

NAIROBI CITY COUNTY



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REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS

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Statement request
by Hon. Maguire
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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 Planning and Housing regarding the increased grabbing of public utility lands across the City by private developers.

Hon. Speaker, a trend is resurging in which private developers in cahoots with County employees grab public land meant for utilities such as playgrounds and open spaces or obtain leases through crooked means. The said developers then obtain approvals from the County to put up various developments on the said property in the guise of having obtained leases and or title to public land.

In Babadogo for instance, public land LR 336/64 set aside for utilities has been fenced off by a developer, despite historical protestations by residents. In June 2017, residents of the area petitioned the County Assembly regarding the grabbing of the land, which Petition was considered, a comprehensive Report prepared, and the County Government directed to repossess the land, having been established that the land is indeed public land set aside for the establishment of public utilities for residents and the lease having expired. Instead of repossessing the land or implementing the Assembly's Resolutions, the Planning Department instead proceeded to issue the Developer new leases and approvals, which approvals have now seen him fence off the property to the great dissatisfaction of residents.

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

- i. Status of implementation of the County Assembly Resolutions on a Petition By Residents of Babadogo Regarding irregular ownership and use of land LR No. 336/64 originally Land LR No336/12;
- ii. Authorization for the Developer to carry out construction on the said property despite the clear recommendations of the County Assembly;
- iii. Current status of the said Land LR No. 336/64 originally Land LR No336/12, including original ownership and how it came to be in the hands of private developers;