tax returns, streamlined digital payment systems and expansion of online tax services to reduce compliance costs and improve convenience for taxpayers.

"We will simplify taxpayer processes through pre-populated returns, streamlined digital payment solutions and expanded digital service delivery platforms to reduce the cost and burden of compliance," he said.

The Cabinet Secretary maintained that the reforms would improve voluntary compliance, reduce tax leakages and expand the tax net without placing additional pressure on households and businesses.

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National Treasury Cabinet Secretary, Hon. John Mbadi, has presented the FY 2026/27 Budget Statement to the National Assembly, outlining a Kshs 4.82 trillion budget aimed at advancing the economic transformation agenda of President William Ruto and the late Hon. Raila Odinga.

Of the total budget, Kshs 3.57 trillion is allocated to recurrent expenditure, while Kshs 750 billion will fund development projects, the Contingency Fund, and the Equalization Fund.

County governments are set to receive Kshs 502 billion, comprising Kshs 428 billion in equitable share and Kshs 78.4 billion in additional allocations from the National Government, including Kshs 16.6 billion in loans and Kshs 57.4 billion in grants from development partners.

Outlining resource allocation in the Budget, the Education sector yet again received the lion's share of the ministerial budget with a Kshs 784.5 billion allocation.

"I propose Kshs 784.5 billion for the Education Sector; Kshs 424.3 billion to the Teachers Service Commission, Kshs 136.6 billion for Basic Education, Kshs 163.9 billion for Higher Education, Kshs 1.3 billion for Science Innovation & Research and Kshs 58.5 billion for Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET)," CS Mbadi announced.

The House heard that Kshs 4.9 billion has been allocated to confirm 20,000 intern teachers on Permanent and Pensionable terms from January 2027, while Kshs 8.2 billion has been set aside to convert 24,000 newly recruited interns from July 2027.

The Health Sector received a Kshs 177.2 billion allocation aimed at advancing Universal Health Care (UHC), with Kshs 8.6 billion going towards salaries for UHC staff and Kshs 19.1 billion for the Primary Healthcare Fund to strengthening essential services.

"To reduce the burden of communicable diseases and advance immunization, I propose Kshs 18.5 billion for the Global Fund, and Kshs 6.4 billion for Vaccines and Immunization Programmes," said the CS.

In the agriculture sector the fertilizer subsidy programme received a Kshs 18.0 billion allocation out of the total sector allocation of Kshs 64 billion. Other key investments in the sector include, Kshs 2.0 billion for the Seed Subsidy Programme and Kshs 1.0 billion for Coffee Seedlings Programme.

Kenyan youth are set to benefit after getting Kshs 12.5 billion for the National Youth Service Kshs 4.9 billion for the National Youth Opportunity Towards Advancement (NYOTA) project, Kshs 1.6 billion for Youth Employment Support Programme, and Kshs 1.0 billion for Film Development.

KEY POINTS

- **Total budget size:** The FY 2026/27 budget is **KShs 4.82 trillion**, aimed at advancing the economic transformation agenda of President William Ruto and the late Hon. Raila Odinga.
- **Recurrent vs. development split:** Of the total, **KShs 3.57 trillion** is allocated to recurrent expenditure, while **KShs 750 billion** funds development projects, the Contingency Fund, and the Equalisation Fund.
- **County governments allocation:** Counties will receive **KShs 502 billion,** consisting of **KShs 428 billion** in equitable share and **KShs 78.4 billion** in additional allocations (including loans and grants).
- **Top sector allocation:** The Education sector received the largest ministerial share with **KShs 784.5 billion**, including funds for the Teachers Service Commission, basic education, higher education, and TVET.



MPs hail 2026/27 budget as well-balanced, laud focus on key sectors



Alego Usonga MP and Budget and Appropriations Committee Chairperson Hon. Samuel Atandi



Hon. Kimani Kuria Molo MP and Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning



Hon. James Nyikal Seme MP and Chairperson Departmental Committee on Health



Marakwet West MP, Hon. Timothy Kipchumba

Members of the National Assembly have reacted to the recently highlighted Budget Statement for the 2026/27 Fiscal Year, calling it a "Good, well-balanced Budget" that has captured critical sectors affecting local Kenyans.

The lawmakers lauded National Treasury Cabinet Secretary, Hon. John Mbadi, for factoring in and allocating funds to areas such as last-mile connectivity, village elder stipends, Education, and Youth.

Speaking to journalists about the 2026/27 Budget, Alego Usonga MP and Budget and Appropriations Committee Chairperson Hon. Samuel Atandi said the National Assembly had deliberately adopted a budgeting approach to ensure equitable development across the country.

"One of the policies we have introduced into the budgeting framework is the equitable share of development across the country. I want to assure Kenyans that whether you are in Lamu, Tana River, or Busia, this budget has something for you," said Hon. Atandi.

He noted that the budget aims to distribute development resources more fairly across regions, with allocations targeting infrastructure, education, healthcare, water, agriculture, and other priority sectors to ensure that no part of the country is left behind.

On his part, Hon. Timothy Kipchumba (Marakwet West), lauded the government's move to set aside Kshs 3.9 billion for stipends for village elders whom he claimed have never been recognized since 1963.

