REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 10th June, 2025

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 2.30 p.m.

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Anthony Theuri) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

VISITING DELEGATION FROM BROOKWELL HARMONY SCHOOL

Deputy Speaker: Honourable members, I would like to acknowledge the presence in the Speaker's gallery this afternoon, visiting teachers, students from Brookwell Harmony School from Thingithu Ward, Laikipia County. The delegation comprises of four teachers.

1. Mrs. Caroline Modoni, who is the head of the institution.
2. Mr. Patrick Mwangi, class teacher grade six.
3. Ms. Doreen Kadambi, class teacher grade five. And
4. Mrs. Pamela Nkirote, class teacher grade four and six and seven.

Hon. Member, 67 learners who are in the County Assembly for academic day exhibition. Hon. Members, in the usual tradition of receiving our coming visitors to the County Assembly, I extend a warm welcome to them on behalf of the County Assembly and wish them a fruitful learning.

VISITING DELEGATION FROM EMBU COUNTY ASSEMBLY

On the same, Hon. Members, I wish to confirm that we have the County Assembly of Embu from the Delegated Legislation Committee.

1. Honourable Yvonne Marti.
2. Honourable Johnson Joke.
3. Honourable Frederick Gatumu.
4. James Munyi - Clerk

Thank you, Hon. Members, and I hope you enjoy the stay.

NOTICE OF MOTION

ENHANCEMENT OF SECURITY IN SALAMA WARD

Hon. Mugambi Gatati: Hon. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT, AWARE THAT pursuant to Article 29 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, every person has the right to freedom and security;

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FURTHER AWARE that the enhancement of personal security and the protection of private and public property is among the guiding principles towards a developed County;

CONCERNED of the escalating cases of insecurity within Laikipia County whereby in the recent past in Matigari, Salama Ward have recently experienced heightened levels of insecurity, including violent attacks, destruction of property and displacement of residents;

DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT families and individuals affected by such acts have suffered severe loss and trauma, including the burning down of homes and businesses, leaving them without shelter or means of livelihood;

RECOGNIZING THAT the County Emergency Fund exists to provide rapid relief and response to victims of disasters and emergencies, including those caused by human conflict;

This House URGES the County Government in liaison with the relevant National Government agencies responsible for security to:

1. Protect the property and lives of the residents of Matigari in Salama Ward by prioritizing the construction and equipping of a police post in the said location;
2. Initiate peace-building processes among the affected locations.
3. Strengthen community-based conflict resolution mechanisms to help address underlying issues that may contribute to escalating cases of insecurity.
4. Release funds from the County Emergency Fund to provide urgent humanitarian assistance—such as shelter, food, clothing, and basic supplies—to the victims whose property was burnt or destroyed due to insecurity.

MOTION

DRAFT LAIKIPIA COUNTY VALUATION ROLL 2021-2031

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante Bwana Spika, nasimama kuleta mswada ambao umetajwa. Kabla ya hivyo, nataka nitambue wale wanafunzi wametutembelea ndio muweze kujua mengi kuhusu Bunge letu na vile sisi kama MCA hufanya kazi. Vilevile ningetka kuwatambua MCA kutoka Embu ambao wametembea ndio waone vile Kaunti yetu tunafanya. Nawakaribisha.

Mahali wako mko katika wadi ya Nanyuki lakini mnaweza ingia wadi ya Thingithu na muweze kunua. Sisi ni watu ambao tunapenda watu, wakarimu na tunawakaribisha. Karibuni. Honourable Speaker, I beg to move the following motion;

THAT, this Assembly adopts the report on the draft Laikipia County Valuation roll (2021-2031) by the Finance and County Planning Committee dated 22nd May 2025.

Hon. Speaker, I think the members have their documents in their gadgets. The Clerk to supply the documents that we have to the Members if they need the hard copies.

Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Stephen. I don't think there is any trouble with the Members. You are going to continue to table your motion and the clerks will do their work if need be. Proceed.

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Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. You know, Hon. Mugweru is looking directly at me and that is why I am saying in advance because I can see his reaction. Hon. Speaker, this is a committee on finance.

1.1 COMMITTEE'S MANDATE

The County Assembly of Laikipia is the Legislative arm of the County Government of Laikipia Established under Article 176 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010. The Finance and County Planning committee are established under Standing Order No.191 with its subject area stipulated in the first schedule of the Standing Orders.

1.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Committee was constituted by the House on **26th October, 2022** comprising of the following Members: -

1. Hon. Stephen Ndiritu - Chairperson
2. Hon. John Gichuki - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. George Karuiru - Member
4. Hon. Catherine Umija - Member
5. Hon. Mary Gathoni - Member
6. Hon. Paul Leshuel - Member
7. Hon. Samuel Gatati - Member

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the County Assembly plays a crucial role in reviewing and approving the valuation roll, a public document listing properties and their values for rating purposes. The County Assembly receives the Draft Valuation Roll from the County Executive, reviews it, and approves it before it becomes the official Valuation Roll. The draft Laikipia County Valuation Roll (2021-2031) was submitted to the County Assembly through the office of the County Secretary on 20th July 2023 vide **REF: CGL/ADM/C. A/VOL.2 (60**) as in **Annexure 1.** The document was laid in the House and committed to the Finance and County Planning committee for scrutiny.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Committees has continuously held vigorous meetings with the Department of Finance and Economic planning and Infrastructure, Land, Housing, Energy and Urban Development and after thorough scrutiny of the draft Valuation Roll, came up with this report.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I take this opportunity to thank all Members of the Committee for their input and valuable contributions during the deliberations. The Committee also takes this opportunity to thank the Office of the Speaker and that of the Clerk of the County Assembly for the logistical support accorded to it. On behalf of the Finance and County Planning committee, it is my pleasure and duty to present to the House, the Committee's report on the draft Laikipia County Valuation Roll (2021-2031).

BACKGROUND.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, preparation of the Laikipia County Valuation Roll (2021-2031) is a legal requirement (Section 3 of the Valuation for rating Cap 266, requires that every County prepares a valuation roll). Valuation roll is therefore a 10-year legal document that outlines all

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properties within a county's area of jurisdiction. It contains the area, location, the legal owner, current market value and the designated land use of the property. It empowers the County Government to value land. The last Valuation Roll was prepared in 1992 and 2008 for Nanyuki and Nyahururu towns respectively.

The valuation roll is important for the reasons outlined below:

1. It ensures equity and fairness in land valuation across the County.
2. It enhances appropriate use of land in line with the physical and land use development plans.
3. It's a legal tool that can be used to ascertain legal ownership status of properties across the county,
4. It can be used to benchmark on the current land market values.
5. It is a crucial tool for ensuring fair equitable property taxation, revenue collection and effective service delivery to citizens.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the valuation roll covers the entire Laikipia County (Laikipia East, West and North) and values both private and public land. It applies two different forms of rating:

- Rating on unimproved site value

This is rating of vacant land that does not have any structures, development or improvements.

- Area rates

This is rating of land calculated on the lands value.

PREPARATION OF THE VALUATION ROLL.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Valuation for Rating Act (Cap 266) governs the process of property valuation for rating in Kenya. A Gazette notice number **11058** informing the public on the preparation of the valuation roll and the time frame was placed on the Kenya Gazette on 17th December 2020 as in **Annexture 2** and a Gazette notice number **11055** of the appointed valuer was placed on the Kenya Gazette dated 17th December 2020 as in **Annexture 2.**

The public participation to deliberate on the valuation roll and presentation of proposals was carried out at by the Department of Land, Infrastructure and urban development as in **Annexture 3**.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the draft valuation roll was presented by the consultant (appointed valuers) to the Departments of Finance, Lands and Administration on 21st February, 2023 for deliberation and way forward. The document was then after approval by the cabinet presented to the County Assembly for scrutiny and approval.

4.0. CONTENT OF THE VALUATION ROLL.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, listed below are the contents of the draft Laikipia County Valuation roll;

- The registered or other description of the property.
- The name of the owner.

