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Nation bids farewell to Ol Kalou MP, Hon. David Kiaraho





Leaders and residents gather to honour a three-term legislator remembered for discipline, humility, and service as he is laid to rest. STORY ON PAGE 3

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PLENARY

Speaker leads legislators in honouring Late MP Hon. Kiaraho in memorial service attended by thousands

Speaker of the National Assembly, Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula joined thousands of mourners who gathered at the proposed Nyandarua University grounds in Nyandarua County for a memorial service in honour of the late Ol Kalou MP, Hon. David Njuguna Kiaraho.

The solemn service was attended by H.E President William Ruto, Deputy President Prof. Kithure Kindiki, other leaders, clergy, and Members of the public. It offered an opportunity to pay last respects to the late MP.

Hon. Kiaraho was fondly referred to as "Daddy wa Power" by his constituents due to his impactful leadership and charitable work.

The service was led by the Presbyterian Church of East Africa and attended by religious leaders from over 100 denominations. Speakers called on the congregation to embrace a life of service in memory of the late legislator. He was remembered as a humble man of faith devoted to serving and glorifying God.

Leaders present urged Kenyans to uphold peace, love, and unity as they celebrated the life and legacy of the three-term MP.

Delivering the sermon, Rev. Mugendi Kanga challenged mourners to reflect on their legacy. He asked how they would wish to be remembered and emphasised the importance of living a meaningful life.

In his tribute, Speaker Wetang'ula described Kiaraho as a respected and distinguished leader who dedicated his life to public service.

He noted that his election to three consecutive terms reflected the trust and confidence the people of Ol Kalou and Nyandarua County had in his leadership.

"We have lost a distinguished professional, a diligent servant, and a leader who was deeply loved by his people," said the Speaker.

MPs sang a rendition of the popular hymn *Cha Kutumaini Sina* in honour of their departed colleague. Majority Whip Hon. Silvanus Osoro (South Mugirango) led the performance as the soloist.

In his speech, the Speaker highlighted the late MP's contribution to the construction and road transport sectors, noting that his professional background played a key role in infrastructure development.

He also commended Hon. Kiaraho's discipline in Parliament, noting that he was never called to order and consistently observed House rules.

He said the loss extends beyond Ol Kalou and Parliament to the entire nation. He added that the large turnout reflected the respect and admiration Kenyans had for the late legislator.



National Assembly Speaker Hon. Moses Wetang'ula presents the widow of the late Ol Kalou MP, Hon. David Njuguna Kiaraho, Mrs. Jane Njuguna with a compilation of the late MP's Hansard records, documenting his contributions since he first entered Parliament in 2013.

He conveyed his condolences to the family and prayed for strength during the difficult period.

As a symbolic gesture, Hon. Wetang'ula presented the family with a compilation of Kiaraho's Hansard records, documenting his contributions since he first entered Parliament.

President Ruto described the late MP as focused, forthright, and hardworking. He said Hon.Kiaraho consistently championed development for his constituents.

"Every time I was invited to Ol Kalou, it was about development for the people. He was steadfast, clear in his priorities, and deeply committed to improving the lives of the people of Ol Kalou," said the President.

Legislators hail late Hon. Kiaraho as sober, futuristic and resourceful legislator



Ad-Hoc Funeral Planning Committee's Vice Chairperson Hon. Faith Gitau and Hon. Tom Kajwang pay tribute to the late Ol Kalou MP, Hon. David Kiaraho in a requiem service held at St. Andrew's Church, Nairobi County

Members of Parliament that attended the Requiem Service for the late Ol Kalou MP, Hon. David Kiaraho in Nairobi have eulogized him as a dependable and independent-thinker who displayed professionalism in all his undertakings as a leader and legislator.

Speaking at the St. Andrew's Church, the Ad-Hoc Funeral Planning Committee's Vice Chairperson Hon. Faith Gitau (Woman Representative of Nyandarua County) referred to the life of the late MP as an epitome of good leadership, referencing his contribution both on the floor of the house, and to his Constituents of Ol Kalou.

Hon. Gitau encouraged the widow of the late MP to rely on God's guidance and support in the loss of her spouse.

Hon. Tom Kajwang who has served with the late Hon. Kiaraho in his three terms since 2013, mourned him as a personal friend who had a significant influence on his career as a politician.

"I have come to honor him as a colleague who has been at the helm of my personal growth both as a politician and leader," he said.

"He spoke seed and sense in every situation he was in, and that's a very commendable attribute. His political views never superseded sense and common decency," added Hon. Kajwang.

Hon. Eve Obara, (Kabondo Kasipul) who is also a member of the Funeral Planning Committee relieved the frailty of life and the need to offer comfort and support for bereaved families.

"The pain of loss is so personal that all of us here can only imagine the family's pain, and I pray for strength and courage for them to bear the loss of their beloved father and husband." She remarked.

Hon. Dawood Rahim, (North Imenti) remembered Hon. Kiaraho as a man of honor, having served with him at the National Assembly since 2013 as well.

"We were elected in the same year, and we formed a bond in the years that we have worked together both politically and personally." He said, adding that, "he was a man of honor, despite being a politician he always stood firm in what he believed was right."

EALA MP, Hon Kanini Kega said the OlKalou legislator was a good man who held his hands politically, and stood with him throughout his tenure and beyond.

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The late Ol Kalou MP, Hon. David Njuguna Kiaraho, was laid to rest at his Tigoni farm in Kiambu County on Friday, April 10, 2026, bringing to a close a week of tributes to a legislator widely respected for his professionalism and commitment to public service.

