

REPUBLIC OF KENYA**MANDERA COUNTY ASSEMBLY****THE HANSARD**

Tuesday, 3rd March, 2020

*The House met at the Assembly Chambers
County Assembly Buildings, at 2.33 pm*

[Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi) in the Chair]

PRAYER**PETITIONS**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER AND
DEMOLITION OF CLOTH MARKET AT BULLA JAMHURIA IN MANDERA TOWN**

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Honorable Members, pursuant to Standing Order 201, I am in receipt of two petitions. The first one is petition to Mandera County Assembly concerning public participation on the County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) 2020 and the other one is petition to Mandera County Assembly concerning demolition of Bulla Jamhuria cloth market in Mandera town.

I, therefore, direct the first petition to the committee on Budget and Appropriations and the other one to the Committee on Trade.

(Documents committed to relevant departmental committees)

Next Order!

PAPERS LAID

**MANDERA COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER, 2020; AND
MANDERA COUNTY SECOND SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET 2019/2020**

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Honorable Minority Leader!
Hon. Jimale Abdi (Guba): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I beg to lay the following Papers on the Table of the County Assembly today, Tuesday, 3rd March, 2020 at 2:30 pm;

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Mandera County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP), 2020 and Mandera County Second Supplementary Budget 2019/2020 financial year

Thank you.

(Hon. Jimale laid the documents on the Table)

(Documents committed to the Committee on Budget and Appropriations)

GENERAL STATEMENTS

SECURITY SITUATION IN MANDERA TOWN

Hon. Adan Maalim Abdullahi (Township): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I have a general statement pursuant to Standing Order 43 (3). I seek permission from your Chair to allow me read through this statement if it exceeds three minutes.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the provision of Standing Order 43 (1), I wish to make a general statement on security situation in Mandera town as follows;

Aware that the security situation in Mandera town is at stake and has almost gone out of hand, leaders in the county have raised their concerns on the same severally. However, no action was taken by the government and the county security team is making false promises that there will be no attack along the border. Yesterday, our fears were confirmed and today we remain internally displaced persons in our own town courtesy of our government. The situation is still very fragile and is likely to deteriorate as the Jubaland forces are allegedly regrouping in a manner that suggest eminent retaliatory attack on our border. This means our lives and that of the people we represent are in danger as this uncertainty goes to further extent.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, our schools are closed, businesses are at stand still, locals displaced, others injured including school going children, houses destroyed and huge number of population flown into and outside of Mandera town. Enough is enough! We are not anybody's guest in Kenya and as such cannot be foreigners in our own country. The people of Mandera are just like other citizens in other regions and are entitled to the right to protection and a right to fundamental freedom as enshrined in Article 19 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010. The time has therefore, come for the leaders of this county to stand tall against various injustices that are being meted on the people they represent with their voices loudly heard.

Finally, I extend a word of '*pole*' and wish a quick recovery to the locals who were injured in yesterday's heinous act. I hereby call upon the national government to move with utmost speed to ensure the foreign militia is withdrawn from our soil and peace and tranquility prevails in Mandera town and the entire county within the shortest time possible.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, allow me to end my statement with an Arab proverb that says, every day of your life is a page of history and today Kenyan government has featured on the wrong side of history and indeed this will be very vivid in our mind for decades and will not be forgotten.

Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order! Honorable Members, we heard the general statement and we all understand that security is not a devolved function but as leaders of this

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county we have all the rights to talk on what our people are undergoing. Honorable Members, I will allow honorable Members to contribute but if you have been given the opportunity to speak, please do not take too much.

Honorable Mohamed!

