

Statement Requested **NAIROBI CITY COUNTY**
 on 3rd December, 2025
 Response due in 2 weeks.



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NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THIRD ASSEMBLY – FOURTH SESSION

REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS

Subject: harassment of small-scale traders and business people operating in Eastleigh Area

Hon. Speaker,

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 47(2)(c), I wish to request a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on and Justice and Legal Affairs regarding alleged constant harassment of small-scale traders, hawkers and businesses operating within Eastleigh area.

Hon. Speaker, Articles 36, 43, 41 and 46 the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 guarantees various rights relevant to business such as freedom of association, economic and social rights, and fair labour practices and consumer rights, respectively. However, officers from Security and Compliance and particularly the Acting Chief Officer have continued to frustrate law abiding traders where County *Askaris* are allegedly instructed by the said Ag. Chief Officer to get inside the malls and extort from hardworking business people who end up being arrested when they fail to honor the officers' demands.

Hon. Speaker, these traders and business people are victims of trumped-up charges related to compliance which has made the business environment unfavorable and has further led to some traders to close shop.

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

- i. The criteria applied by the County Inspectorate Officers in enforcing laws and arresting small-scale traders, hawkers and businesses operating in Eastleigh area and confiscating their merchandise;
- ii. Whether appropriate disciplinary action will be taken against the Ag. Chief Officer responsible for Security and Compliance should allegations of authorizing harassment of small-scale traders and business people in Eastleigh area in disregard of the law be confirmed; and
- iii. Measures taken by the County Executive and/or advisory given by the County Attorney regarding unending complaints of harassment of traders and extortions by Compliance officers in Eastleigh area.

Hon. DABAR AHMEDQADAR, MCA

MEMBER OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY FOR EASTLEIGH NORTH WARD

Date... 3/12/25