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Speaker calls for regional support for South Sudan's democratic transition



National Assembly Speaker, the Rt. Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula in meeting with the Speaker of South Sudan's Transitional National Legislative Assembly, the Rt. Hon. Joseph Ngere Paciko who paid him a courtesy call in his office at Parliament Buildings on Tuesday, 16 th June, 2026.

National Assembly Speaker, the Rt. Hon. Moses Wetang'ula has urged East African Community (EAC) Member States and development partners to support South Sudan as it navigates a crucial political transition, saying peace, stability, and democratic governance are vital for regional development.

Speaking at a meeting with the Speaker of South Sudan's Transitional National Legislative Assembly, the Rt. Hon. Joseph Ngere Paciko, Dr. Wetang'ula said that stronger cooperation among regional Parliaments would help deepen democracy and strengthen institutions across the EAC.

The discussions focused on strengthening ties between the two legislatures and advancing Parliamentary democracy in the regional bloc.

"Regional stability and democracy within the East African Community remain essential to advancing development in the region," Dr. Wetang'ula said.

He noted that South Sudan's membership in the EAC offers an opportunity to advance regional integration, unity, and democratic governance.

"South Sudan's Membership in the East African Community will help promote unity and strengthen democratic governance," he added.

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House Passes Finance Bill, 2026

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Speaker Ngere acknowledged the warm welcome accorded to him by his counterpart and appreciated the call for support in the democratic journey, noting that there have been significant strides in this regard.

Dr. Wetang'ula emphasized the critical role of parliaments in safeguarding democratic institutions, promoting accountability, and facilitating peaceful political transitions.

He called on countries in the region to stand with South Sudan as it works to consolidate peace and to strengthen its democratic structures.

The engagement reflects East African parliamentary leaders' ongoing efforts to deepen cooperation, share legislative best practices, and advance democratic governance across the region.



The Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning Hon. Kuria Kimani poses with the Committee's report on the consideration of the Finance Bill, 2026 just before the tabled it in the House on June 16, 2026.

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The National Assembly has passed the Finance Bill, 2026, with amendments, paving the way for its transmission to President William Ruto for assent.

The legislation was approved on Thursday June 18th, 2026 in the evening… through an electronic vote after lawmakers adopted most of the amendments proposed by the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning. A total of 122 Members voted in favour of the Bill, while 40 opposed it, with no abstentions recorded.

The Bill's passage followed two days of debate during which MPs scrutinised a raft of tax and revenue measures proposed by the National Treasury.

Prior to consideration of the Bill, the Committee conducted extensive public participation across 13 counties, receiving oral submissions from more than 200 organised groups and over 100,000 written submissions.

The Bill seeks to amend key tax laws, including the Income Tax Act, Value Added Tax Act, Excise Duty Act, Tax Procedures Act, Miscellaneous Act. The proposed changes are intended to broaden the tax base, strengthen compliance, and enhance revenue mobilisation to support government spending in the 2026/2027 Financial Year. If enacted, the Bill is expected to generate approximately Ksh98.5 billion.

During the Committee of the Whole House stage, legislators adopted several amendments that Committee Chairperson Hon. Kuria Kimani said were informed by public concerns. The changes included the removal or revision of a number of contentious tax proposals while preserving tax reliefs on selected essential goods.

While tabling the Committee's report, Hon. Kimani said the Committee sought to balance revenue mobilisation with economic growth and taxpayer protection.

Among the key changes adopted was the rejection of a proposal that would have allowed the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) to issue agency notices while tax disputes were pending before courts. MPs argued that due process must be observed to safeguard constitutional rights and protect businesses from administrative overreach.

Lawmakers also rejected proposals requiring taxpayers to deposit substantial portions of disputed taxes before lodging appeals, saying the measures would strain businesses and undermine the right to fair administrative action.

The House further dropped a proposal requiring companies to distribute at least 60 per cent of undistributed income as deemed dividends. Stakeholders had argued that the provision would limit the ability of firms to reinvest profits and expand operations.

To cushion manufacturers and consumers from rising costs, MPs retained the zero-rated VAT status on selected products, including locally assembled mobile phones, electric motorcycles, bicycles, buses, solar and lithium-ion batteries, sugarcane transportation services, and raw materials used in animal feed production.

The House also rejected a proposal to shift the excise duty tax point for mobile phones to the point of network activation, citing implementation challenges.

Additionally, lawmakers backed a one-year tax amnesty programme beginning July 1, 2026, under which penalties and interest accrued up to December 31, 2025, will be waived if taxpayers settle the principal tax by June 2027.

The House also endorsed the Committee's recommendation opposing plans to include weekends and public holidays in the computation of timelines for filing tax objections and appeals, noting that the move would significantly reduce the time available for taxpayers to comply with procedure

> **"Throughout this process, the Committee was guided by the need to balance revenue mobilisation through administrative reforms with the imperative to support economic recovery, safeguard taxpayers' rights and promote sustainable growth." — Hon. Kuria Kimani**

neous Fees and Levies Act, and the Stamp Duty

Exam invigilators' funded as MPs approve Supplementary budget for Education, NYOTA programme and AFCON preparations



The Budget and Appropriations Committee Chair Hon Samuel Atandi (left) and Hon. John Kawanjiku during a meeting

Exam invigilators' payments, youth employment programmes and sports infrastructure received a major financial boost after the National Assembly approved the Second Supplementary Estimates for the Financial Year 2025/2026, unlocking targeted additional spending across priority government sectors.

This follows consideration by the Budget and Appropriations Committee chaired by Hon Samuel Atandi, cleared the revised expenditure framework following consideration of the National Treasury's request to reallocate and enhance funding in key Votes ahead of the close of the financial year.

A major allocation of the supplementary budget is the allocation of Kshs 1.5 billion to the State Department for Basic Education, specifically to cater for examination invigilation fees—addressing long-standing concerns over delayed compensation for teachers and officials involved in national examinations.