Hon. Mohamed Ibrahim (Guticha): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I would like to begin by thanking the Majority Whip who is also the Member for Township for raising the concerns and the voice of the voiceless in this county. Today is a very sad day for the residents and the population of Mandera County. The government that is supposed to protect the rights, properties and the lives of the people of Mandera, allowed a fugitive who ran away from Jubaland state for fighting his own government. The government of Kenya became a host to a fugitive. One month ago, this Janan guy ran away from prison and came to hide himself in the midst of this county with the protection and guidance of Kenyan Defense Forces. It is a very sad day for the people of Mandera who have been displaced from their houses under the watch of the government and under the watch of the President of the republic of Kenya. We are wondering whether we are second class citizens of this great nation.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, this fugitive was hosted and sheltered in Granada hotel and the leaders of this county led by His Excellency the Governor and Member of Parliament for Mandera East condemned and called on the national government to remove this fugitive from the midst of our people because his presence was posing a threat to the lives of these people. All those press conferences, all those voices fell on deaf ears because the Kenyan Government has a hidden agenda in Jubaland. It is an issue that we cannot explain here. It is very clear that the national government under Kenya Defense Forces is hosting that fugitive in Mandera. Yesterday, when the war erupted between the militia led by that fugitive and the Somali National Government Forces, our people were displaced, our businesses came to a standstill, offices were closed and there was no network coverage the whole day.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, over twenty thousand people living along the stretch of the border were displaced, mothers who have just delivered in hospital yesterday ran away from their new born babies simply because of the bombardment done to them by the national government. This is contrary to chapter four of the Kenyan Constitution and Article 19 quoted by the Hon. Member and Article 238. This is gross violation of the rights and the lives of the people of Mandera.

As I conclude, as the people who represent one million plus population in this county, time has come for us to mobilize our people, follow the Turkey way of handling their military coup simply because the law allows public arrest. We need to mobilize our people and do public arrest of one fugitive Janan and hand him over to Somali National Government Forces so that they will do away with him. If we continue this way, a time will come when this very County Assembly will not be in existence because of the bombs. We are a live because of the grace of God and to the fact that yesterday that war has taken place on no man's land within our territory. We cannot trust our own government. We had a meeting with the County Commissioner as security and peace committee. He could not give a clear position of the Kenyan Government. He only told us that this is a matter of geopolitics and he could not help the residents and the innocent citizens who are suffering. As we are speaking, people have been displaced, children are sleeping under this scorching sun in areas of Khalalio, Busle and Neboi. We need to take

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action. There is no government that we are waiting. We must take the law by our own hand and arrest Janan and hand him over to the Somali National Government.

Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): I think you have talked more than the required time but let me allow honorable Abass because he is representing a very important group in this House to also contribute.

Hon. Abass Abdille (Nominated): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. Today and the last one month was very sad for the people of Mandera County. Much has been said by Honorable Mohamed Ibrahim. Three things shall come clear; a government that stands for denial is a failed government and the government of Kenya is a failed government.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Order Honorable Abass! Let me interrupt you for a while.

Hon. Abass Abdille (Nominated): Mr. Deputy Speaker, let me substantiate.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): I am not talking about what you are saying. Honorable Members, I would like to bring to your attention Standing Order 43 (3) which reads, “No Member making a statement under this Standing Order shall speak for more than three minutes, unless with the permission of the Speaker”.

Honorable Members, please stick to the three minutes.

Hon. Abass Abdille (Nominated): Deputy Speaker, I was saying a government that stands for denial is a failed government. For the last one month the leadership of Mandera County, the Ulamas and the elders were making press conference complaining of the presence of a fugitive in Mandera town. With all those meetings and press conferences and meeting with security officers, the government was still in denial. What we witnessed yesterday is something that we were complaining about for the last one month. What happened yesterday after I happened to visit the referral hospital is that the injured Jubaland forces were given special treatment in our referral hospital at the expense of our tax payers. When a government behaves like that, it is a failed government.

Secondly, after the Jubaland forces were overrun yesterday, they escaped through Mandera town with their convoy and went to KDF camp. Why are they hiding this fugitive in our town and causing mayhem to us?

