



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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The House met at 2.30 p.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Kennedy Ng'ondi) in the Chair]

PRAYER

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, you may be seated. Clerk, proceed.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

DEMISE OF HON. JOEL MUNUVE, MCA KARIOBANGI NORTH WARD

Hon. Speaker: Good afternoon, Hon. Members. Allow me to convey a message on the background of the Easter holidays.

Hon. Members, may I take this opportunity to welcome you back from the Easter holidays. It is my belief that it provided you with ample time to reflect on your duties and achievements in line with expectations and visions. The commemoration coincides with the period in which the Assembly is going through difficult times of the Members and staff losing their loved ones. As an Assembly and as a County, we need to deeply reflect on and strengthen our relationship with God through individual and collective prayers. I call upon each one of us to continuously remember the Assembly fraternity in your daily prayers, even as we navigate the difficult times of grieving and sending off our beloved ones.

Hon. Members, on the demise of Hon. Joel Munuve, Member of the County Assembly of Nairobi representing Kariobangi North Ward, permit me to be the bearer of the latest sad news of the sudden demise of Hon. Joel Munuve, MCA for Kariobangi North Ward, who collapsed and passed away earlier today.

Hon. Members, until his demise, Hon. Munuve has been a dedicated leader, a servant and a voice of his constituents on many platforms. He demonstrated great commitment to the ideals of servant leadership by articulating issues that affect the day to day lives of his people. The Member

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will be greatly remembered for upholding and manifesting true qualities of representation by always associating with the vulnerable and the needy in his Ward, and making whatever efforts to try and uplift them.

Hon. Members, in this sitting and the coming days, friends, families, constituents and the Assembly fraternity mourn not only a colleague but also a brother whose presence and insights enriched our institution and uplifted many. His demise cuts deep especially to the family. As a County, we have lost a dedicated leader who never shied away from confronting and articulating concrete issues that affects the Assembly and the lives of Nairobians as well.

Hon. Members, on behalf of County Assembly of Nairobi and on my own behalf as the Speaker, we convey our deepest condolences to the family, friends and constituents of Kariobangi North Ward. Our thoughts and prayers are with them during this moment of grieving.

Hon. Members, further details regarding funeral arrangements will be communicated in due course. May the soul of Hon. Joel Munuve rest in eternal peace.

At this point, Hon. Members, may I request all of you to be upstanding in order to observe a minute of silence in honour of our departed colleague.

*(Hon. Members stood in their places in honour
of the departed Hon. Joel Munuve)*

Thank you, Hon. Members, you may be seated.

STATEMENTS

Hon. Speaker: The Hon. Leader of the Majority.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, the distinguished Members of this House, great friends of our brother, Hon Joel Munuve, and the County Assembly, with a heavy heart, I take this time to welcome you back after along Easter holidays.

As we discussed with you, Hon. Speaker, we said this is unprecedented. We have lost colleagues before in this House but not in this manner. This House has received communications both in good and bad times but not as such where a colleague woke up in the morning not feeling well, asked the driver to drive him to hospital, and before getting attention from the medics, he was no more.

Hon. Speaker, I want to indulge the House that we take time to reflect on the life of our brother by adjourning this afternoon sitting to tomorrow because of the shock. When I was boarding a plane from Kisumu, Hon. Alai called informing me of the news and that he was not sure. We are all in shock.

After consulting with the Leader of the Minority, we feel as leadership that it is important that we have Speaker's Kamukunji tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. to put our house in order. Thereafter in the afternoon, we honor our colleague and leader.

Hon. Speaker, that is the plea from the leadership. I ask my counterpart to stand and support so that we adjourn this sitting to tomorrow.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Leader of the Majority, as a reminder, I want you to cite the Standing Order under which you are making the request for adjournment. I received the same communication from your office.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, I rose on Standing Order No. 36 that reads: -

“36. (1) Any Member may at any time rise in his or her place and seek leave to move the adjournment of the County Assembly for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent county importance.”

The County has lost a gallant leader, so this is a matter of County importance. That when I look at that corner, I will never see Hon. Munuve in his trademark tie. It is a big loss to us. I want us to reflect on this so that we have a Speaker’s Kamukunji tomorrow at 10:30 a.m., under your guidance, Hon. Speaker. Thereafter, we will have a sitting to pay our tributes and give due respect to our beloved brother. I seek the Leader of Minority to stand and support.

Hon. Anthony Karanja: Hon. Speaker, I would like to second or reiterate what the Leader of Majority has said. We are in shock today. We consulted and agreed that we allow Members to digest what has happened. It is not easy to imagine this House without one of us. So, Hon. Speaker, I request that you grant the adjournment so that we give Members time to reflect, recollect and prepare to honor our fallen colleague tomorrow and moving forward. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, Standing Order 36 (3) requires the Speaker to call for a division, and as such, I call the Clerk to count up to not less than 21 Members who are in support of the Adjournment of the Assembly so that we may proceed.

Kindly, Clerk, confirm whether we have not less than 21 Members.

*(Hon. Members stood in their places
in support of the adjournment)*

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, the attention of the Chair has been raised for a substantive number of Members in support of the Motion on Adjournment for the purpose of definite matter of urgent County importance. For that reason, Hon. Members, the Assembly stands adjourned to tomorrow, Wednesday 23rd April 2025 at 2.30 p.m.

I call for the Speaker’s Kamukunji tomorrow at 10.30 a.m. within the plenary setup. I also direct the House Business Committee to sit at the rise of the Assembly. Thank you, and have a blessed evening.

The House rose at 3.14 p.m.