

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

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The House met at 2.35 p.m.

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

PRAYERS

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Good afternoon, Hon. Members. Mr. Clerk, let us proceed.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

SITE VISIT TO ATHI RIVER BY THE GENERAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order, there is one communication which I would like to make and this pertains to land site visits. On Monday, 16th September 2018, the General Oversight committee for the entire House will be doing a site visit to Athi River, Mavoko, to look at the situation in Athi River, the pollution of river Athi itself by the companies and other individuals in that area and therefore, I just wanted to let you know that the General Oversight Committee on Monday will be proceeding to do that site visit in Athi River. Thank you. You may proceed, Mr. Clerk.

PAPER LAID

REPORT ON THE ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2019/2020

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order, we have one Paper to be laid as listed by Hon. Cosmas Kieti, Chairperson Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization. Hon. Cosmas.

Hon. Kieti: Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the House today, Wednesday, the 11th day of September, 2019; the Report of the Committee on Trade, Economic Planning, Investment and Industrialization on the Annual Development Plan 2019/2020. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Hon. Kieti laid the paper on the floor of the House)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. May I see the Paper which is being laid? I believe you do have the actual Paper itself, Clerk at the Table? Proceed.

NOTICE OF MOTION
REPORT ON THE ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2019/2020

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order, we have one notice of Motion also to be done by the Hon. Cosmas Kieti, Chairperson Trade, Economic Planning, and Industrialization.

Hon. Kieti:

Hon. Speaker, that aware THAT Section 104(1) of the County Governments Act, 2012, provides that a County Government shall plan for the County and no public funds shall be appropriated outside a planning framework developed by the County Executive Committee and approved by the County Assembly;

Aware THAT the Annual Development Plan is done by the department in charge of planning every year and it is required to be submitted to the County Assembly by 1st September;

Appreciating THAT the Annual Development Plan (ADP) is one of the budget policy documents in the budget cycle and deals with annual county planning and it borrows from the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) which is a five-year development plan;

Noting THAT the Annual Development Plan (ADP) for the FY 2018/2019 was prepared by the Department of Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization on and submitted to the County Assembly on 8th February 2019, and consequently committed to the Committee on Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization on 11th February, 2019 as per Section 126(2) Public Finance Management (PFM) Act;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give a notice of motion THAT this House discusses and approves the report of Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization Committee on the Annual Development Plan 2019/2020.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Cosmas Kieti. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

Hon. Ndawa: Point of order.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Judas, a point of order.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I am standing on Standing Order 30 on adjournment. It talks about adjournment; adjournment for definite matter of urgent county importance. It says, ‘any Member may at any time rise in his or her place and seek leave to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter or urgent County importance.’ Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Judas. Yes indeed that Standing Order states that and it is true that at least one hour before the House resumed, the Hon. Member had presented to the office of the Speaker and that of the clerk the Motion which he put under that specific Standing Order and it was therefore allowed for the Hon. Member to move that Motion under that and I would like the Hon. Member to first of all advise what the item is and have somebody who can be able to second him so that we can be able to admit the Motion.

You had seen we already had another Motion which had been balloted and that is the Motion by Hon. Moffat Maitha, so we will deal with the one for Hon. Judas Ndawa which has come under Standing Order 30 and then from there we will proceed accordingly. You may go ahead Hon. Judas Ndawa.

MOTION

INTER-GOVERNMENTAL INTERVENTION TO ADDRESS ABDUCTION OF CHILDREN IN MACHAKOS COUNTY

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker, that aware THAT Article 53(1)(d) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 provides for the rights of children specifically to be protected from abuse, neglect, harmful cultural practices, all forms of violence, inhuman treatment and punishment; Recognizing THAT recently there have been reported cases within the county of kidnapping and hostage-taking by criminal entities whereby children are held hostage and ransom demanded;

aware THAT these cases are on the rise within Machakos County and subsequently creating a tense environment for parents and children alike and by extension affecting provision of quality Education;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the motion THAT this Hon. House discusses and resolves that the office of the County Secretary organizes an urgent inter-governmental intervention to address the matter.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker, Sir.

(Applause)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Do you have a seconder?