Mr. Deputy Speaker, in international wars you cannot hold a fugitive. I do not know where this government is going. Yesterday while we were here in Mandera under our beds, the spokesperson of police Charles Owino denied these happenings. The government should come clear on whether the people of Mandera are third class citizen or not. Now we are hearing that they are regrouping at KDF camp, if the government does not want to protect us let them say and as leaders we shall come with ultimatum. The next time we see such fugitive in Mandera we will storm this guy because the government is not ready at all. They are doing this at the expense of holding Kismayu region. This is an arrangement done in other parts like Garissa and Nairobi. The people of Mandera will not suffer at the expense of others. We call the government to handover this fugitive soonest possible.

With that, thank you.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order Honorable Abass! You are saying this thing is planned from somewhere else, you cannot say that it has been planned from Garissa or Nairobi unless you are able to substantiate. Otherwise, your contribution is good. Honorable members,

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honorable Kullow is on the floor, please observe time. I know you are very annoyed but when you are talking you should not be emotional.

Hon. Kullow Alio (Rhamu): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. With your leave you can give us more time. I therefore request for some minutes than the three minutes because I have very pertinent issues to raise. According to the Constitution there are 35 functions that are supposed to be carried out by the national government and 14 functions devolved to the county government. Security is the work of the national government. Under the bill of rights it is upon the government to safeguard the security and property of the people of Mandera County. We are not begging for that since it is our constitutional right. Whatever we are experiencing now in Mandera County is something that we have never heard before. We are taxpayers like any other Kenyan and we have the right to be secured.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, we go for election after 5 years to elect a President. We are not guests in Kenya. We are citizens of this country. I want to echo what my colleagues said that for the last one month the government of Kenya has been harboring bandits from Jubaland. What interest does our government have in hosting such a run way minister in our midst? Why is the minister not going to any other county in this country? Why only Mandera? What interest does the government have in protecting this minister? What we have witnessed yesterday was enough for us. Charles Owino should not sit in Nairobi issuing statements saying that those things happened in Somalia. We are the leaders on the ground, we have experienced and witnessed that these things happened on the borders of Kenya and Somalia and particularly some parts of Kenya where our people have been displaced, many injured and are in hospitals, businesses and schools closed. Several videos and audios have been released by the people of Mandera County and the government is not acting on those videos. That means our country is supporting the stay of Janan in this county.

As leaders of this county we demanded this Minister to be removed immediately. That has not been done. Secondly, we want the followers of this guy to be moved off the soil of Mandera County immediately. Thirdly, if that is not going to happen we will carry out demonstration that has never been heard before in this county so that this particular person and his army are removed from Mandera County.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, we cannot have IDPs in our own county. It is the responsibility of the National Government to protect the people of this country. We want to send a warning to the government of Kenya because we are protected in this assembly by the Powers and Privilege Act, we have rights to state our grievances on behalf of the people of Mandera County. Therefore, we are saying let the government of Kenya move this Janan and his soldiers out of Mandera. Otherwise, the government will be in for a surprise.

Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Honorable Minority.

Hon. Jimale Abdi (Guba): Mr. Deputy Speaker, the issue of Janan should not be discussed in Mandera because we are not in Somalia. This is Kenya and I do not know why a fugitive from Somalia is hiding in Kenyan and the government of Kenya is supporting that. I do not know whether Jubaland is county number 48 in Kenya or Mandera is a region in Somalia. We need explanation from the national government.

Secondly, what is forcing the Kenyan government to interfere with internal affairs of Somalia? This is a Somalia issue and I do not why Kenya is interfering with the internal affairs

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between Kismayu or between Farmajo and Madhobe. It is ridiculous and I do not know why we are suffering. Yesterday the county government could not deliver service to its residents because of the war that erupted in Mandera. As leaders at the grass root we need an explanation from the national government as to why we are suffering since our people are dying and are internally displaced because of something that we are not party to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, as far as we know the issue of security is a national government issue and people at the grass root are suffering. We do not know why people are suffering, kids dying in their houses and schools closed. We are citizens and we need to be protected.

Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): I give to Honorable Sokorey and then Member for Waranqara.

Hon. Sokorey Maalim Issackow (Nominated): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker for giving me this opportunity. As the people of Mandera we are already facing a lot of challenges. Recently the teachers in Mandera were withdrawn by the government and that led to our children not going to school. What the government was fighting was insecurity and security is our right and everybody is entitled.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, what we have seen yesterday to me was a self-imposed war. Last week we raised our concern about this man called Janan who was harbored in Mandera. I do not know his second name but my one year old kid knows who Janan is because he is a threat to our county. I do not know why our security team is silent about this man. The political difference in Somalia is not our business and we do not want to involve ourselves. I do not know why such people with sophisticated weapons, if you see them driving in Mandera town you will be scared, are allowed in Mandera. Are we in Somalia or Kenya? We are confused. Yesterday when I saw that car, I got frightened sincerely speaking. Mandera is not a battle ground for people to come and show their might. If they want to fight let them go to Somalia and fight since they have plenty of land. Mr. Deputy Speaker, we are appealing to our security team in Mandera to intervene. We heard that when Somalia government was about to fall, the security arm became weak. Let our security team wake up and defend us.

Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Hon. Ahmed.

Hon. Ahmed Gabnan (Waranqara): First, I condemn the action of the government to host a fugitive in this county. This person called Janaan, his name suggests good, paradise. But he has made hell on earth in this region. This guy is really problematic.

Secondly, Kenya has made unwise decision in 2011 when it sent its troops to Somalia to maintain peace in our neighboring country. It was unwise decision by our government at that time. The result of sending troops to Somalia in 2011 resulted into an ending menace with Al Shabaab. Our government is very unfortunate that it has not learnt a lesson. It is trying to support a fugitive who is against his own government. I am unable to understand what the government of Kenya stands to gain in supporting this person called Janaan. Somalia has been in civil war for almost 30 years. Since I came to this world, I saw Somali when it was unstable. No stable government since the ouster of President Siyad Barre. What will our government gain in supporting this guy? I am really mesmerized.

We also condemn the action by Mr. Matiangi led team to our Members of Parliament this week. The leaders of Mandera County, leave of engaging a legitimate government of Somali,

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will even engage illegal groups in Somalia if need be because our ultimate goal is to find a solution to insecurity in this region. If we will achieve that by engaging any group then we will do so and we have no apologies to make as leaders of this county.

Finally, we cannot continue on lamenting on this. The government is keeping on neglecting us. We have seen with our naked eyes and we knew before. This government has no regard to the residents of this county and we will not expect any good from this county now because we have been requesting for support and protection for the last several months. Now we need action. We congratulate Somalia government for attacking this fugitive in our county. We also need to give support to the population of this county and we invade wherever they are as population through demonstration. I humbly request the honorable Members, let us take lead in that. Let us gather information about where they are; mobilize and make their stay difficult in Mandera.

Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Thank you. Honorable Members, it is almost time. If you have been given the opportunity, do not go outside the topic under discussing. Let me start with Honorable Member representing Takaba.

Hon. Bishar Maalim Abdullahi (Takaba): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. This is a very important---

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): And Hon. Member, observe time. You have only three minutes and when it ends, I will interject you.

Hon. Bishar Maalim Abdullahi (Takaba): First, I would like to be in solidarity with the members who have talked before me on this issue that has affected our county. Kenya has been a very peaceful country and its foreign policy has been clear. We used to handle issues diplomatically. But of late, what has been seen along this border between Somali and Kenya is something new. I suspect that there must be foreign countries that have colluded to destabilize this country because Kenya has been adhering to good neighborliness from the time of Mr. Kenyatta, Moi and Kibaki. I do not know what is happening during the reign of President Uhuru Kenyatta as things are not going well. It is high time that the head of state wakes up and take leadership of national security docket.

