

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY**  
**OFFICIAL REPORT**

**Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2018**

The House met at 10.26 a.m.

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

**PRAYERS**

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Mr. Clerk, Proceed.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**  
**STUDENTS FROM MANGWETI PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Good morning, Members, good morning pupils. Hon. Members, today we are privileged to host students from Mangweti Primary School in Ikombe ward represented by Hon. Jacqueline Nziva and Kwa Mwatu primary school in Matuu ward represented by Hon. Ndawa.

*(Applause)*

It is my pleasure to welcome you all pupils to our sitting this morning; feel at home. We are honored to see the future leaders of tomorrow coming here and being with us so that they can be able to see what we do in the County Assembly accompanied by your teachers and the rest of your tea; elcome and we hope this becomes a learning stage. You will also be able to see your Hon. Members doing their contributions as they do in the Assembly. So, let it be a fruitful day to you and we feel honored; *karibuni sana*.

**PAPER LAID**

REPORT OF ERECTING SPEED BUMPS ON THIKA-GARISSA HIGHWAY AT MATUU

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Under this Order, we have one paper to be laid by Hon. Mbevi, Chairman Transport, roads and public works committee. Hon. Dan.

**Hon. Mbevi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Point of order.

**Hon. Kiilu:** Kindly, Mr. Speaker, I thought it would have been wise if you give the Hon. Members from the various primary schools that have visited us to say hi to their pupils. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Member. I wanted the Member to lay the paper then I was going to request them to do exactly that; so I am well informed.

**Hon. Kiilu:** Advised. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Mbevi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker once more. I beg to lay the following Paper on the floor of the House today 1st August, 2018; the report of the roads, Housing and Public Works committee on the need to put up road bumps along Thika-Garissa highway and specifically the stretch in Machakos County. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Dan.

#### NOTICE OF MOTION

#### REPORT OF ERECTING SPEED BUMPS ON THIKA-GARISSA HIGHWAY AT MATUU

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Under this Order, we have one notice of motion to be laid by Hon. Mbevi.

**Hon. Mbevi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, Article 174(d) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 stipulates that one of the objects of devolution is to recognize the right of Communities to manage their own affairs and to further their development;

Hon. Speaker; that aware that speed bumps play a significant role in traffic calming and increasing awareness on the road;

Aware that Speed is the primary factor in most vehicle accidents increasing both risk and severity;

Aware that to counter the problem of speeding, speed limits, speed bumps, roundabouts, and signs are among the strategies used to slow drivers down and increase driver awareness;

Hon. Speaker, further aware that matters of roads have been shared by both levels of Government as provided for by the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 which mandates the national Government with construction and operation of national trunk roads and standards for construction and maintenance of other roads by counties whereas counties have been mandated to deal with matters of County transport including County roads;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice motion that this House discusses and approves the transport, roads, housing and public works Committee report on the need to put up road bumps along Thika-Garissa Highway and specifically the stretch in Machakos County.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Mbevi.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**  
ADDRESS TO STUDENTS FROM MANGWETI PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Under this order, I would like to invite now the Hon. Members who are represented by the schools here today to make a short statement and address. We shall start with Hon. Ndawa representing the great people of Matuu and with him he has Kwa Mwatu primary school. Hon. Judas.

**Hon. Ndawa:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am privileged to have pupils from Kwa Mwatu primary school; we also have parents and teachers from the said school. I feel honored to have this team, because when I was a pupil like them I also used to visit the National assembly that time. I want to greet the team; good morning. I want to take this opportunity to welcome you this Hon. House, which makes the laws that govern Machakos County.

What I would like to request you, I know one time some of you might be seated were we are seated; these Hon. Members in this House are not special than you, so I would request and urge you to develop interest of being leaders like us. When we are learning we are told that we are the future leaders and when the future comes, sometimes people are not given a chance to actualize their vision and their dream.

So, as Hon. Members of this House we want to assure you, when your time comes, we shall never hesitate to allow you to take the mantle of leadership in this Hon. House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Judas. Hon. Nziva.

**Hon. (Ms.) Nziva:** Hon. Speaker, Members present in this House, allow me to appreciate and welcome teachers, parents and pupils from Mangweti primary school who have found time out of their busy schedules to come and witness and learn how we transact business in the Assembly. I would like to thank you so much that you supported me wholeheartedly, this is my surrounding sub-location and is where my spiritual mother comes from and I am very happy for them to have come in our assembly.

