



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Third County Assembly – Fifth Session

SPECIAL SITTING

Thursday 9th April 2026

The House met at 2.30 p.m.

ARRIVAL OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

(His Excellency President William Ruto entered the Chamber, escorted by the Speaker of the Assembly, Hon. Kennedy N'gondi and His Excellency Governor Johnson Sakaja)

(The National Anthem and the Anthem of the East African Community were played)

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

**CONVENING OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY
FOR PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

Hon. Speaker: Your Excellency, Hon. William Samoei Ruto, PhD, C.G.H, President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces; His Excellency Hon. Johnson Arthur Sakaja, the Governor of Nairobi City County; Hon Members; Distinguished Guests; Ladies and Gentlemen, you may now take your seats.

Your Excellency, Hon Members, Distinguished Guests, Article 189 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 enjoins the National and County Governments to cooperate, consult, and coordinate in the performance of their respective functions, and to support each other through structured mechanisms of engagement.

Further, Section 6 (5) and (6) of the Urban Areas and Cities Act, 2011 accords Nairobi City, as the Capital of the Republic, a unique status, and contemplates enhanced collaboration

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between the National Government and the County Government in the governance and management of its affairs. It is pursuant to these constitutional and statutory requirements that the Nairobi City County Assembly, as a key institution of county governance, sought to provide a formal platform for intergovernmental engagement through an address by the Head of State.

Accordingly, pursuant to Standing Order No. 28 of the Nairobi City County Assembly Standing Orders, I extended an invitation to His Excellency the President to address this Assembly.

Your Excellency, Hon Members, following the gracious acceptance of this invitation by His Excellency the President, communicated vide a letter Ref. No. SH/GM/2/Vol. 1 (28) dated 23rd March 2026, from the Chief of Staff and Head of Public Service, and in accordance with Standing Order 25 (2), I caused a Special Sitting of the Assembly to be convened. Accordingly, a notice of this Sitting was duly issued to Hon Members and the general public through Gazette Notice No. 5047, published in the Kenya Gazette on Wednesday 8th April 2026.

Your Excellency, Hon Members, this occasion is both historic and momentous. It marks the first time, under the 2010 constitutional dispensation, that a sitting President of the Republic of Kenya addresses the Nairobi City County Assembly.

(Applause)

On behalf of the Nairobi City County Assembly, I wish to convey our profound appreciation to His Excellency the President for graciously accepting our invitation and for honoring this Assembly with his presence.

Accordingly, Hon Members, I now confirm that this Special Sitting of the Nairobi City County Assembly is properly convened.

I thank you.

RECOGNITION OF INVITED GUESTS

Your Excellency, it is also the custom of this Assembly to recognize invited guests seated at the Speaker's Gallery. I, therefore, wish to recognize the following guests who are seated at the Speaker Gallery. Hon Members at the Speaker's Gallery, we have Cabinet Secretaries, the Deputy Governor, Senators, Members of Parliament and other Dignitaries. Also at the Public Gallery, we have members of the Nairobi County residents. Thank you.

To the guests, I extend my warm welcome and to wish you a pleasure as you sit throughout the Session.

INVITING THE PRESIDENT TO ADDRESS THE ASSAMBLY

Hon Members, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, it is now my singular honour and distinguished privilege to invite His Excellency Hon. William Samoei Ruto, PhD., C.G.H, President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces, to address this Special Sitting of the Nairobi City County Assembly. You may be upstanding.

(Applause)

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

SPECIAL ADDRESS TO THE ASSEMBLY

His Excellency President William Ruto: Thank you. Take your seats. Thank you, your Excellency, my brother, the Governor of the great city of Nairobi, the Honorable Johnson Sakaja; my good Speaker, the Hon Speaker of the County Assembly of Nairobi, Kennedy Ngondi; Hon Members of the County Assembly, Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen. Thirteen years after the birth of devolution under the Constitution of Kenya, I stand before you today as the first President and Head of State to address the County Assembly of our Capital City.

(Applause)

I do so with clarity, with conviction and with a profound sense of duty. Because Nairobi is not just another county, it is the capital of the Republic of Kenya.

