



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THIRD ASSEMBLY - FOURTH SESSION

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT

Subject: Encroachment on public land in the County

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 47(2) (c), I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Lands, Planning and Housing regarding the continued encroachment of public land by private developers across the County.

Hon. Speaker, land belonging to the County is categorized as public land by the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and is legally protected from encroachers. However, it has become common practice for private citizens and entities to lay claim on pieces of land that belong to the County Government. For instance, in the Central Business District, specifically along Haille Selassie Avenue, bus station, the proprietor of Gogo Mall has closed off a public lane/road connecting Mfangano Street and put up structures on the said lane allegedly without approval of the County. The said developer demolished businesses belonging to traders without notice in August 2024 leading to loss and damages to business.

Hon. Speaker, the closure of the access lane has greatly inconvenienced pedestrians and shoppers.

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

- i) Steps that the County Executive is taking to protect public land from private developers;
- ii) Whether the County Executive gave the authorization to the said developer to close off the said lane;
- iii) Whether the said developer obtained development approvals for the construction of the structures; and
- iv) Enforcement measures that the County Executive will take to prevent such occurrence in future.

[Signature]
HON. MWANIKI KWENYA, MCA.
MEMBER OF COUNTY ASSEMBLY, NAIROBI CENTRAL WARD.

Date: 25 / 02 / 2025

Response due in 3 weeks
1st April 2025:
(See Clerk's list)
11/03/2025