Pupils, what I would like to request is to put a lot of effort in whatever you do because the world has become very competitive. Feel welcome to learn what we do, thank you so much Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Members for your words of encouragement to the pupils. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

**MOTION**

REPORT OF ERECTING SPEED BUMPS ON THIKA-GARISSA HIGHWAY AT MATUU

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Under this Order, we have one motion to be laid by Hon. Mbevi, chairperson for transport, Roads, housing and public works committee.

**Hon. Mbevi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, Article 174(d) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 stipulates that one of the objects of devolution is to recognize the right of Communities to manage their own affairs and to further their development;

Hon. Speaker; that aware that speed bumps play a significant role in traffic calming and increasing awareness on the road;

Aware that Speed is the primary factor in most vehicle accidents increasing both risk and severity;

Aware that to counter the problem of speeding, speed limits, speed bumps, roundabouts, and signs are among the strategies used to slow drivers down and increase driver awareness;

Hon. Speaker, further aware that matters of roads have been shared by both levels of Government as provided for by the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 which mandates the national Government with construction and operation of national trunk roads and standards for construction and maintenance of other roads by counties whereas counties have been mandated to deal with matters of County transport including County roads;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice motion that this House discusses and approves the transport, roads, housing and public works Committee report on the need to put up road bumps along Thika-Garissa Highway and specifically the stretch in Machakos County.

Thank you Mr. Speaker, I wish to call upon Hon. Ndawa to second the motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Mbevi. Hon. Judas.

**Hon. Ndawa:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to second the motion. Thank you, Sir.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Judas; you may now read the report. Point of order from Hon. Cosmus.

**Hon. Masesi:** Yes, Mr. Speaker. My concern is whether the report can be seconded by a non-member of the committee?

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** I believe there was a reason why that was done and I have allowed it; let it be please. Hon. Mbevi, just continue.

**Hon. Mbevi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker for the defense. Actually, there was a reason for that Hon. Members; you recognize the Hon. Member has visitors and the report is also concerning his home area, probably that was my issue.

*(Applause)*

I beg to continue with the report. Hon. Speaker, speed bumps play a significant role in traffic calming and increasing awareness on the road. Speed is the primary factor in most vehicle accidents, increasing both risk and severity. To counter the problem of speeding, speed limits,

speed bumps, roundabouts and signs are among the strategies used to slow drivers down and increase driver awareness.

Hon. Speaker, Article 174(d) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, one of the objects of devolution is to recognize the right of Communities to manage their own affairs and to further their development.

Further matters of roads have been shared by both level of Government as provided for by the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 which mandates the national Government with construction and operation of National trunk roads and standards for construction and maintenance of other roads by counties whereas counties have been mandated to deal with matters of County transport including County roads.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Kenya Roads Act, 2015 on the First Schedule, Garissa-Thika highway is classified under Class B described as Primary National Trunk Roads which is a highway connecting two or more cities meant to carry safely a large volume of traffic at the highest legal speed of operation.

Hon. Speaker, the Kenya Roads Act, 2015, section 12 and 13 establishes the Kenya National Highway Authority whose functions among others as stipulated in the act are;

- a) Constructing, upgrading, rehabilitating and maintaining roads under its jurisdiction;
- b) Controlling primary national trunk roads and road reserves and access to roadside developments;
- c) Overseeing the management of traffic and road safety on primary national trunk roads, in collaboration with other agencies;
- d) Planning the development and maintenance of primary national trunk roads;
- e) Liaising and coordinating with other road agencies in planning and on operations in respect of roads

#### COMMITTEE'S MANDATE

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 190(5)(a) and (g), the Committee on transport is mandated to investigate, report, recommend and even propose legislation under its mandate.

Further, in the Second Schedule of the Standing Orders, this committee is specifically mandated to deal with all matters related to County transport, including county roads, housing, street lighting, traffic and parking, public transport and ferries and harbors, excluding the regulation of international and national shipping and matters related thereto; county public works and services.

#### COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

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| 1. Hon. Daniel Mbevi    | -Chairperson      |
| 2. Hon. John Musyimi    | -Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Caleb Mule      | -Member           |
| 4. Hon. Cosmus Masesi   | “                 |
| 5. Hon. Francis Ngunga  | “                 |
| 6. Hon. Irene Mbivya    | “                 |
| 7. Hon. Margaret Mbithi | “                 |
| 8. Hon. Patrick Kituku  | “                 |
| 9. Hon. Pauline Munguti | “                 |
| 10. Hon. Grace Mutwiwa  | “                 |

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| 11. Hon. Margaret Ndalana | “ |
| 12. Hon. Tariq Mulatya    | “ |
| 13. Hon. Justus Kiteng’u  | “ |

## THE MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION BACKGROUND

Hon. Speaker, on 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2018, Hon. Judas Ndawa moved a motion in this Hon. House requesting the County Government of Machakos to liaise with National Government to find ways of saving people’s lives by putting up bumps to control speeding vehicles in the black spot areas along Thika-Garissa Highway and especially in Matuu Ward. The motion was amended to include Kanyoonyoo-Kivandini road, off Garissa road, in Masinga ward.

This motion was referred to the Transport, Roads, Housing and Public Works Committee for deliberation. During a committee meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2018, members resolved to visit the aforementioned areas and especially the black spot areas indicated in the motion.

## SITE VISIT

Hon. Speaker, the Committee conducted a site visit on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2018. The matters under investigation were;

- i. The approximate number of accidents reported on this section of road for a period of one year.
- ii. Causes of the accidents on the road.
- iii. Effects of the road accidents that occurred on the section of the road.
- iv. Public views on the accidents happening on the roads and how to stop them.

## COMMITTEE FINDINGS

### **Kwa Mukalala area**

Mr. Speaker the Committee was informed that three accidents had happened in this area since August, 2017 to 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 with two being fatal. The committee noted that there existed rumble bumps which were not efficient in reducing speeding since vehicles would cross them at high speed.

The committee also noted that despite the area having three schools in the neighborhood, there was no zebra crossing signage on the road. Members of public had taken up the responsibility of placing stones on both sides of the road to control vehicles which are avoiding the bumps.

Hon. Speaker, Members of the public engaged during the site visit lamented over the speeding and careless driving especially by the Probox drivers who transport *miraa*. They also attributed the road accidents to concrete used to fill up pot holes hence making the road uneven.

### **Kwa Makaa area**

Mr. Speaker, the stretch is of about 2.5 km which is straight but lacking road bumps. Four accidents had reportedly happened on this road from August, 2017 to January, 2018 with three being fatal where five persons died and four were injured seriously.

During the site visit, members of the public engaged expressed their deep concern on severity of the accidents and threatened to put up the bumps if no measures would be taken.

Members were informed that accidents happen both at day and night. Most of the casualties were pedestrians and motorcycle drivers.

#### **Matuu Level IV Hospital junction area**

Hon. Speaker, the Committee was informed that from August, 2017 to 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2018, six accidents had been reported with four being fatal where 6 people died. Approximately more than 40 people had been injured. These unfortunate incidents reportedly took place both at night and day time.

At the time of the site visit the residents had taken up the responsibility of putting up bumps whereby two sand bumps had been put up in an effort to control the speeding vehicles. It was also noted that the temporary bumps had reduced the rate these accidents were happening.

Hon. Speaker it was also noted that despite the area having many schools, churches and a Level IV hospital and there was no road signage on the same. Members of the public engaged during the site visit acknowledged that efforts to engage KeNHA on the matter at hand had proved futile even after the local radio stations had put the menace on the limelight.

#### **Kivandini road**

Hon. Speaker, the members of public engaged during the site visit informed the committee that the major causes of accidents in this part of the roads are animals both wild and domestic. Lack of road signage to alert motorists and was also quoted as a leading cause of accidents in the area.

#### **Kanyonyoo-Kivaa road, off Garissa road**

Hon. Speaker, the committee noted with great concern that as at the time of visit the road had not been marked. The road had bumps but no signage on the same had been put. The most affected areas were Kasua-Ngove, Ulutya and Kaewa. There were no warning signs for bumps or speed limits.

It was also noted that in places where there are schools, there were no zebra crossings to facilitate the children to cross the road. The trees and bushes along the road had overgrown blocking the visibility of drivers around sharp bends.