"I want to report to this House that this money has been factored into this supplementary budget," Hon Atandi told MPs, noting that the funds will ensure smooth administration of national examinations following earlier concerns raised during debate on the main estimates.

He added that the adjustments were largely minimal and aimed at strengthening service delivery in critical areas before the financial year ends.

Youth-focused programmes emerged as major beneficiaries, with the National Youth Opportunities Towards Advancement (NYOTA) Project receiving substantial support. The State Department for Youth Affairs and Creative Economy has been allocated Kshs 1.94 billion, while the State Department for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development will receive Kshs 3.847 billion under the same initiative.

Minorty Leader, Hon. Junet Mohamed welcomed the fiscal discipline reflected in the Supplementary Estimates, noting that the frequency and scale of revisions had significantly reduced compared to previous years.

"During previous Parliaments and under previous regimes, we used to have Supplementary I, II, and III; there was even a time we went up to four. That tells you that the people running the Treasury today know their work," Junet said on the floor of the House.

Sports development also received a substantial boost, with Kshs 4.1 billion allocated under Appropriations-in-Aid for the Sports, Arts and Social Development Fund. Hon. Atandi noted that the funding will help complete key facilities ahead of major continental engagements.

"There are many AFCON training grounds under construction, but we did not have a sufficient budget to complete them in readiness for AFCON. We now have Kshs 4.1 billion which we are going to use to ensure that they are completed," he said.

In it's report, the Budget Committee also confirmed Kshs 150 million to facilitate non-exclusive free-to-air broadcast rights for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, a move welcomed by Members who said it would ensure wider public access to global sporting events.

Committee on Regional Integration Chairperson, Hon. Irene Mayaka, welcomed the allocation, noting its public value.

"There have been many cries from Kenyans who have not been able to watch the World Cup because KBC didn't have the rights. What the Budget Committee and the State Department has done is very important; now Kenyans can be able to follow the games," she said.

Further allocations include Kshs 2.3 billion for Mwache Dam, security operations funding, public service programmes, and support for broadcasting and telecommunications infrastructure.

Hon. Robert Pukose, Vice Chair of the Budget Committee, highlighted the development impact of water infrastructure funding.

"There is Kshs 2.3 billion allocated to Mwache Dam in Kwale County. This is a very important dam for the coastal people for irrigation and provision of water for consumption," he said.

National Assembly receives petition on historical land injustices in Kericho County

The National Assembly has once again received a Petition seeking redress for historical land injustices suffered by members of the Chang Kelek Kipsigis Ogiek community in Kericho County.

While conveying the Petition to the House, Speaker of the National Assembly, Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula, informed Members that his office had received the Petition from Mr. Kipkoech arap Chumo and others on behalf of approximately 1,500 squatters and residents of Kericho County.

The Petition, which was first presented during the 11th Parliament but remained unresolved, details claims that members of the community were forcefully evicted from the Kibulgeni Samburet Mokokwegaa Forest by the colonial administration in 1913, resulting in the loss of their ancestral land, livelihoods and cultural heritage.



File photo: Ariel view of a sitting of the National Assembly

According to the petitioners, subsequent displacement and exclusion from various resettlement programmes have left many families landless for generations. They are now seeking an investigation into the historical injustices and the issuance of title deeds to affected residents.

Contributing to the matter, Hon. Owen Baya (Kilifi North) noted that the issues raised in the Petition had persisted for decades despite repeated efforts by affected residents to seek redress.

Hon. Silvanus Osoro (South Mugirango) described the plight of the affected families as a longstanding injustice that demands urgent intervention by Parliament.

Hon. Justice Kemei (Sigowet/Soin) said the community had endured more than a century of displacement and marginalisation despite numerous attempts to seek restitution.

"For over a century, the people of Kericho have suffered great injustice," he said.

Speaker Wetang'ula subsequently committed the Petition to the Public Petitions Committee for consideration and directed that the Departmental Committee on Lands be involved in its review, citing the complex land issues raised by the petitioners.

Speaker Wetang'ula holds talks with Cuban Ambassador to Kenya



Speaker of the National Assembly, Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula in talks with the Cuban Ambassador to Kenya, H.E. Inés Fernández



Speaker of the National Assembly, Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula, last week held talks with the Cuban Ambassador to Kenya, H.E. Inés Fernández, who paid him a courtesy call at his office in Parliament Buildings.

During the meeting, Ambassador Fernández briefed Speaker Wetang'ula on recent developments in Cuba and conveyed a special message of goodwill from the Speaker of the National Assembly of Cuba, reaffirming the longstanding friendship and cooperation between the Republic of Kenya and the Republic of Cuba.

The discussions centred on issues of international peace, multilateral cooperation and the importance of upholding the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations.

The meeting also highlighted the enduring historical ties between Kenya and Cuba and the shared commitment to strengthening bilateral cooperation in areas of mutual interest, including parliamentary diplomacy and people-to-people exchanges.

Speaker Wetang'ula underscored the need to respect the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of all nations, while advocating for the peaceful resolution of disputes through dialogue and diplomacy.

"I wish to reaffirm Kenya's unwavering commitment to the principles of peaceful coexistence, respect for international law and constructive engagement among nations," said Hon. Wetang'ula.

He emphasized that conflicts and disagreements should be resolved through peaceful means and cautioned against actions that subject civilian populations to unnecessary hardship through economic sanctions and blockades.

The Speaker reiterated Kenya's support for dialogue, mutual respect among nations and international cooperation as essential pillars for global peace, stability and sustainable development.

COMMITTEES' ROUND-UP

PAC probes audit queries on Office of the President accounts



Public Accounts Committee chairperson Hon. Tindi Mwale during the meeting with officials from the Office of the President.



Public Accounts Committee members Hon. Joseph Emathe (Turkana Central) and Hon. Mary Emaase (Teso South) consulting during the meeting with officials from the Executive Office of the President

The Public Accounts Committee (PAC), chaired by Hon. Tindi Mwale (Butere), has examined the Auditor-General's Report for the 2023/2024 Financial Year on the accounts of the Executive Office of the President.