Hon. Kiaraho, who was serving his third term in Parliament after first being elected in 2013, passed away on Sunday, March 29, 2026.

Deputy President Prof. Kithure Kindiki, National Assembly Majority Leader Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah, and a host of Members of Parliament were among mourners who attended the funeral service.

At the solemn ceremony held at Island Farm, leaders who spoke steered clear of politics, choosing instead to condole with the family and pay tribute to the late lawmaker's life and legacy.

The service was led by clergy from the Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA), the family church of Hon. Kiaraho. His spouse, Mrs. Jacqueline Njeri Njuguna, is an elder at St. Andrew's PCEA Church, which presided over the service.

Hon. Kiaraho was widely remembered as a disciplined and diligent legislator who consistently observed House rules and remained focused on development matters, particularly in infrastructure and transport.

Leaders described him as a humble and dependable public servant whose contributions extended beyond his constituency to the national stage.

Earlier, a memorial service held at the proposed Nyandarua University grounds brought together thousands of mourners, including national leaders, clergy, and Members of the public, who gathered to celebrate his life and service.

President William Ruto led the nation in honouring the three-term legislator, describing him as a focused and hardworking leader who consistently prioritised the needs of his constituents.

"Every time I was invited to Ol Kalou, it was about development for the people. He was steadfast, clear in his priorities, and deeply committed to improving the lives of the people," the President said.

Deputy President Kithure Kindiki also eulogised Kiaraho as a respectful and accomplished leader, noting that the country had lost "an accomplished son" whose contribution to public service would endure.

National Assembly Speaker, Hon. Moses Wetang'ula described the late MP as a distinguished and disciplined parliamentarian who served with diligence throughout his three consecutive terms.

"We have lost a distinguished professional, a diligent servant, and a leader who was deeply loved by his people," said the Speaker.

Hon. Wetang'ula highlighted Kiaraho's strong record in infrastructure development, attributing it to his background in architecture, and commended his exemplary conduct in the House, noting he was never once called to order.

The Speaker further emphasized that Kiaraho's repeated electoral victories since 2013 reflected deep public trust, while his service in key parliamentary Committees demonstrated his commitment to legislative work and national development.

Other leaders, including Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi and various MPs, described the late legislator as a dedicated public servant whose impact extended beyond Nyandarua County.

The late Kiaraho, fondly known as "Daddy wa Power" by constituents, was remembered for championing grassroots development and maintaining a low-profile but effective leadership style focused on infrastructure, education and community empowerment.

National Assembly Clerk joins MPs, staff at Hon. Kiaraho's requiem service, eulogizes late MP as instrumental part of legislation



The Clerk of the National Assembly, Mr. Samuel Njoroge pays tribute to the late Ol kalou MP at St. Andrews Church, Nairobi County

The Clerk of the National Assembly Mr. Samuel Njoroge on Thursday, April 9th attended the Church Funeral Service of of the departed Ol Kalou MP, the late Hon. David Kiaraho where he gave a tribute on behalf of the Management team in honor of the Late MP.

Mr. Njoroge acknowledged the delicacy of a situation where a deceased politician leaves behind a family that needs time and space to mourn and honor their departed, saying it is a situation most often than not, is unfortunately disregarded during the funeral process.

He applauded the Widow Mrs. Jackline Kiaraho for her strength during the mourning period, and for welcoming the entire political class into her homes despite her grief.

Commending her innovation of the Association of the Spouses of Elected MPs, the Clerk stated that this is an initiative that has since brought together wives of MPs who have continued to share in their common interests.

"Hon. Kiragu as a politician, gave himself and his resources to his people indiscriminately." Said Clerk Njoroge. Adding that, "He chose when to speak, always adviced early, remained non-controversial, and had a special seating place in the house near colleagues with similar traits."

The Clerk, while acknowledging the gap left behind in the areas the late MP was of great impact, intimated that as the management of the National Assembly, it was an honor working with the deceased MP who shall be dearly missed, especially his invaluable contributions to the legislative processes.

"Hon. Kiaraho wanted to speak and be in the spaces where infrastructure was discussed, he loved order and planning on matters the country's future." Said Mr. Njoroge. Adding that; "He chose relevant topics to engage in, and desisted from engaging in anything that did not involve growth and development for his people, the legislature, and the country at large."

In conclusion, Mr. Njoroge encouraged the widow, children, and the entire family of the late Hon. Kiaraho to trust in God to provide guidance and restoration beyond the loss of Hon. Kiaraho.

CLIQUE & CLICKS Funeral service of the late Ol Kalou MP, Hon. Arch. David Njuguna Kiaraho



Members of the Presbyterian Church Men's Fellowship(PCMF) carry the casket of the late Ol Kalou MP, Hon. David Njuguna Kiaraho into his Tigoni farm ahead of his burial.



Children of the late Ol Kalou MP, Hon. David Njuguna Kiaraho, Mr. Ian Kiaraho Njuguna, Mellisa Nyatuga Ndun'gu and Anthony Ng'ang'a Njuguna alongside their spouses lay wreathes at the burial site in Tigoni farm



Members of Parliament sing hymns led by Majority Whip, Hon. Sylvanus Osoro at a memorial service in honour of the late Ol Kalou MP, Hon. David Kiaraho at the proposed Nyandarua University grounds in Nyandarua County



H.E President William Ruto, Deputy President, H.E. Prof. Kindiki Kithure, National Assembly Speaker , Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula alongside other leaders and the Clergy arrive for the memorial service in honour of the late Ol Kalou MP, Hon. David



Ad-Hoc Funeral Committee Chair and Kinangop MP, Hon. Kwenya Thuku (left) and former Kikuyu MP and family member. Hon. Lewis Nguyai, lead close friends and family of the late Ol Kalou MP, Hon. David Njuguna Kiaraho in carrying his casket into the proposed Nyandarua University grounds in Nyandarua County for a requiem mass on Wednes-

Njuguna Kiaraho at the proposed Nyandarua University grounds in Nyandarua County.

day April 8, 2026.