#### **Discussion with District Commissioner and the Base Commander**

Hon. Speaker, the committee conducted an impromptu visit to the District Commissioner and the Base Commander who stated that 54 accidents had reportedly happened on that road in 2017 especially at Kwa Mukalala, Hospital junction and Kwa-Makaa areas.

According to the above mentioned officers, the main causes of the accidents in these areas included;

1. Careless driving especially by motorbike riders.
2. Over speeding by vehicles.
3. Obstruction like potholes along the road in cases where the vehicle was speeding.
4. Lack of road signs.
5. Weather especially during rainy season.

The Committee was also informed that the government had conducted sensitization programs in the area after the first accident on basic road safety measures. The traffic officers had also established check points along the roads. This included snap speed checks. The District

Commander acknowledged facing challenges in controlling the *boda boda* riders. This was attributed to the fines charged to the offenders being low.

#### COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

Hon. Speaker, based on the areas visited, the Committee made the following observations;

1. Lack of speed bumps and signage on the road was the major cause of accidents along the section of the road under review.
2. None of the areas had been marked as a black Spot despite a large number of accidents having happened.
3. Some parts of the road had big potholes which in a way were a key contributor to the accidents.
4. Residents had a feeling of marginalization hence the reason they had taken up the responsibility of putting up soil bumps on the road.
5. Most *boda boda* riders are not privy to the road safety precautions and most of them lacked the driving licenses.

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Hon. Speaker, the committee recommends the following:

1. KeNHA should move with speed and ensure that all the necessary measures including putting up of road bumps, zebra crossings and the signage are put on the road to curb the menace as reported.
2. KeNHA in collaboration with the County Government of Machakos should conduct civic education to the residents of the affected areas on road safety especially the pedestrians and *boda boda* riders.
3. Pursuant to the provisions of section 13 of the Kenya Roads Act, the Kenya National Highways Authority should maintain sections of the roads which have potholes. This should be done in a standard way to evade the road patches which make the roads uneven.
4. Article 174(g) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 stipulates that one of the objects of devolution is to ensure equitable sharing of National and local resources throughout Kenya. Ho. Speaker, it is on these grounds that the Kenya National Highways Authority should ensure that the residents of the area get services to evade the perception of marginalization.

#### CONCLUSION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Hon. Speaker, road signs are designed to make sure that every driver is kept safe. They help to create order on the roadways and are employed to provide essential information to drive. It is the responsibility of the Government to ensure that installation and maintenance of road signage is done for safety of its residents.

It is therefore my privilege on behalf of the Committee to table this report for adoption. Thank you, Hon. Speaker

*(Applause)*



**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you very much Hon. Daniel Mbevi, for a report that report well presented.

*(Question proposed)*

Members, you may debate the motion. Hon. Jeremiah,

**Hon. Munguti:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, I would like to applaud the committee of roads which went to Matuu for this concern of our people. It is a good report, well elaborate and I want to believe that it is ethical for each person of this country to have good health and life must be saved where necessary. In this regard Mr. Speaker, I want to concur with this report which has been brought to the Hon. House and as members of this House, I would like to comment some few items which I have seen here and due to the effectiveness of this committee.

First and foremost, last week as a committee of health we went to Matuu and I have realized that Matuu-Garissa road has speed bumps placed with especially at the Matuu level IV hospital area where the accidents used to occur and therefore I want to concur with this report and say that the government has already put some measures to control the accidents which are occurring in these areas.

On the same, Mr. Speaker, this was a key note to know that those several areas were noted having fatal accidents, but there are several areas in the roads in our county which have the same problems. If I can quote Machakos-Kitui road past Masii, there is a junction up the hill going to Muthetheni ward and at that junction as people turn off to go to Muthetheni, there are a lot of accidents.

Last month there was a lady who was actually carried by a *boda boda* rider, they were knocked off by a vehicle and that vehicle hit them and ran; we had to follow them call the police Makutano and lay surveillance to the areas of Wamunyu, Matuu so that we can capture the vehicle. Fortunately, the vehicle was impounded and the driver was actually taken to court.

If it were not for the speedy intervention of the members of the public, then that owner of the vehicle could have just escaped the wrath of killing our people and therefore it is my pleasure and asking this Hon. House to ensure all other roads have speed bumps erected where necessary especially on that junction of Muthetheni junction going to Masii secondary school.