The Principal Administrative Secretary in the Executive Office of the President, Mr. Arthur Osiya, appeared before the Committee to respond to issues raised in the audit report.

During the session, Members of Parliament sought clarification on several matters flagged by the Auditor-General.

According to the report, the financial statements reflected pending bills amounting to Kshs. 14.53 billion.

The Auditor-General noted that the amount related to bills that were not settled during the year under review and were instead carried forward to the 2024/2025 financial year.

"Failure to settle bills in the year to which they relate adversely affects the implementation of the subsequent year's budgeted programmes, as the outstanding bills form a first charge on that year's budget provision," the report states in part.

In his response, Mr. Osiya acknowledged that the pending bills stood at Kshs. 14,528,324,070.

He explained that Kshs. 14,142,182,553 of the amount comprised historical bills inherited from the defunct Nairobi Metropolitan Services (NMS), while Kshs. 386,141,517 related to the Office of the President headquarters for the 2023/2024 financial year.

"On the historical pending bills relating to NMS, the Office has since submitted them to the Pending Bills Verification Committee under the National Treasury for review," Mr. Osiya told the Committee.

Committee members, however, expressed concern that the team from the Executive Office of the President had not provided sufficient documentation to adequately address some of the audit queries.

Hon. Mwale directed Mr. Osiya to furnish the Committee with additional documents to support the responses and facilitate further scrutiny of the issues raised by the Auditor-General.

Environment Committee meets petitioners seeking to halt Nairobi Rivers Commission Project



Environment Committee Vice Chairperson Hon. Charles Kamuren receives a copy of the petition and supporting documents from the leader of the Petitioners on Tuesday, June 16th,2026 during their meeting at Bunge Towers

The Department Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining last week met a group of petitioners seeking the MPs intervention in halting the implementation of the Nairobi River's Commission projects in Kangemi and Dagoretti until their grievances are resolved.

The Petitioners, led by Joseph Ngure and Mugo Gichenga have raised concerns over the implementation of the Nairobi Rivers Basin regeneration project and its potential impact on their private property rights, livelihoods and community participation.

According to the Petitioners, they are lawful freehold landowners whose historical occupation of land bordering the Nairobi Stream and its tributaries dates back to 1959.

The Petitioners allege that they were not adequately consulted during the design phase of the project and have expressed concerns over the proposed dredging works and the possibility of displacement without adherence to the legal procedures governing compulsory acquisition of land.

"The petitioners have clearly pronounced themselves on the issue at hand, but they have also consulted the relevant bodies like NEMA on this matter, what was their response?" Posed Hon. Beatrice Kemei.

Although they told the MPs that they support environmental restoration efforts within the Nairobi Stream Basin, the petitioners insist that the project should be implemented in a manner that safeguards constitutional rights, including the right to property and public participation.

"Clearly, there is need for consultation on the actual position and ownership of this land to establish exact measurements under contention, the petitioners deserve a fair hearing and possible compensation if necessary, added Hon. Leo Wamuthende.

The petitioners have called for the intervention of the National Assembly to suspend all project activities affecting private land, that no demolitions or evictions occur without due process and that the project remains within legally established riparian boundaries unless otherwise justified through lawful procedures and community engagement.

Commitee vice chairperson Hon. Charles Kamuren reaffirmed the Committee's commitment to undertake a series of fact-finding meetings to investigate the claims and present its findings to the House.

"We shall write to NLC, Institute of Survey Kenya, NEMA, Water Resource Authority, Nairobi River Commission, the Principal Secretary, and the local administration to hear their part on this matter, before we undertake an inspection visit of the place." Stated Hon. Kamuren.

MPs question refinery's sudden return to operations in ongoing Sugar Probe



Members of the Departmental Committee of Trade during the inspection visit to the Kibos Sugar & Allied Companies refinery in Kisumu



Members of Trade Committee probes circumstances surrounding importation of Raw sugar into the country

The National Assembly Committee on Trade, industry and cooperatives has raised fresh concerns over the handling of controversial imported raw sugar consignment after discovering that a refinery plant previously said to be under repair was actively processing the sugar.

The Committee made the discovery during an inspection visit to Kibos Sugar and Allied Companies conducted as part of its ongoing inquiry into the importation, storage, transportation, and processing of thousands of tonnes of sugar whose safety and legality have been under scrutiny.

The Committee raised concerns after finding the refinery fully operational, despite being informed only a few days earlier that the plant would need at least two more months to complete repairs before resuming work. The contradiction in information has led lawmakers to question whether the Committee was given accurate information and whether there could be an attempt to conceal distribution of the raw sugar said to be unfit for human consumption.

Members raised serious concerns about the safety and traceability of the sugar being processed, noting that the packaging bags lacked key details such as the date of manufacture and expiry date.

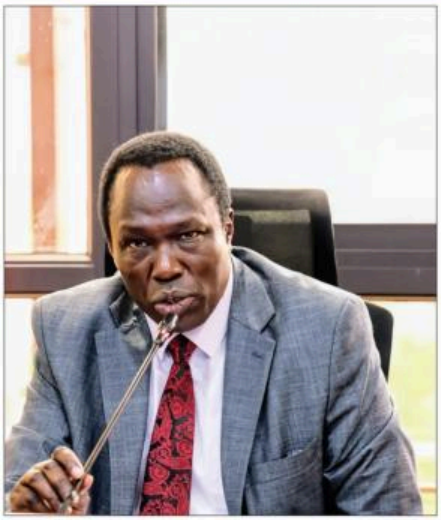
The lawmakers warned that the absence of such information raises serious questions about quality control, regulatory compliance, and how long the product can remain in the market.

The inquiry further examined the relationship between Kibos Sugar and Mombasa Sugar Company Limited (MSCL) with questioned raised on how a license issued to Mombasa Sugar Refinery Limited (MSRL) for importation of the sugar resulted in the consignment being received and processed at a Kibos factory in Kisumu.