(Applause)

It is the seat of our sovereignty, the face of our nation, the engine of our economy and the standard by which much of the world judges our nation. Early this morning, I was in a meeting at the KICC where 40 ministers from Africa are assembled. Many of them will go back home and they will report that they came to Kenya, but the reality is that they came to Nairobi. That is the essence of the importance of Nairobi.

(Applause)

When Nairobi works, Kenya works. When Nairobi fails, Kenya pays the price. That is why we must speak plainly and with candor to each other today. For too long, Nairobi has been a city of immense promise, trapped by chronic dysfunction. A city of extraordinary potential suffocated by disorder, delayed by indecision, undermined by poor planning and held hostage by interests that profit from chaos. This city, that should be the pride of Africa, has too often been forced to settle for standards that are frankly unacceptable. And let us be honest, this did not happen overnight, it happened because for many years, too many leaders chose comfort over courage. Too many people in positions of responsibility looked away when hard decisions were required. Too many tolerated mediocrities. Too many postponed action. Too many chose political convenience over public good. And the result is what we see around us.

A capital city where flooding still kills our people. A capital city where garbage too often defines our neighbourhoods. A capital city where roads are congested, drainage is broken, sewage is overstretched, planning is weak, and basic order is too often absent. A capital city where too many residents still live without dignity. In the very city whose labour, talent, and expertise sustain our national economy. These, Hon Members, cannot continue.

(Applause)

Why? Because Nairobi is too important to Kenya to be governed casually. It is too central to our national prosperity to be left to drift. It is too consequential to our international standing to be allowed to decay under the weight of indecision and excuses. Today, Hon Members, Nairobi contributes 27.5% of Kenya's economy, generating over Kshs.4.1 trillion annually. It hosts the only United Nations headquarters in the Global South. It is home to diplomatic missions, multinational firms, regional institutions, innovators, entrepreneurs, workers, traders and millions of Kenyans who come here every day in pursuit of opportunity. Nairobi is not merely a city; it is a national asset. And if we are serious about Kenya's future, then we must be serious about Nairobi.

(Applause)

That is why the cooperation agreement signed between the National Government and the Nairobi City County Government on 17th February 2026 is not a ceremonial document. It is not public relations. It is not politics for headlines.

Hon members, your role in the governance and proper functioning of Nairobi City County cannot be overstated. You have a duty to ensure that the needs and concerns of your constituents are properly addressed. I want to thank you, Hon Members, for your efforts in reviewing and approving this Agreement.

(Applause)

It demonstrates your commitment to addressing the challenges that our great city faces. It is a deliberate act of national correction, it is an acknowledgement that the problems of Nairobi have grown too large, too urgent and too consequential to be handled through fragmentation, tough wars, bureaucratic hesitation or business-as-usual governance. We have therefore made a clear decision. The era of drift must end and the era of coordinated execution must begin. Hon. Members, we can only succeed together.

(Applause)

What Nairobi needs now is not another round of speeches, it is not another cycle of blame, it is not another season of complaints. Nairobi needs disciplined leadership. Nairobi needs order. Nairobi needs execution. Nairobi needs results. That is exactly what we intend to deliver together.

I have listened carefully to what Kenyans say about our City. I have heard their frustrations. I have heard their disappointment, I have heard their anger sometimes. I have heard what residents say, what businesses say, what visitors say, what investors say and what Kenyans in the diaspora say when they compare Nairobi with other cities across Africa and beyond. The truth is this, many of them are right. They are right to ask why our capital still struggles with basic urban order. They are right to ask why growth has not been matched by planning. They are right to ask why this city, with all its importance, has so long looked and functioned below its status. They are right to demand better.

From fewer than 300,000 people in 1960, Nairobi has grown into a city of close to five million residents, swelling even further during the day. But this growth has not been matched by the infrastructure, the systems, planning discipline and service delivery that our modern metropolises require.

Your Governor here keeps reminding me of discussions he has had with other mayors and county governors on the kind of resources they deploy for residents to get what is rightfully required of a modern city.