Hon. (Eng.) John Chege Kiragu, MP (Limuru) a member of the funeral planning Committee consulting with other Members of the team. Hon Kiragu led the Committee to inspect the proposed burial site for the late Ol Kalou MP Hon. David Kiaraho in Tigoni, Limuru.



The National Assembly Lady Spouses Association of Kenya (NALSA-Kenya) console the widow of the late Ol Kalou MP, Mrs. Jackline Njeri Njuguna (center) during the funeral service in Tigoni farm in Kiambu County



Deputy President Prof Kithure Kindiki, poses for a group photo with the family of late Ol Kalou MP Hon. David Kiaraho and Members of Parliament.



National Assembly Majority Leader Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah when he visited the family of the late Hon. David Kiaraho at their home in Runda.

TRIBUTES THE LATE OL KALOU MP, HON. DAVID KIARAHO BY LEGISLATORS



A noble soul, a bosom friend, a value adder, a diligent worker, and a true servant of the people and patriot has gone to meet his Maker. He was an exemplary human being in many respects, serving a third term in Parliament, an accomplished architect, and a successful business mogul. He was gracious, witty, and deeply humble at heart. Though his passing is painful and saddening, we accept God's will. He has gone ahead of us, and we can only honor him by advancing the values he upheld and the causes he so passionately championed"

-Hon. Kwenya Thuku (Kinangop)



I had the privilege of interacting closely with him at many functions in his Ol Kalou Constituency and across our Nyandarua County. What always stood out about my brother, friend, and colleague was his humility, warmth, and boundless love for ordinary people. He was, in every sense, a political giant and an architect who inspired us to rededicate ourselves to public service beyond political affiliations and generations. Fare thee well, "Daddy wa Power," as you were fondly known. Nyandarua is indeed poorer without you, and your legacy will continue to guide and inspire us in service to our people."

-Hon. Faith Gitau (Nyandarua County)



He was a remarkable man, soft-spoken yet highly focused, and deeply committed to his responsibilities. We served together in the Transport and Infrastructure Committee, where his dedication to the work of the House team was evident. He showed great interest in matters of infrastructure and urban planning, guided by his background in architecture. He made valuable contributions and approached his duties with consistency and care. He also touched many lives through his kindness and humility, always treating others with respect, including his colleagues. His passing is a great loss, and he will be remembered for his service and character."

-Hon. Elsie Muhanda (Kakamega County)



Although he was elected by the people of Ol Kalou Constituency, he had an illustrious career that significantly impacted the city of Nairobi. MPs will remember him as a firm advocate for proper urban planning. His efforts were evident in areas such as Kilimani, Dagoretti North, and Dagoretti South, where he championed for orderly development as a skilled architect. He consistently opposed unplanned growth in the greater Dagoretti area. As we mourn with his constituents, we remind them that his influence extended far beyond his constituency and county, leaving a lasting mark on Nairobi's development and planning."

-Hon. John Kiarie (Dagoretti South)



He was an outgoing person who genuinely connected with everyone during the last campaigns. The period was not easy for most politicians, yet he remained bold and courageous in defending our preferred presidential candidate at that time . I visited his constituency several times and formed a close working bond with him. In this House, he was widely respected, especially on matters of roads and infrastructure, where he was an expert. I consulted him often on issues before the Transport Committee. Despite being a third-term Member, he treated first-term Members with respect, always ready to guide and engage. His death is a great loss to this House and our party."

-Hon. Mark Mwenje (Embakasi West)



I joined Parliament with him in 2013. He was not only a good friend, but also a brother and neighbor, as his Ol Kalou constituency borders Kipipiri. We met regularly, often monthly at a Nairobi hotel, to share tea and discuss matters affecting our great Nyandarua County. I urge the government to prioritize completion of the Njeru-Geta Road, a project he passionately lobbied for alongside myself and other leaders since 2013. Completing this key road within the year would be a fitting tribute to his dedication and service to our people. May his legacy continue to inspire us all."

- Hon. Wanjiku Muhia (Kipipiri)



He was a quiet and hardworking leader who served his people with humility, dedication, and strong commitment. Though he was soft-spoken, he made a big difference through his actions and service. In Parliament, he worked consistently and remained focused on the needs of his constituents. He carried out his duties with honesty and a strong sense of responsibility, always putting the public first. He earned respect through his character and work. His legacy of integrity, discipline, and service will remain in our hearts. He will be remembered for his calm leadership and his sincere devotion to serving others."

-Hon. Beatrice Elachi (Dagoretti North)



He was a great friend, an architect, and a dedicated member of the Transport Committee. An intellectual in his work, he committed himself to many causes, especially within the building and construction sector in Nairobi and across the country. His passion for better infrastructure and urban planning was evident in all he did and stood for. As we reflect on his legacy, we in the Transport Committee should continue advancing discussions on pedestrian walkways and the redesign of Nairobi to ease commuting for all road users. Carrying forward this vision will be a fitting tribute to his life and service to the nation."