To clarify the matter, the Committee directed the company's management together with the head of the multi-agency team handling the consignment to submit all import documents, approvals, and other relevant materials for further scrutiny.

The Committee is expected to continue with its inquiry as it seeks to establish the facts surrounding the importation of the raw sugar, with a key focus on whether all procedures were followed in accordance with the law and regulatory requirements.

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Kuresoi South MP and Chairperson of the Housing, Urban Planning and Public Works Committee, Hon. Joseph Tonui during the Pre publication scrutiny meeting

Housing Committee reviews proposed Bill seeking to establish a legal framework for construction managers, project managers

The Committee on Housing, Urban Planning and Public Works has begun pre-publication scrutiny of the proposed Construction Managers and Construction Project Managers Bill, 2026, a legislative proposal seeking to establish a legal framework for the registration, licensing and regulation of construction managers and construction project managers in Kenya.

The Bill aims to formally recognise construction management and construction project management as distinct professions within the built environment sector through the establishment of the Construction Managers and Construction Project Managers Registration Board.

In a meeting chaired by Hon. Joseph Tonui, the Committee examined the proposed framework, which seeks to regulate professional standards, oversee licensing and registration of practitioners, administer certification examinations, and enforce professional conduct through a disciplinary mechanism.

The proposed legislation is intended to address a long standing regulatory gap in the construction industry by providing statutory oversight for professionals responsible for coordinating and managing construction projects. According to the Bill, the regulation of these professionals is expected to enhance accountability, improve project delivery standards and strengthen consumer protection through a structured complaints and disciplinary process.

The Bill sponsored by Hon. Josses Lelmengit establishes a nine-member Registration Board headquartered in Nairobi, mandates registration and licensing of practitioners, and introduces requirements for continuing professional development. It also provides for the issuance of practicing certificates and private practice licenses, while creating offences and penalties for unlicensed practice and misuse of professional titles.

The Committee noted that Clause 51 of the Bill contains transitional provisions requiring individuals currently practicing as construction managers or construction project managers to comply with registration and licensing requirements within twenty-four months of the commencement of the proposed law.

Members also reviewed provisions relating to the governance of the proposed Board, including procedures for meetings, quorum, voting, record keeping and management of vacancies as outlined in the First Schedule of the Bill.

In its analysis, the Committee acknowledged that the proposed legislation seeks to enhance professionalism, managerial accountability and efficiency in the implementation of construction projects. The Bill further seeks to strengthen quality assurance, professional competence and disciplinary oversight within the sector.

However, the Committee also identified legal and policy issues requiring further consideration. Among them is the potential overlap of functions between the proposed Board and existing regulatory bodies, including the National Construction Authority, the Engineers Board of Kenya, and the Board of Registration of Architects and Quantity Surveyors.

Social Protection Committee receives Research Report on PWD Act, calls for greater inclusion in policymaking

The Departmental Committee on Social Protection has been briefed on findings from a study examining the implementation of the Persons with Disabilities Act, 2025.

The research paper by Kenyatta University's Disability Directorate and Sightsavers was presented during a session led by the Committee's Vice-Chairperson, Hon. Hillary Kosgei.

The paper, titled *Inclusion in the Evidence Ecosystem: Understanding How Research Evidence Is Used in Disability-Inclusive Policymaking in Kenya*, highlights key progress, gaps and recommendations in the implementation of the Act. It stresses the need to make evidence a fundamental part of lawmaking, scrutiny and oversight.

Citing an instance where children with disabilities under the age of five were omitted from the last national census, the report calls on Parliament to ensure that persons with disabilities (PWDs) and Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs) are given an opportunity to present their lived experiences during public participation on legislative matters.

Members of the Committee welcomed the findings, noting that the recommendations would help strengthen inclusion in policymaking.

"This kind of research will help make more disability-conscious policies and, as MPs, we shall ensure that your proposals are given due consideration," said Hon. Edith Nyenze.

However, while questioning the motivation behind certain proposals, Muhoroni MP Hon. James Koyoo cautioned against the misuse of existing legal provisions.

"There have been many cases of manipulation of existing legal provisions where minor loopholes in the law are used to the unfair advantage of a few people," he said.

The researchers recommended the early involvement of OPDs and PWDs in the legislative process. They also called for disability-related proposals to be supported by evidence demonstrating both need and feasibility, enhanced parliamentary scrutiny of such proposals, and improved collection, disaggregation and reporting of disability data across sectors.

Further, the researchers urged policymakers to treat OPDs as long-term partners in policy development, implementation monitoring and the identification of barriers affecting persons with disabilities.

Hon. Kosgei lauded the initiative, stating that it paves the way for more informed policymaking and legislation.

"We still have a long way to go as a country on matters of PWD inclusion, but the introduction of such guidelines is a positive move and a step in the right direction to ensure persons with disabilities are fully catered for," said the Vice-Chairperson.



Muhoroni MP Hon. James Koyoo reads through the research paper tabled before the Social Protection Committee on Tuesday, June 16th, 2026 at Bunge Towers.



Social Protection Committee Vice-Chairperson Hon. Hillary Kosgei speaking during a meeting on Tuesday, June 16th, 2026 at Bunge Towers.

JLAC meets registrar of political parties to explore mechanisms for timely consideration of pending legislative matters relating to next year's polls



Members of JLAC from left Hon. Harold Kipchumba (Nominated), Hon. Timothy Kipchumba and Hon. John Makali (Kanduyi) during the meeting



Registrar of Political Parties Mr. John Lorionokou (Centre) and other officers from ORPP during the meeting.

The National Assembly Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs (JLAC) has held a consultative meeting with officials from the Office of the Registrar of Polical Parties (ORPP) led by the Registrar Mr. John Lorionokou.

The meeting is in furtherance of ongoing consultative efforts by the Committee to ensure adequate preparation by key stakeholders ahead of next year's General Election.

The meeting chaired by Rarieda MP Hon. (Dr.) Otiende Amollo, reviewed key areas of collaboration in the broader quest to strengthen the country's democratic processes through legislation, especially those aimed at strengthening political parties and coalitions processes.

