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Malindi Town, at 2.30 p.m.*

[The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

MOTION

DECENTRALIZATION OF FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNTY ACCOUNTING OFFICER

Hon. Mramba: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to move a Motion directed to the County Executive Committee Member in charge of the Department of Finance and Economic Planning and it is titled Decentralization of functions of the County accounting officer:-

THAT, aware the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 (PFMA) Part IV Section 149 clearly stipulates the responsibilities of accounting officers designated for County Government entities.

NOTING WITH CONCERN THAT all the payments for development expenditure in Kilifi County are centralized and controlled by the Chief Officer Finance.

CONCERNED THAT the centralization of payments for all development expenditure has caused stalling and delays in completion of projects.

This House urges the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Finance and Economic Planning as the head of County Treasury to decentralize the treasury services to each County Government entity and ensure that all payments of development projects are done by respective accounting officers by 30th June, 2018.

I have brought this Motion to this House not because we are targeting any person but because we want Kilifi County Government to move smoothly and this is why we are here. I have moved this Motion simply because we are within the law and if anyone has a copy of the Kenyan Constitution, they can go to Article 176 (2) which states that every County Government shall decentralize its functions and the provision of its services to the extent that it is efficient and practicable to do so.

We have Departments in Kilifi County; every Department has a principle accountant and a Chief Officer. For instance, let us look at the Department of Water; it will start with the procurement process of a tender keeping in mind that we have a procurement officer in every Department. That procurement officer in that Department will float the tenders; after the tenders are through, a letter of award is issued by the Chief Officer but when work starts he cannot pay

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even one thousand shillings unless it is paid by the Chief Officer for the Department of Finance and Economic Planning.

Now, we are talking of devolution; money is being devolved from the National Government to the County Government. Today we are demanding for the decentralization of the services for a Chief Officer to be allowed to give a letter of award and when a certificate is issued, the same Chief Officer to pay for that project. We have seen projects that have stalled since 2013 in my ward; for example, we have projects like Kavunyalalo dispensary, Mwongotini dispensary and Kakuyuni ECD. These projects have stalled for quite a long time and the only excuse is that money is not paid to the contractors.

Last week we read a response from hon. (Ms.) Rachel Musyoki in this Assembly stating that she was unable to repair an ambulance because she could not get money from the Chief Officer of the Department of Finance and Economic Planning. We want to get rid of this back passing; we do not want any Chief Officer to use another Chief Officer as a scapegoat. If it is the failure of the Chief Officer for Agriculture, let him or her carry his or her burden. We do not want this thing of calling one Chief Officer to this Assembly and in asking him or her why a project has stalled, the simple response we are likely to get will be it is because of the Chief Officer Finance who does not want to release money.

We now want to end this. Let projects proceed smoothly. When one issues a certificate he is paid in time. We have seen contractors losing properties; their properties have been auctioned by banks. You take a loan as you do a project then payments come after three years. Let us all keep in mind that once you take a loan from the bank, that loan accrues interest. For instance, if you take one million shillings today and then you get paid after three years, you may end up paying three million shillings instead of the one million shillings or the Kshs 1.5 million you took three years back.

This Motion clearly states that we want to decentralize the services. Let the CEC Member for Finance decentralize the payments to the various Chief Officers for smooth running of the County Government. This will also help his Excellency the Governor. He has moved around and has promised projects but if the trend does not change, five years will come and they will go and the projects will remain stalled. The other day he conducted some tours in Magarini, Malindi and all sub-counties. He went to see projects that on paper we are told are 90 percent complete. However on the ground it is was not more than 10 percent complete.

We all want these services to be decentralized for the betterment of our people, suppliers, contractors and our own general welfare in Kilifi County. Mr. Speaker, I beg hon. Pastor Peter Zero Ngoa to second the Motion. I beg to move and thank you.

(Hon. Ziro seconded)

(Question proposed)

Hon. Ziro: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to support the Motion on the decentralization of the functions of the county accounting officer. This Motion has come at a time when the county is faced with intricate imbalances especially in the distribution of finances in the different Departments. I brought a Statement to this House some time back regarding the inability of an ambulance from Garashi Ward to do its functions in that area and the response that was brought to this House was total sham and unacceptable. The reason that was given was simple, it stated; the Department of Finance could not purchase a spare tyre for the ambulance.