Hon. Ndawa: Mr. Speaker, I would request because the Mover of the Motion is entitled by the Standing Order at least 10 minutes to deliberate on the Motion. I would request that you allow me to highlight what is happening before I call upon the seconder.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: You may go ahead.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Mr. Speaker, for that last one week or for the last one month, we have three incidences whereby kids are being picked from their residential places by unknown people. Mr. Speaker, about two weeks ago a child was stolen from Mlolongo and the child was later after the message was widely spread in the social media and the local channels, that is Musyi FM and the rest, after airing the same incident, the culprit was arrested and the child was recovered.

The following week Mr. Speaker, the same Mlolongo, another child was picked and after the message was spread, the *boda boda* operators rescued the child and rendered the child to a certain children's home.

Yesterday Mr. Speaker, Sir, a member of staff of this County Assembly, her daughter was taken by unknown persons. Later the child was abandoned in a place at Lower Kaewa. So, Mr. Speaker, even the public is now asking, why is the Assembly quiet on this matter? Mr. Speaker, our Constitution is very clear; Article 189 of the Constitution allows both levels of Governments,

National and County Governments to come together and address a certain problem. So, Mr. Speaker, that is why I am requesting for this inter-Governmental intervention to address this serious matter.

Again Mr. Speaker, Article 26 (1) of the same Constitution provides that every person has a right to life. When a child is taken by unknown people, we are not aware where they are going to take the child then release the child later or they are going to murder the child. So, we should not take things for granted.

On the other hand, Mr. Speaker, Sir, Article 20(2) of the same Constitution says that every person is entitled to enjoy his rights which are provided for in the Constitution. So, Mr. Speaker, there is nothing which we as Members of Parliament of this Assembly or us as parents, because we are also parents, there is nothing that we can value more than a child. So, Mr. Speaker, unless we address this issue, who else will speak on behalf of these young kids? Who else will speak on behalf of the parents?

Mr. Speaker, the security of our kids when going to school and when coming from school is not guaranteed and I want to say Mr. Speaker, somebody somewhere is sleeping on his or her job. Mr. Speaker, security docket is not devolved; it remains the function of the National Government and I know the County Commissioner is in charge of the county security team.

So, the reason why I am saying the county to ensure that we have this intergovernmental intervention is to ensure that the person who the County Secretary brings on board are those who are concerned with security. I want to stop there and request my brother Hon. Kieti because in his ward, that is where the child was abandoned, to second this Motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Judas. Hon. Cosmas Kieti.

Hon. Kieti: Thank you Hon. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. First, I want to second the motion but I want to say that the abductor could not have come from my ward but it is good that child was recovered. Do I contribute at this point or later? Okay, Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to say that the children---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Just second first and I will give you a chance.

Hon. Kieti: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I second the motion.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you

(Question proposed)

Hon. Members, you may debate on the motion.

Hon. Kieti: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to say that the children that we have are gifts from God and children by nature are very social and it is my humble request as I contribute, having stayed with children at different levels of the ages when I was a teacher, I want to say most of our parents need a lot of guidance on how they should take care of their children because most children have been let free and this has subjected majority of them to a lot of threats because as I have said, children are very social and at the moment when the country is experiencing drought, our children may be subjected to very small baits; either sweets or goodies that are likely to attract.

At this point, I want to request parents wherever they are to take care of their children. I am not saying that parents whose children have been abducted are negligent of that, but I have seen even in the evening, children loitering in the markets and when you see such and maybe there is somebody who is interested in one way or the other, that child at that given moment may land in the wrong hands at that point when it is dark.

So, children at the moment need to be kept in schools and when they are leaving schools, they also need some kind of protection until they get in their buses or they be guided until they get to their homes, because those people are everywhere and it is not only within the towns where this is happening; even other bad undertakings are also happening to other school going children in the rural areas.

So it is my humble request that we as parents and leaders, guide the people who we lead in the rural areas and elsewhere so that they take charge of the children because these are gifts from God and they need to be protected. I want to condemn the acts of child abducting because when the child is abducted in one way or the other, the child will lose a lot of sense and the child may get confused because this child is undergoing development and the brain may be affected in one way or the other and in most cases when the children are drugged, that drug may also affect the formative development of the child.

