

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



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House met in the Main Chamber at 2:30 p.m.

(The Speaker (Hon. Elisha Oraro) in the Chair)

PRAYERS

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Good afternoon Honourable Members. Mr. Clerk, please take us through the Order Paper of the day.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!!

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, I have got two communications to make. One. Yesterday, I did present Status of Pending Works for various House Committees and I want to remind the Members of the summary that we did yesterday.

Hon. Members, all the other committees are in good progress. My second communication is that from Thursday after the plenary, we agreed that the different committees that have reports to do will be combined as one General Oversight shall be moving to do the reports probably up to Tuesday morning. I am aware that there are challenges that are being faced by the Department of Supply Chain Management (Procurement) in terms of identification of venues for meetings. I have

just talked to the Procurement Department to ensure that we get avenue in Nairobi. The Leader of Majority will be giving communication in due course. Next order!

PAPER LAID

LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE KISUMU COUNTY
PUBLIC SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT FY 2020

BY

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CHAIRPERSON, LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE COMMITTEE

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Johnson Guya.

Hon. Guya: Thank you Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Chairperson OF the Standing Committee of Administration of Law, Justice Constitutional Affairs, Good Governance and Security, to kindly request we postpone the laying of a Paper that was scheduled for today. The committee is working on it. Kindly allow us to lay it on Tuesday next week.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Noted.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Rashid Miruka.

Hon. Miruka: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders No. 182 (6), I wish to lay today Wednesday 24th March, 2021, Labour and Social Welfare Committee report on the Kisumu County Public Service Annual Report FY ending 30th December, 2020. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!

NOTICE OF MOTION

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The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Hon. Rashid Miruka.

Hon. Miruka: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders No. 45, I wish to give a Notice of Motion for the Labour and Social

Welfare Committee Report on the Kisumu County Public Service Annual Report FY ending 30th December, 2020. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Thank you Honourable Members, the same notice he has given is the same Paper that is laid. I confirm the receipt of the same report. I want to direct that the House Business Committee to consider scheduling the report for debate owing to the fact that even the notice has been given.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!

STATEMENTS

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Hon. Seth Kanga.

Hon. Kanga: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to give a Personal Statement under Standing Order No. 42.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Please proceed.

Hon. Kanga: Thank you Mr. Speaker Today a very unfortunate incident happened in the Ward I represent. That is Market Milimani. Today at around midday, the County Enforcement Officers did a very unfortunate act against a trader in town. As it has been witnessed in the social media, the said officers using a pick up dragged a woman with a vehicle whom they are claiming was vending her wares in the non-motorized transport area.

Mr. Speaker, I believe even if one commits an offence, the way the County *Askaris* behaved was by all means unethical and inappropriate. They were behaving like people who are not working within the confines of the law. Sometimes last year, the County Assembly of Kisumu did pass a legislation whereby the County *Askaris* were supposed to use that law in carrying out their duties. There are several incidences within Kisumu County where by the *Askaris* have taken the law into their own hands. They are even soliciting for bribes from the people.

Mr. Speaker one of the cardinal issues why these *Askaris* were enlisted into the service was to ensure that the rule of law is maintained by themselves, by us the legislators and even the traders who are carrying out their business within this County. We can be cultivating a culture of lawlessness like in the military governments like in the West African state of Liberia where President Samuel Doe was dragged in the streets in broad day light.

The same was witnessed in Kisumu in broad day light. A lady who was just trying to make the ends meet faced the same. That is very unfortunate. I am ardent supporter of Prof. Peter Anyang' Nyong'o and I believe the way these *Askaris* are doing their duties leaves a lot to be desired. We shall be moving to same people to seek the votes so that the he can continue with his work. But with this *Askaris* who were enlisted yesterday, I believe these are not the right persons to enforce law in this County.

Whenever I witness this happening during the Kenyatta or Moi era. This act must be condemned. Somebody must be summoned. Somebody must take responsibility because we have to respect our mothers, our daughters and our sisters.