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If you look at this response it is clearly showing that the CEC for Health was pointing a finger to the Department of Finance. As much as the Department of Finance might be working, but I think in this case most of the Chief Officers and the CECs for the different Departments are blaming the Department of Finance which is being headed by Chief Officer Ben Chilumo. Not only are we going to offer good services to the County but we will also be saving Mr. Ben Chilumo from curses because if everybody keeps talking bad about him, as a Christian I believe there is power in every word you utter.

If you look at the Bible, God created everything through a spoken word. He said let there be light and there was light. So as a Christian and a renowned pastor, I believe we also have Christians who are filled with the Holy Spirit in this county so when they utter something it might be bad for our Chief Officer Mr. Ben Kai Chilumo. So not only are we saving him from this heavy work load but also from curses.

I want to urge this House to contribute in favour of this Motion so that we can have all the Departments control their finances when it comes to paying the contractors. With these few remarks, I am happy and I feel that I have maximally influenced this House in support of this Motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Thaura: Thank you Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to speak on the Motion at hand. I am in full support of the Motion. Last week I came to this House to give a Response to a Statement sought by hon. Peter Ziro. As he has already stated, it was on the breakdown of ambulances in his Ward and before I came to this hon. House, I had some time to talk to Madam CEC Anisa and it was evident that she in her capacity failed to understand why money had to be in the hands of the Finance Department alone. In fact, in the Response that I gave to this hon. House, the then CEC had stated that she needs assistance from this House. I can't recall the exact words but she said I need your support in the intervention of this matter.

So, I'd like to support this Motion that we as the House have a role to make sure that we support our CEC. So in that response, I am in full support of this decentralization so that its Department has its role and mandate clearly stated in terms of fiscal management. Thank you.

Hon. Pascal: Thank you Mr. Speaker, for also giving me this opportunity to ventilate on the Motion before this House. Let me take this opportunity to thank the hon. Member who has actually put the nail on the head. For a long time we have known that Chief Officers are accounting officers of their Departments and it has become a bit ambiguous now that the Chief Officer Finance has taken all the powers of all the Departments and that of us who served in the previous government have seen that an accusing finger has always been pointed to Ben Kai, the Chief Officer for Finance. He might not be a demon as such but in belief it could be the super powers given to him and it is like the other Chief Officers do not even have a chance to exercise the power of being accounting officers.

Today, contractors are running away from Kilifi County. Their properties have also been auctioned or confiscated by the banks because of non-payment and it is a bit ironical because we are receiving money from both the County and National Governments and it is upon every Department to take care of that money so that all the contractors that performed in all the Departments are paid in good time.

We know that Ben Kai has been a common name almost everywhere in Kilifi County and it is because we as a County Assembly being the organ that is supposed to put up the laws are not doing our job. I respect hon. Mramba for bringing the Motion here today so that we can implement and ensure that every Department is given the mandate of paying because as we know everywhere you go in the County Government you will find clusters of contractors just

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whispering and the outcome of that is what we have all seen. So, as I stand here I really respect the hon. Member who has actually brought this Motion to the House and ask my fellow hon. Members to applaud and support this Motion so that we can make a good head start on the proper payment of contractors. Thank you. I stand to support.

Hon. Hassan: Asante mheshimiwa Spika, kwa kunipatia hii nafasi. Mimi pia nimesimama kuunga mkono hii Hoja iliyoletwa na mheshimiwa wa Kakuyuni. Ni kweli kabisa tumeteseka kwa mda mrefu sana hasa ukizingatia mambo yote yamewekwa katika ofisi moja ya ndugu Ben Kai. Nafikiri tutakubaliana na hata tuliletewa *Statement* hapa na Mheshimiwa kutoka sehemu ya Watamu kuhusu mambo ya takataka katika Idara yetu ya Mazingira. Saa hii imekuwa ni shida kuweka yale magari mafuta mpaka imefikia kiwango cha kwamba watu binafsi wanajitolea. Kwa mfano wale wenye mahoteli ndio wanaweka magari mafuta kama ambaye Kaunti yetu ni maskini.