So, as a parent I want to condemn and say, the security agencies within the county and national government need to take charge of that and ensure that our children are protected and well guided. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kieti. Just before I give the next, it is important to remind you of a procedural issue which I have noted with the clerk; if you want to participate in a motion and you have been given to second, then don't stand and say I second, just stand and nod and then sit down. The chair will have seen that you have seconded it and that is under Standing Order 90, reserving rights of speech upon a motion other than a motion by way of amendment to a question proposed by the Speaker.

A Member may second by rising in his or her place and signifying acquiescence by bowing the head without speaking and such a Member shall thereby reserve the rights of speech as the Member would have had if some other Member had seconded such motion. So it is a procedural matter and a reminder if you want to participate in a motion and you are the person seconding it; you just rise and bow or nod and then you sit down. The Chair will recognize that and then you can participate in the motion just like any other Member. Hon. Cosmus Masesi.

Hon. Masesi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to commend the Hon. Member who has come with this motion and it is right on time. Mr. Speaker, first I want to condole with the Member of this county Assembly whose child had been abducted and encourage them to take some strength because I want to understand the child is still not in her senses as we speak. This reminds me of the incident which took place at Shalom Hospital where we lost a seven month old baby due to overdose of morphine drug.

Mr. Speaker in the same case, we might end up losing our kids because this idea of making them lose their senses might in some cases go to an overdose where we will have lost some lives. Mr. Speaker on the same note, I am trying to imagine how I could feel when I am at home having the mind that my boy has been abducted. I don't know how I will put it but it is a mess to a parent. First and foremost as parents, we need to take care of our kids; that is very key. Let us embrace our

caretakers to the children; let them do their part and on the same note we need to take the matter up with the Executive and the necessary arms of government.

Mr. Speaker, we need to lead by good example; I don't know how we will be able to because I am trying to imagine if someone was in that act as members of public also we need to give the necessary discipline and the law take its course in a matter of this kind. Mr. Speaker, we need to embrace with the arms of the government that is the police department and make sure that our children are safe at all cost. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Angela Munyasya.

Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to appreciate the person who has brought this motion because it is really timely, but apart from being timely, it is very important to note that it is not the first time children are being abducted from their homes; it has been an ongoing thing over and over not only in Machakos County, but also the rest of the country and in the world as a whole.

Mr. Speaker, this is not a matter that can be taken lightly given the fact that children cannot protect themselves. It is only the government that comes to their aid, their parents and the institutions they are in like the schools. What I am saying is that we need to take immediate action to ensure that schools take full responsibility of the children while in school.

When they leave the school compounds and especially the children that go home, to ensure that there is a mature person that accompanies every group of children that leave the school's compounds so that they are not left to go home on their own. If that is done, it will be a temporary measure to ensure that children are not abducted on their way.

If there is no grown up going towards the direction the children are going, let there be a group, a teacher or somebody responsible on duty to ensure that the children are walking in groups. It will not be easy for a group of children to be abducted. So they need to start walking in groups and when they cannot walk in groups, let us have a mature person accompanying them and in the meantime, there should be regular announcements in the churches and any other social areas and in any environment where children are, starting with our homes.

Let us keep talking to our children to tell them that they need to avoid strangers; they need not be too friendly to strangers and they need to know that their lives could be in danger so that they don't trust anybody that comes across them. Mr. Speaker, with that, I would like this House to join hands and ensure that the government takes strategic measures towards protecting our children. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Justus Kiteng'u.

Hon. Kiteng'u: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to applaud the mover of the motion. I would like to say that the motion has come timely when we have several cases on abduction and as per our law, abduction is a criminal offense and as long as the government is also taking strict and serious measures on this, us as parents, Hon. Speaker, should be in the front line to make sure that we take care of our kids and because the case has been found severally in Machakos, through Hon. Speaker, I would like address the people of Machakos that let all of us be our brother's keeper, our sister's keeper.

As you know Hon. Speaker, the schools have just been opened and to our teachers, they make sure that all our kids below 12 years are well attended when they are on the playing grounds and once

they are at home, our parents as well should make sure that the kids are playing with the right group at the same age and also Hon. Speaker, when they are playing outside their estate or the play grounds, they are also well attended to, to avoid these cases happening day and day. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Kisini.