The Committee Members in attendance and officials from ORPP acknowledged the critical role of timely legislation in enhancing credible, transparent and peaceful elections.

Hon. Amollo noted that time was running out and there was need for speedy legislative solutions to recurrent pre-and-post election party related matters that have been noted in past electoral cycles.

Among these is better legal clarity on processes of registration and dissolution of political parties, coalitions formation, party nomination lists among others.

"The journey to be walked is a long one but the time available is short. I propose that our respective technical team should speedily meet so that any legislative proposals related to the election are speedily handled for immidiate consideration before time runs out," noted Hon. Omollo.

ORPP officials welcomed the initiative, noting that closer engagement with JLAC would facilitate the sharing of technical expertise and practical insights gathered from political parties and other electoral stakeholders.

JLAC has recently met other stakeholders including the Independent Electoral and



Rarienda MP Hon. (Dr.) Otiende Amollo, when the chaired the meeting

House Committee vets four nominees for members of the NG-CDF Board positions

The National Assembly Committee on National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF) last week on Monday 15th June, 2026, vetted four nominees for the positions of Board members.

Hon. Musa Sirma (Eldama Ravine) who chairs the Committee, led the session where the four: Ms. Komora Yvonne Nsunsu, Ms. Manyanga Yvonne Boyani, Mr. Mutua Fidelis Kiketi and Mr. Morris Putita Kaaka, made their case before the Committee on why they are fit to hold office as NG-CDF Board members if approved.



The Committee Chairperson, Hon. Sirma (Middle) and his vice Hon. Kassim Tandaza seated to his right, during the vetting exercise

Ms. Komora who holds a Bachelors of Arts in Project Planning and Management from the University of Nairobi, told the Committee that she brings with her a wealth of experience in partnership development and engagement, project management and strategic leadership.

During the vetting, Hon. Clive Gisairo (Kitutu Masaba) asked the nominee the impact abolition of NG-CDF would have in case the Supreme Court rules in favor of petitioners who were dissatisfied with the High Court's ruling on the legality of the Fund.

"If the Supreme Court rules to the abolition of NG-CDF what is your opinion on how it will impact the community," the legislator asked.

According to the nominee, NG-CDF has played a very critical role in supporting education of less fortunate bright students in the society and also improving infrastructure that affects the community.

For the second nominee, Ms. Boyani who, the Members focused their questions on the impact the proposed merging all government bursaries under one kitty. The nominee who has a background in Law and is currently practicing as a Group Legal Head at Dawa Life Sciences Ltd, stated that as is now, the impact of the Fund is being felt by the community and merging it would create complexities.

The third nominee to appear before the Committee was Mr. Mutua who is a Person with Disability (PDW), a Bachelor of Commerce holder and CPA-K.

The final nominee before the Committee was Mr. Kaaka. He has previously worked as a Chief Officer, County Treasury in Kajiado County Government.

The Committee is now expected to write its report to be tabled before the House for consideration.

Committee seeks wider Industry input on proposed digital currency regulations

The Committee on Delegated Legislation has pledged to engage more stakeholders before approving regulations that will govern stablecoins and other digital assets in Kenya.

During a consultative meeting with representatives from the virtual assets industry, the Committee raised concerns that some provisions in the National Treasury's draft regulations could hinder innovation, discourage investment, and weaken Kenya's position as a regional financial technology hub.

Committee Chairperson Hon. Samuel Chepkonga (Ainabkoi) said Kenya must ensure its regulations align with global best practices to remain competitive in the rapidly evolving digital finance sector.

"If we make laws that are in one hole here and have no relation with the global practice, then we will be a laughing stock to the entire world," said Hon. Chepkonga.

One of the key issues discussed was a proposal requiring stablecoin issuers to hold 30 per cent of their reserves in local banks. Members questioned the effectiveness of the requirement, particularly for foreign issuers operating in Kenya.



The Chairperson of the Committee on Delegated Legislation Hon. Samuel Chepkonga during a meeting at Bunge Tower, Parliament Buildings.

Hon. Anthony Olouch (Mathare) sought clarification on how the provision would protect Kenyan investors in the event that a foreign stablecoin issuer faced financial difficulties.

"What's the purpose of the reserve? Is it not to protect the person within the Kenyan jurisdiction against a foreigner?" he asked.

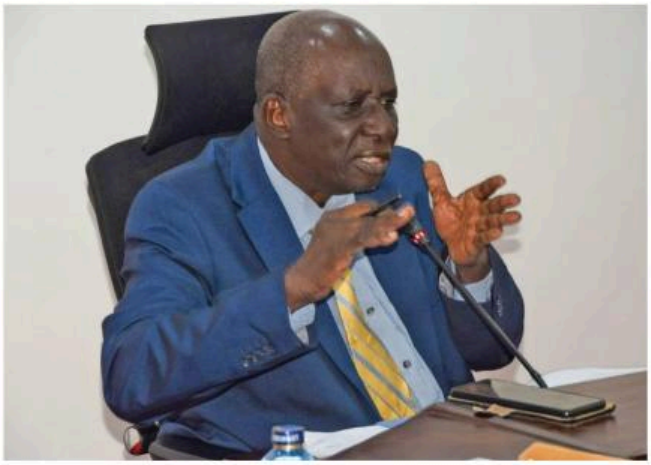
The Committee also expressed concern over a provision requiring stablecoins to be redeemable saying the wording was vague and could create uncertainty for consumers.

Hon. Robert Mbui (Kathiani) urged the Treasury to provide clearer timelines for redemption to strengthen consumer protection.

Vice Chairperson Hon. Robert Githinji (Gichugu) called for further engagement with Treasury officials to explain the technical basis of the proposed regulations.

The Committee said it will continue consultations with both government officials and industry players to ensure the final regulations promote innovation, protect consumers, and support the growth of Kenya's digital asset sector.