Iwapo utatuzi huu unaweza ukaondoka kwamba kila kitengo kiwe kitajisimamia itakuwa tumefanya jambo moja la busara kubwa sana. Kama sisi tuliobahatika kurudi mara ya pili, kuna miradi kutokea muhula ule wa kwanza haijamalizika na mpaka leo bado imekwama na sababu kubwa ni kwamba wale wanakandarasi wanadai wengine hata wamepotea kabisa hawajulikani kiwango cha kwamba mpaka miradi ile itafutiwe tena pesa nyingine. Kwetu hiyo ni hasara na pesa za mwananchi zinapotea bure na sababu kubwa ni uzembe na utepetevu wa afisi moja.

Naomba waheshimiwa wenzangu tuunge mkono tuiptishe hii Hoja na Gavana atusikilize tunasema nini ili tuokoe mwananchi wa Kilifi na shida zilizopo. Saa hii iwapo kuna shida ya maji ni shule ama ni maeneo yoyote yale ni lazima ulipie maji, mafuta na dereva. Magari yako lakini tatizo dogo tu la mafuta haliwezi kutatuliwa.

Mheshimiwa Spika, niliwahi kuona lori limeharibika chombo tu cha shilingi elfu 40 pesa kidogo kabisa lakini lori lile limekaa wiki tatu na lori ni jipya; imeshindikana kabisa zile pesa kupatikana *voucher* imepelekwa kwa ndugu Ben Kai lakini ikifikia kwa wakati wa malipo zinawekwa kando wanalipwa wale ambao wanatoa zile asilimia kumi. Naomba tuliunge mkono hili swala kwa pamoja bila kupoteza muda na hatua zinazofaa za haraka zichukuliwe.

Hon. Mwambire: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this chance. I stand to support the Motion of decentralization of the functions of the accounts office. I would like to refer to my Ward where there is a project of building a wall to safe guard the Bamba Sub-county hospital. The project has stalled for over two years; the contractor left about 70 bags of cement which are damaged by now and when I asked, the problem is about lack of payment.

The other issue is about security; security personnel who were contracted are now complaining because of lack of payment. They are just; I can put a Kiswahili word “*wanajaribu kuvumilia*” when payment is delayed. We are doing a proper thing to decentralize the functions and for this matter it gives the Chief Officer authority. We need to rebrand the name of the Chief Officer Ben Kai because whenever you go even if it is in a matatu people talk of this chief officer.

The Chief Officer is a friend of mine we have schooled together and in my opinion, I do not feel it is good to keep on hearing his name being tarnished. I believe we are going to support this Motion especially on the authority of payment. If the other officers can be given the authority it will bring a good image to our County. I stand to support and urge my fellow hon. Members to support it.

Hon. Shaban: Asante Mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipa nafasi hii. Nimesimama kuunga mkono Hoja hii ya ugatuzi wa pesa kutoka ofisi moja hadi ofisi za *Chief Officers*. Mheshimiwa Spika, mbali na pesa za maendeleo, ningependa zile pesa za *recurrent expenditure* pia ziweze

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kugatuliwa katika idara nyengine kwa sababu pesa hizo ndio hugharamia yale mambo madogo madogo kama *ambulance* ikiwa haina mafuta na mambo ya ofisi ni hizo pesa ndizo hutumika. Mbali na pesa za maendeleo ambazo ni *development expenditure* pia zile pesa za *recurrent* ziweze kuja katika idara hizo. Nataka nimuunge mkono mheshimiwa Mramba ambaye ni rafiki yangu...

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Shaban, are you by any chance reading from the paper you are holding?

Hon. Shaban: No. Nataka nimshukuru mheshimiwa Mramba kwa kuleta Hoja hii. Kama vile wenzangu walivyozungumza kwamba wanakandarasi wamepata shida sana kwa sababu ya malipo na ikiwa pesa hizi zitagatuliwa na ziende katika idara, basi mambo mengi yatapiga hatua, kwa sababu mwanakandarasi akimaliza kazi yake, yule *chief officer* wa idara ile atakuwa na zile pesa ili kulipa na kwa njia hiyo maendeleo yatasonga mbele. Kwa hayo machache nawaomba wajumbe wenzangu tupitishie hii Hoja kwa manufaa ya watu wetu wa Kilifi na sisi kama waheshimiwa.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Omar.

Hon. Mbura: Thank you Mr. Speaker...

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): No, hon. Mbura press the intervention button; otherwise I have not authorized you to speak. Press it and I will give you an opportunity to speak.