Mr. Speaker, in that Act there was supposed to be a County Inspector in charge of Enforcement. To date, that person has not been appointed. Somebody has been acting in that Office for so long. He is not answerable to the Assembly. He cannot take responsibility because he is on an acting capacity. We cannot summon him as an Assembly because, we did not vet him. If we could have a substantive person in charge of the Inspectorate Unit, then, we could be able to dig deep into this matter.

Mr. Speaker, the County *Askaris* who participated in that act are still at the police station as we speak because the public are baying for their blood. We can't bury our heads in the sand and assume that things are normal while the officers are meting violence on the traders who they are supposed to protect. If one violates the law then, he or she should be subjected to the due legal process rather than meting violence on him or her. I condemn that act in the strongest terms possible.

Mr. Speaker, I plead with you using the Standing Order No. 1 that you allow the Honourable to discuss this matter.

(Applause by Members)

Hon. Kanga: This matter is in the public domain and the social media is awash with pictures. The national bloggers are talking about this act. As the Legislative Arm of the County Government and the oversight wing, allow the House to discuss this matter. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Seth Kanga, you stood under Standing Order No. 42 on Personal Statement and as you are speaking, I realized that it is a topic of concern. The same Standing Order provides that Personal Statements may not be debated. By the leave of the House or the Speaker, we also may discuss it. I understand the weight of this matter and I wish you could have brought it in a way that allows us to put a question but unfortunately, we will discuss it but I will not put a question. I want to direct that a Member of relevant committee or any Member to find away introducing that matter in the House the way it should be. In the meantime, I will allow the comments on what Hon. Seth Kanga has raised.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Hon. Leader of Majority.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I cannot agree more with what the Hon. Seth Kanga has raised. In fact, I am just reading a comment on social media and it says, "Kisumu County *Askaris* serving fresh hot shit to its people. How heartless could people be." What happened here is already being broadcast nationally and it portrays us in very bad light.

Mr. Speaker, when we passed the Kisumu County Law Enforcement Bill in this House, we presumed that that Bill was going to be used so that it acts to give direction on how these people can do their operations. I am very sorry to report to this House that, to date, these people have not seen this Act and therefore they are operating in some kind of lawlessness. The Act that is supposed to guide their operations has not been made public to them even when they were going through induction. Therefore, it doesn't make sense. Why Members struggle so much to pass Bill in this House. I want to say without any fear of contradiction that there are a lot of things that are happening in our county. There is a lot of knee jack reaction that is taking place in management and we are almost approaching the stage where want to manage the crisis. That cannot happen...

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): What is it Hon. Paul Okiri?

Hon. Okiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker. You did communicate that you wanted to help the Members and you said that the question will not be put for this Statement. For us to discuss this matter in manner that will yield some results then we need to bring it under a different Standing Order. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Okiri, you are right but I did say that I am allowing comments from the Members but I had suggested that one of you to find a way of introducing this matter in the House because we know the procedures that can attract a question at the end and where the House can make resolutions. The Honourable Member brought it as a Personal Statement and the extent we can go is to allow a few comments on the same.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): What is it Hon. Agolla Erick?

Hon. Agolla: Mr. Speaker, with your blessings and the concerns of the Senior Member, I just wish you could allow me to introduce this matter under Standing Order No. 50 (j) so that we take necessary action against these rogue *Askaris*. This matter is getting to much attention and this House must bite and we can only bite if we pass a resolution that is backed by the law.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Agolla you are right but Standing Order 50 (j) is not right one. Please have a look at it again.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Proceed Hon. Leader of Majority.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Mr. Speaker, my line of thought is almost been disrupted but I want to say that this House must stamp its authority so that order may be recreated. We wake up every day and find that directives have been issued without any legal basis at all. Like today, we are being told that there is no parking in CBD and that is affecting numerous business. In fact, we are almost going to close in the CBD because it has become very difficult to do businesses because you can't park next to a supermarket. People are having other options and there is no way such directives can be issued and if this House can pass laws that can allow the city management to come up with such legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I would wish, that when matters are going in a direction that is not going to help then, we must seize the moment and stamp our authority and say that a right direction must be followed. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Hon. Aslam Khan.