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- The owners' postal addresses.
- The physical addresses of the property.
- The use and permitted use of the property.
- The extent of the property.
- The market value, vacant site and the improvement value of the property.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, there are a number of properties that are exempted in the draft Laikipia County Valuation roll as listed below:

1. Public religious worship places.
2. Cemeteries and crematoria.
3. Public hospitals.
4. Public educational institutions.
5. Charitable institutions, museums and libraries.
6. Public outdoor sports centres.
7. National parks and national reserves,

Mr. Speaker, Sir, Annexure 5 outlines the areas covered and total amount in value by the draft valuation roll as per the various Sub counties across the County.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The County Planning Committee, Honourable Speaker, recommend;

1. That this House pursuant to the provision of the National Letting Act, Cap 205, approve the draft Valuation Rule 2021-2031 as tabled.
2. That the Finance Assembly should consider post-implementation audit of the Valuation roll while focussing on the revenue, performance, and public feedback in order to inform the future update.
3. That this House adopt the report by the Finance and County Planning Committee on the draft Laikipia County Valuation Roll 2021-2031.

Hon. Speaker, it is my pleasure now to urge this House to approve the report by the Finance and County Planning Committee on the Laikipia draft Valuation Roll 2021-2031.

Bwana Spika, huu ni mwada ambao unaweza jieleza vizuri na kama vile niliuliza wajumbe twende pamoja wakati napitia huu mswwada. Hii stakabadhi inabeba *Valuation* ambayo ilifanywa na *Consultant*. Imepitia njia zote za kisheria na kufikia hapa inakubalika kisheria. Ukiangalia, kumekuwa na imechapishwa katika *Kenya Gazette* na maoni ya wananchi yamujumuishwa kama inavyostahili.

Vilevile katika hii stakabadhi ya *Kenya Gazette*, waliuliza kama kuna malalamishi yeyote ama shida yeyote ndio kuendelea mbele. Wananchi wa Laikipia, hakuna mahali walitoa maoni kwamba hii ripoti isisonge mbele na ndio maana kama kamati tumeikalia chini na kupeleleza ndio kuona itapita. Kesho ama kesho kutwa tutakuwa na mjadala wa fedha ambao tutaleta katika Bunge hili na kueleza vile pesa zitaweza kuokotwa katika Kaunti yetu.

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Jambo ambalo lilinishangaza ni tulipoita waliotengeneza. Walituambia hii ripoti ilitengenezwa na wataalamu. Pia wakasema ule ushauri wa utaalamu uliopeanwa hatuwezi badilisha sana. Hii ni ripoti imepitia njia zote za kisheria. Ikisema shamba eneo fulani lina kiwango fulani cha fedha, huwezi pinga. Ni kama Valuation ya gari.

Hii ripoti wajumbe wameweza kuitwa vikao tofauti na wakaweza kukubaliana nayo, kuipitia na kuelewa kile kilicho ndani. Jambo muhimu ni kwamba tutakapopitisha hii na naomba tuipitishe mapema, tuwe makini.

Bili ya Fedha ikipita, watalipisha kulingana na thamani yake. Asilimia ambayo itawekwa ndio inatufanya tukae macho kwa sababu katika serikali, ukipatiwa nafasi ya kuitisha ushuru, wanaitisha kila mahali. Wanaitishia kila kitu ushuru. Bwana Spika, ukiangalia vile serikali inatafuta ushuru, inatumia njia zote. Serikali ikipata nafasi ya kukulipisha hewa ambayo ni ya Mungu, utalipa.

Ni vile hawana kipimo cha kubaini unapumua hewa kiasi gani. Bwana Spika, tunafaa tukae ngumu katika hii serikali tukiwa Wakenya. Sisi kama viongozi pia tunafaa tukae macho kwa sababu ni lazima tujue mwananchi analipishwa nini. Bwana Spika, wakati hii nakala itapita, utasikia watu wameanza kulalamika kwamba ardhi yake haijafikisha hiyo dhamani lakini hauwezi kubadilisha.

Bwana Spika, juzi niliweza kubahatika nilipolipwa mshahara yangu. Niliongeza na pesa ambazo niliuza kuku na mbuzi wangu kwa sababu nikitegemea mshahara ya hapa, sitaweza kusaidika na nikanunua shamba jangwani. Nilipoenda kulipa ushuru, nilitolewa karatasi ambayo inaniambia ya kwamba shamba langu liko sehemu fulani. Bwana Spika, waliniambia ya kwamba pesa ya hiyo shamba ni milioni moja.

Nikiangalia pesa ambayo niliuziwa, nilikuwa nimeuziwa elfu mia nne. Wao wanasema ni milioni moja. Bwana Spika, nilijaribu kubishana lakini niliambiwa ni aidha nirudi na nakala zangu ama nilipe ushuru. Bwana Spika, ilinibidi nilipe. Kwa hivyo, ni lazima tujue *valuation roll* ni nini na ni lazima tulinde wananchi wetu kutokana na kodi ambazo zinalipishwa kila mahali.

Bwana Spika, kodi zingine zinalipishwa, hata ukiangalia mahali hizo pesa zinaenda unakosa. Hili Bunge tutakuwa makini kwa pesa zozote ambazo zitakuwa zinalipishwa na pesa zozote ambazo zitatoshwa mwananchi wa Kenya. Hiyo nakala imeweza kueleza thamani ya hizi ranchi. Tumekuwa na vita na ranchi. Bwana Spika, tumekuwa tukiangalia viwango ambazo wanapitishiwa na tukaona katika kila ekari ya ranchi, wanalipishwa shilingi ishirini na thelathini.

Ile biashara ambayo anafanyia huko ni ya bilioni na mamilioni ya pesa. Bwana Spika, ningetaka kusema ya kwamba hiyo haikuwa haki. Nikipita soko, kuna wale ambao ni mama mboga ambao wanauzia katika hii soko. Kila siku huyo mama analipa shilingi ishirini. Kwingine wanalipishwa shilingi hamsini na mia moja kulingana na nini unauza. Wale ambao wanaokota pesa mingi kwa kuona wanyama, wanalipishwa pesa kidogo.

Bwana Spika, juzi wameenda kortini wakilalamika ya kwamba shamba yao, haijathaminiwa vilivyo. Hiyo kesi ambayo wamepeleka kortini imeisha. Tukipitisha hii, watalipa pesa nyingi kuliko hiyo walikuwa wanalia hapa. Ninaomba Waheshimiwa ili tuweze kupata pesa za maendeleo katika hii Kaunti na ili tuweze kutoshanisha kila mtu katika Kaunti hii hasa kwa viwango vya ardhi, tunahitaji hii nakala haraka iwezekanavyo.

Kwa hivyo, Waheshimiwa, ninawaomba kama Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Fedha na Mipango. Tumeangalia hii nakala kwa niaba ya Bunge nzima na tukaona ya kwamba hii ni

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nakala ambayo tunafaa kupitisha. Kitu ambacho tutachunga na ambacho nimefanya ni kiwango ambacho kimewekwa kwa ploti za *freehold* kwa mfano za Baraka, Ruai, Kilimo na sehemu zingine ambazo nimeweza kuona pale.

Bwana Spika, tukienda kwa Bili ya Fedha, hizo ndizo maeneo ambayo tunafaa kuangalia. Mwananchi ambaye anaishi Ruai, hafai kulipishwa kitu chochote kwa sababu ni kuishi anaishi hapo. Kama anafanya Biashara, basi alipe. Mwananchi ambaye anaishi Likii, hiyo ni nyumba yake ya kuishi na kuwa na nyumba ni mahitaji ya msingi. Mtu hawezi kung'ang'ana kupata nyumba kisha umlipishe.

Ningetaka kuambia Waheshimiwa kwamba hiyo ndio marekebisho ya kwanza ambayo tutafanya katika Bili ya Fedha ya kuondoa malipo yoyote ambayo inalipishwa *freehold area*. Hilo tumelikalia chini na tumeangalia. Wengine wanalipa kwa mfano kama umejenga duka unafaa kulipia na hilo linakubalika kisheria. Kama ni nyumba yako ya kukaa, hakuna kitu unafaa kulipia.

Vilevile, wale ambao wako na shamba na ni ya kulima, hata kama unalima mjini, sheria haikuruhusu kulipa. Hiyo ni sheria ambayo imepitishwa na Serikali Kuu. Imepitishwa kwamba malipo ya ardhi inafaa kulipiwa kila mahali. Sisi kama Wabunge ni lazima tukinge wananchi wetu kwa sababu hiyo ni jukumu ambayo tumapewa na ndio maana tumechaguliwa hapa.