Hon. Omar: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Success is like a pregnancy, everybody congratulates you but nobody knows how many times you have gone to achieve it. I am saying this because this is the only way to save Kilifi County and I thank hon. Mramba; he is my senior broker for this good idea. Contractors are refusing to take tenders in our County...

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Yes what is your Point of Order hon. Kiraga.

Hon. Kiraga: Do we have hon. Members or brokers in this House?

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Yes hon. Omar, do you wish to reply?

Hon. Omar: I am sorry Members; he is only my senior hon. Mramba. This is the right time for us to make sure we are in a better position. Our chief officers are doing a good job but after that there is one office of finance where all the payment is done; but after completing the job, getting the payment will take you more than two years. For those reasons, I am 100 percent and maybe I can add 10 percent to support this Motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Mumba: Asante Mheshimiwa Spika kwa fursa hii. Naomba pia kuunga mkono Hoja iliyoko mbele zetu. Kwanza, nataka niseme kwamba ni Hoja sawa na inatupata kwa wakati ulioko tuweze kuunga mkono na tuweze kupitisha. Nataka niwakumbushe waheshimiwa kwamba nilifaulu kwa muda mchache kufanya na serikali kuu na kwa ufahamu wangu ni kwamba katika serikali kuu kumekuwa na Idara tofauti tofauti.

Katika zile Idara, wale Makatibu ndio waliokuwa wanahusika na mambo yote ya fedha katika kila idara. Hivyo tulipopata ugatuzi tulitarajia pia huduma zile katika Kaunti ziwe jinsi zilivyokuwa katika serikali kuu. Cha kustaajabisha ni kwamba katika Kauti yetu ya Kilifi hilo halikuwa limefanyika na madhara yake yamekuwa makubwa sana katika upande huu wa malipo na maendeleo kwa jumla. Ikiwa basi tulikuwa tumeomba jinsi serikali inavyofanya kazi na watenda kazi wake ni kwa nini basi tusiwe na wepesi wa kuweza kugawanya yale majukumu katika zile Idara ambazo tuko nazo katika Kaunti yetu ya Kilifi? Na uzuri ni kwamba Idara zenyewe sio nyingi na Makatibu wako pale wenye tajriba na wenye uwezo wa kuweza kufanya ile kazi.

Mimi naona ni sawa kwamba waweze kuaminiwa na kukabidhiwa yale majukumu ili waweze kuyatekeleza. Hivyo jambo la kwanza itarahisisha pia ulipaji wa zile pesa kwa wakati

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unaofaa. Wengi waliosimama wamelalamikia jinsi malipo yanavyocheleweshwa. Ni jambo la kusikitisha maana wale ni wakaazi wa Kilifi wanaofanya zile kazi ikiwa kuna wengine kutoka mbali siwajui lakini nitanukuu wale wachache ambao najua ni wa kutoka Kilifi. Yale mengi mazito wanayoyapitia, kwa hakika, ni jambo la kusikitisha. Kuna wale wako na jamii na kuna wale wako na watoto wanawafundisha ama wanasomesha na kuna mahitaji mengi katika jamii zao. Iwapo mtu atachukua fedha zake akachukue kandarasi na baada ya kumaliza ile kazi ama wakati wa malipo iwe ni vuta nikuvute, ni jambo la kusikitisha sana. Mimi mwenyewe nishawahi bisha hodi katika ile milango; nishawahi bisha hodi pale na nikajionea kwa macho. Sio kwa kusikia tu lakini pia kuona na kushuhudia.

Kwa hivyo, kile kinachotendeka pale si kitendawili bali ni kweli. Malipo yanalipwa kulingana na wewe jinsi unavyojuana na wale wanaolipa na jinsi mlivyoekana mikataba yenu na wale ambao wanahusika. Unakuta wale wengine ambao hawako katika misingi hiyo wametaabika sana. Binafsi nimekutana na mzee pale akilia machozi na ni mzee ambaye yuko mpaka na mvi. Analalamika kwamba nyumba yangu mimi sasa hivi inataka kuuzwa, watoto wangu nitawaweka wapi? Jamii yangu nitaifanya nini? Ni jambo la kusikitisha sana. Jambo hili linaturudisha nyuma sisi ikiwa mwana Kilifi anaweza kutendewa mambo kama haya. Kwa hivyo, naona tunapowapatia majukumu wale makatibu waweze kuwajibikia kila idara zao, naona hali hii itaweza kutuondokea na pia itakuwa na wepesi maana ule mzigo tutakuwa tumeupusha katika ofisi moja.