-Hon Kibet Komingoi (Bureti)



There is no doubt that we have lost a great man. He balanced politics, family, and business with dedication. I attended two weddings in his family, and it is sad that we are now mourning his demise. He was a good businessman and a sharp politician. As a first-time MP, I had no doubt he would return, for a fourth term and this just shows that he was loved by the people. However, God determines our times; He knows when we are born and when we are called to His table. We mourn his passing and honour his service."

-Hon. Edwin Muriu (Gatanga)



He was a steadfast leader and a devoted servant of the people of Ol Kalou Constituency. His life was marked by quiet diligence, professional excellence, and a strong commitment to public service. From his distinguished career as an architect to his impactful work in Parliament, he served with purpose and integrity. He remained focused on development and the well-being of the people he represented. We have not only lost a colleague, but also a principled voice and a dependable leader. His contribution to our nation will be remembered, and his legacy will continue to inspire future generations."

- Hon. Irene Mayaka (Nominated)

Architect of service: late Ol Kalou MP David Kiaraho remembered

After years immersed in the demanding world of architecture poring over volumes of technical literature, drafting intricate sketches, and developing structural models—former Ol Kalou MP, Hon. David Njuguna Kiaraho, emerged not only as a consummate professional but as a leader prepared for the complexities of public service.

His election to Parliament in 2013 marked the beginning of a legislative career that would see him serve three consecutive terms, bringing a rare blend of technical expertise and measured leadership to the National Assembly. For his constituents, it was a moment of pride; for Parliament, it was the arrival of a legislator whose professional grounding would prove invaluable.



The Late Hon. David Njuguna Kiaraho speaking at a public engagement in Ol Kalou constituency

Throughout his tenure, Hon. Kiaraho distinguished himself as a meticulous and disciplined lawmaker, particularly in matters relating to construction, infrastructure, and planning. Colleagues consistently recall his keen attention to detail—an attribute deeply rooted in his architectural training—which he applied rigorously in scrutinizing legislation.

As a Member of the Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure, he played a pivotal role in shaping key legislative proposals. Fellow committee members remember his contributions as precise and solution-oriented, often anchoring debates in technical logic and long-term national planning considerations.

He took particular interest in discussions surrounding infrastructure development and strategic frameworks such as the National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF), always advocating for structured, sustainable approaches to national growth.

North Imenti MP, Rahim Dawood, who served alongside him, described Hon. Kiaraho as a consensus builder whose calm demeanor helped navigate contentious debates.

"I never saw Hon. Kiaraho quarrel with anyone, whether before the Committee or in the Chamber. He was always a peacemaker," he said.

This portrait of quiet effectiveness was echoed by the Clerk of the National Assembly, Samuel Njoroge, who described him as a diligent legislator whose leadership, technical acumen, and interpersonal skills enriched parliamentary proceedings.

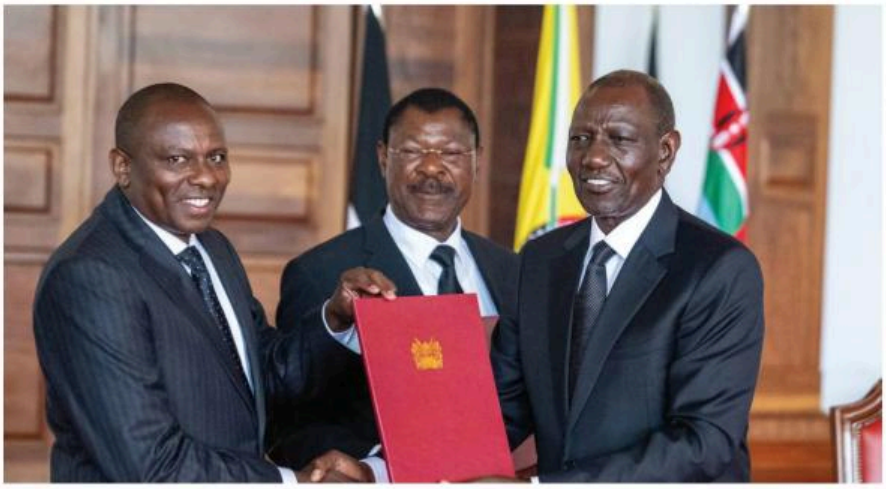
According to the Clerk, Hon. Kiaraho was deliberate in his interventions—choosing his moments to speak, offering timely procedural guidance, and maintaining decorum at all times.

"He was calm, uncontroversial, and measured. We will miss him in that House," Mr. Njoroge noted.

Ruaraka MP, Tom Kajwang', similarly paid tribute to a colleague who upheld high standards of professionalism even in the most heated debates, particularly those touching on construction, housing, and infrastructure.

In Hon. Kiaraho, Parliament had more than a legislator—it had a steady hand, a technical mind, and a unifying presence. His legacy endures not only in the laws he helped shape, but in the quiet strength and integrity with which he served.

New law unlocks Ksh393 Billion boost to Accelerate Service Delivery and Development



H.E President William Ruto (right), National Assembly Speaker , Hon. Moses Wetang'ula and Majority Leader, Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah posing with a signed vellum of the Supplementary Appropriations Act, 2026

The Supplementary Appropriations Bill, 2026, has been signed into law. The Act seeks to align spending with emerging priorities, including security operations, education needs, healthcare funding, and infrastructure development.

The new law gives effect to Supplementary Estimates I for the 2025/2026 Financial Year a 9.1 per cent increase aimed at aligning public spending with emerging national priorities.

