

MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 7th April, 2015

The House met at 2:35 p.m.

(The Speaker Hon. Nduati Kariuki in the Chair)

PRAYERS

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

REPORT ON THE FACILITATION OF CAR LOAN AND MORTGAGES SCHEME FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY AND OTHER PUBLIC OFFICERS

Hon. Joseph Kimani: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I am the MCA, Ithiru and also the Chairperson, Finance and Economic Planning. I beg to give notice of the following motion:-

That, this Assembly adopts the Finance and Economic Planning Report on the facilitation of car loan and mortgages scheme for Members of the County Assembly and other public officers laid on the table of the Assembly on April 7th 2015.

Thank you Mr. Speaker sir.

REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS, ROADS AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE ON THE DEPARTMENTAL ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2013/2014

Hon. Eliud Gitau: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am the Chairman of Public Works, Roads and Transport committee. I beg to move the notice of motion:-

That, this Assembly adopts the report of Public Works, Roads and Transport committee on the departmental annual report for the financial year 2013/2014 laid on the table of this Assembly on 7th April 2015.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY IN THE COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE

Hon. Catherine Mugo: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following motion:-

Aware, that County Governments are established under Article 176 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, further aware that Murang'a County Government is one of the County Governments listed under the First Schedule pursuant to Article 6 (1) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, recognizing the fact that functions of the County Government as provided for under Part Two of the Fourth Schedule require legal advice at all times; this House urges the County Executive Member for Public Service and Administration to draft and submit a Bill to establish the office of the County Attorney in the County Public Service, who shall be nominated by the Governor and shall:-

1. Be the principal legal adviser to the County Government;
2. Represent the County Government in court or in any other legal proceedings to which Murang'a County Government is a party, other than criminal proceedings;
3. Perform any other functions conferred on the office by an Act of Murang'a County Assembly or by the Governor.

Thank you Hon. Speaker.

STATEMENTS

PROCUREMENT OF OFFICIAL RESIDENCE OF THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR

Hon. David Muhoro: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am the Member for Kariara. Pursuant to Standing Order 45 (2) (c), I hereby request for a Statement from the Chairperson Finance and Economic Planning on the following:-

1. Who procured the official residence of the Deputy Governor?
2. How many parties were involved in the above contract?
3. Is the Chairperson aware that the Deputy Governor is being recovered rent for the above mentioned from his salary and yet he was not party to the procurement contract?

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: Chairman, Finance and Economic Planning.

Hon. Joseph Kimani: Thank you Mr. Speaker; I would like Hon. Muhoro to give us seven working days so that we can pursue the issue. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir.

The Speaker: Next order. Hon. Duncan.

MOTIONS

ADJOURNMENT OF DEBATE TO DISCUSS THE GARISSA MASSACRE

Hon. Duncan Njuguna: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I am the MCA, Gitugi. Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order number 53 (b), I rise to move a motion for the adjournment of the debate of the House so that we can debate on the Garissa massacre where 147 people were killed by terrorists.

So, Mr. Speaker sir, I beg to move the motion about the Garissa massacre because even if security is a national function, terrorism in this country has no boundary. Corruption has also no boundary. Therefore, from that massacre or that grueling attack of the students, we in the County of Murang'a were also affected because we have some few students who lost their lives. Others are still in hospitals while some are still missing.

To cite, especially my ward, Mr. Speaker sir, I have three students who were schooling in that university. One of them, a girl by the name of Joyce Wakiuru Waweru who was a first year student in that institution, lost her life. I also have another student who is a brother to that girl. He was a second year student in that university. Luckily, he managed to escape and he is now safe in Nairobi. The third one, a third year student in the same institution, is now safe in Gitugi with his parents.

So, even though we shall say that security is a function of the National Government, it is paramount for the public because we need to have security for each and every person; whether a student, a farmer, or even a businessman doing business in each and every side of this country. With that, I think it is in the right condition for us, as Hon. Members of this Assembly, to condole with the families of the bereaved and also wish quick recovery to those who are still in the hospitals.

Those students, who were from Murang'a, Mr. Speaker sir, could have come back, in a year or maybe two, three, or four years' time, ready to work for this County. We have lost a very great human resource. So, with that, I think that we are

in order to condole with the families and also let the National Government know that we, in the County Government, were also affected.