More than 60% of residents live in this city of ours in informal settlements. The Hon. Members seated here will bear me witness. Every Member here, the majority of every Member here has a slum in their ward. Some of the wards are slums 100%. Access to piped water remains inadequate and unreliable. Sanitation and sewage systems remain under severe strain. Mobility is constrained by congestion and insufficient transport infrastructure.

Environmental degradation and encroachment have made flooding more destructive. Spatial inequality, unemployment and exclusion continue to fuel insecurity and vulnerability in parts of our city. I remember when I visited Mathare, Mabatini to be specific, where this Member represents. I didn't sleep that night, I must admit, seeing what I saw in Mabatini. And it is the reason why today we are building a modern school in Mabatini. These are not isolated problems; they are symptoms of a city that has for too long been managed reactively instead of strategically. We must also say this without fear. There are people who benefit from this dysfunction.

Hon. Members, there are cartels who profit from disorder. There are interests that thrive in illegal connections, illegal dumping, illegal occupation, illegal construction and broken systems. I have said it before, I said it the other day that we must, as a leadership, confront cartels and brokers and those who wish to benefit unjustly from the people of Kenya.

(Applause)

You remember, Hon. Members, an occasion where I said, “*mambo ni matatu.*” It was about the sugar cartels. Today, you can ask the people in Western Kenya, sugar cane that used to be paid in six to one year, they are now paid every week. Workers working in sugar companies that used to be paid by government, they are now paid by factories every month. And we are well on course to being not just a sugar-sufficient country, we will be a sugar-exporting country in the next two to three years. That is what confronting cartels gives us. We have confronted the fertilizer cartels, including those who sold stones to us as fertilizers. They are no longer in office.

(Applause)

We have confronted the coffee cartels that made it impossible for farmers to earn any decent return for their coffee. Just imagine one person was a farmer, had a license as a miller, had a license as a broker and was also participating in buying coffee at the coffee exchange. Today, when we broke the cartels, the price of coffee has moved from 50 shillings per kilo to 120, 130 to 150 shillings per kilo.

I recently took head-on the fuel cartels. Members, we must take the cartels in the city of Nairobi head-on. Whoever they are, however powerful they may be, it is your responsibility, that of the County Government, and you have the National Government's support to deal with it. We all know there are those who make money from weak enforcement, poor coordination and institutional paralysis. There are those who shout the loudest against reform, precisely because they benefit most from failure. We know them. You know them.

Let me be very clear today, under this administration, the era of appeasing cartels at the expense of the public interest must come to an end. Because leadership is not about protecting comfortable arrangements for a few people. Leadership is about delivering justice, dignity, order and opportunity for the majority. That is what leadership is. That means some hard decisions will have to be made.

(Applause)

If roads must be expanded, they will be expanded. If encroachments must be removed, they will be removed. If drainage channels must be cleared, they will be cleared. If illegal structures must come down, they will come down. If systems must be reorganized to restore order, they will be reorganized.

We, Hon. Members, must stop doing anything otherwise. We cannot demand world-class infrastructure while defending lawlessness. We cannot cry about floods and then resist drainage works. We cannot complain about congestion and then oppose road expansion. We cannot demand cleanliness while protecting illegal dumping. We cannot ask for order while resisting every intervention required to create it. Progress, friends, has a cost. Reforms has a cost. Order has a cost. But you know what? Disorder also has a cost. Keeping to the status quo has a cost. But the good news is the cost of reform, the cost of order, and the cost of change is always lower than that of indecision or status quo. So let us make our choice.

(Applause)

And for us who are seated in this auditorium, I am speaking to you as President and as a friend. If we are not prepared to bear the temporary inconvenience of fixing this city, then we must stop pretending that we are serious about changing it. *Sindio marafiki?* Yes.

For your information, State House has received notice from the Multi-Agency team reclaiming riparian land, that part of the State House boundary, the wall along the Kirichwa Kubwa River, falls within the riparian reserve, and it must come down.