At the same time, he stated that he was excited that the government has set aside Kshs 16 billion for last-mile connectivity, noting that, as elected MPs, this is one of the development projects locals keep asking for. He said that each constituency will now benefit from Kshs 55 million, which will go a long way.

For Seme Constituency MP Dr. James Nyikal, who is the Health Committee Chairperson, the budget is well balanced, with a focus on key areas in the health sector, including funding for primary health care, KEMSA, tax reductions on dialysis equipment, and the human resource aspect of the Universal Health Care (UHC).

"The CS has put considerable money into Education, where we have problems. The money is good; however, they will have to look at the management aspect," he said.

Hon. Nyikal also applauded the CS for allocating funds toward infrastructure, citing the Rironi-Mau-Summit road and the allocation for ferry services not only in Mombasa but also in Lake Victoria.

Speaking to the Media, Finance and National Planning Committee Chairperson Hon. FCPA Kuria Kimani noted that following the Budget highlight by the CS, the House, after considering revenue projections, will proceed with the Committee of Supply, and any issues not addressed will be dealt with.

"It is important for Kenyans to know that the process is not yet over. Next week, we will put every allocation to a vote. For now, I feel everything has been addressed, but if anything is left out, we still have time to sort it out next week during the Committee of Supply," Hon. Kuria said.

On closing the budget deficit of Kshs 1.1 trillion, the MP disclosed that among the Finance Bill recommendations is tax base expansion to ensure everyone pays the right share of their taxes.

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financial year, rising geopolitical tensions have continued to exert pressure on energy and food prices, consequently increasing inflationary risk and volatility in global markets.

Among these global factors accelerating inflation was the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war and the tensions in the Middle East relating to the Iran-Israel and US war, which has occasioned a sharp surge in oil prices globally and occasioned higher inflation rates across most countries, including Kenya.

The CS noted that the Kenyan economy has, however, remained resilient despite this Global turbulence.

Hon. Mbadi noted that between 2022 and 2025, the economy grew at an average of 5per cent - incidentally outpacing both the global average of 3.4per cent and sub-Saharan African average of 4.1per cent percent over the same period.

He noted that this performance reflected "sound macroeconomic management, prudent fiscal and monetary policies," which he noted had largely sustained structural reforms, and spurred diversification of the economy.

"The economy grew by 4.6per cent in 2025 compared to 4.7per cent in 2024, with all sectors registering positive growth. However, the 2026 growth outlook faces downside risks from emerging external shocks, particularly the conflict in the Middle East, leading to a downward revision of the growth projection to 5per cent from the earlier forecast of 5.3per cent," noted the CS.

The CS noted that lower lending rates have largely supported a recovery in the private sector credit growth, while the Kenya Shilling exchange rate has remained broadly stable and activity at the Nairobi Securities Exchange has remained strong.

In his address, the CS noted that the external sector remains resilient, supported by strong remittance inflows, robust earnings from goods exports and services, and strong foreign exchange reserves, which have helped cushion the economy against external shocks.

Kenya, Slovakia seek stronger trade and diplomatic ties



National Assembly Speaker Rt. Hon (Dr) Moses Wetang'ula and Slovakia Foreign Minister Juraj Blanár in a meeting at Parliament Building on Tuesday, 9 th June 2026.

Kenya and Slovakia have agreed to deepen cooperation in trade, investment, education, renewable energy, defence and parliamentary diplomacy following talks between National Assembly Speaker Rt. Hon (Dr) Moses Wetang'ula and Slovakia Foreign Minister Juraj Blanár in Nairobi.

During the meeting, Speaker Wetang'ula described Kenya as a gateway to East Africa, citing its strategic location and access to the East African Community market of nearly 500 million people.

He urged greater economic engagement between the two countries, noting that while diplomatic relations have remained cordial for decades, trade and investment links have yet to reach their full potential.

Mr. Blanár, on his first official visit to Kenya and Sub-Saharan Africa since taking office, backed proposals to establish a Joint Trade Committee to boost business partnerships and investment opportunities.

The leaders also supported the creation of a Parliamentary Friendship Group to strengthen ties between Kenya's National Assembly and Slovakia's Parliament.

The Slovak minister reaffirmed his country's support for development projects in education, information technology, renewable energy and electric mobility.

The two leaders further discussed defence cooperation and reforms to global governance institutions, including the United Nations Security Council, while reaffirming their commitment to closer bilateral relations.

Lawmakers push for harmonised bursary framework



Members of the Committee on Regional Development posing with representatives of the Office of the Controller of Budget, the Attorney-General, the Ministry of Education, the National Treasury, the Intergovernmental Relations Technical Committee and the Council of Governors



Chairperson of the National Assembly Departmental Committee on Regional Development, Hon. Peter Lochakapong (Sigor), addresses stakeholders during a consultative meeting on the proposed Intergovernmental Partnership Agreements (IPAs) on bursaries and scholarships

The National Assembly Departmental Committee on Regional Development has intensified efforts to harmonise bursary and scholarship programmes across the country amid concerns over fragmented student financing systems.