There are people who are trying to sabotage the effort of the national government because what is happening is that we are interfering with the state beyond our boundary because we are breaching the international law by doing so.

It seems that the government has done away with its obligation to protect the people of Mandera County. Mr. Deputy Speaker, already what you have seen is that security is not taken very serious. Recently, teachers have been moved and other services might come to stand still if this thing will continue the way it is.

We are in support of our national leaders who have gone to seek home-grown solutions by visiting Mogadishu and President Mohamed Farmaajo. We are in solidarity with them. This spillover can cause a lot of problems. What we are suspecting is that the road from Isiolo to Mandera is likely to be undertaken. I am seeing that because of insecurity this road might not be envisioned in the recent years to come. There must be a sinister motive when we see that the whole region from Garissa, Wajir to Mandera is being considered insecure. It means that even these projects which they are launching this financial year or next financial year might not take place.

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What is circulating in town is that there have been a lot of arms that have been left on the ground where the fighting took place. And these arms can go into the midst of this community and it is going to add more security problems to the existing ones because these arms will be gotten by the very enemies of this county and it can make the situation worse for us.

Finally, what we are saying is that the government should take action swiftly to maintain law and order before the local ‘*wananchi*’ take the law and order into their own hands and cause more havoc. We are going to take control of our county because we as Security and Peace Committee of Mandera County Assembly had even the opportunity of visiting the County Commissioner and nothing has been shown to ensure that peace will prevail in this place. We are going to make the biggest demonstration if security is not contained.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Your time is up. Hon. Yakub.

Hon. Yakub Hassan (Derkhale): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker for giving me this opportunity. First of all we will not deny one thing that we can confirm today, yesterday and before yesterday that there is presence of rag tag militia in Mandera town and not in Beled Hawa. They are in Mandera Town, market, hospitals and they are everywhere. We do not know who is supporting them? We do not know who is feeding them? We believe that it is the national government who are hiding them, keeping them and feeding them. That is the fact of the matter. Yesterday when the war ended, it is the national government of Kenya, the Police, Military and other government arms who escorted them to safer grounds publicly on the main highway. That is the fact of the matter.

Secondly, our children are scared. A lot of mothers have aborted because of fear because they have never seen people carrying guns apart from military that they are used to; they only know Kenya Police. There are Somali speaking who are carrying guns and artilleries and armored vehicles in Mandera town and that is the fact of the matter.

We want to tell the likes of Mr. Owino, the Police Spokesperson, telling us that nothing happened, we are in the 21st century. There are millions of amateur journalists in this town. Everybody who has a phone is an amateur journalist. While they were walking around being escorted by government officers and police, people have taken pictures and videos. The fact is that what is in the social-media is the fact.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Please wind up because of time.

Hon. Yakub Hassan (Derkhale): I am winding up. The remaining teachers, doctors and medical officers who remained behind have all ran away as a result of the presence of this rag tag militia in Mandera town. And that one has been caused by the Government of Kenya supporting them.

Thirdly, we are now refugees in our own country. I am appealing to the government of Kenya who made us refugees in our own county, because they are the ones who brought this rag tag militia to Mandera, and also International Refugee Agency in Geneva to come and help our people. We appeal because the government is not looking at those people who are displaced. What they are caring for is the rag tag militia.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Good.

Hon. Yakub Hassan (Derkhale): As leaders whatever it is going to take us, we will organize for a peaceful demonstration and smoke them out from wherever they are even if they are in Kapedo camp. Let them kill us. We are mightier in our own county and country. We will be protecting our people by demonstrating peacefully because we are not armed. If the

government will not change its attitude about the presence of this rag tag militia in Mandera then we will use all possible means including peaceful demonstration to smoke them out.