Nafikiri kuna uzuri pia wa kugawanya majukumu. Kunakuwa na wepesi wa ile kazi na unakuwa pia na uharaka wa kuweza kuwajibikia yale ambayo yanakupasa uweze kuyafanya. Kwa hivyo, mimi naunga mkono mia kwa mia kwamba Mswada huu tuweze kuupitisha na yule anayehusika aweze kutekeleza sio kwa manufaa yetu sisi hapa lakini kwa Kaunti yote kwa ujumla tuweze kusonga mbele. Naamimi tutakapotekeleza hayo, Kilifi yetu haitabaki jinsi ilivyo.

Bw. Spika, kwa hayo machache au mengi naunga mkono na Mwenyezi nafikiria kwamba ameyapiga muhuri na Mswada huu ushapita Inshallah.

(Applause)

Hon. Kiraga: Thank you so much Mr. Speaker. I also rise to support the adoption of this Motion. With centralization of the finances in Kilifi County, so many Departments have been hit hard. To mention but a few, the Department of Education and the Health Department have been hit hard.

Mr. Speaker, we might have realized that most of the stalled projects are within the Education Department and there is a reason as to why those projects have stalled.

The money which comes from the exchequer to the County Government is held in one area that is Ben Kai's Department. Most of this money when it comes to payment, it is being paid to those big contractors especially in the Department of Roads where we have contracts worth millions of shillings. The one responsible for making the payments, that is the Chief Officer Finance, will not see it fit to pay a project worth Ksh1.5 million and most of the projects in education are either Kshs1.5 million, Kshs3 million or they are just small projects and that is why the one who is responsible to pay does not see it fit to pay such small monies and I believe there is a reason behind it.

Mr. Speaker, in the Health Department, I believe we passed a Bill in this Assembly; the FIF Bill which was later amended to Health Services Improvement Fund Bill. The purpose of this Act was to give an opportunity to the different health facilities in our county at least to buy

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some medicines; both pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical even before the supplies from the Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA) arrive in the County. But Mr. Speaker, it has been very impossible because most of these monies have to be consolidated to Kai's office and from there the Departments are now reduced to beggars. You realize that if a patient goes to Malindi Sub-County Hospital or Kilifi, most of the patients are required to buy even the slightest of medicine like Panadol just because they are not mandated to get money within their reach and buy these medicines.

I believe with the passage of this Motion and eventually the implementation of the resolution of this Assembly, we are going to rectify a lot of things. There are so many cries especially from the contractors and even the public. It is good that the hon. Member for Kakuyuni Ward has brought this Motion just in good favour; he has brought this Motion for the good of the people Mr. Speaker.

Therefore, I also urge my fellow hon. Members to rise up and adopt this Motion so that our people in Kilifi can be helped. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Hadad: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to support this Motion of decentralization of functions of the accounting office. This is in regard to young investors; a lot of youths are taking small tenders where they expect to get minimum profit but in the end they get losses and they cannot find a way to get back to where they started. It hinders us from moving a step forward. Rather, it takes us back because a lot of people are stranded. They are losing their properties and it is really affecting us. I urge every member to support this Motion in order to make work easier. I stand to support the Motion. Thank you.

Hon. Mbura: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the Motion that is before the House. The item on finance is very important when it comes to operationalization of the activities in the County. It becomes much easy and very convenient when it comes to management of funds when they are decentralized. The National Government did the decentralization of the same finance component to the County Government and we also need to do the same.

The problem with the finance office is that we are playing a double role. One of the functions of the Chief Officer is an accounting officer of its Department. We have procurement and accounting officers in each Department yet those officers are not doing their stipulated roles since they are implemented by the finance officer. The tax payer's money is paying these officers from each Department and they don't fully execute their functions since they are being controlled by the Chief Officer in the Department of Finance.

Again, it looks very ambiguous when a hon. Member goes to a Department asking about fueling of a vehicle or a tractor and he is referred to the Chief Officer for Finance; something that can be easily managed by the Chief Officer in the Department. A burst tyre takes a week to be repaired; that is an observation I made from the Department of Roads. This really drags us behind when it comes to implementation of some activities at the ground level.