The Committee, chaired by Sigor MP Hon. Peter Lochakapong, met key stakeholders to review proposed Intergovernmental Partnership Agreements (IPAs) that will guide collaboration between the national and county governments in managing education funding.

Representatives from the Office of the Controller of Budget, the Attorney-General, the Intergovernmental Relations Technical Committee and the Council of Governors participated in the consultations.

A major issue raised was the existence of multiple funding channels, including HELB, NG-CDF, county bursaries, foundations, NGOs and private sponsors which stakeholders said has led to duplication, inefficiencies and accountability gaps

A key proposal is the establishment of a centralized student funding registry to track all financial support received by learners from various sources. The Controller of Budget has recommended an Automated Higher Education Students Financing Central Registry to enhance transparency and prevent double allocations.

Principal Secretary for Higher Education and Research Prof Beatrice Inyangala said the registry is expected to be operational within three months and could reduce funding gaps by up to 50 per cent. She added that a harmonised policy framework for loans, bursaries and scholarships is also being developed.

Council of Governors representative and also Kericho governor Dr Eric Mutai revealed that 31 counties have already signed the agreements,

Controller of Budget, the Attorney-General, the Ministry of Education, the National Treasury, the recommended an Automated Higher Education with others at various stages of completion.

COMMITTEES' ROUND-UP

Hon. Tonui elected Housing Committee Chair as new Isiolo South MP joins Communication House Team



Isiolo South MP Hon.Mohamed Tubi addresses Members during his maiden sitting of the Departmental Committee on Communication, Information and Innovation



Departmental Committee on Housing, Urban Planning and Public Works Vice Chair and Buuri MP, Hon. Rindikiri Mugambi (right) welcomes newly elected Chair and Kuresoi South MP, Hon. Joseph Kipkosgei Tonui during a meeting

Two legislators have taken up new parliamentary responsibilities, with Kuresoi South MP, Hon. Joseph Kipkosgei Tonui elected Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Housing, Urban Planning and Public Works, while newly elected Isiolo South MP Mohamed Tubi formally joined the Departmenttal Committee on Communication,Information and Innovation.

Hon. Tonui was unopposed in his election, with his nomination proposed by Kipkelion East MP Hon. Joseph Cherorot and seconded by Nyaribari Masaba MP Hon. Daniel Manduku. Members expressed confidence in his leadership as the Committee oversees housing, urban development, public works and infrastructure projects.

The Kuresoi South legislator takes over from Acting Chairperson and current Vice-Chairperson, Buuri MP Hon. Rindikiri Mugambi, pledging to steer the Committee's legislative and oversight agenda.

Meanwhile, Hon. Mohamed Tubi received a warm welcome during his first Committee sitting after winning the Isiolo South by-election occasioned by the death of his father, the late area MP.

"I believe I was my father's best student. With the blessings and prayers he left me with, I am ready to serve," said Hon. Tubi.

Committee Chairperson Hon. John Kiarie congratulated the first-term legislator and encouraged him to draw from the experience of senior lawmakers as he begins his parliamentary duties.

JLAC reviews stakeholder input on proposed amendments to the Law of Contract



Jlac Chairperson Hon. Gitonga Murugara (Tharaka) when he chaired the stakeholder meeting



Some of the stakeholders during the meeting led by LSK President (Right), Mr. Charles Kanjama.

Various stakeholders have weighed in on the Law of Contract (Amendment) Bill, 2025 that is currently under consideration of the National Assembly's Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

The Committee chaired by Hon. Gitonga Murugara (Tharaka) is reviewing the Bill, which proposes amendments to the Law of Contract Act.

The Act is a critical legal framework that governs the creation, interpretation and enforcement of agreements between parties and ensures that promises made between parties to a contract are legally binding with legal remedies if either party fails to fulfill their obligations.

The Bill sponsored by Hon. Aden Daud (Wajir mechanism to protect parties against unfair and unconscionable terms.

The Law of Contract Act as currently formulated provides for application of English Common Law Principles in contract Law; which has resulted in the use of unfair and unconscionable terms.

The English Common Law Principle is a judicial practice where Courts largely make determinations guided by the precedence from previous decisions.

The Practice has, however, been criticized in it the context of application of the Law of Contract Act for being irresponsive to emerging issues and advancing what has in some instances been viewed as unfair and unconscionable terms.

The Bill thus seeks to provide redress by availing a more applicable legal framework to stop further advancement of unfair and unconscionable terms in contractual arrangements.

Some the parties that have appeared before the Committee to share their views on the Bill include the Law Society of Kenya (LSK), the Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA), the Kenya Law Reform Commission (KLRC), the Competition Authority of Kenya (CAK) among others.

LSK President Mr. Charles Kanjama, noted that amendment of the Law of Contract Act was long overdue to ensure that the legal regime governing Contracts is current and responsive to emerging issues.

On his part, CAK Director General , Mr. David Kemei asked the Committee to find mechanisms to harmonize some of the proposals of the Bill that appear similar to preexisting provisions of the Competition Act that establishes CAK.