Hon. Khan: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to thank Hon. Seth Kanga for being frank and truthful. We must speak on behalf of our people. The manner in which this lady was handled is very inhuman. Kisumu County is not under any emergency law neither are under any operation. We cannot allow scenarios of colonial rulers in our country at this time and era. Mr. Speaker these officers must carry their own cross. The other day Hon. Johnson Guya brought a Statement regarding a motorist who was being harassed by these officers. Mr. Speaker, how are we going to continue with these rogue officers? There are several ways of making arrests to the law breakers but not dragging them on the tarmac road. I had a call from our Party Leader, Raila Odinga on what action we taking. Mr. Speaker, we must stamp our authority in this House.

(Hon. Khan becomes emotions on this matter)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Pamela Odhiambo.

Hon. Pamela Odhiambo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. This a sad day for our county and for us as women. We have a very good Governor but there are people who are now working hard to tarnish his name. We have worked so hard to ensure that we provide employment opportunities to our people. We ensured that the Governor's agenda is implemented in the county. I saw the video of a woman being dragged on the road by the City *Askaris* while I was in a Women's Conference and it shocked all of us. We can't accept what we saw today. These officers must take full responsibility of their action. You cannot drag a woman on a tarmac road while in a moving car.

Mr. Speaker, we never employed hooligans in this County. If we are not careful then we shall go down with this group of people who are failing this County. What are the officers in charge of these *Askaris* saying? How many times have I register my dissatisfaction over the people who are acting on laws that are not known in this County or passed in this House?

Mr. Speaker, we must stand with our people by saying no to actions that are meant to demean the good job we have done in this County. I am ready to be called names by speaking the truth about what is taking place in the governing. I will ask the Governor to send these people home. We have so many people who are ready to work. We must roll our sleeves and do our work as the Members of the Assembly. The people doing small businesses in the street are suffering, especially women.

Mr. Speaker, the other day I was addressing the journalists over some issues in my Ward and one of the City *Askaris* came and told me to go home. If they have that audacity to face somebody like me then, what do you think the ordinary citizens are facing. We never came here to make our people suffer. We must do something as an Assembly over this matter. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, due to the time constraint, I want to suggest that we take not more than two minutes because we are almost approaching the end of Statement Hour.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Beatrice Pamela.

Hon. Beatrice Pamela: Thank you Mr. Speaker. As a woman leader and as Member who was nominated to represent the women, I am very disturbed by what I saw on social media today. It is wrong and under no circumstance should any human being and more so a human experience or go through what we saw today. As I always say that everything rises and falls with the leader, it is easy to condemn those small fish, the young boys who were dragging the woman. What they did was wrong and I cannot absolutely support it, who gave them the direction and under who are they acting? We will be lying to ourselves to start telling the *askaris* yet they have their leader who should take the responsibility.

Mr. Speaker, it is high time this Honourable House dealt directly with the people responsible. As a Member of this County Assembly, I expect that the CEO of the County to come out strongly and condemn what happened and talk to the people that he has given the charge over different departments that they may do their work. It is time that the whip should be cracked so that this County of Kisumu may grow.

Mr. Speaker, I hear my colleagues talking about laws that are being made by some people in their offices are enforced. Why is this happening? Why have you allowed this to go on? When directions are being given that people should not park in town and we expect to collect Trade Licenses and Property Rates. Where is this money supposed to be coming from? These directions are given, they are enforced and Members of the County Assembly are quiet then, we come and lament. I included, I would urge that it is time we rise up and do what we were elected to come and do in this House. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Senior Member, Hon. Misachi.

Chief Whip (Hon. Misachi): Thank you Mr. Speaker. What happened is very unfortunate but I want to blame the entire department for failing to give the young people who were recently employed a proper training. Even a police officer who is trained in Kiganjo will talk to you and tell you what he/she intends to do. I want to tell you that history repeats itself, when Mayor Oile was on the throne as the Mayor, a woman lost her life in the park which is named after the Mayor when she was being dragged by the Council *Askaris*. It is very dangerous in this century to notice such a thing happening again.