Bwana Spika, nisipotetea wale watu ambao walinichagua katika Wadi ya Thingithu, sikuwa nimefanya haki. Wananchi walikuja 2017 kupanga laini na wakanichagua kati ya watu mia moja. Mwaka wa 2022 vilevile walifunga vibanda vyao na tukaenda kwa debe na bado wakasema wananitaka. Kwani nimebakisha nini ingine. Bwana Spika, ni nini ingine nimebakisha hapa duniani. Sina lingine ila kukula, kukunywa na kutetea watu wangu. Hayo mengine ni ya ziada.

Kwanza ni kutetea haki ya mwananchi ambaye alinipangia laini. Kwa hayo machache na mengi, hii ni kamati ambayo inafanya kazi kwa niaba ya Waheshimiwa wengine. *This is not a briefcase committee* ambayo utakuwa ukibeba na ukifika Bunge unatoa, kisha ukitoka Bunge unaweka kwa mkoba. Hii ni kamati wazi na ambayo kila mtu yuko na maoni yake ya kutoa. Ndio maana ninaeleza ya kwamba yule ambaye nitaita hapa ili kuafiki huu mjadala ni mwanadada kutoka hapa.

Jinsia yake ni ya kutoka kwa watu wakakamavu na ambao wanasimama kidete kutetea nchi. Mheshimiwa Umija, anatupatia nguvu wakati tunazungumzia mambo ya kamati. Yeye ni mchapa kazi na kila hakuna wakati nimeingia mbele yake isipokuwa siku mbili. Tunamwamini katika kila kamati. Pia tuko na Mheshimiwa ambaye ni kijana barubaru, mkakamavu na mchapa kazi. Leo alisema ni lazima afike hapa na ahakikishe ya kwamba tumetetea *valuation roll*. Pia yeye yuko na mswada wa kutoka wadi yake ambapo kuna vita ambayo tutazungumzia.

Bwana Spika, hao wengine wako na ruhusa kwa sababu wameenda wajibu rasmi katika Kaunti yetu. Kwa hayo machache na mengi, ninamwalika Mheshimiwa Umija ili aweze kuunga mkono huu mswada na ili aweze kuupigia debe na aombe wengine ili waweze kupitisha huu mswada. Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika.

Pole Mheshimiwa Spika kwa sababu sikuwa nimeangalia upande huu ili niweze kuona Mheshimiwa mwingine mkakamavu. Kila ninapouliza swali ni lazima achangie na aulize maswali katika kamati ambaye ni Mheshimiwa Mary Gathoni. Sikuwa nimemuona. Hii kamati iko na akidi ya kutosha na tuko tayari. Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika.

Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Stephen. We appreciate your good work on Finance Committee. I now give this opportunity to Hon. Umija. The floor is yours.

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Hon. Catherine Umija: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Leo nitaongea Kiswahi na nitajaribu vile ninavyoweza kuongea lugha ya Taifa. Ninashukuru Mheshimiwa Stephen. Ninajua sifa ni mingi lakini kazi inafanyika. Sisi ni wachapa kazi kama Bunge hili. Ninahimiza Bunge hili kuweza kupitisha *valuation roll*. Kazi ya *valuation roll* itasaidia sana Kaunti kuweza kuchukua ushuru katika maeneo mbalimbali. Kwa sasa tumejua thamani ya kila shamba.

Itakuwa ni rahisi kuuza shamba lako. Hautauza shamba lako kwa bei ya chini. Kwa sasa tunajua thamani ya shamba lako. Ninashukuru Kamati kwa sababu tumekaa na *valuation roll* kutoka 2022. Huo ni muda mrefu sana na ninafikiri watalamu walianza hii kazi mwaka wa 2021 hadi sasa. Hiyo ilikuwa ni Bunge iliyopita. Kwa sasa tumeingia kwa Bunge la tatu. Ni wakati wetu wa kuchapa kazi. Tunaomba kumaliza hii kazi ili tuweze kupatia kaunti nafasi ya kuchukua ushuru katika kaunti yetu. Sina mengi ya kusema Bwana Spika, ni hayo tu. Asante, ninaunga mkono.

(Question proposed)

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, the floor is open for debate. Hon. Mugambi Gatati.

Hon. Mugambi Gatati: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I stand in support of the valuation roll. I want to comment that this valuation roll is a legal document that every county should have after every ten years. Another thing to point is that in Laikipia County, we have never had a valuation roll. So, this is history in the making. This is the first valuation roll because the law considers that you pass a new valuation roll after every ten years.

To point some other important thing so that Members can understand that whatever you are passing here today is an important document, not just for the county but to you if you own any property of land in this county. The importance of this valuation roll is to give fairness and equity, optimal land use, legal ownership, market value, benchmark, property rates, economic development and other things.

I want to echo what the Chairperson was talking that it comes to the Finance Bill. The most emotive thing in this valuation roll is about the taxation of people who own land in free hold areas. I want to remind you something the former Governor did that messed him up. The former Governor, Hon. Ndiritu Muriithi introduced some tax and increased tax to small businesses on single business permit.

That one thing messed him up because Laikipians were perceiving the Governor as a Tax Man. The same is happening with our current President H.E William Ruto. We must be very careful with this valuation roll and the Finance Bill so that we do not tax people who have land that do not generate any income. I am happy to hear the Chairperson already giving us assurance that when it comes to the Finance Bill, we shall make sure we amend that section and make it free.

I am a committee Member and I will make sure that thing doesn't put more burden to our people in Laikipia. This document is a history in making. This is the first valuation roll in Laikipia County and it will help those conflicts that we are having with the conservancies. We shall have a document to refer to the value of land that those conservancies have. I congratulate the consultancy firm that did the valuation roll. If you check the valuation roll, we have been in so many trainings and meetings with the consultancy. They were very keen on the important and emotive issues of land in Laikipia. Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I support.

Hon. Mary Gathoni: Asante, Bwana Spika. Ninashukuru Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Fedha kwa kazi njema aliyofanya. Tumeweza kupata wakati wa kuchambua *valuation roll.* Ninashukuru tumekuja hapa kupitisha. Watu watatozwa ushuru kwa ujasiri bila kuogopa.

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Kulikuwa na fununu ya kwamba watu ambao wana mashamba yao watatozwa ushuru. Ni Dhahiri ya kwamba hawatatozwa ushuru tena. Asante sana.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Nicholas Lempaira and I would like to ask Hon. Mugambi Gatati to switch off the microphone as we concentrate on the contribution from Hon. Nicholas Lempaira.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I stand in support of the report. I find some gaps in the report. Hon. Speaker, I have just gone through the rates' document for every specific land and I did not see these ranchers that we are talking about who went to court because of the issue of land rates. I have only seen Laikipia Ranching, Laikipia Nature Conservancies but the rest are not there.

I did not see Loisaba, Impala, Ol Daiga and the rest. I have gone through the document and they are not there. Hon. Speaker, therefore I think it will be unfair to pass a document that does not have detailed information on some of the land that we are looking at while doing land rates and taxation on these lands.

Hon. Speaker, I was also looking at the Members' report and I was expecting them to tell us the percentage or how the land will be taxed. We are passing something that we know. I have not seen the calculation. Even if the land is Kshs.20 million, what will be the formula that the county will use in taxation. These are some of the gaps that I looked at in a few minutes.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I want some clarifications from the Chair and share with this House on how it is going to happen. Hon. Gatati has just said that this will be the first valuation that we are passing as a House. Since it is the first one, we also need to be cautious on what we are passing so that we do not leave some land out while the others are in.

Hon. Speaker, I have also seen in the report the Members have clarified some few towns in my ward such as Il'polei and Ewaso which some of its land will be charged using flat rates. I want to make it clear in this House that these towns have not yet been physically planned as it is required. I am wondering how they will charge rates on towns that the County Government has not done the physical planning.

I am asking if it is possible, they struck out these towns until they are officially planned so that they can be rated in the best possible way. Thank you, Hon. Speaker. As I wait for clarification from the Chairperson for the Finance Committee or any other Member from the Finance Committee, according to me the report is incomplete. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: May I call upon the mover to reply.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Hon. Speaker, I have just asked for clarification on the missing land that I know. The towns that have been listed here have not been physically planned by the county. I want guidance.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Stephen, there are some clarifications from Hon. Nicholas Lempaira concerning the same.

Hon. Mugambi Gatati: Hon. Speaker, I want to respond to Hon. Lempaira with your permission.

Deputy Speaker: Kindly do. You have the floor.