East), seeks to amend the said Act, to provide a



The Vice Chairperson of the Committee on Delegated Legislation, Hon. Robert Githinji Gichimu, during a meeting with the Ministry of Interior and National Administration at Bunge Tower, Parliament Buildings

Delegated Legislation Committee halts administrative unit regulations, demands comprehensive review

The National Assembly's Committee on Delegated Legislation has suspended the National Government Coordination and Administrative Unit Regulations, 2026, citing major legal and operational concerns, and directed the Ministry of Interior and National Administration to review them before implementation.

The regulations were intended to establish a legal framework for the creation and management of administrative units across the country.

During the session chaired by Committee Vice Chairperson Hon. Robert Gichimu, Members raised concerns over implications of the proposed framework, warning that its implementation could create confusion and conflict on the ground.

"These regulations are not implementable. Without revision, implementing these regulations may create conflict as some sections are not workable," cautioned Hon. Gichimu

A major concern was the process for creating new administrative units, which requires support from at least one-third of residents before proposals are submitted to the President for approval.

Kathiani MP, Hon. Robert Mbui questioned the logic of retaining presidential discretion in a process meant to be guided by objectivity.

"If it is again under the whim of the President, then you don't need the regulations because that is what we are trying to cure," said Hon. Mbui.

He also challenged provisions linking the establishment of administrative units to gender equity noting that gender had nothing to do with geographical determination

Likuyani MP, Hon. Innocent Mugabe on his part opposed clauses governing the naming of administrative units.

"Many people are proud to be associated with their ethnic names. I would be curious to know why an administrative unit cannot be named after an ethnic community," he remarked.

Hon. Mugabe also warned of potential conflicts of interest by allowing chiefs and other administrators to influence the redrawing of boundaries within their jurisdictions.

Ugunja MP, Hon. Moses Omondi, faulted the regulations for failing to provide clear funding mechanisms for administrative functions.

"Administrators end up asking politicians and even the business communities around to finance such functions, yet we are introducing a function that requires funding," he observed.

Responding to the concerns, Principal Administrative Secretary, Ms. Beverly Opwora acknowledged the Committee reservations.

"The Committee has given us tremendous and valuable observations. We need to go back and review not only the input of this Committee but even additional technical aspects that we are realising following this engagement," she said.

Illicit alcohol seizures highest in Rift Valley as police push for multi-agency approach



A section of Committee Members during the meeting with the DIG of police Eliud Lagat last week



Public Petitions Committee Vice-chairperson Hon. Janet Sitienei engages the DIG of Police during the meeting on Thursday last week

The Rift Valley region recorded the highest number of illicit alcohol seizures in the country between January 2024 and May 2026, according to data presented to the Public Petitions Committee by Deputy Inspector General of Police Eliud Lagat.

Appearing before the Committee on behalf of the Inspector General of Police, DIG Lagat said authorities confiscated 254,272 litres of illicit alcohol in 2024, 189,293 litres in 2025, and 49,508 litres between January and May 2026. During the same period, 16,040 suspects were arrested in 2024, 2,104 in 2025, and 532 this year.

While Rift Valley continues to lead in seizures, DIG Langat noted that the declining figures indicate progress in the fight against illicit alcohol.

However, he warned that the vice remains widespread, citing increased cases in Western and Nyanza regions, where authorities seized 134,463 litres and 160,389 litres respectively during the review period.

The DIG was responding to a public petition on the Production, Distribution and Consumption of Illegal Alcoholic Brews in the Country, sponsored by Hon. Gladys Boss (Uasin Gishu).

In Uasin Gishu County, arrests rose from 56 in 2024 to 505 in 2025 before dropping to 111 between January and May 2026. Seizures also increased from 4,417 litres in 2024 to 37,524 litres in 2025, before falling to 4,442 litres this year.

To strengthen enforcement DIG Lagat called for a well-funded multi-agency framework involving agencies such as the National Police Service, Kenya Revenue Authority, NACADA, Kenya Bureau of Standards, county governments, the Ministry of Health, Ethics and Anti-corruption Commission and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Committee Members raised concerns over corruption among some law enforcement officers, saying bribery continues to hinder efforts to combat the illicit alcohol trade. Lagat acknowledged the challenge and reaffirmed the National Police Service's commitment to tackling corruption.

The Members also emphasized the role of Chiefs, Assistant Chiefs and local communities in combating the vice, and called for regular transfers of officers stationed in alcohol-prone areas to enhance enforcement.

Mediation: Counties to get Kshs. 428B in the next Financial Year

The Mediation Committee on the Division of Revenue Bill, 2026, has reached a breakthrough agreement setting the equitable share for county governments at Kshs. 428 billion.

The agreement, reached after seven meetings, also paved the way for the reinstatement of Clause 5 of the Division of Revenue Bill, a provision designed to protect county allocations from arbitrary cuts stemming from national revenue shortfalls.

Announcing the agreement, co-chairperson and Budget and Appropriations Committee Chairperson Hon. Samuel Atandi welcomed the compromise, saying it reflected the spirit of consensus and the national interest.

"We have settled on Kshs 428 billion. This is a constitutional imperative, and Kenyans will be happy," said Hon. Atandi.