The Islamist extremists or Al Shabaab or whatever they call themselves are doing this country a lot of harm, especially on the economic front. It was only recently, just a few days before they carried out that attack, that there were advisories from some few foreign countries warning their people not to visit Kenya or certain areas in this country because terrorists would attack some areas. Therefore, it should be condemned from all corners, whether from the National Governments or the County Governments because it is a disease that will eat or tear the country apart.

Blaming the insecurity is not enough because corruption has made things to be the way they are in this country. We all witnessed the list that was handed over to the Speaker of the National Assembly by H.E The President. We have condoned corruption in each and every corner, that is why you will find a Somali from the Somali Republic coming to Kenya and getting a birth certificate, passport, and even a residence or house to reside in on the same day.

So, Mr. Speaker sir, we need to condemn corruption in this country and also support the President in his endeavors to fight it as he is doing without condemning him. I, therefore, sit and remind the House that, as we know, we are crying, we are bereaved and we are also affected economically and resource wise. With that, I beg to sit. I will pass the honor of seconding the motion to Hon. Catherine Wairimu Mugo.

Hon. Catherine Mugo: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I wish to second the motion that has been moved by Hon. Duncan. We all know what has happened in the last one week. It is very sad that innocent Kenyans, particularly Kenyans who are at their prime age, are having their lives being taken away before they can even achieve what their parents have worked so hard for.

Hon. Speaker, I agree with the mover of the motion that some of the things that have led to these kinds of things happening are because of corruption. There is no doubt that if these people knew very well that our country is free of corruption, they would not have attempted to work their way inside. We do not really know what happened because investigations are yet to be carried out. But from what we have seen, we know that if our country or the people who are charged with security had taken care before this had happened, they would have prevented a lot of lives from being lost during that attack. I second the motion.

The Speaker: Hon. Members, this is not an ordinary motion. This morning, during the meeting of the House Business committee, Hon. Duncan Mwangi did make a prayer that he be allowed to move this motion without notice and without it even being in the Order Paper because of the importance of the subject.

So, we will give the members the opportunity to empathize with, and, express condolences to those families who lost their beloved ones in Garissa and also those whose family members were injured. Also, to thank God for those who survived and express solidarity with our President and the government in the fight against this menace.

Hon. Members, this motion has been allowed. Like I said, it is not an ordinary motion, so, there will be no question put at the end. It is just for members to express their sentiments like I have said so that the members of those families can also feel that we are with them. I assume that quite a number of members would like to say

something about this subject. So, I do request those who will stand be brief and take about five or six minutes each.

Hon. Martin Mwangi: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I also take this opportunity to pass my condolences to those eight families. I understand that we have already lost eight students in the County. We have Ivy Wanjiku who hails from Mukuyu but her rural home is Gitugi, however, they live here in the Township ward.

We also have two students belonging to the people who are working in this County. One is a child of a worker in Del Monte Factory. We also have a principal from Mitumbiri ward who lost a child. In Kinyona ward, we lost Lucy Irungu. In Kamahuha, we lost Jecinta Njeri. In Gitugi ward, we lost Joyce Wanjiru Waweru. In Murarandia ward, we lost John Mwangi Maina and Lucy Nyambura Kuria. We also have a girl from Murarandia ward by the name Rachael Gikonyo who was leading the Christian Union when they were attacked and she is trying to fight for her life with seven bullets in her body.

So, Mr. Speaker, this is very sad news for this County. We also have many students with bullet wounds; some are minor while others are major. We know that this country and these families are facing difficult times. It also good for the government to now watch out because as I was coming in the morning, our people were complaining everywhere that things are happening but it seems as if we, as leaders, both in administration and political arena, are not taking such things seriously.

It was yesterday night when we were condoling with the parents of one of those students and people were very bitter to a point that we were trying to cool them down. They were saying that we are allowing those people from the North Eastern area to trade with us and even hawk in the villages. They do not know whether they are hawking or spying.

So, people have now began to open their eyes and we would like, we as leaders and the administration, to join hands and know whether those people are really doing business or are spying on us because they are now even entering in our schools. Nobody is even requesting for their identification because they just carry big bags and some of the goods they are selling. So, we as the leaders of this County, let this also teach us a lesson. We might be forced to be a bit vigilant.