Hon. Kisini: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to thank the mover of this motion for bringing such a very important motion to the House. I want to say that cases of this kind are so many and I want to report that in Athi River, my ward, there are very many which have been reported. The beasts or those wild people try to convince the young girls or the young kids that maybe 'show me the way to a certain place' and maybe while going, they kidnap and then they take them to places where there are no people. When you try to ask why such cases happen, and I happened to visit one of the hospitals, Nairobi Women's at Kitengela, I found that there were so many cases of such kind.

There is some cultural belief that more specially for these sick people, especially AIDS, that when you have a young girl a young kid and you do it with her, you are going to get well, so in such a case, some of these beasts try to come and maybe kidnap to go and maybe try to see if they can get some medic from such act of doing.

The other thing is when you try to ask why, because they wound the girls, they leave them unconscious and when they get conscious you try to ask, what happened? These are young girls; they don't go full throttle, they go half throttle. These girls cannot sustain the act until to the finish or to the full throttle because the men are big but then they do it until they finish what they are doing.

So Mr. Speaker, I think this thing, almost in every ward, this thing has happened and since the Hon. Member has brought this to the attention of the House, in Machakos we should treat this one as a natural disaster so that we can take care or we can protect our kids. Some of them are caught, they bribe their way out and unless you come across FIDA who will maybe act on behalf of those young girls, those who are not protected by FIDA or such kinds of lawyers go scot free.

Mr. Speaker, it is the high time we see to it that we try to liaise with the government; we try to pass a law here whereby if you are got in such an act, you get the maximum punishment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me that chance.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Fred.

Hon. Muthoka: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let me congratulate my brother Hon. Ndawa for this good motion. This is very alarming, especially in Machakos and urban areas. I think we should come up with policies when we sit down. All these primary schools should have watchmen or gates; I remember there is a girl who was picked from Machakos Primary and no strangers should be allowed in our schools.

Then again, we should urge our parents in urban areas, when you are employing a house help please get more information; seek where she is coming from. Some of these house helps are colluding with those people and then they pretend they don't know where the baby went, where the child went. So we should urge our parents, when you are employing a house help, please seek more information. This is not only to children.

I have a case now in Mitaboni ward; the lady was staying in Umoja, I think you have seen in news. She disappeared and she was found two days ago in a mortuary in Kajiado. So this is something which is alarming and it should be addressed immediately. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon Alex Kamitu.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the motion that has been brought by Hon. Ndawa is a motion that should be taken very seriously and because Hon. Speaker the subject matter here, ways that we can try to prevent further occurrences and as a matter of concern Hon. Speaker, it is now the responsibility of this Hon House, first of all as individual Hon. Members, to urgently pass this information through the media because we are able to do that as a preventive measure before we internalize; before we meet with other government agencies.

As Hon. Members, Mr. Speaker, it is very important that all Hon. Members, through the media, should outright pass this information. Again Hon. Speaker, you are aware also as Hon. Members, we have accessibility to our church leaders; people who can actually convey the same in church sermons.

We are the same people who know the addresses and the telephone numbers of our heads of schools our teachers who can urgently pass the same information during the school parades; it is very important as a public participation now. We can do the public participation through those head teachers because every Hon. Members here has got telephone numbers of the head teachers because this is a way, as I said, before we internalize with other intergovernmental agencies we are able to do that.

Hon. Speaker, we can also assist our electorate through our internal ward agencies, that is the village administrators and the ward administrators; they can pass the same message because as I said, we have got their numbers. So as a preventive measure, before we wait to sit down with the national government and the like, these are the measures I think that should go ahead as an urgent information and then thereafter Hon. Speaker, we should also advice our parents during the *barazas*, through the chiefs, through the assistant chiefs, that this information should also be passed through the *barazas*.

We should also advice our children as earlier mentioned by Hon. Munyasya that our kids as they are moving, they should be moving in groups whereby the grown-up children should be guiding the young ones because practically it is not very easy for a kidnapper to separate a bigger group and thereafter Mr. Speaker, I would also now, in regard to amendments or in regard to the law, severe punishment to those abductors who have been arrested should be very severe.

There has been a sequence or chronicles of events nationwide about children or even grown-ups being kidnapped or taken hostage for a certain ransom and the like. Mr. Speaker, you are aware we have also been reading areas that people have been kidnapped and killed so it is not a small issue; this is an issue that the Government should take urgent measures to prevent further occurrences. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Nyanzi.