The additional Ksh393.1 billion allocation is directed to the National Government, which receives Ksh363.8 billion, while Consolidated Fund Services takes up KSh29.2 billion. The revised estimates allocates recurrent expenditure Ksh229.4 billion and development spending rises by Ksh134.4 billion a notable shift that preserves and strengthens investment in long-term growth.

Security emerged as the biggest winner, receiving Ksh60 billion in additional funding. The State Department for Internal Security has been allocated Ksh11.9 billion, including funds for security operations, modernization of police systems, and compensation for victims of recent demonstrations.

The education sector also secured substantial allocations. The Teachers Service Commission will receive Ksh24.2 billion to address salary shortfalls and insurance costs. University funding and student support have also been bolstered, with Ksh4.1 billion going to HELB and Ksh3.88 billion set aside to clear salary arrears owed to university staff.

In healthcare, the government has allocated billions to stabilize services. This includes Ksh4 billion to settle pending bills from the defunct NHIF and Ksh5.4 billion to support the doctors' internship programme. Additional funds will go toward upgrading hospitals and supporting vaccine programmes.

Housing and infrastructure projects have also received a boost. The Affordable Housing Programme has been allocated Ksh25 billion, while Ksh4.5 billion will fund road projects under the Horn of Africa Gateway initiative.

Agriculture, a key pillar of the economy, will receive over Ksh17 billion. The fertilizer subsidy programme alone has been allocated Ksh10 billion to support farmers and enhance food production.

To finance the expanded budget, the government plans to strengthen non-tax revenue streams, including privatization initiatives. An additional Ksh17.6 billion allocation to the Kenya Revenue Authority is expected to enhance tax

collection.

COMMITTEES' ROUND-UP

Housing Committee rallies behind call for innovative financing to drive growth of Africa's urban cities



Housing, Urban Planning and Public Works Committee Acting Chairperson, Hon. Rindikiri Mugambi and Hon. Daniel Manduku speaking during the Second Africa Urban Forum (AUF2) held at KICC, Nairobi county

Lawmakers have joined continental leaders and experts in Nairobi to push for innovative financing and citizen-centred legislation to build sustainable, inclusive and climate-resilient cities.

Speaking during the Second Africa Urban Forum (AUF2), Housing, Urban Planning and Public Works Committee Acting Chairperson, Hon. Rindikiri Mugambi underscored the central role of Parliaments in shaping policies and unlocking financing to support Africa's rapidly expanding urban populations.

"Africa's urban future will depend not only on ambition, but on our ability to mobilize financing, strengthen institutions, and deliver at scale," said Hon. Mugambi adding that "Article 43 of the Constitution guarantees every Kenyan the right to accessible and adequate housing. The task before us is to translate this right into enforceable systems supported by digital platforms that enhance transparency and efficiency."

He pointed to laws such as the Affordable Housing Act and the Urban Areas and Cities Act as critical instruments, noting they provide actionable frameworks for financing, planning and managing housing while embedding public participation and accountability.

The lawmaker acknowledged the progress Kenya has made since the implementation of the Affordable Housing programme which is impacting lives of low-income earners in urban centres.

Hon. Mugambi emphasized Parliament's responsibility in driving transformation, noting that lawmakers are "custodians of the legislative and policy frameworks that enable action" and must ensure national priorities reflect the realities in cities and informal settlements.

On his part, Hon. Daniel Manduku emphasised the role of technology in closing governance gaps, particularly through e-permitting systems and GIS-based planning tools.

"Digital urban governance is no longer optional. Systems like e-permitting and GIS mapping reduce delays, eliminate opacity and ensure that planning decisions are data-driven and responsive to citizens' needs," Hon. Manduku said.

Nairobi County MP, Hon. Esther Passaris pointed out the importance of aligning legislation to support climate-smart urban development, and strengthening oversight of innovative financing mechanisms.

"We must champion new financing models, including blended finance and public-private partnerships, while ensuring transparency and accountability," she said.

Calling for continental solidarity, Hon. Rindikiri Mugambi urged African parliaments to take a more active role. "The conversations we are having here are crucial and will set the ground work to implement better urban planning and housing programmes across the continent," he noted.

MPs back SRC regulations to streamline public service pay, rein in wage bill



Committee on Delegated Legislation Chairperson, Hon. Samwel Chepkonga speaking during a committee meeting

The National Assembly has approved the Draft Salaries and Remuneration Commission (Remuneration and Benefits of State and Other Public Officers) Regulations, 2025, a move lawmakers say will usher in fairness in the public sector.

Moving the motion, Committee on Delegated Legislation Chairperson, Hon. Samwel Chepkonga told the House the revised regulations had cured past legal and constitutional defects that led to their earlier annulment. "We found that the regulation are constitutional, in accordance with the enabling Act and the Statutory Instruments Act," adding that the framework would allow the Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC) to carry out their mandate in a manner that is fair, transparent and responsible.

According to the Committee's report the regulations' central objective is to harmonise pay, eliminate arbitrary salary decisions and align public sector compensation with Kenya's budgetary realities. "The Regulations seek to remove the subjectivity that has always been the problem in salary negotiations," Hon. Chepkonga noted, particularly in Collective Bargaining Agreements.

Mathare MP, Hon. Anthony Oluoch said the framework provides "clear principles and criteria while embedding constitutional safeguards. "In light of the compliance, these Regulations now meet the requirements of both the Constitution and the Statutory Instruments Act," he said. "I urge that this House proceeds to approve these Regulations."