Hon. Mugambi Gatati: Thank you. This is a discussion that needs to have a sit down with all Members because this document is complex. There are some types of land that is not mentioned by the name. They have just classified them. For example, if you check in your

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Nanyuki Ward, there are some areas they classified like if Ol Daiga Conservancy is in Nanyuki, they classify that from Thingithu to Likii is class A type.

So, all the land rates will be the same. Whether that conservancy was not mentioned, it falls under that group. If you read the document, there is the line of block. The normal rating in my ward, there is the "block" thing. You will find all titles in a certain area are written Muruku or Uruku then block. This documentation groups that block under one class.

This is not something that we can discuss in the chambers. We need to sit down because we also post the same questions to the consultancy. That time, they projected whatever they shared and we were satisfied. Hon. Member, I am not a surveyor or a valuer but I am trying to do my best.

Deputy Speaker: What is it Hon. Lempaira?

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Hon. Speaker, I think that when it comes to anything that deal with charging somebody some money, it should be specifically clear. If we are going the block way, somebody may put me in a block that I am not in. Hon. Speaker, I am asking about a land that is not in any block. For example, I have looked at how Nanyuki is classified and I agree with it.

On Mountex, they have gone into details by dividing Mountex into specific owners and giving out their numbers and the rest. You forgot to include in your report Loisaba, Impala, Ol'Jogi Ranch and Ol'Daiga. These are people with chunks of land. These are people who we are getting a hard time while charging them Kshs. 20 per acre in one year. These are the people who rush to court every time they look at this thing.

I like the way the Laikipia Nature Conservancy is put. You have put the number acreage, NRA number, their valuation and it is good that we include all of them. The moment we put them as blocks, some people will take the advantage. Currently, they are taking the advantage of court to hide. If you increase from Kshs. 20 to Kshs. 60, they rush to the court. One of the things that they are citing is that we have not done valuation for their lands and the actual value of their specific lands.

If the committee need some more time to clarify on this issue, we have no problem with that. We need to agree here that some of these lands need to specifically be included in these reports. I have no problem you saying Ewaso and Ilpolei can be charged a flat rate but at least can it wait until the County Government do physical planning on the said lands so that they know they are charging what exactly. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: I now call upon the mover to reply. Hon. Stephen Ndiritu.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I have noted the concern that was raised by Hon. Lempaira. Hon. Speaker, it is very important we look at every document that was brought into this House.

This is a document that we have to look at very carefully. I want to beg you, Hon. Speaker, to postpone the putting of the question as well as the reply so that the committee can go and look at it to see why some documents are not here. I am asking the owner of this document and they are telling me that they brought four documents, but on this floor we have only three. There is the document on private ranchers and it is not here in this Assembly. So, I beg that you allow me not to respond to that motion until I get that document, then you will give me a chance to reply to this motion some other day. Thank you.

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Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Stephen. Reading the mood of the House, and considering that that is a very emotional issue, I grant permission that we put the question on hold until further notice.

(Putting of the question deferred)

MOTION

ENHANCEMENT OF SECURITY IN SALAMA WARD

Hon. Mugambi Gatati: Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the following motion:

THAT, AWARE THAT pursuant to Article 29 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, every person has the right to freedom and security;

FURTHER AWARE THAT the enhancement of personal security and the protection of private and public property is among the guiding principles towards a developed County;

CONCERNED of the escalating cases of insecurity within Laikipia County whereby in the recent past in Matigari, Salama Ward have recently experienced heightened levels of insecurity, including violent attacks, destruction of property and displacement of residents;

DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT families and individuals affected by such acts have suffered severe loss and trauma, including the burning down of homes and businesses, leaving them without shelter or means of livelihood;

RECOGNIZING THAT the County Emergency Fund exists to provide rapid relief and response to victims of disasters and emergencies, including those caused by human conflict;

This House URGES the County Government in liaison with the relevant National Government agencies responsible for security to:

1. Protect the property and lives of the residents of Matigari in Salama Ward by prioritizing the construction and equipping of a police post in the said location;
2. Initiate peace-building processes among the affected locations.
3. Strengthen community-based conflict resolution mechanisms to help address underlying issues that may contribute to escalating cases of insecurity.
4. Release funds from the County Emergency Fund to provide urgent humanitarian assistance—such as shelter, food, clothing, and basic supplies—to the victims whose property was burnt or destroyed due to insecurity.

Mheshimiwa Spika, ningeomba kuongea kwa Kiswahili ili nieleza vizuri. Nikitumia Kiingereza, huenda nisiweze kueleza vizuri ili watu waelewe ni nini tunaongea kuhusu. Mheshimiwa Spika, wiki iliyopita katika wadi yangu, mahali paitwapo Matigari; hapo ni pale ukitoka Mutara, mahali ambapo makao yetu makuu yalikuwa, ukielekea Rumuruti kabla ukifika njia ya kuelekea Thome. Ni njia ambayo wengi wetu tunatumia, hasa tunaopitia njia ya kuenda Rumuruti. Walio na mashamba au ng'ombe hapo Mutara ADC, kuna hilo eneo la Thome. Hapo kumekuwa na utovu wa usalama.

Mimi nasema kwamba sio makabila yanapigana ila ni majangili wanaleta shida. Mngenizika hii wiki. Nilienda hapo usiku na kulikuwa na shida sana, nikaona maisha yangu

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pia yalikuwa hatarini. Familia nyingi zina shida hapo na watu wawili wamekufa. Tumepatia familia mia tatu mahali pa kuishi katika kanisa la Baptist, Rumuruti, kwa vile hawawezi kukaa kwenye maeneo yao kutokana na hofu ya kuuawa.

Kinachonishangaza, Mheshimiwa Spika, ni kwamba tangu hilo tukio lifanyike hadi wa leo, Serikali ya Kaunti ya Laikipia haijawahi kufika pale. Hao wananchi wanalia, na unajua wakati wa vita wanawake na watoto ndio wanaumia zaidi. Familia mia tatu zimewekwa katika Nyumba kama hii. Wanaume, akina mama na watoto wanalala katika nyumba moja. Sisi tuko hapa, na viongozi waliochaguliwa katika hii Kaunti yetu wanazurura kila mahali badala ya kuenda kuwashughulikia watu walioathiriwa pale. Hiyo ni hujuma kubwa sana, kama hatuwezi kusaidia watu wetu wanapokuwa na shida.

Wale watu hawana chakula, mifugo yao iliibwa na nyumba zao zikachomwa. Sasa huyo mtu ako Rumuruti, mahali ambapo hajazoea bila pesa wala chochote. Hata amani ikirudi, ukimrudisha huyo mtu ataishi wapi? Kwake kumechomwa, mbuzi na ng'ombe wake wameibwa kwa vile ni wafugaji. Baadhi yao, watoto na waume zao wameuawa bali serikali yetu ya Kaunti pamoja na serikali ya kitaifa, hadi wa leo, hawajapeleka usaidizi wowote pale.

Mheshimiwa Spika, mawazo yangu sasa ni kwamba kuna wananchi ngazi tofauti. Kuna wananchi wa ngazi ya A na wa ngazi ya B. Mimi nitalalamika kama msimamizi wa wadi yangu. Ukiangalia mambo yakifanyika, kwa mfano moto ukizuka ama tukio lolote likifanyika hapa Nanyuki au Nyahururu, Gavana na kila mtu atakuwa hapo. Unasikia wamepewa blanketi, chakula na vitu vingine. Wadi zetu za kule ndani, sijawahi kusikia mtu amekuja wakati kuna dharura. Wakati umefika tuambiwe iwapo sisi ni wa Laikipia au tupewe Samburu au Kaunti nyingine.

Hili sasa ni tukio la pili katika wadi yangu na hakuna kiongozi aliyechaguliwa Laikipia amefika pale kuwasaidia wale wananchi. Mimi nimekuwa Gavana, mwakilishi wa wanawake, Mbunge na kila kitu mahali pale. Ningependa mwende kuangalia ile picha, kuona watoto mia moja; kuna watoto takriban mia moja wasiozidi miaka minne mahali pale. Ukiwaona ndio utajua ninachoongea kuhusu. Pengine sasa hiyo picha haionekani vizuri. Watoto mia moja wasiozidi miaka minne wako ndani ya nyumba moja. Wanawake zaidi ya mia moja wako hapo, bila chakula wala maji.