(Applause)

Yes, it must come down. They have told me at least 15 meters from the high mark. I promise you that wall will come down. Hon. Members, the great cities of the world did not become great by accident. They became great because leaders like the ones seated in this Assembly chose discipline over disorder, long-term planning over short-term politics and public interest over

private convenience. A serious city guarantees mobility. It guarantees water, sanitation and safety. A serious city plans where people live, how they move, how they trade and how infrastructure supports growth. A serious city protects green spaces, manages waste properly and creates a dignified urban environment in which enterprise and opportunity can thrive. That is the standard we must now impose upon ourselves.

(Applause)

It is why this Cooperation Agreement matters. It is not about transferring functions. I want to tell you this. This is not another NMS.

(Applause)

It is not about weakening devolution. It is not about confusion of mandates. It is about ending fragmentation and restoring coordinated delivery in the one city where failure carries national consequence. Yes, the failure of this city is not just about Nairobi. It carries a national consequence. It matters to Kenya. This framework is fully anchored in the Constitution and the law. Article 6(2), as was read to us by the Speaker, is clear that two levels of government are distinct yet interdependent, and must conduct their relations through consultation and cooperation. Article 189 requires both levels of government to work together and provide for structured collaboration.

The Urban Areas and Cities Act recognizes the special status of the Capital City. The Intergovernmental Relations Act provides for joint committees and intergovernmental coordination between the City of Nairobi and the National Government.

Under this Cooperation Agreement, formalized on the 27th February 2026, this year, during the inaugural joint steering committee, we now have a structured implementation platform backed by an initial Kshs. 80 billion, to drive feasible and measurable transformation in the city of Nairobi.

(Applause)

Hon. Members, we are delivering a safer city through the installation of 50,000 street lighting points, new ones. We are agreeing with the City Government of Nairobi, and I believe that the Hon. Members in this Assembly will participate in making sure that the right areas are served. We will be including another 40,000 existing lights, which today do not work, and the installation of another 10,000 new solar and smart street lighting.

(Applause)

Eventually, we will be looking at 100,000 lighting points in the City of Nairobi. Fabrication is already underway. Installation begins this month, April. By end of May, Nairobi will begin to see feasible improvements across key corridors and neighborhoods. And within six months, this City will be markedly brighter, safer, and more secure.

(Applause)

I am saying this to the representatives of the people of Nairobi, so that you can hold us to account. We are also extending safe electricity through last-mile connectivity in informal settlements, beginning this month with Hospital Ward, moving into Kibra, Korogocho, Mathare, and Kamukunji within the next 90 days.

(Applause)

Today, while I was going to my office, when I opened my phone, I saw a message from the Member of the County Assembly for Hospital Ward. *(Applause)* My good friend, Mark, there. In that message, he was confirming that he has seen the steps being made towards actualizing. Mark is here, right?

(Applause)

We are expanding water supply through strategic interventions. And before I mention that, I have been to many parts of the City with some of you guys, and we know how a neighborhood whose lights have been switched off, we know how it looks. In the heart of the City, to have a neighborhood that has no light is an indictment on us as leaders. That is what we seek to correct.

On matters of water, I have said, including Ngethu and Gigiri waterworks, we are changing so that we can add 50,000 cubic meters of daily water supply.

(Applause)

The Gigiri-Shauri Moyo Evacuation Corridor is also being advanced to stabilize supply in high demand zones, including areas supporting affordable housing development. We are deploying a budget from the Ministry of Water, working together with the County Government to make sure that we realize this.

On sanitation, we are undertaking what should have been done many years ago. We are building two parallel 27-kilometer trunk sewers along the Nairobi River Corridor. We are developing a 60,000 cubic meter per day treatment plant, and expanding last-mile sewer connectivity. We are also supporting the long-term expansion of sewer systems for this City. You all know. I have visited those areas with you, Hon. Oscar. You remember, we were in your corner. Ringo there, you know, we were in your corner. I was there with you. *Usiseme hukuona ile kazi tunafanya pale.* In fact, it was in your ward that we entered the sewer line. A sewer line big enough for that tall man to go in, standing. That is what we should have done many years ago. We are now doing it because it is never too late to do the right thing.