Senate Finance and Budget Committee Chairperson Sen. Ali Roba described the negotiations as difficult yet necessary. "It has been a very difficult but cordial engagement with the objective of pushing the country forward. Mediation happens in one of the most difficult settings," said Sen. Roba. "We need to finish processing the Division of Revenue Bill so we can process the County Allocation of Revenue Bill and get the disbursement schedule on time to unlock funds for counties."

He further urged county governments to dedicate part of the allocation towards clearing pending Bills.

Lawmakers hailed the compromise as a victory for devolution and fiscal responsibility. "We have come to an agreement," said Hon. Japheth Nyakundi.

Hon. Christopher Aseka supported the settlement, noting that both levels of government required adequate resources. "This Kshs. 428 billion is agreeable. We need our counties to run as well as national government programmes and projects," he said.

Senator Ledama Olekina, while supporting the deal, challenged the National Assembly and the National Treasury to guarantee that counties receive the agreed-upon funds in full. "Let's take this Kshs 428 billion. I am happy that we have agreed on Clause 5," he said, and called for stricter oversight of expenditure under Article 223 of the Constitution.

On his end, Senator Eddy Oketch applauded the goodwill shown during the negotiations but emphasized the need for stronger accountability mechanisms at the county level.

"I want to applaud the National Assembly for pushing us toward accountability," said Sen. Oketch. "As much as we are fighting for funds for counties, we in the Senate need to hold county governors to account and prevent misappropriation."

Senator Mohammed Faki said the agreement would provide stability for counties but expressed hope that additional conditional allocations and Equalisation Fund arrears would also be addressed.

"This afternoon, we agreed on Kshs 428 billion, but we hope to receive conditional allocations and the Equalisation Fund deficit to ensure counties remain operational," said Sen. Faki.

Following the agreement, the Members' National Assembly Budget and Appropriations Committee and the Senate Committee on Finance and Budget will table reports in their respective Houses for subsequent consideration.



Members of the Mediation Committee on the Division of Revenue Bill holding consultations



Mediation Committee on the Division of Revenue Bill, Co-Chairperson and Budget and Appropriations Committee Chairperson Hon. Samuel Atandi shakes hands with Senate Finance and Budget Committee Chairperson Sen. Ali Roba after consensus on the equitable revenue share to counties.

Rationalize your debts to clean up your financial books: PIC CA&E tells management of Tanathi Water works Development agency

Members of the Public Investments Committee on Commercial Affairs and Energy have challenged Tanathi Water Works Development Agency to device a mechanism to rationalize its debts owed by other Government agencies to cure the recurrency of key audit queries.

This emerged during a meeting of the Agency's top management with the Committee chaired by Pokot South MP Hon. David Pkosing, for review of audit queries raised by the Office of the Auditor General with regard to the Agency between 2018/2020 and 2024/2025 Financial Years.

During the meeting, the Committee noted a long outstanding debt of Kshs. 19.8 million dating back to 2012 owed to the Agency by the Ministry of Water and Sanitation as well as a separate recurrent debt of Kshs.1.6 million owed to it by District Water Offices.

The Auditor General noted that the outstanding nature of the said debts for over a decade had cast serious doubt as to whether they said monies would be recovered.

Although the Agency had sent several reminders to the Ministry since as early as February 18, 2013 to reimburse the said money, there was no evidence of any further action since then or follow-up on the recoveries.

Hon. Pkosing noted that the persistent recurrence of the said debt in the Agency's financial books in the years subsequent to 2012 was a serious audit query that ought be resolved once and for all to prevent potential derailment of other undertakings of the Agency.

"You may want to pursue either a reconciliation or total write off of the said debts especially with the Ministry since these are not pending Bills. The corresponding projects have already been funded and completed," noted Hon Pkosing.

Other Members who weighed in on the matter challenged the Agency to consider having a roundtable with the relevant Ministry officials to identify mechanisms to fix the said query as it's consistent recurrence in the Financial Books posed the threat of derailing other funding options for the Agency.



Public Investments Committee on Commercial Affairs and Energy Chair and Pokot South MP Hon. David Pkosing

The Auditor General had also faulted the Agency over failure to to declare the value of some of it's plants and assets including 11 plots of land measuring 23.7 acres in aggregate.

The Committee cautioned that Failure to remit the staff deductions is irregular and may cause the Authority to incur unnecessary liability and wasteful expenditure.

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CLIQUE & CLICKS Pronouncement of the 2026/27 Budget highlights and revenue raising measures



National Treasury CS, Hon. John Mbadi is welcomed to Parliament by Majority Whip, Hon. Sylvanus Osoro (third right), Deputy Majority Leader, Hon. Owen Baya (fourth right), Chair Budget and Appropriations Committee, Hon. Samuel Atandi (second right) and the Chairperson, Finance and National Planning Committee Hon. Kuria Kimani (right)



National Treasury CS Hon. John Mbadi holding a briefcase in a photo with the Leader of Majority Hon. Kimani Ichung'wa on his left and the Leader of Minority Hon. Junet Mohammed on his right. On the far left is the National Assembly Deputy Speaker Hon. Gladys Boss



