



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THIRD ASSEMBLY - SECOND SESSION

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT

Subject: County Executive's decision to ban hawkers from Central Business District

Hon. Speaker,

Pursuant to Standing Order 47(2) (c), I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives regarding banning of hawkers from operating within the Central Business District (CBD).

Hon. Speaker, on Wednesday 25th October 2023, H.E the Governor of Nairobi City County allegedly launched an operation to force out hawkers from selling items in the streets of the Central Business District. While addressing officers drawn from the Security and Compliance Department, the Governor stated that commencing Thursday 26th October 2023, there would be an operation to enforce the said directions.

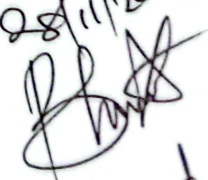
Hon. Speaker, from history, Members of this Assembly and the public alike, are familiar with the *modus operandi* of the City Askaris when enforcing County laws. Just recently, we have been treated to inhumane operations on hawkers that prompted one of us (Hon. Waithera Chege, MCA) to ask for a Statement on the same.

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

- i) Whether the hawkers were given adequate notice to adjust to the new order by the Governor;
- ii) Whether the County Executive has put in place any safeguards to ensure that the operation will be executed in a humane manner devoid of harassment;
- iii) Whether there are any special arrangements and concessions for the hawkers to operate within the CBD;
- iv) Whether the County Executive has provided alternative trading spaces for the hawkers; and
- v) Whether the County has put in place any long term infrastructural and regulatory measures to accommodate hawking in the County.


HON. JOYCE MUTHONI, MCA.
MEMBER OF COUNTY ASSEMBLY

Date: 8/11/2023

Statement Requested
On 28/11/2023

Response due 1
2 weeks

Approved
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