(Applause)

On roads and drainage, we are implementing a 247-kilometer urban roads program for the City of Nairobi. Many people would ask me, *“Where is 247 kilometers in the City of Nairobi?”* Yes, there is. The first phase of 63 kilometers is already ongoing and expected to be completed in the next two months.

(Applause)

When I came here, I saw my friend, Hon. Kados. He confirmed to me what I am saying here, what is going on in his ward. In fact, he was telling me that the road is being built day and night. Correct, Hon. Kados? So, I am not talking stories, friends. We are matching what we are saying with what we are doing. Another 58 kilometers commenced this month, and subsequent phases are being funded to begin without any delay. This will be complemented by drainage interventions in identified flood hotspots so that we can stop managing floods as annual surprises. And start treating them as infrastructure failures that must be fixed.

(Applause)

I have agreed with Governor Sakaja that I will be visiting those roads as they are ongoing in the City of Nairobi. Because we have many naysayers. We want to actualize the saying that seeing is believing.

Solid waste management, one of the clearest symbols of Nairobi's disorder, is also being fundamentally overhauled. The Nairobi City County Government will provide 100 hectares of land for a material recovery facility and multiple transfer stations across the city. Work is already underway at Dandora where 40 trucks are on site clearing legacy waste, and additional capacity is being mobilized. My good friend from Dandora can bear us witness. Within three months, we expect the core system of this facility to be operational. Within 6 months, Nairobi should begin to experience the kind of functioning in waste management system that any serious capital city should already have.

Are you keeping the timelines? Let me say this clearly, the National Government is not standing at the sidelines on this waste management story. We are backing this effort in real and practical way. I have committed to support the waste management in the city of Nairobi with Kshs. 2 billion from the National Government annually because we must clean this City. As I campaigned in the city of Nairobi, I made a commitment that we are going to clean this City because it is not just a city issue, it is a public health issue, an environmental issue, a dignity issue and a national image issue.

We are also modernizing markets because Nairobi's economy is built not only in boardrooms and office towers but more in markets, workshops, stores, transport corridors and trading eco-systems where ordinary Kenyans struggle and strive every day. I know many Members here know what we are doing in that space. And I must say that the citizens and residents of this great City of Nairobi are beginning to be part of that change. I was very touched when I saw the leadership of Gikomba market step forward and say that they want their market to be built.

(Applause)

Stop the politics. We want our markets to be built. The leadership of Gikomba market came to see me. They came and I had a long chat with them and told me, "Mr. President, when it rains in Nairobi, we cannot go and do our business. We have to wear gumboots and our customers cannot get to our stores, rain goes in through the stores." I am putting public resources to change

Gikomba, and I am committed. The people I am struggling with are land grabbers. People who have taken public land and made it their own. Let me tell you good people, we have to confront this head-on. We are going to transform Gikomba in the next six months and you will see a new Gikomba.

(Applause)

That is just phase one which will cost us about Kshs.800 million, then we will put in another Kshs.3.8 billion and another Kshs.5 billion because Gikomba is a national market. People come from Meru, Muranga, Busia, Homabay, and every part of Kenya to Gikomba to get their wares. When a leader goes and mobilizes people in Gikomba and tells them –I am sorry, but I am not talking about anybody here – not to move and continue to do their business in filth, in the mud yet that leader buys nothing from Gikomba. They never go to Gikomba to shop for anything and when they finish talking in Gikomba, then they will go to Sarit Centre to do their shopping. They will go to the Hub and do their trading. Honestly, are we being fair? We want Members of this Assembly to be able to confidently walk to Gikomba and be part of the customers of the traders of Gikomba because their trading spaces are decent.

Because a functioning city must also be a safe city, we will strengthen urban security through establishment of a Nairobi Metropolitan Police Framework to support coordinated, responsive and effective security management across the Capital. You agree, Hon. Members, that there are some parts of the City that become very difficult to go to because of insecurity.

In further improving security in Nairobi, I have directed the Ministry of Interior to commence implementation within the next 60 days of enforcement to the integrated command and control communication center in Nairobi. This will improve CCTV camera coverage across the City and accelerate digitization within our security services, including digital occurrence books, advance data analytics and artificial intelligence systems, all aimed at improving responsiveness, efficiency and turnaround time in our police stations.