If we compare our Murang'a institution, how secure are we? Is there any security in that institution? When you come to this town any time at night, those students are also loitering everywhere, so how can we secure them? How can we protect them? We need rules in our institutions so that if students are living inside the campus, they should also have time so that even the government can manage to control them and can be in a position to know who is entering and who is going outside.

Therefore, this is an issue that we, as leaders of this County, need to open our eyes to. If it could have happened in Israel, the Israelites could be revenging to the other boarder, but we should not revenge. We should open our eyes because this has been done many times and the government continues telling us to just be patient and keep the peace. They then kill more people and we are told to hold our peace. Time will come when we will not be able to hold our peace anymore. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Peter Kihungi: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I stand to support the motion. My ward has suffered. A very young girl who went there very recently is no

more. It is very painful for the parents who are very poor. Mine is to call upon the County Government to, first of all, support those families. Those families from the villages who are taking their children to the universities are people who have already borrowed loans to the extreme because they were looking forward to making sure that those children go through support the rest of the family.

Therefore, I wish to call upon the County Government to take up the role of supporting the families in the burials and also in other areas like the hospital bills, especially for the one who is in the hospital. The family might also suffer the concept that she is still living but maybe the hospital bill will go higher because she is in the Intensive Care Unit. Mr. Speaker sir, I wish to request that the County Government takes up the responsibility to condole with those families by putting some money aside to assist them.

The other area, Mr. Speaker sir, as I support it, I want to share the sentiment that we somehow become so lenient to these people for, maybe, the sake of national unity. I remember there was a time when you could not miss a terrorist attack in Mombasa. But when those tycoons who were sympathizing with and supporting them were dealt with, they were killed and some of them started holding demonstrations. Those tycoons were identified and shot without being taken to courts. Since the two of them were shot, we have not had any other terrorist attacks.

If those leaders from the North Eastern want us to co-operate and cohabitate with their so many people who are doing business here, and whom we are also very suspicious about, they should know the sympathizers and supporters of those terrorist groups. Those people cannot operate without having somebody who is financing them. They eat and they must be getting money from somebody. They have those guns which they get from somebody. There is no economy in Somali. Those people are working in Kenya and, mostly, in Eastleigh.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker sir, we wish that the leaders from North Eastern can make their statement true that they will expose those people who are sympathizers. Sympathizers are, mostly, those people who finance the terrorists. When the financiers are dealt with, the terrorists will be grounded.

Mr. Speaker sir, as we have put it, we need to be extremely vigilant. We cannot trust these people again. They knew about those terrorists. We are told that there are some of them from those areas who left very early in the morning, around 5 a.m., before the terrorists had arrived. Therefore, it seems that they had an idea. Even as we, the people of Murang'a, keep ourselves vigilant, we will not trust these people unless we see their leaders coming out because they know them and they know the financiers. When they come out, then we will also be able to work out how we can live and co-operate with the people from those areas who are doing businesses here.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker sir, we are looking forward to those financiers being exposed. If they are not exposed, we will not also be able to trust working with those people here in Murang'a. I support the motion.

The Speaker: Wandia.

Hon. Samuel Wandia: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I represent Muthithi. Firstly, let me send my condolences to the families of those who lost their loved ones and also to our County, Murang'a, for having lost some of its citizens. I also send my prayers and quick recovery to those are in the hospitals.

I associate terrorism with corruption and we should all support H.E The President in fighting corruption. Personally, I feel there was involvement of corruption because I wonder how these people got entry from Somalia into our country. They must have passed through our borders which are manned and most probably those who were on the border must have been paid handsomely to allow them into this country with arms and ammunition to kill our people.

I would urge the central government to reconsider, because this country is bigger than any other country in the world because we stay in this country as citizens of Kenya. If somebody hits you twice you cannot allow that person to hit you the third time. It is high time H.E The President and his government thinks of relocating the refugee camp at Daadab, because that is where these things are planned. If Daadab will not be relocated to Somalia then let it be taken to Western Kenya. Because what I try to think is that the relatives of the refugees at the Kenyan side are assisting terrorists a lot.

Over and above that I would pray the central government to reduce the lines of communication in the Armed Forces. You cannot imagine a decision made in Nairobi, when we have got Army near the border they wait for a decision made in Nairobi to react to such a bad incidence. I am trying to think we should create regions in our Armed Forces where we have got barracks and orders should come from those regions other than waiting for decisions to be made in Nairobi and they wait planes fly all the way from Nairobi in two hours and take decisions to Garissa. If Nairobi is called it will be for a backup only.

