

## NAIROBI CITY COUNTY


 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 for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs regarding the harassment of private Bike riders and couriers in the Central Business District (CBD) by County Askaris.

Hon. Speaker, the enforcement of the ban by the County Executive on *Boda Boda* riders within the CBD continues to cause untold suffering for private bike riders going about their business in the City. The plan to rid the CBD of chaotic boda bodas has unfortunately turned discriminatory, with County Askaris making no distinction between *boda boda* operators and private citizens who own bikes or Courier services.

Hon. Speaker, the harassment of private riders has become worse over the recent few weeks, with Askaris turning this unfortunate situation into a corruption haven, unleashing violence on bikers and demanding bribes and extorting monies from innocent, and even seasonal ticket holding private riders. This is despite the fact that the ban was clearly targeted at boda boda riders and not courier services or private bikers.

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

1. Clarification on whether the ban is for all Motorbikes, whether private, courier or otherwise; and if not,
2. Why the County government continues to allow the harassment of innocent private bike riders despite massive outcry from the affected residents;
3. Measures put in place by the County Executive to safeguard the rights of private motorbike riders and couriers who find themselves at the mercy of the County Askaris every so often; and
4. Number of arrests made and prosecutions undertaken of private bike riders and actions taken against officers perpetuating this illegality.

Hon. Daniel Ngegi, MCA  
MEMBER FOR CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT WARD

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

Statement  
 sought on  
 21/3/2019  
 by Hon. Ngegi  
 to be responded  
 10 days ago.

21/3/19

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