Hon. Members, what we are doing through this Agreement is significant, but it is not also the full picture because even beyond this Cooperation Framework, the National Government is making one of the largest and consequential public investment commitments ever directed in Nairobi. By the end of this month, the Nairobi Metropolitan Region had 93 ongoing and planned affordable housing programs and projects spanning houses, markets and institutional accommodation. These projects will deliver 180,000 housing units and market stalls with more than 112,000 already under implementation and nearly another 70 more in the pipeline. In investment terms, that is over Kshs.220 billion in ongoing projects and another Kshs.139billion in planned developments, bringing the total housing related pipeline in Nairobi alone to well over Kshs.360 billion.

(Applause)

I have been with you guys in many parts, on the houses and the markets, true or not true?

(Hon. Members agreed in unison)

So, that is the kind of investment we are making in this City, and it is because we believe in devolution. We believe that the City of Nairobi occupies a special place as the capital of Kenya and the face of our nation. This housing is not just a housing program, it is urban reconstruction because affordable housing is not only about walls and roofs but about planning, infrastructure, services, jobs, careers and about restoring dignity to working people and ending the absurdity of a city where those who sustain the economy cannot afford to live decently within it.

The Raila Odinga International Talanta Sports Center is nearing completion, as we prepare for the 2027 AFCON tournament.

(Applause)

The Bomas International Convention Complex is being developed to strengthen Nairobi's position as a premier global destination. Plans are underway to expand Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and reinforce Nairobi's role as the aviation gateway to our region.

Tomorrow, God willing, I will be signing another Agreement to establish what I told you, Governor Sakaja; the Ujiri Programme at Nairobi Arena at the Railways City.

Critical road projects are ongoing to ease congestion and improve mobility across our City. And our investment is not only in concrete and steel, it is in people. In education, we are expanding classroom infrastructure to meet growing enrolment and improve learning environment for our children, where we allocated an additional Kshs.1 billion in the last financial year for development of classrooms. Last week, I have gone to handover the classrooms in Kawangware, Dagoretti South, and Westlands. God willing, I wanted to do for Kibra and all other places. In Lang'ata this week and then move on to Makadara and all the other areas. This is because for far too long the residents of the City of Nairobi did not have enough planning spaces for our children.

In Health, Nairobi system is undergoing a serious transformation. Today, 2.6 million residents are registered under SHA, and a record Kshs.23 billion is flowing into health facilities

(Applause)

But our ambition is not simply to expand access. Our ambition is to build a health system worthy a capital city. One anchored by the transformation of Kenyatta National Hospital and the development of a modern referral facility build for the future.

We are also investing in Nairobi Youths through programmes such as Nyota and other targeted interventions to expand access to jobs, skills and enterprise opportunities. As Nairobi rises, so too must its identity as the creative and cultural heartbeat of this region. That is why we are advancing the Creative Economy Bill, 2026, and putting in place an incentive framework to make Nairobi the Sub-Saharan capital of film and content creation. A city where talent is monetized, creativity is industrialized and young people can build livelihoods from the power of their ideas. Taken together, these investments are not random projects, they are part of a deliberate national strategy to renew, modernize and reposition Nairobi as a functional, competitive, orderly and globally respected capital.

Hon. Members, ultimately, this is not just about money, not about plans or programmes; it is about leadership. That is what it boils down to. It is about whether we in this generation will finally do what others before us feared to do.

(Applause)

Will we confront resistance when it comes? Will we stand firm when vested interests complain? Will we push through when cartels fight back? Because they will. Will we make the decisions that are right even when they are not immediately popular? Or will we retreat into the same old cycle of hesitation, excuses, blame and underperformance? These are real questions before us because leadership is not tested when decisions are easy. Leadership is proven when the right thing is difficult.