Nairobi is the Capital City of Kenya and there are people who are doing business in the CBD and there are slots for car parks. In Kisumu, there are car parks but they are empty. Let us call the City Manager so that he tell us where these laws were made and who passed it. Right now, small shopkeepers are complaining and that is how we lost bigger investments like fish processing plant.

We must know the people who are giving the *askaris* the extreme powers that they have. Are they told to do go and drag women in the streets using vehicles? I rest my case.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Philemon Ojuok.

Hon. Ojuok: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to condemn this act with the strongest term possible. It is regrettable that we have allowed this to happen. These rules are coming from places that we don't know. Last week I did make a statement here and I said that the issue of the parking lot at JOOTRH found me there and people were asking helplessly on what they can be able to do.

Mr. Speaker, I want to say that if you want to put a force, then the first thing that should be there is discipline. There are people who are using these boys wrongfully. This House must stand firm and I am happy that this House has begun to realize some of the things we used to mention. Mr. Speaker, please let us stand together and say no to these heinous acts. The most powerful organ is government is only this House. It is mandated to pass laws not the Governor and not anybody. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Hon. Muga.

Hon. Muga: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to begin by thanking the Hon. Seth Kanga for raising this matter under statement. This is a sad day for me when I saw a woman being dragged on the street. I want to join my fellow Members in condemning this barbaric act. If they can do it during day time, what do you think they are capable of at night? We must take action Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): I had promised to give Hon. John Atieno.

Hon. Atieno: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to join my colleagues in condemning the barbaric act that we witnessed today in the strongest term possible. We have heard these issues happening in the County. Mr. Speaker, two weeks ago, similar act happened in Awasi market. A woman was stripped naked by the *askaris*. We cannot allow the *askaris* to terrorize our people. Something must be done to curtail this act because if left unchecked, I believe that women and children will be killed. I join my colleagues in condemning the act. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Eric Agolla.

Hon. Agolla: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Under the Bill of rights – Chapter Four of the Constitution, no one is above the law, irrespective of the positions you hold in this Republic. As a House we cannot sit back and watch our county staff violating the Constitution by destroying the lives of our constituents.

Mr. Speaker, I am concerned that, though this House is the only organ recognized for debating and passing the laws, there are some regulations that are being implemented that have not been passed

by this House. We cannot sit back and see deserted parking in the streets. The County Inspectorate and the City Management must come out and clear the air on the unfortunate incidents.

I was disturbed when I saw this clip – as a son of I mother I was very disturbed. I was trying to interrogate the law to find out which Standing Order we can use to face this Department. Mr. Speaker, kindly order and give us an opportunity to summon the Department of Inspectorate so that they can adhere to the law. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Guya.

Hon. Guya: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Three weeks ago, I raised the same matter here. That happened when I was there physically and I saw what happened. When I raise it here, you directed that the relevant Standing Committee of Administration of Law to look into that matter. I want to remind you so that you remind the Chair of the Sectoral Committee to ensure it happens.

Mr. Speaker, I don't want to say that what happened in this county today is unique because it is what has been happening. If you check OBs in various police stations in Kisumu, you will meet several cases involving county Askaris. In West Nyakach, over the weekend, they were almost being killed in Hon. Ogutu's ward. At times they stop being Askaris to go and shout in funerals. They confessed here on Monday that if it were not for Hon. Ogutu, they would have been killed.

As we blame the Directorate, there are two crucial Bills we passed here - the Kisumu County Law Enforcement Bill and the Kisumu County Village Council Bill. It is common knowledge that before an Act is implemented, there must be regulations attached to it. I have been in this House and I have not seen any single regulation for the operationalization of these Acts. A regulation would imply that when the Public Service Board wants to employ, whom do they want to employ? They should have told this House the qualifications of the people they were employing so that we also get to know and help them to approve.