I also stand here to support the Motion so that we make things run smoothly when it comes to implementation of our county projects. Thank you Sir.

Hon. Baya: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise to support the Motion. First of all, although I have not started my job as the Chairperson for PIC/PAC, I expect this opinion and it must have been raised by the Auditor General.

Mr. Speaker, for us to simplify the oversight role, the accounting services must be decentralized. If we want to stop corruption and have efficient payment system in the County Government, the accounting functions must be decentralized. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

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Hon. Mwayaa: Asante sana mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipatia nafasi hii. Serikali ya Kaunti ni ya ugatuzi na kinachotushangaza hata mheshimiwa alete huu mswada ni kwa sababu mambo mengine bado hayajagatuliwa kama ulipaji wa fedha kwa wanakandarasi. Kila Idara iko na mhasibu wake lakini hawajawezeshwa kulipa watu kwa idara zao.

Unapotuma askari vitani ni lazima umpatie silaha. Kinachotushangaza ukifika pale Kilifi idara ya pesa, utaona wale waliopewa kandarasi wamepanga foleni utadhani wanangoja msaada kwa Bw. Ben Kai, *Chief Finance Officer*. Siku hizi kuna mtindo ya kwamba wale wenye kandarasi wafungwiwe mlango na hiyo inahuzunisha sana. Kuna vijana wadogo na inawavunja moyo.

Iko haja idara ya fedha igatuliwe ili iwe kila idara inajisimamia yenyewe. Utaona kama kuna watu wanalipwa, mlango umefungwa na askari wanawasukuma wanakandarasi ndio maana hata saa hii wengine wameamua kwenda kuomba kazi Kaunti jirani kama Kwale na Lamu. Inasikitisha sana na naomba Idara zote zipewe mamlaka ya kulipa kwa wanakandarasi ili tuweze kusonga mbele kama Kilifi.

Naunga mkono hoja hii na waheshimiwa wenzangu waunge mkono ili tuiptishe na kufanya kazi na mwelekeo mzuri ili zile kazi ambazo zimebaki hazijafanyika, zikafanyike. Asante na naunga mkono.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

VISIT BY HON. MEMBERS AND STAFF FROM KITUI COUNTY ASSEMBLY

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Members, I would like to bring to your attention that we have guests who have just walked in and they are seated at the Speaker's Gallery. These are MCAs accompanied by their staff from Kitui County Assembly. They are here on a benchmarking exercise.

(Applause)

We are receiving a lot of guests lately. I will mention their names and they will stand up for acknowledgment and then of course as a tradition we will have Members welcome them. We have;

MCAs:-

1. Hon. Ngui
2. Hon. Wangunze
3. Hon. Philip
4. Hon. Dile
5. Hon. Florence
6. Hon. Fredrick
7. Hon. Mwingi
8. Hon. Lusa

Staff:-

1. Mr. Silas
2. Mr. Mutuku
3. Mr. Mulwa
4. Mrs. Grace

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5. Mr. Kalunda
6. Mr. Sammy

Please feel welcome; this is the County Assembly of Kilifi. Yes we will give five or two minutes for any Member to welcome our guests and then we proceed with the normal business. Yes hon. Mramba.

Hon. Mramba: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, for giving me this opportunity to welcome the hon. Members from Kitui County Assembly. Kitui is well known for having elected an iron lady by the name of H.E. Charity Kaluki Ngilu and recently she was in the newspapers and radios and televisions all for the good reasons. She was protecting the environment and even today I read in one of the newspapers she was commenting on the demonstrations in Limuru where she was saying it doesn't matter. The demonstrations in Limuru will never bring a plate of food to the people of Kitui therefore charcoal must not be harvested in Kitui.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to welcome the hon. Members from Kitui specifically hon. (Ms.) Florence and I wish to tell them that they can feel at home; we have a magnificent Chamber here. When we came here in 2013, it was like a make-shift classroom but now because of the efforts of the Speaker, hon. Jimmy Kahindi, here we are now. You are welcome and in the evening we are ready to take you out so that you can see Malindi by night. Hon. Florence is my former classmate in high school and I have known her and I wish to welcome you here. Thank you so much.

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Okay hon. Members that is hon. Mramba for you.