On the other area is where we have Wamunyu junction going to the market; we have no bumps on that area and I am requesting the transport committee to ensure that they move with speed go and assess the Machakos-Kitui road so that they can as well put up speed bumps on the same. May I thank the committee for good work done and it is my belief that this will be implemented with the soonest time possible. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. Hon. Mueni.

**Hon. (Ms.) Mueni:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support the report and ask the committee to go all the round Machakos County; where there is a school, they put bumps because they are very important and you know with accidents, when the vehicle controls the speed they cannot get an accident. Again these people of *boda boda* need to be taken to school because they are the ones who are causing most of the accidents. When you are driving carefully, they just come before you and they overtake and they look as if they are not doing anything and they are carrying three people in the motorcycle.

That is very bad behavior and some cause accidents to our children because they are carrying the mother the child and the husband which is very bad. So, I think they have to be taken to school to get the education.

The members who are bringing the children here are doing very well because when you bring the children you have brought their parents and those are the people who voted for you and you are giving the people there down the education which comes from here. So, I ask the elected members who are here to do the same and if you are not doing that you will be failing yourself without knowing and going home now we are coming to 8th August, 2018 and we will be having one year down the time you are here now they are remaining four years.

Just do something that you will be remembered for by your people there down; bring the schools to the Assembly as much as possible even some to be standing out to come in at 2 p.m. and it will be very, very healthy for this House because even if you are not having the people who give the information to Musyi FM, you will be having people who are the leaders of tomorrow.

Children, who are there up, take care of yourself and even the girls; do not play with the boys they are dangerous.

*(Laughter)*

Be careful because if you are in standard seven and you get a child, your mother can not take care of you with the child; you will be a mature person. Take care. Even the teachers, be careful with the children because when you do something bad, you will be taken to court. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Mueni, thank you. Hon. Judas.

**Hon. Ndawa:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I will start by congratulating the committee and more so the chair person, Hon. Mbevi and elaborate report. I was feeling that this report has taken long; it ought to have come some months back. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I tabled a motion on this issue on 27th February, this year and since that time to date, there are so many months in between and during that time more lives have been lost in the said same spots that we cited.

Mr. Speaker, starting with last week, we lost four lives at a place known as NYS Yatta and also in Kivandini; Kivandini is in my ward and NYS is in Kithimani ward. So, Mr. Speaker, this is the high time the County Government and the national government come together to address this problem which is taking our lives every day every time.

Mr. Speaker, Article 26(1) of the constitution provides that every Kenyan or every citizen has a right to life and if we allow this issue of vehicles knocking down our people, it means that their rights are being encroached on and you know Mr. Speaker, once life is lost, it is lost there is no way we can reclaim the same. Mr. Speaker, Article 26(3) states that a person cannot be---

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Just hang on Hon. Member; whose phone is that? Could you please make sure that even if your phone, even if it is on silent mode you hold it so that it stops making noise to the rest of the members? Thank you.

**Hon. Ndawa:** I hope it is not mine. It is mine; I am sorry for that.

(Laughter)

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. Continue.

**Hon. Ndawa:** Sorry for that, Mr. Speaker. I was saying Article 26(3) of the constitution states that a person cannot be deprived of his live intentionally except to extent authorized by the constitution.

In other words, Mr. Speaker, that article says it is only God and may be the constitution at certain circumstances that can recommend life to be terminated. So, Mr. Speaker, we are requesting that this report since it has been tabled in this House; I am requesting this Hon. House to adopt it and pass it to the next stage so that we can correct this problem.

Mr. Speaker, Article 189(1)(c) of the constitution, allows the County Government and the National Government to liaise and come up with structures and plans to solve a particular lacuna within the community. So, in this case Mr. Speaker, we have a problem and we should act with speed Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Mr. Speaker, nowadays the rate of accidents in that area we are talking that is Matuu and Kithimani and part of Masinga is very high. Apart from being the MCA of Matuu, I also offer breakdown services and whenever there is an accident, the traffic officers normally call me to provide that service. So, Mr. Speaker, when I am talking and when I am standing here I can confirm exactly what transpired.

This morning as I was travelling from my home to Machakos, I found an accident at a place known as Kithyanioni that is in Kithimani; a Probox overturned this morning and the passengers were injured. Mr. Speaker, we need to act.