There is also something else I want to say. In this country we should not think that when Britain or Australia tells us that something is about to happen in this country we should take it very seriously. Because those countries are advanced in technology Kenya is a growing nation and we cannot match Britain, USA, and those other great nations with intelligence. We should be bold enough and share intelligence report with them.

Lastly, Kenya should be bold enough and approach our neighbour Ethiopia. I remember if my memory serves me right Ethiopia has sent its Army in Somalia several times even before we sent our Army there and they have never attacked Ethiopia even a single day. And if they have never been attacked we should approach Ethiopia so that they can advise us on how to fight this enemy. They only attack Eritrea and not Ethiopia. I thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity.

Hon. David Muhoro: Let me start by consoling the families who have lost their children. It is not easy for a parent to lose the child, we console them and those in hospital we wish them a quick recovery.

This is an act of cowardice because if these fighters were really gentlemen we would want to see them getting into barracks with their guns and not facing unarmed innocent children in schools. They are targeting the people who are not armed because they know they cannot fight this government. We want to see them in barracks with our Army and see how far they can take our Army.

But Mr. Speaker, we as Kenyans must now change and start approaching these terrorists in a different dimension. Our people have to stand and realize that we are in a war, we do not let four men to kill over 100 people, we have to change. And because the police and Army cannot be everywhere I do not believe that if those students had the energy to face them, they could have been killed because these

people were on a mission to kill but they need to be faced Mr. Speaker with chairs stones and whatever is available.

We shall never again run away and give these people A chance to kill us. I wish we now change the way we are approaching these criminals. It is very painful to hear there was a warning, intelligence warning which was not taken seriously. They said terrorist will be attacking one of the universities, it was said in advance but it was never taken seriously. So there must be a way of dealing with this because it is too much. The magnitude of what was done at Garissa is too worrying.

And if this is the trend then in two to three years there will be no Kenyans. If in one night they can kill 150, I want echo what the majority leader has said, leaders from North Eastern have to tell us whether we are together of they are fighting us. I heard the leader of the majority in National Assembly whom I respect saying that in one month's time they will give us the list of sympathizers.

I want to tell him one month is too far they need to have done that yesterday. If they are promising to make the list in one month, I believe they already have the list. It should be submitted to the government so that the government can be able to work on these people.

The problem of Kenyans is fellow Kenyans. However we continue blaming Somalia, the problem squarely lies with us. So it us Kenyans to stand we love one another and defend our country. I say sorry to bereaved families and may God give them energy this difficult time.

Hon. Rebecca Mwicigi: I wish to console the families of those who lost their lives, those who are in hospitals and the Kenyans at large. It is very sad that we are talking about lives that cannot be recovered anymore. After somebody dies it is final and something has to be done and be done very quickly.

We have had seven attacks since 1997, we had American embassy, the Mombasa hotel, Lamu, Westgate, quarry in Garissa, Garissa bus and now the Garissa University. We cannot afford to lose any more lives and something has to be done by our government.

I would suggest that since we have so many friends like the American President who is about to visit us, the only request that should be put before him is that he helps us to put the wall between us and Somalia and to put the refugee camp on side of Somalia so that they do not come here Mr. Speaker.

We had Berlin wall where nobody would have moved from West Berlin to East Berlin because the wall was too high. That's what needs to be done because that is why we build our houses so that we protect ourselves from the enemies when we are inside

We have had alerts on various institutions but when you go to such institutions you find that the security is not proper. I saw on the Nation television the other day, a lady who is a reporter walking with a pistol. She is there and she is checked by the guards very quickly, she puts the pistol at the back and she gets in with it, this showed how useless those security people are. And we should have been told whether that security firm has been banned because she walked everywhere to Nakumatt to Sarit Centre everywhere. And she walked with her gun and the machines were doing something on her but the guards were not able to detect the gun.

If those people are coming in, there must be collaborators and it is so sad that we even sell our property, even in our motherland, even Kenol here we were there at six

o'clock and we heard a mosque and you ask yourself how did they come to build a mosque in the mid of Kikuyu land? We do not hate them but we are suspicious and now if what we are hearing today is true, that they are now coming into schools and our homes to sell, to hawk, why are they being allowed?

That should be stopped immediately and they should be asked for licenses and anybody who does not belong to Kenya should not get a license to come and hawk in the villages, because now it is time of security threats and we cannot allow such things to happen.