(Resumption of debate)

Back to the normal business we were having. Hon. Cantona Mae has disappeared? Let us proceed with the normal business.

Hon. Mae: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I stand to second this Motion brought by our very dear bishop hon. Mramba. I think the time has come for us to call a spade a spade. In Kilifi County, devolution has stagnated and I wonder what position we are going to get if at all we are going to be ranked among other 47 Counties because nothing is moving; if the MCAs know that the problem lies in the Finance Department, if the contractors know where the problem lies, what about the top officials of Kilifi County? Don't they know? What actions have they taken?

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am told this CEO for Finance was not interviewed. That means he is not favoured to continue and until now, he is still in office and I am told his contract expires somewhere in September or October. I urge this House to push for that guy to be paid his money and he leaves because the more he stays there for the remaining months, the more damage or harm he is going to bring.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, we are going to be measured by what difference..., or rather success is measured by the difference in people's lives and not how much money we make every month. So, if this issue of finance is not going to be decentralized, I wonder how many of us are going to come back here after the next election because as things are going now, it is really disheartening because nothing is moving down there and I urge this House to support this Motion 100 percent. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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Hon. (Ms.) Nuzla: Asante mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipatia nafasi kama hii. Mimi pia nawakaribisha waheshimiwa kutoka Kitui. Nimesimama hapa kuunga hii Hoja mkono na niko na sababu mbili ama tatu za kuunga mkono hii Hoja.

Jambo la kwanza, sisi wanakilifi ama wakenya tulipigania ugatuzi tukijua ugatuzi kama huu utakuja kutusaidia sisi kama wanakilifi ama Kenya nzima kwa jumla. Lakini imefikia kiwango cha kuwa sisi viongozi ni kama tunawakandamiza wananchi ndani ya hii Kilifi Kaunti. Nikisema hivi ni kwamba, kijana wa Kilifi amejitahidi kuenda kupata cheti ambacho kitamsaidia kupata kazi kama ile ndani ya hii Kilifi Kaunti. Kazi amepata kijana yule ameenda kukopa pesa ndani ya benki zetu za Kilifi huku akitarajia baada ya miezi sita au miezi mitatu ataregesha pesa kama zile lakini kijana yule wa Kilifi atakaa mwaka mzima anadai pesa zile. Ndio maana nasema ugatuzi kwa upande mwingine kuna baadhi wanataka kugandamiza wananchi.

Mheshimiwa Spika, nasema ya kwamba si mambo ya kukaa tushubiri tena mwezi mmoja. Saa hii pesa zigatuliwe ziende kwa kila kitengo husika kwa sababu wanakilifi wanaumia. Kuna watu wanadai pesa ndani ya hii Kilifi Kaunti kuanzia 2013 tukianza serikali za Kaunti; mpaka hivi leo, mtu kama yule hajalipwa pesa zake. Hili jambo ni la kuhuzunisha na kusikitisha na ni lazima kama viongozi tulifanyie kazi kwa haraka sana.

Sisi viongozi tunapata malalamishi mengi lakini hatuna nguvu za kusaidia watu wetu. Ukimpigia Bw. Kai simu anakuambia pesa leo ama kesho; ukipigia mwingine anakupa jibu hilo hilo, lakini pesa kama zile zikishawekwa kwa akaunti moja basi zinaangaliwa zile kampuni ambazo ni za watu ambao wanajulikana na watu ambao wanapeana pesa lakini wale wengine wanaachwa.

Sasa sisi tutaendelea vipi ndani ya hii Kaunti ya Kilifi ikiwa masikini mlalahoi aende aombe pesa? Leo uone mtu kama huyo anapokonywa hati ya shamba lake ama hata nyumba yake akiangalia au benki ianze kumfuatilia huku na kule. Mimi ninawaomba waheshimiwa wenzangu tupitishie hili jambo bila kufikiria chochote. Kila kitengo kipatiwe pesa zake ndio mwana Kilifi naye apate kusaidika. Kwa hayo machache mheshimiwa Spika, naomba nikae na wenzangu waendeleo kuunga mkono.

(Applause)

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you. Hon Members the Motion has been deliberated and I will now put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

(Applause)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members in the absence of any other business in the Order Paper, I move to adjourn the House until tomorrow at 2.30 p.m. Thank you very much.

The House rose at 3.38 p.m.

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