



THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THIRD ASSEMBLY

(FIRST SESSION)



REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS

Hon. Speaker,

Pursuant to Standing Order 47(2) (c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs regarding the constant harassment of business owners and members of the public by the City Inspectorate across the County.

Hon. Speaker, the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 grants the citizens of this republic comprehensive rights and fundamental freedoms. The City Inspectorate department is tasked with enforcement for order to prevail within the County. The procedure and conduct of these officers is enshrined under the Nairobi City County Inspectorate Act, 2017.

However, my office has received several complaints by traders and the general public pertaining to harassment and manhandling of the residents by the County *Askaris* from the City Inspectorate tasked with enforcement, despite having valid documentation at their business establishments and residences. There are increasing cases of arbitrary arrests, harassment and extortion of traders by the City Inspectorate, thus infringing on the rights and fundamental freedoms of the residents.

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

- i) How often enforcement officers undertake refresher training and when the last training took place;
- ii) Failure by the officers to be in uniform and carry identity cards and the display of the same during enforcement;
- iii) Disciplinary actions being taken by the County Executive for such ruthless officers;
- iv) The procedure and circumstances for conducting arrests by the enforcement officers;
- v) Why enforcement officers use force in undertaking their mandate and whether they are aware of provisions of Section 23 of the City Inspectorate Act, 2017;
- vi) Measures the County Executive is taking to cease the infamous, ruthless handling of residents and traders by the City Inspectorate officers; and
- vii) Whether the County Executive has put in place an extortion preventive framework, accountability structure and a new modus operandi.

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