The Cabinet Secretary for National Treasury Hon. John Mbadi (centre) poses with the Members of House Leadership led by the Deputy Speaker Hon. Gladys Boss (fourth right)



National Treasury CS John Mbadi (left) is escorted to the designated area for his address in House by the Clerk of the National Assembly, Mr. Samuel Njoroge (right)



The National Assembly leadership team from left; Deputy Majority leader Hon. Owen Baya, Majority Party Whip Hon. Silvanus Osoro, Majority leader Hon. Kimani Ichung'wa and Minority Party leader Hon. Junet Mohammed pose for a photo outside the National Assembly building





From left Defence CS. Hon. Soipan Tuya, Education CS, Mr. Julius Migos, Sports CS, Hon. Salim Mvurya, Health CS, Hon. Aden Duale following proceedings during the pronouncement of FY 2026/27 Budget highlights



National Assembly Speaker Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula reads a communcation to the House ahead of the pronouncment of Budget highlights



From left: Chief Whip Hon. Silvanus Osoro, his deputy Hon. Naomi Waqo and deputy Leader of Majority Hon. Owen Baya follow proceedings



Hon. Titus Khamala, MP Lurambi Constituency (back row left), Hon. Christopher Aseka, MP Khwisero (backrow right) follow the House proceedings on Thursday June 11, 2026. On the front row is Hon. Peter Orero, MP Kibra



Government officials, and representatives of Members of the public follow House proceedings from the public gallery during the pronouncement of the FY 2026/27 Budget Highlights

Why the High Court upheld the public participation undertaken prior to former DP Gachagua's impeachment

The High Court last week on Monday June 8, 2026 gave a clean bill of health to the Public Participation and other processes undertaken by the National Assembly prior to the impeachment of former Deputy President H.E Rigathi Gachagua.

In a judgement delivered by a three-Judge Bench comprising Justices Eric Ogolla, Anthony Mrima, and Frida Mugambi, the court also ruled that the National Assembly had demonstrated that citizens across the Country were given reasonable opportunity to share their views before the House eventually considered the Impeachment Motion.

The Judges made this finding when they delivered the Judgement in Consolidated Petitions, filed by diverse parties including the former Deputy President challenging the October 2024 Impeachment process.

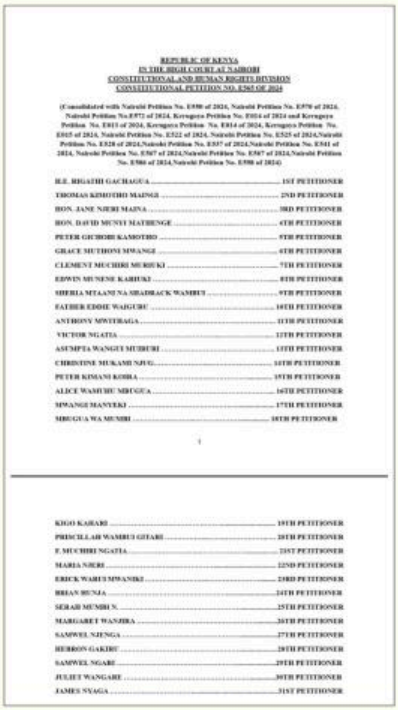
In their verdict, the Judges ruled that the credibility of the public participation exercise ought not to be based on the turnout recorded – as alleged by the Petitioners – provided there was enough evidence that Parliament had made sufficient facilitation for the citizens to take part in the exercise.

"To hold the Public responsible for the volume of public participation and to judge the constitutional adequacy of the same by the number of citizens that choose to avail themselves for it would conflict the duty to provide an opportunity to participate with the duty to compel it's uptake," ruled the Judges.

The judges noted that although the turnout was low, the National Assembly had adduced sufficient evidence to prove that the exercise as undertaken was genuine, and accessible and that the citizens were given adequate opportunity to be heard across the 290 constituencies.

During the said exercise, the National Assembly undertook public sensitization on the Impeachment Motion Across the 290 Constituency Offices-.

At the time, the National Assembly also provided copies of the impeachment grounds against the former DP in both English and Kiswahili as well as templates for the citizens to share their views on each of the said grounds.



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MPs push for National Digital Address system as key Bill Advances

Momentum is building around a plan to overhaul Kenya's outdated location framework after MPs met key stakeholders to review the National Addressing Bill, 2025, a proposal that seeks to create a single, digital-ready addressing system for the country.

The private Member's Bill, sponsored by Kiambu Hon. MP Machua Waithaka, aims to establish national addressing standards to improve e-commerce logistics, emergency response, security coordination, and public service delivery.

During a clause-by-clause review on Friday, Committee Chairperson Hon. John Kiarie said Kenya has fallen behind in developing a reliable and integrated addressing framework.

"As a country, we should have reached a point where we are clear about how we manage our addressing system," Hon. Kiarie said, noting that the proposal remains at the green paper stage ahead of public participation and Second Reading.

He observed that the Bill addresses several sectors, including information and communication, internal security, housing, land planning, and roads.

Stakeholders broadly supported the Bill's objectives but differed on governance. The Ministry of Information, Communications, and the Digital Economy, supported by the Communications Authority of Kenya (CA), opposed proposals to establish a standalone National Addressing Council, citing the government's fiscal consolidation agenda.