Hon. Nyanzi: Asante sana Spika kwa kunipatia hii nafasi. Yangu ni kumpongeza Mheshimiwa Ndawa kwa kuleta hii *motion* hapa leo tuangalie vile tutaangalia watoto wetu. Yangu iko na tofauti. Kule Kalama, hao watoto wanatumia na wanaua. Mliskia juzi huko Yaitha, walikuta watoto wawili wamelala na wilipowatumia na wakaona wanawajua, wakaua na hao watu wakaletwa hapa.

Kule Kalama pia walishika mlemavu ambaye anatembea na ile miti, na huyo mlemavu wakatumia na hii miti yao wakaweka nayo ndani, akaletwa kutolewa hapa, na mnajua hiyo kitu imefanywa namna hiyo vile iko tamu. *So* ninauliza serikali itwambie hao watu kesi ilikwisha namna

gani na kama wamewaachilia tujue kwa nini waliwaachilia na haraka watuambie hiyo ndio tujue watoto wetu watachungwa namna gani maanake serikali iko shauri ya kuchunga watoto wetu. Kwa hivyo na-*support* hiyo *motion* ambayo imeletwa. Ahsante.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Asante. Hon. Kisila.

Hon. Kisila: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I will be very brief. I think Bw. Speaker, this is a very serious motion and I would like to thank *Mheshimiwa* Ndawa for bringing it out. Now the catch here is, if you look at what happened yesterday, it is by God's grace that this child was found and where the child was found, obviously is on our way to our home, Mwala. Now, there are some things the government is also doing which are working against; they look like popular moves but they are working against our people. One of them is removal of police roadblocks. Today if you go to any road in Machakos, there is no road block even at night. Crime is on the rise.

Last week, I lost a lady who was murdered and hanged in her house in my ward. You cannot even trace where these people are coming from, so I think in our recommendations out of this motion, one of the issues we need to push for is re-introduction of road blocks in particular areas, key areas on major highways, because as much as we are pretending we are a civilized country and remove roadblocks, we are actually encouraging criminals to easily move around and you don't know who is moving. It can be a terrorist, it can be a criminal at night and even our children the way they are being kidnapped.

So *Bwana* Speaker, I strongly recommend that through our Speaker, through the Clerk, through the Executive, a very strong letter needs to go to the County Commissioner requesting re-introduction of roadblocks in all major highways in Machakos to curb this menace because it is on the rise. The ones we are seeing are because we can see in the social media. The number of children disappearing, the rising crime in our county is alarming. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. May I call the mover of the motion, Hon. Judas, to respond please.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues, Hon. Members, for the sentiments they have aired in this Hon. House. Mr. Speaker, all the sentiments which have been given by Hon. Members are valid and if they can be made use of, I am very sure the problem will reduce even if we are not going to solve it wholly. Mr. Speaker, the mandate of security is vested in the police service and Mr. Speaker, I believe we have competent security team within the county. It is only that maybe, and I am using the word maybe, they are not serious with their work.

Mr. Speaker, I fail to understand how somebody can commit a felony either by kidnapping a child or by robbing somewhere and the police who went to Kiganjo for several months, who are trained on how to investigate, fail to do their duty. Mr. Speaker, this Hon. House is the highest organ of this County and this is the high time we as an Assembly should rise or we should voice out that the police force need to be serious with their business.

Mr. Speaker, when it comes to crackdown of vehicles, the defective motor vehicles, they are very smart in that. When they are arresting these motor vehicles transporting charcoal and the like, they are very smart in that but when it comes to getting these criminals who are making the lives of our kids to be in danger, they go on a slow pace.

So Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity and call upon the County Commissioner, who is the county security chairperson, to ensure that the security team does its work. Mr. Speaker, again let me take this opportunity to thank the media group, I do not know whether we have media people in the gallery. Mr. Speaker, if it were not the media people, Mbaitu FM, Musyi FM, County FM and the rest, maybe these kids would not have been recovered but because of their efforts, because of doing their duty with what we call due diligence and commitment, they have assisted us to get back our kids. So I will request them to continue doing the same because I know now the only organ which we can believe and rely on is the media.