Lawmakers across the aisle rallied behind the reforms, citing their potential to streamline a historically fragmented pay structure. Nyando MP, Hon. Jared Okello described the new regime as a corrective measure to long-standing inequities. "There has been a haphazard way of apportionment of salaries, Public officers have had to undergo a lot of disparities," he said. "The Regulations create a level of uniformity and certainty."

Nairobi County MP Hon. Esther Passaris welcomed the structured approach, calling it "essential in managing the public wage bill and ensuring consistency across all Government entities," while urging balance to protect worker morale. "A fair wage is not a cost; it is an investment in dignity, service delivery and national stability," she said.

The approved regulations introduce structured job evaluation, standardised pay scales and clearer guidelines on allowances long seen as a loophole for inflated compensation. They also align salary reviews with national planning cycles, a move expected to improve fiscal predictability.

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House Committee supports plans to regulate Theological Colleges amid dwindling standards

The Public Petitions Committee has endorsed a proposal to establish a clear regulatory framework for theological colleges, citing the need to address their rapid, largely unregulated growth nationwide.

The Committee, chaired by Runyenjes MP Hon. Muchangi Karemba, reached a position during a session with the Principal Secretary in the State Department for Technical and Vocational Education and Training, Dr. Esther Muoria, on Tuesday, April 7, 2026. The meeting was convened to deliberate on a petition filed by Rev. Josiah Njiru Wajoshuah, Chairman of the Association of Pentecostal Vocational Training Institutions of Kenya (APVOTIK).

Rev. Njiru expressed concern about the lack of a dedicated regulatory framework for theological education, warning that the gap threatens credibility, quality assurance, and the integrity of ministry within church communities. He urged the National Assembly to enact legislation specifically aimed at regulating theological training and education in Kenya.

The petitioner highlighted a sharp increase in the number of theological colleges, Bible schools, and online ministry training platforms. He observed that many of these institutions are affiliated with Pentecostal, Charismatic, and Indigenous movements and operate without established ecclesiastical oversight, such as the Episcopal order.

Dr. Muoria maintained that the absence of a tailor-made regulatory framework does not necessarily indicate a lack of oversight within the country's broader education system. She emphasized that theological institutions are expected to align their academic and professional qualifications with existing national standards.



Hon. Muchangi Karemba, Chairperson of the Public Petitions Committee asks a question during the meeting with the PS, State Department for Technical and Vocational Education and Training, Dr. Esther Muoria.



A section of Members of the Public Petitions Committee, from left, Hon. Muchangi Karemba (Chairperson), Janet Sitienei (Vice-chairperson), Hon. Nebart Muriuki, Hon. Joshua Kandie and Hon. Peter Kihungi, during the meeting last week with the PS, State Department for Technical and Vocational Education and Training, Dr. Esther Muoria.

"It is therefore recommended that the petitioner collaborates with the various regulatory bodies recognized under the Kenya National Qualifications Framework (General) Regulations, 2025, which are mandated to regulate and enforce legislative provisions in the education and training sector to weed out unlicensed and unaccredited theological colleges, Bible schools, and online ministry training platforms in Kenya," said Dr. Muoria.

However, Members of the Committee, led by Hon. Muchangi, questioned why the State Department could not spearhead the development of a unified regulatory framework encompassing all religious denominations.

In response, Dr. Muoria assured the Committee that the State Department would begin developing a policy paper on establishing a professional religious body. She explained that such a body would be responsible for setting and enforcing operational standards across the sector.

Kenya's debt crisis deepens as Controller of Budget warns of "vicious cycle"

Kenya's fiscal stability has come under renewed scrutiny after the Controller of Budget (CoB), Dr. Margaret Nyakang'o, warned Parliament that the country risks falling deeper into a debt trap caused by high borrowing costs and poor coordination in project implementation.

Appearing before the National Assembly's Committee on Public Debt and Privatization, chaired by Mbalambala MP, Hon. Shurie Abdi Omar, Dr. Nyakang'o outlined a bleak view of the country's financial situation, describing a "vicious cycle of debt accumulation" that is gradually reducing fiscal space and harming effective budget implementation.

She revealed that Kenya's public debt had risen to KSh 12.29 trillion as of December 2025—equivalent to 67.8 percent of GDP—well above the statutory ceiling of 55 percent. Of greater concern, she noted, is the growing cost of servicing this debt.

"Half of debt payments are only financial costs rather than debt reduction. The principal figure is not reducing—we're just paying interest," said Dr. Nyakang'o, adding that interest payments alone now stand at Kshs. 464.49 billion, accounting for 54 percent of total debt service.

The CoB further warned of what she called "hazardous borrowing," where the government takes on new loans to cover existing ones. When borrowing is used to repay external obligations, she answered honestly: "Yes. Yes. And Yes… we do this all the time."

Lawmakers were particularly alarmed by revelations that billions of shillings have been lost through commitment fees—charges incurred on loans that remain unused due to delayed or unprepared projects. Dr. Nyakang'o attributed this to a disconnect between the National Treasury and implementing agencies.

"We find ourselves in a debt trap where we sign for loans when we are not ready. Treasury mobilises funds without ensuring implementers are prepared," she said, citing cases involving Konza Technopolis and Kenya Power projects, some dating back to 2017.

The heavy debt burden, she added, has triggered a liquidity crunch, forcing the government into cash rationing and leading to delayed payments, including salaries. "We are seeing a situation where even salaries are paid in bits due to cash flow constraints," she noted.

Dr. Nyakang'o also criticised the use of Article 223 of the Constitution to finance previously rejected expenditures, terming it a "back door" that undermines fiscal discipline.