Kaunti yetu ina magari ya kusafirisha maji yameegeshwa. Baadhi ya viongozi wana ujinga. Unaegesha gari la kusafirisha maji hapo Rumuruti ilhali watu wanahitaji maji na huwaletei. Tunatumia pesa zetu binafsi kusaidia familia mia tatu. Natumia takriban elfu thelathini kila siku kuwashughulikia. Hata maji ambayo ni hitaji la msingi halipelekwi pale. Jamani, naomba mnisaidie. Katika hii nchi yetu, baadhi yetu ni kama tunachukiwa kwa ajili ya sura zetu, ama sijui tulifanya nini. Sijui kama tulizaliwa vibaya. Mtu akiwa na shida kwake, inaangaliwa ni nani anaongea na kusemekana kwamba asisaidiwe. Hata sio mimi nahitaji usaidizi, ni zile familia, na wao ni Wanalaikipia. Ni wapiga kura wa Laikipia. Ifikapo siku ya kura ndipo tunaenda kuwaambia eti wao ni watu wetu.

Mheshimiwa Spika, ningeomba hili Bunge. Huwa tunaleta mijadala na wanaona kama tunaongea tu mambo yetu. Naomba hili Bunge tushikane na mnisaidie kwa sababu Waswahili walisema, *'ukiona cha mwenzako chanyolewa, chako kitie maji.'* Tukiwa tu tumeketi hapa na Mheshimiwa Gitahi, tunapigiwa simu kwamba ng'ombe wameibwa kwake, sasa hivi tu mchana. Watu walipouawa Matigari, baada tu ya siku mbili mahali panapoitwa Mathira, wakulima walifurushwa mchana na majangili wanaojulikana.

Hata sijui tutaishi aje. Ukija nyumbani kwangu huwezi kulala tu hivyo, lazima uwe na walinzi. Kumeharibika jamani na Gavana wetu haongei, serikali haiongei. Juzi niliona Gavana

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amekuja kuzindua tingatinga hapa kwenye ofisi. Unazindua tingatinga wakati watu wanakufa Matigari? Tunajua hata jinsi ya kuyapa mambo kipaumbele? Wewe ni Gavana uliyepewa kura na wananchi wa Laikipia na ifikapo siku ya kura unaenda kuwaambia watu jinsi unavyowapenda. Hilo ni vibaya sana kwa Gavana wetu. Hata kuenda kuwasikiza hao watu kule Matigari, hata sio kuwasaidia bali tu kuwasikiza.

Kuna Seneta, Mwakilishi wa Kike na Mbunge, wote hawajawahi kufika hapo. Tunaongea kuhusu familia mia tatu, na kila familia ina kati ya watu watatu hadi watano, kwa hivyo tunaongea kuhusu idadi ya watu elfu moja na mia tano ambao wameathirika. Mhubiri, Askofu Longisa, ndiye anatusaidia kuwapa hao watu makao. Naona Wabunge wakizunguka kupena *empowerment;* unaenda kuwapa *empowerment* watu walio nyumbani kwao ilhali huleti usaidizi kwa walioathiriwa na vita.

Mimi nilikuja hadi Laikipia Mashariki kutafuta usaidizi. Mheshimiwa Mwangi Kiunjuri ndiye alinipa usaidizi wa wiki moja ilhali kuna viongozi waliochaguliwa katika Laikipia Magharibi. Katika kila bajeti huwa tunatenga takriban milioni arobaini kama fedha ya dharura. Hata tunahitaji kujua hii pesa ya dharura huenda wapi. Sasa wakati wa kupaza sauti umefika. Ama tuishi pamoja au tufe pamoja. Baadhi yetu pia tuambiwe iwapo kwetu ni Laikipia au sio.

Hao watu wasiposaidiwa, nitawaleta kwenye ofisi ya Gavana baada ya wiki moja. Nitaandamana nao wote hadi kwenye ofisi ya Gavana kuuliza iwapo sisi ni watu wa Laikipia au wa wapi. Tunapitisha bajeti ya fedha ya dharura kila mwaka. Mimi najaribu kuitisha pesa kidogo tu ya kuwaletea hao watu angalau blanketi. Sasa nasikia kila siku watoto kati ya kumi hadi ishirini wanaugua homa kila siku. Wengine wetu tukiwa na magari ya *four wheel,* mlinzi na dereva, lakini ni bure kabisa. Mungu anawaona nyinyi wote mliochaguliwa. Mmewaachilia wananchi wateseke nyinyi mkipelekwa kwenye hoteli kubwa kubwa. Nyinyi mna walinzi wenu lakini wananchi wa Salama, Laikipia wanateseka.

Ningeomba hili Bunge litusaidie. Tukimaliza hiki kikao nimewaita wanahabari tutoe taarifa hata kwa Rais na Waziri wa Usalama, Murkomen. Ikiwa hawa viongozi wa kaunti hawawezi kusaidia, basi tutafute usaidizi juu. Mimi nilifika hapa usiku. Wananchi wa kawaida wanarandaranda na bunduki, na tuko Kenya wala sio nchi nyingine. Kenya iliyo na sheria na kila kitu. Hata nyinyi mnaoenda Rumuruti chungeni sana maisha yenu mfikapo hapo Matigari. Unaweza kupoteza maisha yako wakati wowote hapo.

Mheshimiwa Lempaira ana mali ya zaidi ya milioni ishirini mahali pale. Ziko hatarini leo kwa sababu hivyo vitu vyote vinaweza kufyekwa leo. Kwa hivyo, usidhani tunaongea kuhusu mambo yaliyo Utopia. Tunaongea kuhusu mambo ambayo mmoja wetu hapa... Baadhi yetu tunaishi huko kwa neema ya Mungu tu kwa sababu tunaweza kulengwa kwa urahisi. Wakati huo tulisafiri pamoja na polisi takriban mia moja, na hao watu walikuwa tu wanazurura hapo hata wakiona hao ni askari. Gavana, Seneta, Mwakilishi wa Kike na Mbunge, wote wamenyamaza. Hawa watu watasaidiwa na nani?

Nyinyi mnasema mnafanya *empowerment,* mnapeleka milioni mia moja na arobaini na tano kuwapa watu ambao wako sawa ilhali wenye hawako sawa pamoja na familia zao wanakufa. Hata dawa, Gavana aje tu aseme hospitali iliyo hapo Rumuruti iweke kambi hapo kutibu hao watoto; unaingia ofisini kila siku Rumuruti na huwezi kutenga hata dakika thelathini kuenda kuwasikiza hao watu. Tunataka kujua iwapo kuna wananchi wa ngazi ya kwanza na wa ngazi ya pili.

Nawaomba Wabunge wenzangu; Mheshimiwa Nyokabi ni jirani yangu hapo Ngobit. Nikisukumwa kutoka kwenye hio laini ya Mutara, wataingia Wamura, yeye ndiye atakuwa wa

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pili kufikiwa. Tayari vita vimeanza kwa Mheshimiwa Gitahi, ng'ombe wameibwa mchana peupe. Mheshimiwa Karuiru anapambana na majangili pale chini Olmoran. Rumuruti, kwenye ile laini yote ya Marura ni shida kila siku. Licha ya hayo yote, bado tumenyamaza na kuwaambia watu wetu Laikipia kuna amani. Watu wawili wamekufa, mmoja bado hata hajazikwa kwa sababu ya bili.

Mtoto wa yule mama mjane anafanya kazi Maasai Mara. Alikuja kutembea nyumbani lakini siku hiyo tu majangili wakaja na kumuua. Yeye hata haishi hapo. Wajua wakati mwingine ukisikia hadithi, ni kama filamu. Siku ile itafanyika kwako ndio utaelewa ninayozungumza kuhusu. Bado hatuna usalama, familia ziko nje na hakuna yeyote katika uongozi wa kaunti aliyefika hapo. Naibu wa Gavana alikuja na kusema eti amekuja kama Kamuri, hajakuja kama serikali. Hawa watu wana ujinga mwingi sana. Naibu wa Gavana anakuja mahali na magari mawili na kusema eti amekuja kama Kamuri.