Health Committee backs Bill seeking to curb medical malpractice



Committee of Health Chairperson Hon. Dr James Nyikal during the meeting to consider the Bill.



Committee of Health Chairperson Hon. Dr James Nyikal looks on as Hon. Duncan Mathenge (Nyeri Town) the sponsor of the Medical Practitioners and Dentists (Amendment) Bill, 2026, makes a point

The Departmental Committee on Health has backed a legislative proposal that seeks to provide for the regulation of community oral health officers, dental technologists and optometrists.

Led by Committee Chairperson Hon. Dr. James Nyikal (Seme), members of the House team welcomed the Medical Practitioners and Dentists (Amendment) Bill, 2026, terming it a game changer.

The Bill, sponsored by Hon. Duncan Mathenge (Nyeri Town), also seeks to provide for the registration of foreign practitioners residing in Kenya. It further seeks to curb the fraudulent procurement of registration licences by various practitioners and restore sanity to the profession.

Among other issues, the Hon. Mathenge Bill contains far-reaching proposals aimed at streamlining the industry and protecting members of the public.

It proposes hefty penalties for medical practitioners who help unqualified persons obtain registration licences to operate medical facilities.

"A person who aids another person to fraudulently procure a registration or licence shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable, upon conviction, to a fine not exceeding Sh300,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months," reads the Bill in part.

"The Registrar shall, upon the conviction of a person, remove the name of that person from the register or cancel the licence of the practitioner," it adds.

Those who detain patients or the bodies of deceased persons over unpaid medical bills will also face severe penalties if the Bill is enacted into law.

"A person who detains a patient or the body of a deceased person due to unpaid medical bills commits an offence and shall be liable, upon conviction, to a fine not exceeding Sh5 million, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years, or both," the Bill proposes.

"The proposed amendment Bill is extremely important and it will restore sanity in the key health sector," said Hon. Dr. Nyikal during a session where members were briefed on the Bill.

The Chairperson said the Committee will subject the Bill to public participation, with stakeholders, including those in the healthcare sector, expected to give their input

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Agriculture Committee raises alarm over budget cuts to key Tsetse eradication agency

The Committee on Agriculture and Livestock has raised concerns over declining funding for the Kenya Tsetse and Trypanosomiasis Eradication Council (KENTTEC), warning that budget cuts could undermine gains made in controlling the disease across affected regions.

The Committee, chaired by Tigania West MP Hon. (Dr.) John Mutunga, met KENTTEC Board Chairperson Dr. Geoffrey Mutai and Chief Executive Officer Dr. Seth Onyango to review the Council's mandate, achievements and operational challenges.

KENTTEC informed Members that since its establishment in 2012, it has led national efforts to suppress tsetse fly populations and reduce the prevalence of trypanosomiasis, a disease commonly referred to as 'sleeping sickness' affecting both humans and livestock.

"Our work is to support livestock production through the suppression of tsetse fly populations using the Flies Per Trap Per Day metric," said Dr. Onyango.

The Committee heard that about 138,000 square kilometres, representing 23 per cent of Kenya's land mass, remain infested by tsetse flies across 38 counties. The infestation affects nearly 60 per cent of the country's rangelands and approximately 11,000 hectares of arable land.

Dr. Onyango noted that KENTTEC interventions have reduced tsetse populations and disease prevalence across more than 24,000 square kilometres. He further highlighted a major milestone, stating that the World Health Organization declared Kenya free of sleeping sickness in June 2025, with no reported human cases since 2009.

Despite these achievements, the Council warned that its operations are increasingly constrained by inadequate funding.

Members were informed that allocations for tsetse and trypanosomiasis control have fallen from Kshs 720 million in the 2012/2013 financial year to Kshs 50 million in 2025/2026. For



Agriculture and Livestock Committee Chairperson Hon. (Dr.) John Mutunga during a meeting

Transport Committee inspects Wilson Airport, urges KAA to speed up ongoing runways reconstruction works



Transport Committee Chairperson Hon. George Kariuki (Centre) shares with the Managing Director of Kenya Airports Authority Mr. Moses Wekesa (Left) during a tour of the main runway under reconstruction. Looking on is Hon. Jhanda Zaheer, MP Nyaribari Chache.

The Transport and Infrastructure Committee, led by Hon. George Kariuki, last week made an inspection tour of Wilson Airport where they urged the Kenya Airports Authority (KAA) to engage the contractor on the ongoing infrastructure upgrades and runway rehabilitation at the facility to speed up completion.

Speaking at a boardroom meeting with the PS for Aviation and Aerospace Ms. Teresia Mbaika, Kenya Airports Authority Managing Director Moses Wekesa, and leaders of the Kenya Association of Air Operators moments before walking around the airport, the lawmakers said that the serious delays in the construction works were causing financial losses for aircraft business owners using the airport and creating confusion for passengers.

This was after the PS and the leadership of KAA responded to the questions raised earlier by the Committee seeking an update on the status of Wilson Airport facility, operations, infrastructural development projects and programs.

Both the Ministry and KAA informed the Committee that the works on runway marked 14/32 and 07 were at 38% completion against the expected 40%. The PS attributed this to delays in commencement of the works and an increase of the initial scope of work due the discovered wet ground soaked with water beneath the runways.

They further informed the Committee that the 1.4 billion project included the rehabilitation and expansion of taxiways to enhance safe movements and mitigate pavement degradation.

The Committee raised concerns with the slow pace of the contractor. "We want Wilson Airport



PS in the State Department for Aviation and Aerospace Ms. Teresia Mbaika while making her presentation before the Committee at Wilson Airport Conference hall.

to be a role model, to offer JKIA auxiliary services if there is an issue, some aircrafts from JKIA can land here, let us work to make Wilson better. This is a business and we should not give room for loses", said Hon. Kariuki, Committee Chairperson.

The Committee was also provided with details of all incidents that have occurred at the airport within the last two years with their causes, investigations undertaken and measures put in place to prevent recurrence.