Broadcasting and Telecommunications Principal Secretary Stephen Isaboke said that efforts to develop a national addressing system had stalled for nearly a decade, despite discussions among several ministries.

Instead, the ministry proposed a centralized yet devolved model, with CA serving as the system's national custodian.



Committee on Information and Innovation Chairperson, Hon. John Kiarie (Dagoretti South), addresses a stakeholders engagement forum on the National Addressing Bill, 2025, on Friday, June 12, 2026



MP Hon. Machua Waithaka (Kiambu Town-right), the sponsor of the National Addressing Bill, 2025, consults with, Hon. Kakuta Maimai (Kajiado East-left) during a stakeholders' engagement forum on Friday, June 12, 2026

CA Director General David Mugonyi said the Authority is best placed to oversee implementation due to its mandate under the Kenya Information and Communications Act, its standards-setting role with the Kenya Bureau of Standards, and its role as Kenya's representative at the Universal Postal Union.

Security, Lands, Housing, and Roads officials described a standardized address database as critical national infrastructure. Interior's Prisca Wambui supported the proposal to improve emergency response but called for robust data protection safeguards.

Housing officials urged integrating with county spatial plans to address unplanned urban geospatial identification for land management. Roads authorities said standardized street classification would improve infrastructure planning and help identify accident black spots.

Defending the Bill, urged for its integration, Hon. Waithaka said that Kenya's reliance on dropped-pin locations undermines efficiency and investment. He noted that global e-commerce platforms depend on accurate addressing systems and argued that the Postal Corporation could expand last-mile delivery by using neighborhood postal codes.

The Committee will now consolidate stakeholder views, refine the Bill, and prepare it for public participation.

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growth, while Lands officials emphasized accurate

QUOTES OF THE WEEK



School fires and riots are not new in this country. Schools are actually a reflection of our families and societies. Over the years, several commissions of inquiry have investigated school fires and made recommendations. Key issues discussed in the reports include the safety of dormitories, the protection of learners, and the proper design of doors and windows. Reports recommended that dormitory windows should not have grills and that doors should open outwards to allow quick evacuation during emergencies, among many other recommendations. However, the main challenge remains implementation. Many agencies responsible for enforcing these policies fail to adhere to them consistently."

- Hon. Julius Meli (Tinderet)



This is not the first time our country has faced such a situation. We should avoid knee-jerk reactions that blame parents, teachers, or other stakeholders when the problem may be more complex. Instead, we should examine the issue comprehensively. It is not solely about boarding schools or isolated incidents such as burning tyres. There may be deeper underlying challenges affecting our society. After this, we need to reflect carefully on what is troubling our country, especially our young people, and seek long-term solutions that address root causes rather than reacting to symptoms alone and ensure sustainable national stability going forward."

- Hon. Millie Odhiambo-Mabona (Suba North)



I once handled a school arson case in my previous life. Surprisingly, most of the children involved did not understand why they had participated. Only one child had planned the incident, intending to have the school closed to allow them to restock their drug supply. Sometimes, school arson occurs for very minor reasons. However, arson remains a serious crime. When it leads to the loss of lives, it becomes a murder case. While the perpetrators may be children, we must also consider the victims who lost their lives. This is a sensitive matter requiring lasting solutions, not half-baked measures."

-Hon. Robert Mbui (Kathiani)



I want to remind parents that handing over learners to teachers does not absolve parents of their responsibility for their children. Such incidents have happened before and are not new. It is time these issues are addressed seriously. I also urge teachers not to place excessive pressure on students who struggle during examinations. Students should understand that failing an exam is not the end of life. Examination periods can create stress that may lead to extreme actions such as burning schools, which are criminal acts. Learners must be held accountable, and parents must also take responsibility always at all times moving forward."

- Hon. Zamzam Mohammed (Mombasa County)



The tragedy reflected high levels of moral decay in our society. Our social and moral fabric is weakened. Some principals operate in ivory towers with limited information flow from teachers, especially in girls' schools. Male teachers often fail to share information with principals because they feel victimised, creating gaps between administrators and teaching staff who manage these institutions. We also observe that communication breakdown between school leadership and teaching staff contributes significantly to poor management, reduced accountability, and weak institutional coordination in some learning institutions across the country today if left unaddressed by stakeholders in education. Monkey see monkey do."



I wish to speak to parents everywhere. Dear parents, wherever you are, let us embrace our responsibility of guiding our children. We should regularly talk to our children, especially when they are in boarding schools. These children need consistent guidance and support. They must be taught how to behave well and live harmoniously with others. This has been one of the greatest challenges we face as Kenyans. A thorough forensic investigation should be conducted to understand the causes and provide lasting solutions. Parents and institutions must work together to ensure discipline, safety, and proper moral upbringing of children always reinforced."

- Hon. Jerusha Momanyi (Nyamira County)



I advise Kenyans against burning tyres on roads during demonstrations. Such actions send the wrong message to children, who observe and learn from the behaviour of adults around them. When faced with challenges, they may believe that destroying school property is an acceptable way of expressing frustration, just as they have seen roads being damaged during protests. I saw the parents of the children at the police station, and their conduct reflected immaturity and lack of responsibility. As the saying goes, "show me your friend, and I will tell you who you are," because children often mirror the actions of their elders."