Bwana Spika, umefika wakati wa hili Bunge kupewa heshima. Yaani Naibu wa Gavana anaenda na mdomo peke yake kuona familia mia tatu. Alisema atakuwa akilipia maji lakini hadi wa leo hajapokea simu kutoka kwa hao watu. Sasa ndio wakati ufaao, Wabunge. Tafadhali simameni nami. Huu ndio wakati nilipo chini zaidi. Simameni pia na watu wa Matigari, Salama. Ukienda kuwasikiza hao akina mama, hawawezi kuongea hata dakika mbili bila kulia. Ni kwa sababu mtu amepoteza mbuzi wake wote, mwingine amempoteza mume na mwingine kumpoteza mtoto. Licha ya hayo, bado tunasema sisi ni Wakenya?

Naomba kwamba haya mambo matatu tunayoongea kuhusu hapa, tunamwomba Waziri wa Utawala, Mheshimiwa Purity, kuhakikisha kuwa anatumia fedha ya dharura kuwapa hao watu makao. Nyumba thelathini na tatu zilichomwa, sasa unawaambia hao watu warudi wapi? Wataishi wapi? Sisi tunatoa pesa yetu binafsi ili hao watu wale. Hata wanakula chakula mara mbili tu kwa siku, na unajua mtoto wa miaka minne lazima ale mara kama tatu au nne.

Waheshimiwa, naomba usaidizi wenu. Baada ya hiki kikao, nimewaalika wanahabari ili tukatoe hotuba kwa Waziri wa Usalama. Ikiwa viongozi wa hii Kaunti hawawezi kusaidia basi tutafute usaidizi kwingineko. Msijali kwamba nimeongea na hasira, sio kupenda kwangu. Ni uchungu nilio nao, na mnielewe hivyo. Naweza kuenda na nikose kurudi hapa Bungeni kwa sababu nikienda kuwatembelea hao wananchi huenda pia mimi nipigwe risasi. Mimi sio wa kipekee. Watu wanapigwa ovyo ovyo. Naomba mniunge mkono, na naomba ushirikiano wa viongozi wa kaunti na wa kitaifa ili tuone jinsi tutakavyoshughulikia hilo jambo. Kwa hayo machache na mengi, namwomba ndugu yangu, Mheshimiwa Gitahi, kuuafiki huu mswada. Asante.

Hon. Joseph Gitahi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for this opportunity. I rise to second the motion for enhancement of security in Salama Ward. I want to start with a sermon given by Martin Luther King Jr in Birmingham. He said that an injustice anywhere is an injustice everywhere. Additionally, at the climax of the Second World War, there was one Martin Niemoller who was a bishop in the German administration. He said: *"When they came for me, I said nothing because I was not a trade unionist. When they came for my neighbour, I said nothing because I was not a civil servant. When they came another neighbour, I said nothing because I was not a member of that social group. Finally, when they came for me, there was nobody left to say anything."*

Mr. Speaker, what we are saying is that we are condemning in the worst terms possible the insecurity in Salama Ward. This Constitution, by virtue of Article 1 of it, makes us the representatives of the people. Today, as the people of Salama Ward are speaking through Hon. Mugambi Gatati, I wish to support them in condemning the issue of social disintegration in that ward.

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Hon. Speaker, we are privy to the issues in the background, some of which we will not mention here for purposes of social cohesion. What I want to state, however, is that I second this motion in full cognizance of the issues that the Member has stated. I want to congratulate the Member because he has not only stated the problem but has also moved forward to suggest solutions that will solve the menace in that ward.

First, Hon. Speaker, the issue of ethnic animosity affects not only social integration but also stops all economic activity in the subject areas. If you go to Salama Ward today, people are not farming. They are also not rearing livestock, and that has stopped the wheel of economic development. Secondly, it is further entrenching issues of differences. Understand that we are talking this with a context, that this country has 42 ethnic communities and we have been told times without number by social commentators that our diversity should be our strength, not our weakness.

Hon. Speaker, if you listen to the background and the tones behind this matter, it will tell you about people from different communities clashing. Additionally, this animosity and crisis promotes issues of social suffering. You cannot imagine that the three hundred people the Hon. Member is talking about have children, women and people living with disabilities, only to mention a few people who are special groups in the society.

It is therefore incumbent upon this House and all leaders of good sense to condemn this in the greatest terms possible and call for action and action points that have been stated by the Hon. Member. It is important that today, even as we continue, this government takes up its first role which is to protect lives and property. That is what the Hon. Member is saying today, that this government, whether the County or National Government, should move with speed to protect these people. Additionally, there should be a mechanism for quelling the tension and simmering differences between the people who are engaged in conflict.

Finally, Hon. Speaker, we must look for sustainability on the issues that we are talking about. We might give a short dose today but these societies are made for sustainability, so that the peace and stability that we are talking about is able to continue beyond this month, year, decade and even century. There is also one thing I want to state; this matter of community and social integration is happening within a certain context in this nation. You have heard people whipping tribes for the government of this nation. These are the things. When we address this matter, it will be a milestone in ensuring that even this nation is stable in the future.

Hon. Speaker, as a youthful person, I also want to condemn that. By virtue of the social demographic that I am in, we must take care of this nation. The actions that we are doing today; and I know that you fit in the same category, Hon. Speaker; it is us who will bear the effects of the evils that we are tolerating today. So, it is important that as youthful people we protect these societies so that they do not disintegrate.

I want to extrapolate this content to the regional state, if you go to South Sudan, the Danka arising against the Nuer, if you go top Uganda there is a problem with northern Uganda, in Somali we have not known peace since the overthrowing of Siad Barre. In this country we have our own share of conflict, if you go to the Democratic Republic of Congo, the hot bath of ethnic vulcanisation you will find chaos from the city of Goma to south Kivu to Bandaka and to the streets of Mumbashi.

It is important that we the youthful population protect this community so that they don't disintegrate. Hon. Speaker, as I end, I want to localise the context to my ward, as I was taking lunch, I am informed that people from other communities have invaded our ward together with Hon. George Karuiru and they have driven away with herds of cattle.

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I am trying to contact the County Commissioner and other security bodies and there is this excuse that has been given by this County Government that all you see the issues of security are with the National Government. Nothing can be further from the truth, we have a Laikipia County policing authority that includes the County Commissioner, the Governor is a Member of this committee and different elected members.

It is upon us to remind these leaders they have a mandate that they should undertake. I don't want to speak much. I only wanted to stand and second my brother here and what we hope is that as we leave this chamber as we talk to the world through the media, is that all these stakeholders and the security department are going to assure the women and children of Salama Ward that there shall be peace, stability for economic prosperity.

Hon. Speaker having said that, I want to urge all members to support this motion so that our people can know peace and so our societies can thrive. Thank you, Hon. Speaker, I second this motion.

(Question proposal)

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante Bwana Spika. Nasimama kuweza kuunga mswada ambao umeletwa na Mheshimiwa Mugambi Gatati. La pili, nataka kukupongeza kwa vile wewe hufanya kazi ukiwa mkakamavu na vile wewe huangalia mbele sana. Jambo la kwanza ningependa kusema kuhusu huu mswada, ni mswada ambao unaumiza roho hasa wakati unaelezwa na Mheshimiwa Gatati na ambaye ni mmoja wa wale anaowakilisha wale ambao wameadhiriwa.

Bwana Spika mimi najua Matigari na ninaelewa Matigari na iko katika *Laikipia County, Laikipia West constituency* na hiyo tunaelewa kabisa. Kwa hivyo litakuwa ni jambo lisilo la busara kama tutaketi hapa wananchi wakiumia ilhali wale wananchi wametoka katika *Laikipia County*. Kuwa umechaguliwa katika Bunge hili, unachaguliwa ufike hapa ili uweze kutetea watu.

Mimi nimechaguliwa kutoka wadi ya Thingithu na si eti nilichaguliwa ili kufanyia watu wa Thingithu kazi pekee yao, lakini nilikuwa mahali pa kuingilia ya kuweza kufika hapa ambapo nitaweza kuwakilisha Wanalaikipia kwa njia yoyote. Usalama ni kitu muhimu na usalama ni lazima udumishwe, usalama wa wananchi lazima uangaliwe. Kama hakuna usalama hakuna biashara.

Jambo la kushangaza nimesikia yale ambayo Mheshimiwa Gatati amepitia kama kiongozi katika kata, nikasikia akisema kuwa yeye ndiye M.C.A, yeye amekuwa ndiye *Governor, Senator, County Commissioner na Chief,* ya kushangaza kabisa na ile imenishtua kabisa ni kwamba yeye pia amekuwa ni *Woman Rep* kwa sababu hakuna mtu yeyote anaye Saidia yeye katika hiyo shughuli.

