



THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

SECOND ASSEMBLY

(FIFTH SESSION)

REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS

Subject: Disorderliness of Matatus mushrooming the Central Business District

Hon. Speaker,

Pursuant to Standing Order 45(2) (c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairpersons of Sectoral Committees on Transport and Public Works and Justice and Legal Affairs regarding increasing deaths of commuters in the Central Business District that are caused by rogue matatus.

Hon. Speaker, many cases of deaths are being reported in the Central Business District, particularly along Tom Mboya and Moi Avenue as a result of matatus competing forcefully for passengers during peak hours. For instance, on 13th October, 2015, Cecilia Njeri Gicheha was squashed to death by two matatus jostling for passengers along Moi Avenue. Consequently, in 2018, a Latema sacco, matatu registration number KCB 552KF ran over pedestrians along Tom Mboya street next to the fire station at Koja roundabout killing two people on the spot. Recently, Nelly Waithera, the daughter of Deputy Inspector General of Police was crushed to death by two matatus when she was crossing from Tom Mboya Street.

Hon. Speaker, These roads are becoming killer roads due to the influx of Matatus entering the CBD which appear unregulated in a manner befitting a City and unless the Nairobi Metropolitan Services and County Executive move with speed to restore sanity in the matatus sector, lives of pedestrians and owners of private cars will be at stake.

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

- i) Reasons the County enforcement team is unable to strictly adhere to existing laws to restore orderliness of matatus mushrooming in the CBD and- prevent picks and drops of passengers on illegal/undemarcated stages;
- ii) Reasons spaces allotted for taxis operating in the CBD have been invaded by matatus saccos without alternate remedy for taxis that have operated in the City for decades;
- iii) The actual number of matatus stages and bus stations in the CBD; both legally and illegally demarcated; and
- iv) Measures the County Executive and Nairobi Metropolitan Services are putting in place to ensure matatus strictly operate outside Tom Mboya Street and CBD in general and timelines within which an effective mode of transport will be effected in the CBD to guarantee safety of commuters.

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MEMBER FOR NAIROBI CENTRAL WARD

Date.....

27th July 2021.

Response Due 3we
By Hon Komu. on
10th Aug 2021