The other issue, Mr. Speaker, there is what we call law of tort; law of tort is concerned with three things, Mr. Speaker. Item number one is negligence, item number two is trespass, and item number three is defamation. Mr. Speaker, I am not concerned with trespass; my emphasis is on the issue of negligence. Mr. Speaker, negligence can be in two forms; it can be either by omission or commission. Somebody is required to do something and he does it in the wrong way and that is negligence.

Mr. Speaker, somebody is required to do something and he fails to do, that is negligence. In this matter before us, Mr. Speaker, we have the officer who is in charge of Thika-Garissa highway, an officer from Kenya National Highway Authority. Mr. Speaker, we have had so many meetings with that particular officer and he has been giving us false promises that do not bear any fruit of truth.

Mr. Speaker, I recommend since we are losing lives and somebody is sleeping on his job, I would recommend that this Hon. House resolves that, that particular officer be held accountable for the loss we are getting, Mr. Speaker. I do not want to take much of your time, Mr. Speaker; when I was a young boy I was a scout and there is something we used to call first aid. First aid is an application of accepted principals of treatment in occurrence of certain illness or an extent.

Mr. Speaker, when we are giving first aid, we use the available materials; we were forced by circumstances and as the MCA and the locals of Matuu, we were forced by circumstances to go and erect artificial bumps at level IV hospital. Mr. Speaker, I want to confirm here, when we erected those artificial bumps, it took about three weeks no single accident occurred at that place.

Later on, Mr. Speaker the officers from KeNHA came and removed those artificial bumps and erected the usual bumps and since then, no single accident has ever taken place in that particular area.

*(Applause)*

So, that is enough confirmation that once we have these bumps, the rate of accidents will go down, Mr. Speaker. I want to say the report is comprehensive; when this committee went to tour the areas that we had cited, I was invited in that committee and I went with them. Mr. Speaker, the report they have brought in this House is exactly what is happening there.

I went to Kivaa, there are bumps along that road but they are not marked. So, Mr. Speaker, I kindly request this Hon. House to pass this report so that action can be taken without taking much longer time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. Hon. Nziva.

**Hon. (Ms.) Nziva:** Once again thank you, Hon. Speaker for this opportunity. Let me applaud the committee for an elaborate report led by Hon. Mbevi who is the able chair and say Thika-Garissa highway road, I am privy to it because it is my neighboring road because I come from Ikombe the other side is Matuu. Hon. Speaker, we have busy road, we have hawkers surround Kithimani market that do their busy work and really there is need for that road to have speed bumps because an area called Kwa Makaa area has not had bumps erected and there is need for the bumps to be erected.

We have also a busy Matuu town and B2 Yatta ranch which is around that road so there is need for speed bumps to be erected as you know it is a straight road and drivers tend to over speed. The advantages of the speed bumps are that it lowers speed, decreasing the noise of traffic and causing fewer collisions which improve traffic and pedestrians safety.

Another benefit of the speed bumps is that it improves traffic flow therefore reducing collision. So, as my colleague Hon. Member has put it, we urge the concerned institutions to take action so that our people's lives are not lost; we have lost many lives and we urge them to take action immediately so that our people are safe. Thank you, Mr. Speaker for the opportunity.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Members. I think the motion is quite clear. Allow me now to put the question.....let me call the Hon. Daniel Mbevi to respond, sorry for that. Hon. Mbevi.

**Hon. Mbevi:** Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I would wish to thank my fellow Hon. Members for their contribution towards this motion and I would encourage the other Hon. Members to let my committee know where you have the emergencies like these. I promise you we will visit the area and we will address your issues. So, thank you very much Hon. Members for your contribution. Thank you, Mr. Speaker

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Daniel.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Before I adjourn the House Hon. Members, one thing I would like to point out is that from what has happened or been spoken from all these reports, being proactive is key; I think we are acting after the fact. People die and then we put up bumps. There is need for us to be putting the bumps before the people die.

So, when roads are being constructed, there is need for the engineers and the people who are involved in this to ensure they are proactive. They put up the roads and where necessary they put the bumps as they construct the road to avoid people dying and then us reacting to the death of our people.

### ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** This sitting stands adjourned to Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2018 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 11.22 a.m.