Mr. Speaker, I would also wish to call upon my colleagues who are Hon. Members, because this instance has happened repeatedly, let us go back to our electorates; let us make them know that there are people who are out to get hold of our kids, so that they can take care of the kids. Mr. Speaker, the sentiments given by my colleagues have made it very clear that the parents have the responsibility to take care of their kids when they are not in school.

The sentiments again have made it clear that the teachers have the duty to ensure that our kids are safe when they are in school so Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the whole House and request that they pass the motion so that it can go to the next step. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you very much, Hon. Judas Ndawa. I now put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

Two things, Hon. Members; I think on the issue which was very well debated here, the thing which has come out clearly is that prevention is better than cure and therefore the good suggestions which have come from the Hon. Members, especially the one on taking full responsibility for schools when children are in school and ensuring our schools are gated and fenced so that when kids go in they cannot be able to get out, not encouraging any strangers in schools and parents taking full responsibility for their children when they are not in school.

It pains me a lot every morning when I am driving to work or in the evening when I am going home and I find small children hiking a lift on the road. Small little girls hiking a lift and that makes me wonder, sincerely the parenting of that parent is a bit wanting because if you cannot afford to give transport to your child to go to a school that is far away you will be better off having that child schooling in a school nearby where you are instead of sending a child from Machakos to go and school in Junction, Kyumbi and they do not have the bus fare; they are hiking lifts. You are encouraging this kind of behavior. We need to curb that as parents.

Walking in groups, a very good suggestion and that can only be enforced by the schools. Children fear teachers, so if the teacher says or puts command that no child should be seen walking alone, I can assure you it will go a long way in ensuring children go home in batches and if they go home in batches, it will assist a lot. I do not know what happened to community parenting. Back in the days if you remember, every parent was your parent. Where you were found doing something wrong by any parent, they would punish you and go home and tell your parent what they found you doing.

If there are children today who are walking alone, as parents you just ignore and let that child go. Tomorrow it will be your child, so we need to have that sense of community parenting which used to be there. Cultural change, I know, has come but community parenting needs to be reintroduced. Security agencies, patrols and road blocks as the Hon. Member has said. Patrols are nonexistent nowadays.

You rarely see any policemen on foot patrol yet for most of these crimes, uniformed policemen patrolling is a big deterrent for crime but we never see policemen patrolling any more. Back in the day we used to see during the day policemen in twos just walking patrolling the area and their presence being felt.

Road blocks which have been removed; people now know even if I travel from here to Nairobi and I am carrying...nobody is going to stop me on the road and ask me what I am carrying. It is important for us to ensure that those patrols and road blocks are brought up and finally, cases being followed to conclusion.

Hon. Judas Ndawa said here they are very good in following up on charcoal, very good in following up on these *matatus* but when it comes to criminal cases, you go and report a case to the police. If you go to the police here, the files which have not been closed are very many, yet each case reported, if it was investigated and followed to a logical conclusion, then it will act as deterrent to other people doing it. But as long as somebody knows you will go and report in the OB, it will be written in the OB and that is the end of the issue, there is need for security agencies and our government to ensure that one is done.

Therefore, I request that this motion be committed to the joint committee on Justice and Devolution because there is intergovernmental relations involved in it and justice because we need to get laws put in place to ensure that this is handled properly and they need to report to this House within the next 30 days; bring a report before the House on what has happened, whether the County Secretary has been able to meet with the intergovernmental agencies and those committees should be present in those meetings so that they can be able to bring an exhaustive report before the House for us to be able to address and close out this issue.

Hon. Members, if you look at your order paper, I think there was another motion. I am going to defer this motion back to the House Business committee in line with what the Hon. Speaker said in the morning that in the afternoon, we need to light business so that we are able to provide Hon. Members with time for practice for the coming CASA games and also it being a report which is going to be read, it might take a bit of time. Therefore I say that motion number eight, which was a motion by Hon. Moffat Maitha, Chairperson, Justice and Legal Affairs, be taken back to the House Business committee for re-balloting and be prioritized as a first business for next week.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: With that Hon. Members, this House stands adjourned to Tuesday the 17th day of September, 2019 at 10.00 a.m. Enjoy your afternoon.

The House rose at 3.34 p.m.