Hon. TJ Kajwang weighed in suggesting that the Ministry engages KAA and other stakeholders to come up with a policy that will give room to private investigation into aircraft accidents and not having this as a department in KAA or the State Department.

There was also an issue with KAA land encroachment around Wilson Airport. Hon. Eng. Jonn Kiragu asked that KAA provides the Committee with a master plan for the airport for the Committee to see how the land was proposed to be.

The PS and KAA Managing Director made a commitment to the Committee to made closer supervision of the project to ensure it is completed within the given timelines of the contract. They however called for stakeholders' patience.

CLIQUE & CLICKS



Members of the Committee on Blue Economy, Water and Irrigation, Hon. Amina Mnyazi (Malindi) and Hon. Adow Mohammed (Wajir South) capture a moment during the Opening Ceremony of the 11th Our Ocean Conference



Members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee, Hon. Kitalia Ntutu (left) and Hon. Joseph Lekuton during a meeting



Blue Economy Committee Chairperson Hon. Bowen Kangogo & Vice-Chairperson, Hon. Marwa Kitayama follow through the opening ceremony of the 11th Our Ocean Conference

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Hon. Koech builds a house for one of the victims of the Hon. Ng'eno chopper crash

Belgut MP Hon Nelson Koech has built and furnished a house for the mother of the bodyguard of former Emurrua Dikkirr MP Hon. Johanna Ngeno's who perished alongside the legislator and four other persons in a helicopter crash in March this year. The MP, officially handed over the House to Mama Nancy, mother to the late Amos Kipngetich who was a Kenya Wildlife Service Officer who also served as the late MP's bodyguard, at the time of the tragic chopper crash. Hon. Koech was fulfilling a pledge he had made during the funeral service of the former MP, where the mother disclosed that the late Kipngetich had been the sole breadwinner to the family including educating his siblings. The legislator later joined locals in prayers after the handover of the house, where he also pledged further support to the family.



Belgut MP Hon.Nelson Koech with Emmurua Dikkirr residents after handing over a house to Mama Nancy, mother to the late KWS officer Amos Kipngetich who perished in a chopper crash with late area lawmaker Hon. Ng'eno.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK



I support decriminalising suicide and attempted suicide because it has become a major challenge in Kenya. Suicide should not be treated as a criminal offence because we do not fully understand what causes it. Reports from KEMRI show that four people die by suicide every day in Kenya and many cases go unreported. That is a significant number. More research should be conducted to establish the causes of suicide and attempted suicide. It should be treated as a serious public health concern. It is a socio-psychological problem caused by multiple pressures in society and affects people of ages and genders."

- Hon. (Prof.) Phylis Bartoo (Moiben)



We are asking for funds allocated to counties to be used in a way that benefits citizens of the Republic of Kenya. Projects funded through constituency allocations are visible, but when we turn to counties, only a few use these funds appropriately. If all counties emulate such examples, every Kenyan would appreciate the benefits of devolution. It has even reached a point where it would be better if devolved funds ensured each constituency receives at least Ksh1 billion. Devolution would feel more meaningful because smaller allocations to constituencies are making impact. We have built schools and other essential public facilities nationwide."

- Hon. Harrison Kombe (Magarini)



It is we who have been entrusted with the responsibility to transform the country and not let it fail. Counties should not argue that they can perform better only if they receive more funds. The national government has already provided allocations. They also have revenue sources that are not fully collected or accounted for in their local revenues. This means that if each county collects revenue properly, it could raise up to Ksh10 billion or more. However, unless we acknowledge that our greatest challenges are unethical practices, corruption, and misuse of resources, we cannot blame citizens for not paying taxes."

-Hon. Beatrice Elachi (Dagoretti North)



Mental distress is one of the reasons people take their own lives. Some people die by suicide due to relationship problems while others are driven by debt. Many factors can lead to suicide. However, I oppose legalisation of suicide as it would encourage an act that is morally wrong. All holy books teach that taking one's own life is forbidden since life belongs to God. In Kenya, over 3,000 people die by suicide annually each year. We should address root causes through counselling services in hospitals and security agencies. This will help people cope with emotional challenges."

- Hon. Rashid Bedzimba (Kisauni)



Commissions of inquiry were established following the fires at Bombolulu Girls Secondary School and Kyanguli Secondary School. However, very few of the recommendations proposed by those commissions were implemented. We must ask why this continues to happen and why our children are still dying in schools. There is urgent need to establish the root cause of these tragedies and implement lasting solutions. We must propose practical recommendations to address this issue, even if it means considering the option of having only day schools in certain contexts. Above all, the safety and life of our children must come first, because life is more precious"

- Hon. Dorothy Muthoni (Nominated)



Accountability is essential to ensure that devolution does not result in incompetence. Currently, there is limited value for money in many county projects, with minimal visible impact. As funds are devolved, there must be reduced wastage and improved efficiency. A strong and effective Senate is critical in exercising its oversight role. Counties are now requesting more funds than the NG-CDF, yet the impact remains limited. Every shilling spent must deliver value, with more resources directed to health services, medicines, and saving lives. Overall, devolution must work for productive citizens and taxpayers. Kenyans deserve transparency, efficiency, accountability, and improved public service delivery."

- Hon. Bisau Kakai (Kiminini)



The face and discipline of a school often rest with the Deputy Principal. Denying deputy principals the opportunity to progress in their careers amounts to justice denied. Many deputy principals have remained in the same job group for long periods of time. We have had this information since they normally reach out to us. Recently, in my constituency, when we sought principals to head schools, we could hardly find any because of delayed career progression among deputy principals. It is important that teachers, principals and deputy principals progress through job groups in a timely manner to remain motivated and dedicated."

- Hon. Janet Sitienei (Turbo)



I want to clearly state that we support devolution because we believe it is good for our people. As we support devolution, we must also ask whether it is working and how it can be improved. We know that some counties are performing well while others face challenges in spending and operations. Considering the allocation given to the Senate, Senators must ensure accountability in counties. There is concern about corruption in counties. Senators should ensure governors are accountable. Many contractors report pending bills dating back to 2015 and 2016. We request governors to pay contractors, who often borrow from shylocks."