I support and commend the leader of majority, if what he said is going to happen, if they can expose all the people connected to the terrorism we will be very happy Mr. Speaker, but let it not be only talking and a talk which will not bear fruits.

We also would like to support the Security Bill because had it not been for this Garissa massacre which happened the other day after the Security Bill was enacted we have had a quiet time. Let the court also not dissect that and remove all the important issues.

I recommend that refugees should go home because we are losing our people yet the refugees are intact, they have never been attacked. Why are they not being attacked while our people who are Christians are being attacked from left, right and centre? I stand to support this motion, thank you.

Hon. James Kariuki: Let me take this opportunity to console the families and friends of 147 people who died in that horrible massacre at Garissa and more so the families from Murang'a. This was a very sad day for all of us as Kenyans.

When you have 147 young promising Kenyans losing their lives because of the terrorist attacks then everybody should be worried. That could have been your daughter or your son. And I think this is the reason why it is so painful to us Kenyans.

When we look at the intelligence report from National Intelligence Services from friendly countries like Britain and America, I think they give up to date reports but we have a problem in the way we react to these reports.

I have a problem with the way the uniformed forces responded. We are told that alarm at the Recce company in Ruiru rang at about six and it took them seven hours to go to Garissa. There were no standby helicopters, there was nothing and I think this is a problem.

The way we respond to such emergencies is wanting, the command system is also wanting. How do you cascade all the command from top to bottom for seven hours in order for them to react. And when they went to Garissa because Recce company are very good, they are trained in close combat warfare, they took only 30 minutes to finish off the terrorists. Meaning if they had been there by nine, the number of people who died would have been much lower. So it is a problem on the way we respond.

When you look at the Westgate, the attack was messed up by KDF (Kenya Defense Forces) what were they going to do there with their tanks yet the Recce company had managed to corner the terrorists but when they came they messed up everything, Recce company withdrew and people died.

It is my considered view and opinion that we need to expand Recce company, they are trained commandos. We need to expand that squad and they need to be well motivated and be placed in every hotspot in this country, so that they can respond in the shortest time possible when an attack of that magnitude occurs

I have a problem with the response, although the cabinet secretary for foreign affairs and the one for internal security were trying to say that they responded very quickly, I am not convinced.

With terrorists, even when they take people hostage you cannot negotiate. So the idea is to attack them in the shortest time possible and finish them as there is no dialogue. I think we have a problem with that and I think our President needs to look into a way of dealing with that. Even if it is to create a force specifically to deal with terrorists and be trained properly in countries like Israel and America let that be done. I think we need to think outside the box very seriously so that we can contain the terrorism menace.

The other problem is the corruption. I have a feeling that our police force is so corrupt they allow terrorist to come in Kenya from Somalia knowingly, because if you go to Ethiopia, the other side of border in Mandera, nothing of that kind happens. Ethiopia has never been attacked it is only Kenya why. Not even Uganda or Tanzania.

It means the corrupt police force that we have here is being bribed by as low may be as 50,000 to let these people pass and cause mayhem. I think that is the area we also need to think about.

Somebody said Mr. Speaker and I agree with one of the contributors that we need to close the refugee camps like Daadab. I am very much for that idea. Let us close that refugee camp, they shall be helped by the whole world. Let them relocate to Somalia, let us put up a very strong wall and we help them from that other side because this is where most of the attacks are planned.

I would hate to see a situation where our country would be relegated to a religious warfare between the Christians and Muslims, because any ethnic or religious war is very difficult to contain. If the Christians were to revenge against Muslims then that is a fire that you cannot put out. We shall just finish our country and it will be no more.

If you look at what happened in Ireland the conflict between the Catholics and Protestants it took them hundreds of years to quell that conflict, and these are Christians all of them. So you can imagine if the Christians in this country decide to rise up against Muslims just because of what is happening what would happen. It will just put our country into a total mess and it will be impossible to put off because religious warfare are based on convictions and somebody who is convinced about any belief cannot change as it is not based on any rational thinking.

I would like to take this opportunity once again to console those families and their friends and may God give them strength to handle this difficult moment that they are facing with all the prayers that we are going to pray for them, I thank you.

Hon. Jesse Mburu: I stand to support this motion and my heart goes to the families that lost the children at Garissa University, apart from the families that brought up the terrorists who died in that university.