I want to disagree with Hon. Pamela Odhiambo that the people we employed had papers. I can confirm here that I know of people who did not even sit for Class Eight and they are there as Reinforcement Officers. What do you expect from them?

So, we blame the Directorate, for me I want to shift this blame to the Public Service Board. In the Acts that they are implementing, there has never been any single regulation brought to this House. As they are employing, how did they decide and who helped them to approve the people?

Hon. Pamela Odhiambo: Point of Information.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Pamela, this was not a debate. I allowed members to comment on the Statement raised by Hon. Seth Kanga.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): What is it Hon. Pamela Odhiambo?

Hon. Pamela Odhiambo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. The advertisement was made with a requirement of D- (Minus) academic qualification. That is what I meant when I said they have papers. If you know somebody who does not have qualification, you can bring the issue here so that we can discuss.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Guya.

Hon. Guya: Thank you. I think I am informed, but I still beg to differ with that because I have evidence. What happened today is not anything that we can sit here and happily discuss. To some of us who went to the scene it was really traumatizing. Some of us went to the police station and saw the lady. I want to thank Hon. Beatrice Pamela, Hon. Ny'angoya and Hon. Manuche who are among the women leaders who joined the lady at the police station. How I wish all our women leaders would have been there; it would have been a different thing.

The picture being painted in this county is very bad. I want to ask the Governor to come up and help us clean this mess in the Directorate of Inspectorate and Enforcement. Even in our villages, in South East Nyakach Ward, the very small market centers that are there, women are being harassed left and right. I was one day forced to go to a market centre and declared that there is no revenue collection in that centre. Though it is illegal, I was forced to do that because of the way they were harassing people.

Mr. Speaker, I want to plead with you that all these contributions be made to relevant committee to help us ensure that those who are recruited by the Public Service Board meet the qualifications and that those who are recruited are taken for trainings. The biggest problem is being recruited and told to go and work. You don't even know where to start from. Thirdly, to ensure that all those laws that we passed in this House that brought the Village Administration, the Law Enforcement; Regulations are brought in this House so that we act on them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, going by regions I think every region apart from Seme and Kisumu East has been represented. The Statement time is only one hour and we already past the time by around 10 minutes. Hon. Seth Okumu.

Hon. Okumu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let me join my colleagues in condemning the act that happened to that woman trader in the hands of our Enforcement Officers. It is the saddest thing that ever happened in this county and it is happening when we passed an Enforcement Act here. In that Act, it was passed that an Enforcement Officer shall take care of the safety of those they have arrested. Looking at the image that was not considered at all. I suggest that we resolve as a House that we will not transact any business with the government until we see disciplinary action taken against those officers.

(Applause)

Hon. Okumu: We cannot just keep talking here. Secondly, Members are complaining about parking. All of them have cars. If they want a place that is not designated for parking, let us take all our cars there and leave them there so that those who want to clamp our cars can clamp them from there we can act. That is the only way we are going to help our people.

Mr. Speaker, I know this matter might be committed to the Committee of Administration of Law and Justice. But I want this House, more than the committee to resolve that each and every committee will not transact any business with the government until action is taken against the driver and those officers who drag that mama on the street. That way, the government will know that we mean what we say and we say what we mean. Thank you very much.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Let me give the person with disability, Hon. George Ogutu.

Hon. Ogutu: Thank you Mr. Speaker for considering people with disability in this House. Let me also take this opportunity to condemn in the strongest terms possible the act that has happened to our women in Kisumu County. When this act was happening, I was opposite the Central Police Station. I had a proper view of what was happening. It was very sad. It opened my memory. When the President of Algeria Mr. Samuel Doe was being dragged along the street when dead, it was very sad...

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Leader of Majority, what is it? You know we are past Statement Hour. I want him to conclude.

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Let me inform the Hon. Member that Samuel Doe was the President of Liberia not Algeria.

Hon. Ogutu: Oh! Thank you, Leader of Majority. It was Liberia. You saw exactly what happened. This mama was being dragged like Samuel Doe. I was worried that if the mama was a person with disability, we could now be talking of a different thing all together.