To restore stability, the CoB recommended debt transparency, and strengthening oversight mechanisms. "We must undertake evidence-based analysis before acquiring new debt to ensure it serves the country's best interests," she urged.

The Committee decided to initiate a separate investigation into commitment fees, signaling a move to hold accountable those responsible for the growing losses.



The Chairperson of the Public Debt and Privatization Committee Hon. Abdi Shurie during a meeting with the Controller of Budget Dr. Margaret Nyakang'o at Bunge Tower, Parliament Buildings.

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The Implementation Committee pushes for stakeholder engagement to resolve the Galana Raching Boundary



Committee Chairperson, Hon. Raphael Sauti Wanjala while engaging the Director of Survey during the meeting held inside Bunge Tower on Wednesday, 8th April 2026.

Lawmakers last week directed that the office of the Principal Secretary in the State Department for Lands and Physical Planning, Mr. Nixon Korir, spearheads a community sensitization process and stakeholders' engagement on the irregular extension of boundaries in the Galana ranching land issues.

This follows a petition that was brought to the attention of the National Assembly by Hon. Michael Kingi, former MP, for Magarini Constituency on behalf of Magarini community land owners in Kilifi County and by extension Tana River County. In the Petition, the community alleged that the Agricultural Development Corporation (ADC) had unlawfully extended the boundaries of Galana Ranch, thereby encroaching on ancestral land historically occupied by the Waata and Giriama Communities.

The encroached area is said to be vital to the social and economic livelihoods of the affected communities, who claim to have ancestral shrines.

The Committee, led by Hon. Raphael Wanjala, held a sitting last week with the Director of Survey, Mr. Weldon Maritin, who represented PS Korir on the matter. It found that the State Department had not conducted a repeat boundary survey to clearly demarcate the limits of the Galana Kulalu ranch and community land within the six-month timeframe observed by the Committee on Lands.

"We want to request that all stakeholders in this matter, including the current MP, Hon. Harrison Kombe, the County Government of Kilifi, the National Lands Commission, ADC, the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), the DCI, and the Community, be engaged so that we can expedite and conclude investigations into this alleged illegal subdivision and encroachment on this land shared between the Government and the Community," said Hon. Wanjala.

Hon. Kanchory Memusi called on PS Korir to take up the matter with seriousness and report back to the Committee.

"There is a complaint from the community that needs to be addressed; families are affected here. We cannot wish it away just because the County Government of Kilifi and ADC are not saying anything; we must help these people by reaching a conclusion," said Hon. Memusi.

The Director of Survey, in his response to the Committee, stated that they were ready to carry out the survey and offer any other technical support after engaging all stakeholders in the matter. He also called for the Committee's intervention as they reach out to stakeholders, since matters of land are emotive and sensitive.

Committee Chairperson Hon. Raphael Wanjala directed that PS Korir report back to the Committee within three months to show progress.

PIC Governance and Education recommends surcharging of Ksh 170,000 to Tharaka TVET over irregular board allowances



Bumula MP Hon. Jack Wanami Wamboka, chairperson of the Public Investments Committee on Governance and Education during a Committee session at Bunge Tower, Parliament Buildings

The National Assembly's Public Investments Committee on Governance and Education has recommended a surcharge of Ksh 170,000 to Tharaka Technical and Vocational College, over irregular allowances paid to board members during virtual meetings

The Committee, chaired by Hon. Jack Wamboka (Bumula), made the finding while examining the Auditor-General's reports for the financial years 2021/2022, 2022/2023 and 2023/2024.

Hon. Wamboka ruled that the payments were had already been delegated to a selection panel that included representation from the board.

"The full board had no role to play in the recruitment exercise, and any allowances paid in that regard were irregular and must be recovered," said Hon. Wamboka.

He added: "Public funds must be used strictly within the law. Where functions have been delegated, institutions cannot purport to duplicate roles merely to justify expenditure."

According to the Auditor-General FCPA Nancy Gathungu, the institution's financial statements for the year ending June 2024 reflected board expenses amounting to Ksh 1,903,200, including directors' emoluments of Ksh 1,300,700.

However, the audit flagged Ksh 170,000 paid to board Members as allowances for attending meetings and workshops related to the review of the strategic plan and recruitment of vocational trainers, expenditures that were neither approved nor warranted.

"The amount includes Ksh 170,000 paid to board Members for activities that were outside their mandate, as the recruitment process had already been assigned to a duly constituted selection panel," Gathungu stated in her report.

The audit further revealed that the accounting officer had formally appointed a selection panel through a letter dated June 5, 2023, to conduct interviews between June 12 and June 25, 2023, with the process scheduled to commence on July 3, 2023.

Other entities that appeared before the Committee included Aldai Technical Training Institute, Ol'Lessos National Polytechnic and Emsos Technical and Vocational Institute

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unjustified, noting that the recruitment of trainers

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TAITA TAVETA COUNTY

Ultra-modern Mwatate ESP market set to boost local economy

The ultra-modern Mwatate ESP market is expected to boost economic activity while providing a conducive environment for traders in Taita Taveta County.

County MP, Hon. Lydia Haika, said the government has fulfilled its promise to the residents of Mwatate Constituency by establishing the new market, which will soon be opened to the public.

The MP made these remarks when she recently hosted Deputy President Kithure Kindiki during his inspection tour of key road infrastructure projects in Taita Taveta County.

During the visit, they assessed the progress of works on the Mto Mogodi, Msau, Mbale, Werugha and Bura roads. The inspection focused on the implementation status, quality standards and adherence to timelines to ensure efficient and timely completion in line with the required specifications.