Naichukua nikiwa na uchungu kusikia ya kwamba hao wananchi wamekaa hapo wakiteseka bila ya mtu yeyote kuangalia. Bwana Spika, jambo ambalo ningetaka kusema kidogo ni ya kwa kwamba Mheshimiwa Gatati ameweza kulalamika na kulalamikia kila kiongozi. Yule mtu anafaa kulalamikiwa katika hiyo jambo ni *County Commissioner* ambaye anasimamia usalama katika Kaunti yetu.

Wa pili na ambaye anafaa kulalamikiwa na aweze kujibu maswali ni Mbunge wa sehemu hiyo ambaye anakaa katika serikali kuu, mambo ya usalama na kubaliana na yeye na tuelewane ya kwamba haijakuwa *devolved*. Governor Joshua Irungu anaweza tembea pale kama mtu ambaye ako na uwezo na ako na jambo la kufanya.

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Lakini wale ambao wanafaa kujibu maswali sanasana ni wale ambao wanasimamia mambo ya usalama. Usalama haujagatuliwa, usalama ni jambo la serikali kuu na ndo inafaa kushugulikia kuhakikisha ya kwamba usalama umedumishwa. Gavana akifika huko, labda aende na askari rungu ama na wale walinzi amepewa.

Jambo ambalo ningependa kusema ni ya kwamba ukisikia mbwa inabweka, iko mwenyewe. Wale ambao wamesababisha hayo mapigano wanafaa kuendewa wenyewe tujue ni nani alileta shida, walianza na nani na ni nini imefikisha hapo. Vilevile, mambo ya usalama ndio tuachane kukimbiza mbwa, tukimbize mwenyewe.

Vilevile, lazima tuelewe Waziri anafanya nini, Rais wa Jamhuri Ya Kenya anafanya nini? Kama Laikipia hakutakuwa na amani, hakuna haja ya kuwa na Waziri wa usalama na hii lazima ieleweke Kenya mzima '*'Laikipia is part of this country and the minister of internal security, CS kipchumba Murkomen should take lead and responsibility to protect the life of the people of Matigari area in Salama ward''.*

If we will not have peace in Salama area, then the minister Hon. Kipchumba Murkomen should go home as early as now. If we want security in Laikipia, Kipchumba must go home, we want our people to live in harmony, Kipchumba must go. Another member here is telling me to say ''Wan-Tam'', for this one, Kipchumba must go home.

Tumekuwa na shida ya ukosefu wa usalama, hii ni jambo ambalo tunafaa kuuliza. *You the President of the Republic of Kenya, what are you doing to protect the people in Salama ward especially in Matigari location. You must tell us because you were sworn in to protect the institution and the rights of the people who live in this country.*

Wacha kila mtu achukue jukumu lake. Mtu abebe msalaba, Yesu alibeba msalaba akielekea Golgotha. Wale ambao wako hapa na hawafanyi kazi zao, wabebe misalaba wakielekea Goligotha yao. Hatutaweza kuwa tunakaa hapa na ilhali wananchi wanateseka. Nimekubaliana na Mheshimiwa Gatati ya kwamba hao watu ambao wako huko wako na Watoto.

Mtoto mchanga ambaye hajui vita ni nini, hajui nini kinachoulizana na hajui shida ilitokea wapi. Hata nikifuatilia ni ugomvi baina ya wanaume wawili na mtu wa jinsia ingine na hapo ndipo nasikia shida ilianza na ikaenea ikafika hata mahali mtoto ambaye hajui maneno yoyote, sahii anateseka katika kambi. Mtoto haelewi shida ilitokea wapi ana athirika.

Mama ambaye anafaa kuwa anawachunga nyumbani na waende shule hata na yeye yuko huko na hayo ndiyo mambo ambayo ningependa kukashifu siku ya leo na kusema ni lazima usalama wa Matigari uwe. Na sasa pengine Waheshimiwa wengine wako na jambo la kusema, acha nimalizie.

Kama tunataka amani irejee katika Laikipia, hasa Matigari, ni lazima Murkomen aende nyumbani. Kama tunataka amani katika Laikipia, ni lazima Kamishina wa Kaunti afanye jambo kuhusu hili jambo kwa dharura na tutamfuata ili ahakikishe ya kwamba watu wa Matigari wanaishi kwa Amani. Asante.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for the opportunity given to me. Before I make my contribution, I feel that I should recognize and appreciate the pupils from Thingithu. I don't want to mention the name of the school because it is not clear in my mind but the good thing is that they come from Thingithu which has produced the Hon. Member who has just spoken. He has made a serious contribution in this House and has been of great help in this House and Laikipia as whole.

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Hon. Speaker, the motion that is here is a very serious motion and emotional as well when our people, children and mothers are suffering somewhere. I really sympathize with Hon. Mugambi Gatati because he has been doing this work alone and I am a witness because last week he was going at a very high speed.

I could make a call and ask him where he was running to and he told me that he was carrying food stuff for people who were suffering in Matigari. The name Matigari itself confirms that that was not the first time because it means the remnant, the ones who survived. It means that many years ago probably in the same area there was a similar conflict and maybe many have died in that area because of insecurity.

Hon. Speaker, it is very unfortunate that today the area MCA is working as the Senator as the Women Rep and also as a MP. That is why we need to wake up as he has called us to help him and we will help him save the situation of that area. So, Hon. Stephen should wake up now and act as a Senator to ease that discomfort that Hon. Gatati is having. Hon. Nyokabi should also wake up and act as a Women Rep so that Hon. Gatati may stop acting the Women Rep and Hon. Gitahi should rise up and maybe act as the area MP to help those people in getting the best.

Having said that, it is also important that the security personnel in this county also wake up and do proper investigations because we really need to find out the cause of these chaos. Maybe it is cattle rustling, love circles or whatever it is. We need to rise up as a government and the security personnel does serious investigations and get the root cause of these clashes.

Hon. Speaker, many will lose their lives because as we are talking I have heard that two men have already lost their lives. So investigations should be done so that more men, children or women may not die. Whatever has caused the chaos, the children who are not aware of what is happening or even understand what it is about, never applied to be brought up in the families they are in or applied to be in those communities, they are suffering for no good reason?

As a government, whether it is the County Government, giving out foodstuff does not require the National Government to come because that is a personal responsibility. I have just heard Hon. Gatati saying that Hon. Lempaira has invested over Kshs.20 million. So, we don't just need to look at the National Government because in the County Government, we have the budget of the same in the office of administration. We have a minister in charge of that and a chief officer as well. Even if they don't fight the criminals, let them go there and supply food, water, clothes and other basic things.

The government should be able to address those issues because even the community members are helping them. If I go there, I will not say that I have gone there as Mugweru, but should assist with the little I have. That is what we expect from the government and the individuals from this county. We need to have as many well-wishers who can help the people in that camp.

Hon. Speaker, serious investigations should be done so that we may know whether it is a hundred or a thousand people who are there. You may be saying that it hundred but by the end of the day you might find it is 200 hundred because Githiga has also been affected. It is important to know because they can be 20 or more so that we may get the actual thing that is on the ground to enable us put serious effort equivalent to what is there.

Hon. Speaker, it will be very embarrassing, I have been watching our government and find somebody bringing two blankets to 20 families. We need to gauge and understand the level of damage that has been done there so that we may go with equal measure. As a Hon.

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Gatati has said, as an Assembly we need to give a press conference because everybody should hear this and understand. Whether it is the Minister in charge of the security, he should come and do some investigations or the County Commissioner himself because he ought to have gone there so that he can identify the problem that is there.

Now that we had not spoken, we may not blame them but now that we have said it and spoken, we expect the Government of Kenya to come there save the situation whether it requires me to act a as president because I have given others to act on other positions, we go there and get the best for the people of Matigari.

Hon. Speaker, while I am saying this in pain, you will realize that even in the morning I was so much committed to this because I have relatives who are suffering there. I have a cousin of mine who is a teacher in that area. Sometimes back, he told me that when they were on parade, they could hear gunshots very early in the morning. It is really frustrating and we need to do something in issue of security in Laikipia West and other parts of the county.

I support and also call on other Hon. Members to support. Hon. Gatati has requested us stand in the gap and support him on this one. Even if we drop him on any other things, we should support him on individual capacities for the sake of his people. I believe that something will be dome. Thank you.

