

## NAIROBI CITY COUNTY



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## NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

## SECOND ASSEMBLY - THIRD SESSION

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 REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS
 

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Hon. Speaker,

Pursuant to Standing Order 45 (2) (c), I wish to request a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs regarding harassments, arrests and unlawful detention of suspects in the County.

Hon. Speaker, Article 49 (1) (h) of the Constitution gives accused persons right to bail or bond on reasonable conditions pending arraignment and trial unless there are compelling reasons not to be released. However, a trend is emerging in which County enforcement officials arrest individuals and deny them the opportunity for bail, lock them up and arraign them beyond the 24 - hour Constitutional timeline even for working days.

Hon. Speaker, it is noteworthy that most of these arrests are carried out on Fridays, where suspects are then scared with the threat of a weekend long stay in County cells as a means of blackmailing the accused to give bribes in order to secure release.

Hon. Speaker, in the statement the Chairperson should inquire into and report on:

1. The operational procedures and regulations of the County enforcement department in so far the carrying out of their mandates is concerned;
2. The number of arrest undertaken on Friday by the County Government over the last one financial year; and
3. Measures put in place by the County government to avert the abuse of office for personal gain by the enforcement officials through arbitrary arrests and detentions.

*Kabiro Mbugua*  
Hon. Kabiro Mbugua, MCA  
NOMINATED MEMBER

Date: 12/9/2019 .....

*Statement requested  
on 12/09/2019  
Response due on  
26th Sep 2019  
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