

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU



THIRD ASSEMBLY - FIRST SESSION

20th January, 2023

STATEMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY LEADERSHIP ON THE RECENT CLAIMS BY A SECTION OF DISGRUNTLED MEMBERS

While majority of Hon. Members of the County Assembly of Kisumu have already healed following the outcome of the Speaker's election in September, 2022, a few of them are still nursing its hangover.

The few Members on Wednesday held a presser and made several allegations against the leadership of the Assembly headed by the Speaker Hon. Elisha Oraro.

While we would have elected not to give the false claims unnecessary publicity by not responding to them, as a responsible leadership, and in line with Article 35 of the Constitution of Kenya - on access to information, we wish to give the people of Kisumu and all our stakeholders the true state of affairs as follows;

On alleged suspension of the Medical Cover

Our medical cover - for both Hon. Members and staff is active and at no point was it suspended. All beneficiaries can get services at any point indicated by the provider at any time.

On claims of non-payment of Ward offices

All Hon. Members - including the disgruntled few - are aware that the situation was partly caused by the delay by Hon. Members to complete the process of identifying



Ward offices and having the landlords submit necessary ownership documents for processing their pay.

We are currently waiting for the national treasury to release money to the County so that the payments are made.

On delay to pay travel allowances to Hon. Members

The allowances are paid as and when the Assembly receives money released to the County from the National Treasury. While we regret that we don't have the power to force the National Treasury to release money on time, we hope that it will be persuaded by the recent presser to release money for October, November and December.

Finally, we wish to inform the people of Kisumu and all our stakeholders that the Assembly remains committed to delivering on its mandate of legislation, representation and oversight. As the few Hon. Members continue to heal, we urge them not to lose focus on the bigger picture – delivering services to the electorates, the people of Kisumu County.

- 1. Hon. Elisha Oraro - Speaker of the Assembly**
- 2. Hon. Kennedy Ooko – Leader of Majority**
- 3. Hon. Seth Ochieng' - Majority Whip**