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance to give my support. I can only imagine how Hon. Gatati is feeling for his people. I can imagine how an MCA is carrying the whole burden because every morning, people are coming to your house and other calling your phone expecting you to respond.

Therefore, when I could hear him saying that leaders are not coming to support him, I could imagine what he is feeling. I wish to stand with him and tell him that at least he should appreciate Hon. Kamuri even if he did not bring anything but he came. Surely it is good to appreciate because maybe in his docket he has nothing. Anyway, I don't know because we are in the end of budget and could be he has finished his money. I am not supporting Kamuri but just to appreciate him because he went to stand with the people.

Mr. Speaker, the Government of Kenya should come and rescue our people of Matigari. It is a shame that the government of this country are walking around chasing our youth and killing them just because of writing something in the social media and ignoring the serious matters which are happening in this country. In this country, many people are killing each other because of depression. Businesses are not working due to lack of money.

Therefore Mr. Speaker, there are those criminals who are walking around for example there are bandits in Laikipia who are harassing people and this government starting with Minister Murkomen and Mr. Kanja, the senior most police officer are just harassing our youth instead of coming down to fight the bandits. It is a shame and we are telling our government to wake up. They should stop politicizing things and walking around looking for votes when they are supposed to be working.

Therefore, I am telling them this afternoon that they should take care of our people and not fighting them. Our people are struggling in the camp with no food and water and nobody is taking care of them. It is a shame that the government is walking around supporting women groups. They should come with the emergency fund and support those people.

I also want to urge the County Government of Laikipia that we cannot pass any budget without any emergency fund. So, I believe that there is an emergency fund which is supposed to go and rescue the situation at Matigari so that at least we can be able to work together with

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Hon. Gatati. I heard Hon. Mugweru saying that he has got relatives there and those are our people as Laikipians. Therefore, I am urging this County Government that we should be in the frontline supporting our people. When we do that, even the National Government will see that we are also there supporting our people. Thank you.

Hon. Catherine Kibue: Asante sana, Bwana Spika kwa kunipatia hii fursa. Kwanza nashukuru Mheshimiwa Gatati kwa kujua kiini na maana iliyomleta kwa hili Bunge. Aliletwa hapa na watu wa Wadi ya Salama. La pili, nishukuru Mheshimiwa Mugweru kwa sababu amesema nisimame kama mama Kaunti na kwa sababu yeye huenda kanisa ya PCEA. Labda anaweza kuwa na maono au labda ni nabii ya kufanyika chenye amesema na Mungu asikie hayo maombi.

Kwanza, ningetaka kumjibu dadangu Mheshimiwa Veronica Ikunyua. Amesema ya kwamba Naibu wa Gavana hana bajeti na Mungu husema ya kwamba sisi hupotea kwa kukosa taarifa. Naibu wa Gavana huwa na bajeti ya milioni tano. Katika idara yake, ako na bajeti ya milioni arobaini na tano za kushughulikia mambo ya dharura. Kwa hivyo, ninashangaa sana nikisikia Mheshimiwa Gatati akilia hapa. Wakati tunapomuona Naibu wa Gavana pale, tunafaa kuona uso wa Kaunti ya Laikipia. Tukiona Waziri wa *Administration*, tunafaa kuona uso wa Gavana wetu na sio lazima tumuone Gavana.

Ndio maana sisi hukaa katika hili Bunge na kupitisha mawaziri wote hapa kwa sababu kazi haiwezi kufanywa na mtu mmoja. *Mgala muue na haki umpe*. Kama hakufikisha zile pesa ambazo labda walikuwa wamepewa na serikali kwa sababu siwezi kusimama hapa na kutetea wote, tena nisema, *Mgala muue na haki umpe*. Hauwezi kutoa gari letu hapa, 031, uelekee Matigari na hauna chochote ambacho umebebea watu wetu. Hao watu wako kwa hizo cheo kwa sababu ya Gavana Irungu na pia Gavana yuko pale kwa sababu hao watu wa Matigri walipatia Gavana kura.

Itakuwa aibu sana na ninastahili kuuliza kama ni kesho au wiki ijayo kwa sababu tunafaa kuwa na taarifa katika hili Bunge. Mafuta yetu na pesa zetu haziwezi kuwa zikitumiwa na watu ambao huwa wanatoka hapa na magari kubwa wakisonga kuanzia Laikipia kaskazini wakielekea Laikipia Magharibi na hakuna chochote wanasaidia wananchi wetu. Tuko hapa ili tusaidiane na tuhakikishe ya kwamba Gavana wetu amefanya kazi. Wakati ninapokuwa katika hili Bunge. P. A wangu anayelipwa na hili Bunge yuko huko mashinani ili awaze kunisaidia ili tufanye kazi pamoja.

Mimi niko na huzuni sana Mheshimia Gatati na tutasimama na wewe kwa sababu ni lazima zote tushirikiane. Mheshimiwa Spika, kwa kupitia kiti chako ningetaka kuomba kitu kimoja tu. Katika hili Bunge letu huwa tuna pesa za *donation fund* ambazo ni nusu milioni. Ningeomba hata hili Bunge ya kwamba hizo pesa tuweze kusaidia jamaa wetu na zote tumuunge mkono ili hiyo pesa ipelekewe watu wa Matigari angalau siku moja wapate chakula au maji. Kwa hayo machache, asante.

Deputy Speaker: I now call upon the mover to reply.

Hon. Samuel Gatati: Asante, sana. Ningependa kushukuru Wabunge wote ambao wameniunga mkono. Mswahili husema ya kwamba nyege ni kunyegezana. Leo ni mimi niko na hayo matatizo na kesho itakuwa ni mwingine. Ningetaka pia kusema ya kwamba hatuombi msaada mkubwa lakini tu vile mtu anaweza akasaidia. Kile kitu ambacho kimetulemea sana ni *resettlement* kwa sababu manyumba thelathini na tatu zilichomwa.

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Hilo ndilo ambalo limeweza kuwa kimzungumkuti kwa sababu kama mtu alichomewa nyumba, nguo zilichomeka na kila kitu. Ukienda hapo utapata shida. Pale hata sio watu wengi wanaoweza kujistahimili pale kwa sababu hali iliyoko pale ni ya kuhuzunisha.

You know when there is war, the most vulnerable people are the children and women. Most of us here also know how children and women are vulnerable. You know how your children behave when they have problems. You can imagine your child sleeping in a tented camp because some criminals brought some insecurity in their area. Those children are innocent and don't even know which county they belong.

I am an MCA and don't have any funds but I am offering food daily for 300 hundred families and another is appearing as a Deputy Governor and indicating that you are not coming as a government. We are not acting on the capacity of the government because an MCA does not have any government money. So, we are not only asking for government money because the only person we are asking to give us government money is the CECM for Administration, the Governor and the MP.

So we are not asking someone to come with government money. Even when you come there, you will come as well wishers. For example there is one person in Rumuruti who helped us with 50 mattresses and he is not elected anywhere. You come as an elected person and say that you cannot offer any help because you have come as a Deputy Governor or the Minister Administration. That is very shameless and acting like a child. Those people don't need a voice but help and that is why I am saying we address the media so that it can reach all the Laikipia leaders.

If they cannot hear us, that is when we are going to see help from Murkomen and William Ruto because they are also their citizens. Now it is so bad a Laikipian sleeping hungry and without clothes. Some of the women were telling me that they are tying *lesos* due to lack of clothes and she is a Laikipian and the only mistake she did was to be living in Matigari.

That is not new there because the word Matigari means remains. There used to be some other people who were living there who were also invaded because of insecurity. Now those who remained called the place Matigari and this Matigari is on the highway of Nanyuki-Rumuruti road. So, we cannot say that the place is interior. What I am requesting the Hon. Members is their support. There is a time that comes when a man is in his low moments and that is the only time you can help him and right now I am in my lowest moments. I have spent almost half a million.

We even have doctors from the county and they cannot even bring a camp there. It pains but I am sure that if we join hands, we shall be heard. When we shall be heard, it is not a must we be rewarded but the God who sees everything even in darkness will bless this County Assembly of Laikipia. When we get out of the chambers, I request you to accompany me to address the media so that we can get more audience. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Speaker: This House now stand adjourned until tomorrow Wednesday, 11th June, 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

The House rose at 4.23 p.m.

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