We have to investigate this matter to establish if these city Askaris employed have any criminal records or backgrounds. I don't think a normal person can do what they did to that old mama. I wonder how an askaris who is born and brought up by a woman can do that heinous act.

I also want to blame the bosses of these County Askaris. They are using the county Askaris badly. Hon. Guya has just talked about an incident in West Nyakach. I believe City Askaris have their station. West Nyakach is not a station of a City Askari. I don't think a City Askari should come to a funeral to heckle people. Leaders should use these Askaris positively. I agree with Hon. Seth Okumu – let us investigate them and know their backgrounds and where they are supposed to work. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): What is it Hon. Seth Kanga?

Hon. Kanga: Even though we are discussing this matter, Mr. Speaker, some activities are going on this county in the Office of the City Manager – currently as we are discussing this matter. The lady is currently in the office of the City Manager and going by the happenings live from the city Manager’s Office, the lady has been awarded a stall at Chichwa Market.

Mr. Speaker, I want to say that even though they are doing such activities, those who meted that heinous act against this woman must be brought to book. The person who sent these people – because it is not the first, must also be brought to book. The leadership of this county should not be taken for granted.

Some of us have been branded as members of Praise and Worship team for the Governor – H.E. Prof Anyang’ Nyong’o. But we cannot worship bad things. We cannot praise bad things. It would mean somebody is taking this county for granted. Even though the lady is happy, what about the next victim? What about those victims who are never seen? What about those victims who did not report?

Mr. Speaker, just the other day I was talking to some of the County Askaris next to Imperial Hotel and I warned them. If they don’t stop, some of us know that game better than them – we will take law unto our hands. But before we do that, somebody must be held responsible – not taking the leadership of this county for granted. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): I want us to conclude this matter. So, Hon. Ngeta, Hon. Roy Samo, I give you one minute each. We are already 30 minutes past the Statement hour.

Hon. Ngeta: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be precise. Let me join my colleagues on this black Wednesday afternoon. I have never seen in the history of this country where a woman is being drag like a log. These are not Reinforcement Officers but they are reinforcing thuggery in this county. These are thugs! We need to resolve us a House that the Department of Reinforcement be disbanded!

(Applause)

Hon. Ngeta: We cannot allow such impunity to go on under our watch yet we earn salaries every month. We cannot keep watching while the taxpayers are being harassed. I will follow by example; we shall not have any business with the county government until action is taken against the officers who committed the crime. We must disband the Reinforcement Department and their leader must be held accountable. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Roy Samo.

Hon. Samo: Thank you for giving me the chance. Mine will be very brief. I have personally witnessed this not one but on several occasions. Few days ago, a guy on a motorbike was seriously beaten up by the County Askaris – I saw it and I did mention it to their leader. Today when the

issue came up we went there together with Hon. Beatrice Pamela. It is not right. I support what Hon. Seth Okumu and other members have said. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, I gave a lot of time for you to comment on that Statement because it was a matter of Topical Concern. As you are aware, on Personal Statements we don't put a question but I want to give guidance that the Committee of Administration of Law, Justice, Constitutional Affairs, Good Governance and Security to initiate with immediate effect action on the occurrence of today at the committee level. Any other committee – the committee of Labour and Social Services and any other related to the matter – please initiate action on that – refer to our Standing Orders and see how your recommendations can find way into the House.

We are past Statement hour. I am not sure that there is anybody with any other statement. As I said earlier, the venue for the Committee Activities is in Nairobi. I have just received a communication. The Leader of Majority will be communicating to you the schedule on how the communities will be working. Meanwhile, I am informed that the Press is here and Members who would want to talk about the act by the County *Askaris* can do so outside there after some few minutes.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!!

ADJOURNEMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): There being no any other business in the Order Paper to transact, the House stands adjourned at 5:02 p.m. until Thursday 25th March, 2021 at 2.30 pm.

The House rose at 5:02 p.m.

Addendum

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