(Applause)

Leadership demands courage, discipline, sacrifice and the willingness to endure criticism in the short term so that future generations may inherit something better in the long term. History will not remember us for the excuses that we made. History will only remember us for what we changed. History will not hold us to account when we fail to do the right thing. The responsibility, Hon. Members, is yours and mine today.

As I said earlier, it is never too late for us to do the right thing. Let us not be the generation that inherited a great capital and left it broken. Let us be the generation that finally imposed order where there was disorder, restored dignity where there was neglect, that defeated cartels where there was capture, chose reforms over fear, chose posterity over popularity, chose courage over convenience, and chose to build, not merely talk. Let us build a generation that finally made Nairobi work. Let us do it now firmly, unapologetically and without turning back, together.

(Applause)

Hon. Members, I thank you for your kind attention. Thank you very much and God bless you.

(Hon. Members gave the President a standing ovation)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

LAYING OF THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, you may be seated. Thank you, Your Excellency. Your Excellency the President, Hon. Members, under our Standing Order No. 27 (4), with necessary modification provides: -

“Whenever an Address is delivered, a Member may, as soon as practicable thereafter, lay the Address on the Table of the County Assembly following the reading of such Address”.

I therefore call upon the Leader of Majority Party, Hon. Peter Imwatok, MCA, to lay the Address of His Excellency the President on the Table of the Assembly, and give Notice of Motion contemplated in the Standing Order No. 27 (5). Clerk, kindly facilitate the Hon. Majority Leader.

In the meantime, I direct the Majority Leader to conform with the address at least on a soft copy and proceed.

PAPER

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Your Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya, Dr. William Samoei Ruto, the Governor of the Capital City, His Excellency Johnson Sakaja, the Speaker of the Nairobi City County Assembly, Hon. Kennedy Ng'ondi, allow me to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly.

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 27 (4), I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly, today, Thursday 9th April 2026:

The Address of the President of the Republic of Kenya delivered at the Special Sitting of the Nairobi City County Assembly, on Thursday 9th April 2026.

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

NOTICE OF MOTION

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, before I proceed to move the Notice of Motion, allow on my own behalf and on behalf of the Members of the County Assembly of Nairobi to express our sincere appreciation in honouring this Assembly with your presence.

Hon. Speaker, it is an honour to this House, the second largest Assembly in the Republic of Kenya, to host His Excellency the President. I have just been asked by a Member, "Are you comfortable seated next here?" and I told him, "I am the greatest 'Ichungwa', the Leader of Majority of the County Assembly of Nairobi, who has now been addressed by the President of the Republic of Kenya."

(Applause)

Wana Assembly wa Nairobi, ni raha si raha? Wana UDA, ni raha si raha? Ni two term si two term? Ukiweka kidole chini, shetani atakufuata.

(Laughter)

His Excellency the President, allow me to thank you so much, on behalf of the people of Nairobi. We are honoured to have you here, and we are grateful for the great Cooperation that Nairobi is going to realize the great potential of a capital city.

Having said that, Hon. Speaker, allow me now to lay the following Motion before the Honorable House: -

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 27 (5), the thanks of the County Assembly be recorded for the exposition of public policy contained in the Address of His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya, delivered at the County Assembly on Thursday 9th April 2026, laid on the Table of the Assembly, today, Thursday 9th April 2026.

Hon. Members, I beg to give the notice of Motion, before the Hon. Speaker of this House.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Leader of Majority.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, please be upstanding. Your Excellency the President, we have come to the conclusion of today's business, it is time now to adjourn. The Assembly stands adjourned until Tuesday 21st April 2026 at 2.30 p.m.

Your Excellency the President, I request all Hon. Members and all guests to remain standing in your places until the procession of His Excellency the President, His Excellency the Governor and the Speaker leaves the Chamber. Meanwhile, I would love to extend, as instructed by His Excellency the President the gesture wholeheartedly, to host you, Hon. Members, for a cocktail party at the State House at the rise of the Assembly.

(Applause)

Kindly make sure you have your tags for ease of identification. Thank you. The Assembly stands adjourned.

DEPARTURE OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

*(Members of Assembly stood in their places
while His Excellency the President left the Chamber)*

The House rose at 4:22 p.m.