Let the truth be told, this is the song that we have been singing that it is not a war between the religions. I wonder because anything that happens like what happened in that University, the Muslims and the Christians were separated and the Christians were mowed down by the terrorists.

These are instructions from their seniors and the elders and people who harbour them that they should not harm Muslims, but then time will come when we are going to wake up and say enough is enough. I stand here and let it be on the record.

I do not think that there is a single suspect who has ever been arrested or apprehended due to planning or committing the crime. We have never gotten any information from the people who keep them. These people do not fall from heaven and commit the crime. They come from across the border.

Corruption has been adequately covered by Hon. J.K. and thus I will not dwell on that. When these people come, they get a place to sleep and food to eat. They are comforted here as they plan on the evil deeds. There are people who know them particularly in places like Eastlands and other places where Somalis live. They are either from Somalia or Kenya. The Kenyans keep them. They do not disclose them nor do they mourn as we mourn our fellow brothers and sisters. But if the Somalia people, those who are in authority, the elders, those who have got property and the Islam themselves say that this is no more, we would not have any terrorism in Kenya.

This is because they would expose the people who want to commit the crime any time. They know when they come here, where they live, their mission and bad intentions. If they disclose this to the security agencies, it would mean that no terror attacks can take place.

Mr. Speaker sir, when I saw on the television the leader of majority whom we respect, talking about disclosing the people after one month, I asked myself where they were. It has happened many times and they have never felt the pinch.

The Somali people are there in large numbers in our learning institutions in Nairobi. They are so many particularly in the private wings since they have money. They are so many in our universities. The question here is that these people were there and knew what was happening. I do not know why they have suddenly said that they are going to disclose them. Maybe it is because they fear the closure of the university. Now they know that they are going to feel the pinch and that is why they want to disclose those who are aiding and abetting the crime.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to say that the people who are in Kenya as refugees can be taken care of by us. We are a good hearted people and we can take care of them when they are somewhere in Somalia. As many people are suggesting, I will also join the team and say that these people should be taken back to their country and we take care of them when they are there.

Mr. Speaker, we are going to wait and see whether the people who aid terrorism in this country are going to be exposed by the team led by Hon. Duale. As I finish, Mr. Speaker, I would like to say that I am also happy because of what Nigeria, our brothers, did. They chased their President who had failed to bring down the Boko Haram and what they were doing in that country despite that he had the largest Army and the heaviest and sophisticated equipment in the continent.

We pray that what is happening in Nigeria will come to an end with a new President. We also pray that what is happening in Kenya will come to an end. God is going to assist us. God is going to hear our prayers and it will come to an end and we shall never lose another life to terrorism. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir.

Hon. John Gitau: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I represent Kamahuha ward. I also join my colleagues to condole the families of 147 children who lost their lives. In Kamahuha we lost one angel, Jacinta Njeri Mwangi, who is the first born in Thomas Mwangi's family.

You can imagine when you have put your all to educate your first born and the death of the child comes out of it. People are left with a lot of questions. Who today,

from Murang'a or any other part of the country, would like to take his or her kid to Garissa University? That University is in a particular County and as a County we need to take responsibilities.

Unlike Murang'a, Garissa has many Muslims as compared to Christians. We heard that they were separating the Muslims and the Christians during the attack. Mr. Speaker, we know that not all the Muslims are bad but then considering the affiliation, these are Muslims extremists. We must say that we have to wake up and talk about it as Christians because it is actually paining.

Mr. Speaker, let this be a wakeup call to all of us and especially our President. This is because these people are not leaving the country tomorrow according to the way they operate. We understand that Al-Qaeda or Al Shabaab from Somalia are actually claiming their position. They want to show their sponsors who are the Al-Qaeda that they can also make it so that they can earn their position in whichever place.

Mr. Speaker what we are saying is that desperate times should call for desperate measures. We must either alert our people or advise them, because these people have no borders. I can imagine what can happen if these young boys find their way to a primary or secondary school in Murang'a since they can do that through corruption. What would happen? What would happen if Al-Qaeda finds its way to Murang'a University today? It is possible since we have Muslims there. I would like to tell the people who we call the intelligence that these are people can join universities pretending to be students and cause mayhem.

Mr. Speaker I think we need to think about this critically, especially in Murang'a County, and put security in our institutions including this Assembly. We need to beef up security even in our primary schools because you never know what will happen.