- Hon. Japheth Nyakundi (Kitutu Chache North)



In my view, we should not have made the position of governor an elective post. We should be able to appoint a qualified manager to manage county resources. We should be able to recall or reprimand such a person. Just because someone is a politician does not necessarily mean they can manage county resources. Another complication is that after a governor serves ten years, they are eligible to run for the Senate. Senators are expected to oversee counties, meaning they would oversee problems they contributed to while serving as governors. This creates a potential conflict of interest. We should reconsider this constitutional provision for review."

-Hon. Jematiah Sergon (Baringo County)

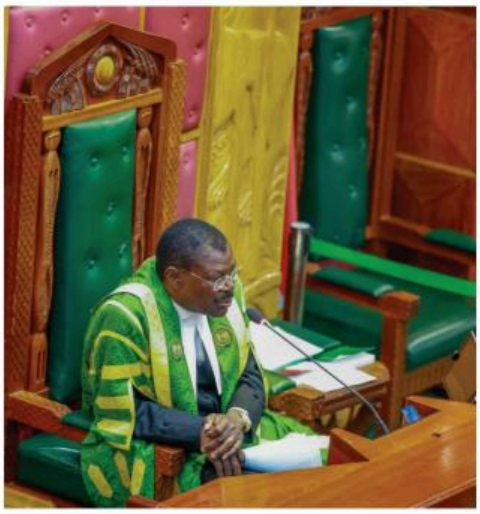


There are many factors that can push someone to take away their life. In most cases, those factors are beyond their control. First, the law criminalising suicide is colonial. Even after Independence, we still live with it, yet the British themselves have moved away from that law. Economic hardships also contribute. My heart goes out to teachers and police officers. Teachers face immense stress. Their SHA insurance is not working, making life difficult. Heavy taxation, including the Affordable Housing Levy, has reduced their earnings. Many see a bleak future and contemplate suicide. Such teachers should not be treated as criminals."

- Hon. Wanami Wamboka (Bumula)

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MPs back petition to digitally track police firearms



National Assembly Rt. Hon (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula presides over proceedings in the House during a recent sitting of the National Assembly.

A proposal to establish a national digital system for tracking and monitoring police firearms has received support from Members of Parliament, following the presentation of a petition to the National Assembly seeking reforms aimed at curbing the theft, misuse and unauthorized movement of police weapons.

National Assembly Rt. Hon (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula informed the House that his office had received a petition from Mr Emmanuel Kelly Ojoo calling for the establishment of a National Police Firearms Digital Detection and Tracking System.

The petition cites growing concerns over attacks on police stations and posts in various parts of the country, where officers have reportedly been ambushed and firearms stolen, exposing weaknesses in the current firearm management and monitoring framework.

Mr Ojoo argues that the theft or unauthorized removal of police firearms not only endangers officers and civilians but also undermines public confidence in the country's security institutions.

According to the petition, many police stations continue to rely on manual firearm issuance and armoury management systems that lack real-time electronic detection mechanisms capable of identifying unauthorized access or tampering.

He is now urging Parliament to amend the National Police Service Act, the Firearms Act and related laws to create a secure digital firearms tracking system within the National Police Service.

Speaker Wetang'ula referred the petition to the Public Petitions Committee for consideration and a report back to the House.

Hon. John Kiarie (Dagoretti South) welcomed the petition, saying modern technology offers practical solutions for tracking firearms and other police equipment.

Hon. Omboko Milemba (Emuhaya) also backed the proposal, saying a digital system would help address not only cases where officers lose firearms during attacks but also instances where police weapons are allegedly hired out for criminal activities.

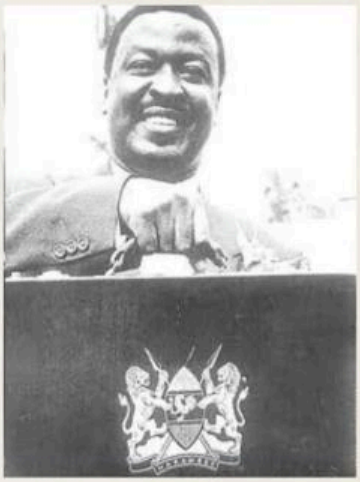
This week in history

The chaotic budget day of June 1997

On 19 June 1997, Kenya witnessed one of the most memorable budget presentations in its parliamentary history. What had been expected to be a formal presentation of the 1997/98 Budget by Finance Minister Musalia Mudavadi quickly turned into a tense and chaotic sitting in the National Assembly. The House was then presided over by Speaker Francis ole Kaparo, with President Daniel arap Moi also in attendance.

The drama unfolded at a time when the country was under heavy political pressure. Opposition leaders, civil society groups, religious leaders and reform activists were calling for constitutional changes ahead of the 1997 General Election. Across the country, the demand for reform had become louder, with the slogan "No Reforms, No Elections" capturing the mood of many Kenyans who felt that the political environment needed to be opened up before the polls.

As Mudavadi rose to read the Budget



Statement, opposition Members of Parliament staged a protest inside the Chamber. Some carried placards and chanted slogans, including "No Reforms, No Budget," while others attempted to disrupt the proceedings. The sitting soon became disorderly, forcing parliamentary security and the Sergeant-at-Arms to move in to protect the mace, the budget documents and the dignity of the House.

Despite the commotion, the Budget was eventually presented. However, the events of that day revealed just how deeply divided the country had become over questions of governance and reform. Parliament, which is usually associated with debate, procedure and order, became the stage on which the wider national struggle for democratic change was dramatically displayed.

Nearly three decades later, the chaotic Budget Day of June 1997 remains an important chapter in Kenya's parliamentary history. It is remembered not only for the disorder that unfolded in the Chamber, but also for what it represented: a moment when public frustration, political contestation and the demand for reform came face to face with one of Parliament's most important duties: the presentation of the national budget.

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