- Hon. Raphael Wanjala (Budalangi)



There is a need to have therapists or counsellors in schools. Some students need someone to talk to. The pressure on learners is often too much and they do not know where to air their concerns. As we look into this matter, we must also consider students' mental wellness. At times, they carry heavy pressure but have no safe space to vent it. Providing counselling support in schools would help them cope better and improve wellbeing. This approach will ensure early intervention, reduce stress related challenges, and create a supportive environment for learners to grow academically and emotionally well balanced."

- Hon. Alice Ng'ang'a (Thika Town)



We must acknowledge that we have all failed the children who lost their lives. The school system, government policies and Parliament all bear responsibility and we should collectively apologise. We must examine the growing trend of school unrest that results in school burnings and reflect on the values we are instilling in children. Previously, raising a child was a collective responsibility shared by the community, unlike today. Teachers are now disempowered as they can only warn students, while many parents leave discipline entirely to schools. The internet increasingly raises children, shaping behaviour, so we must examine its role carefully too."

- Hon (Dr) Otiende Amollo (Rarieda)



As Members of Parliament, we may consider enacting legislation addressing boarding schools. I propose that boarding schools be phased out, as several deaths have been reported in such institutions. Each time learners return to school, we are often informed that some buses transporting them are involved in accidents across different routes. The first priority must be the safety of learners. Secondly, schools should have suggestion boxes to enable learners to express concerns and dissatisfaction. The proposed Committee should also conduct visits to schools to understand the challenges learners face and ensure appropriate

-Hon. Julius M'anaiba (Igembe North)

interventions are made in a timely manner accordingly."
- Hon. Dorice Donya (Kisii County)

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KWS spends over Ksh.73 million to compensate wildlife attack victims in Siaya county

The Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) has spent more than KSh73 million to compensate victims of wildlife attacks in Siaya County, a House Committee has been told.

The National Assembly Committee on Tourism and Wildlife, chaired by Hon. Kareke Mbiuki, was informed that out of the 125 claims filed between 2014 and 2021, 55 have been settled at a cost of KSh73,087,486.

"Thirty-two other claims valued at KSh19,119,653 have been approved and are awaiting funding," the KWS submission to the Committee stated.

The Committee, Request for Statement was further informed that of the 32 claims awaiting funding, 18 will be partly paid using funds allocated for the 2025/26 financial year, amounting to KSh17,060,653.

KWS was responding to a request for a statement by Bondo MP Hon. Gideon Ochanda on the rising crocodile attacks along the lower Yala River in the constituency.

Hon. Ochanda expressed concern that many residents had lost their lives to crocodile attacks while KWS had done little to protect them.



Bondo MP Hon. Gideon Ochanda when he appeared before the Tourism and Wildlife Committee to discuss response by KWS to his request for a statement on crocodile attacks in the constituency.

"We have lost lives, and residents who survive crocodile attacks are left with life-threatening injuries. My concern is that KWS has focused on protecting the reptiles at the expense of my voters," he said.

He added that human-crocodile conflicts in the area are mainly caused by residents' dependence on natural water sources, especially the River Yala and Yala Swamp.

He noted that because communities share these resources with wildlife, residents are often attacked by crocodiles and hippos. Some are killed while others suffer serious injuries.

The MP told the Committee that the main crocodile hotspots are Yimbo East and North Yimbo in Usigu Sub-county.

The report showed that cases of human-wildlife conflict increased from 131 in 2023 to 189 in 2025.

It further stated that deaths caused by crocodile attacks rose to 12 in 2025 from seven cases recorded in 2024.

11 June 1963: Bunge's First Beat!

As Kenya savoured the fresh air of Madaraka, the House of Representatives, the predecessor of today's National Assembly, held its inaugural sitting on 11th June 1963, laying the foundations of the country's parliamentary democracy. From the colonial Legislative Council (LegCo) to a vibrant House of the People, that historic day ignited the flame of representative governance, which continues to burn brightly in Parliament today.

The milestone came just days after Madaraka Day on 1st June 1963, when Kenya attained internal self-government. Following the May 1963 General Election, the bicameral Parliament established under the Lancaster House Constitution began its work, with the Senate convening on 7 June 1963 and the House of Representatives meeting four days later. Together, the two Houses marked the birth of Kenya's First Parliament and the beginning of a new chapter in democratic governance.

At the time, Parliament was part of a transitional constitutional framework leading to full independence on 12th December 1963. The House brought together elected representatives from across the country, alongside specially elected and minority representatives, setting the stage for Kenya's sovereign legislative journey. More than six decades later, the legacy of that first sitting endures, reminding us that the story of Bunge began with a simple but profound act: representatives of the people gathering to shape the future of a nation.

This week in history



President Jomo Kenyatta on February 15, 1967, during the state opening of Parliament. He is escorted by the speaker, Humphrey Slade, into the National Assembly to perform the state opening. Photo credit: Daily Nation

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