We are told that in every County there are 40 missing young men. Their parents have reported that they are missing. These are the people who go to be trained by the Al-Qaeda. You can see how the recruitment is. This means that we will always have several attacks of that nature. If 40 people are missing in every County and you multiply that with the number of the Counties, you can see how many people are being trained by the Al-Qaeda. This is very serious Mr. Speaker.

I would also challenge our National Assembly counterparts; let them know the legislations to make. Let them give our President the powers to deal with some of these security issues so that we can have a powerful President who will give orders and directions.

I commend our President, Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, for what he did. He said the last year's recruits who it was alleged that they were recruited through corruption and all that be taken for training so that we can increase our police to civilian ratio.

Mr. Speaker, I highly mourn with the families. There is a magazine that I was reading and I was very much impressed. If you look at what is happening with Al-Qaeda, as people we need to be alert. We are very much unfit.

I remember during our times students used to go to National Youth Service before joining the universities. If you look at most of these people who died, you can realize that most of them were girls and I am sure of that. This is because boys were able to jump and run away.

Mr. Speaker if these people had any self-defense tactics, maybe a few would have been saved. I think we need to make our population fit in primary and secondary schools. In Singapore we were told that every person is physically fit. They go for

training. If an enemy attacks, a section of men is called and they are able to deal with the enemy.

Mr. Speaker, I call upon the National Assembly to bring in the necessary legislations so that we can stop losing people this way. I condole with these families and may the Lord rest the souls of their loved ones in eternal peace. Thank you.

Hon. Florence Nyambura: Thank you Mr. Speaker. First of all I wish to condole with the families whose children have passed away and especially in our County. In Wangu ward, there are some who came back home with nothing. We are praying to God that they recover from their tortured mind due to what they went through. God will help them have peace of mind. There are those who have lost their lives, for one the family has not been able to identify the body and I hope that after the post-mortem the family is going to get the lady's body.

Mr. Speaker sir, as a representative of persons with disability and with it, I thank God because mine is natural, I wonder whether those who have not died and have bullets in their body will be able to continue with their normal jobs or their regular work that they were doing when they come back alive.

Mr. Speaker sir, I wish to thank somebody in Syokimau, as I was listening to news this morning, who said that he suspected certain people in a hotel in the town. I was very disappointed to hear that one of the suspects is a Kikuyu. I asked myself; we have been complaining about the Muslims, what about our children? It is the high time that we as the leaders of Kikuyu community talk to the parents and tell them to be aware of what their child, boy, man is doing especially in our big city, Nairobi. This is because it could be that they are being trained somewhere.

It is my prayer to the government will engage our youth who have nothing to do. There is a proverb that says that an idle mind is a devil's workshop. Let our security also be tight in the County. I am not being tribal but I would like to request the national government co-ordinators and representatives, that in Murang'a, let us know who are from other counties and other tribes so as to know how our security is. Let us identify them. As one of the Hon. Members said, those people are hawking in our areas. They are so many in my area. Let the administration inform us what these people are doing here.

I would like to rest my case there and say that even this Assembly needs tighter security. This especially goes to our young ladies and gents at the gate who keep security. I understand that when a visitor is coming to the Assembly, they just take the ID without checking the person. I wish that we do something on the check up in this Assembly. I condole with the families. May God give them peace of mind and rest the souls of their loved ones in peace. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir.

The Speaker: I now call the mover to respond.

Hon. Duncan Njuguna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir. I would like to thank the Hon. Members. We know very well that each and every corner in this country is affected. Losing human resource is very painful. I would like to thank each and every member and also concur with them in sending the condolences to the families.

Mr. Speaker, I would like us as the Assembly to contribute a token, something little, to wipe the tears of the affected families. We have done it before and we can do it once again. We have our welfare chairman who is a Hon. Member. I think in a way we can do that even if our National Government is doing something. We can do it we as the members and then the Assembly can top up. I pray that the members will

agree and condole the families in that way. I again stand to say sorry to the affected families. Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir.

The Speaker: Thank you very much Hon. Members. As I said, this is an unusual motion and the members have done justice to it in sympathizing with the members who have been affected, those who died and those who survived. Since there will be no question put and since that was the last item in today's business, the House adjourns until tomorrow at 2:30 p.m.

The House rose at 3.45pm