"Construction of such projects confirms the government's commitment to strengthening infrastructure to enhance connectivity, stimulate trade, improve access to essential services and drive sustainable socio-economic growth," said Hon. Haika.

Also present during the visit were H.E. Governor Andrew Mwadime, Mwatate MP Hon. Peter Shake, Wundanyi MP Hon. Danson Mwashako, and Taveta MP Hon. John Bwire, among other leaders.



Deputy President Prof Kithure Kindiki (in a cap) alongside other leaders among them County MP Hon Haika (in a kitenge dress) inspects the new Mwatate market that is under construction

KABETE CONSTITUENCY



Kabete MP Hon Githua Wamacukuru welcomed by pupils of ACK Ndongoro comprehensive school for a thanksgiving ceremony and official opening of new classrooms

New Classrooms Planned for ACK Ndongoro School in Kabete

Kabete MP, Hon. Githua Wamacukuru, has announced plans to build 16 new classrooms and a perimeter wall at ACK Ndongoro Comprehensive School as part of ongoing infrastructure development.

Speaking during a thanksgiving event at the school, attended by learners, teachers and parents following strong performance in the KCPE examinations, Hon. Wamacukuru said the project will be carried out by the State Department for Housing.

"The project set to commence soon was promised by President William Ruto when he toured Kiambu county recently," he explained.

He also commissioned a new classroom block funded by the Kabete NG-CDF to help accommodate the growing number of pupils in yhe school.

TONGAREN CONSTITUENCY

Bursary boost for Tongaren students as MP Chikati rolls out education drive

Learners in Tongaren constituency have received a major boost after area MP Dr.John Murumba Chikati oversaw the disbursement of bursary cheques to needy students.

The exercise, conducted at St. Juliana Secondary School, is part of the constituency's "Bursary Kwa Kila Boma" initiative aimed at enhancing access to education.

Earlier in the day, the programme reached several schools in Soysambu Mitua Ward, including RCEA Namunyiri Girls, AIC James Mwei, Nyange PAG, Siangalamwe, Mwikhupo, St. Paul's Narati and Mitua Girls High School.

Speaking during the event, Mr Chikati reaffirmed his commitment to ensuring no child is left behind. "This programme is about giving every learner a fair chance. Education remains the most powerful equaliser in our society," he said.

He urged parents, teachers and students to play their roles diligently, noting that collective responsibility is key to academic success.



Tongaren MP Hon. Dr. John Chikati during a function where he gave out bursary cheques to schools to support education of needy and bright students in the constituency recently

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This week in history

National Assembly approves the National Accord and Reconciliation Act, paving way for power-sharing government



Members of Parliament during the a a sitting in April 2008 that led to the passage of the National Accord and Reconciliation Act, paving the way for the Grand Coalition Government.

In the week of April 5–12, 2008 one of the most consequential legislative moments in Kenya's parliamentary history occurred in 2008, when Parliament fast-tracked and passed theNational Accord and Reconciliation Act, 2008, laying the legal foundation for a power-sharing government following the post-election crisis.

The Act, negotiated under intense national and international pressure, formalised the Grand Coalition Government between then President Mwai Kibaki and Prime Minister-designate Raila Odinga. Parliament's approval of the law during this period underscored its central constitutional role in crisis resolution, demonstrating legislative agility in safeguarding national stability.

The debates leading to the passage demonstrated rare bipartisan consensus, as Members prioritised peace and institutional continuity over partisan interests. The law amended the Constitution to create the office of Prime Minister and established a framework for shared executive authority—marking a pivotal shift in Kenya's governance architecture at the time.

Health Committee to engage stakeholders over rising cancer cases



Health Committee Members Hon. Dr. Robert Pukose (Endebess) consults with Hon. Mary Maingi (Mwea) at the meeting

The Departmental Committee on Health has resolved to engage Ministry officials and other key stakeholders in the sector to address the increasing number of cancer-related deaths in the country.

Committee Chairperson Hon. Dr. James Nyikal (Seme) announced the resolution during an in house meeting, after Members of the team raised an alarm over the high number of people dying from the disease.

During a session to adopt the Committee schedule for the month of April, Members noted that something needs to be done to reduce the number of cancer cases and also to create awareness on how to manage and prevent the disease.

"We need a serious national cancer dialogue. The dialogue should start by establishing the status of the disease, the national response, and the magnitude of the problem. As a Committee, we are ready to spearhead the process with key stakeholders," said Hon. Nyikal.

Earlier, Hon. Prof. Jaldesa Guyo (Moyale) and Dr. Robert Pukose (Endebess), who are both medical doctors, observed that many people die from forms of the disease that can be cured if diagnosed early.

"We have forms of cancer that are preventable, such as cervical cancer. If, as a Committee, in conjunction with female lawmakers, we champion early screening and uptake of the HPV vaccine, we will reduce the number of people affected by the disease," noted Prof. Jaldesa.

Dr. Pukose said there is a need to invest more in research and empower institutions such as the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) and the National Cancer Institute to assess the types of cancer affecting people and their regional distribution.

"To understand the problem we are dealing with, we must examine the regional distribution of cancer and even narrow it down to specific types that may be prevalent in certain areas. We also need to engage institutions like KEMRI and consider increased funding for cancer research," said Dr. Pukose.

Hon. Julius Sunkuli (Kilgoris) and Hon. Cynthia Muge (Nand County) supported the calls for a national dialogue. They agreed that the disease requires a multi-agency and multi-faceted approach, similar to how HIV and AIDS has been addressed after being first reported in the country in the late 1980's.

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