I stand to condemn what has happened in the last few days.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Let me start with Hon. Halima, Hon. Rafat, Hon. Abdullahi and Hon. Shaban will be the last person.

Hon. Halima Billow (Nominated): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I also take this opportunity in condemning what happened yesterday. I also wish quick recovery to those civilians who were injured in yesterday's incident.

Secondly, as you know our education is on its death bed and teachers have been withdrawn from Mandera County. What happened yesterday also makes the situation very difficult for our children because schools have been closed and children are no longer going to school; Schools like in Buruburu are affected. As you know we are competing with the national schools and there is no learning going on since yesterday. There was one question that I was asking myself, are we in Somalia or Kenya? Because what I saw yesterday in our main B9 road is something that has to be condemned. 15 vehicles belonging to Jubaland troops who are making our lives difficult were allowed to pass and we were asked to get off our vehicles and to either walk or get out of the main road.

That one is something unimaginable because these people were unable to keep their country in order and they are coming to make our lives difficult on our own soil. We are not guests in our own land. Mandera is part of Kenya and we are not requesting Somalia to come and put us in danger. Therefore, I urge the national government to take action and remove this fugitive or else we will take action as the people of Mandera.

Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Honorable Abdullahi.

Hon. Abdullahi Siyad (Lafey): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I would like to join my colleagues in condemning what is going on in Mandera. The situation is very sad. We are hearing very funny names like 'Gorgor', 'Harmacad', 'Danab', Janan, and these names are alien to Mandera.

Secondly, the travel of our Members of Parliament to Somalia has made the national headline. A very routine thing that is normal but endangering the lives of the people in Mandera is not appearing in the social Media. It is a very sad situation.

Lastly, we would like to demand the immediate withdrawal of foreign forces from Mandera. The Kenyan government is involved in this scenario.

Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Honorable Rafat.

Hon. Abdinoor Dakane (Khalalio): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. The issue of having Abdirashid Janan in our area is history because there are abundant resources in Jubaland. Kenyan Government, in one way or the other, is involved and because of that resource the people of Mandera are becoming a way of getting that resource.

Mr. Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Put on your mic.

Hon. Abdinoor Dakane (Khalalio): Gwale is the biggest town in Jubaland. I think Janan is a bit confused because he thought maybe this town is where he is coming from. Mr. Deputy Speaker, this trauma which our people have suffered is enough to engage our government to safeguard our people, our children and mothers who have suffered. The magnitude of the

problem faced and the trauma itself cannot be counted. People have been injured and taken to hospital. Those of us who visited them have seen. They are still getting more scared. Ourselves, in this Assembly, we are all scared. We do not know what to do and we are representing the people. Going to the press would not help as honorable Members said. Let us go and confront these people.

I stand to support.

Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Honorable Shaban will be the last then we go to the next business.

Hon. Shaban Hassan (Ashabito): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I want to confirm to the world that this Abdirashid Jahanam is in Mandera. He has been accorded status of a very important person in our military camp in Mandera. So, he is Mandera with his rag tag militia.

I want also want to condemn the police spokesperson Charles Owino who gave statement to the print media and said that Mandera was peaceful and there was no war in Mandera. We are the leaders on the ground. What was aired by the citizen TV was a true reflection of what happened yesterday. So, there was a war between Abdirashid Janan of Jubaland and Federal Government of Somalia. In the process there are so many innocent Kenyan citizens who were caught and got injured. Mandera is not a battle field. If they want a field---

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Put on your mic.

Hon. Shaban Hassan (Ashabito): Mandera is not a field to test weapons or to show their might. If they want a field let them move to Somalia and engage themselves far away from our people and our border. This Abdirashid Janan, if I may go to his history, October, 2009 he was apprehended by Federal Government of Somalia. He was taken to Banadir court where he was charged with heinous crimes against humanity; killing of civilians, rapping innocent girls, obstruction of humanitarian aids, and forceful displacement of people of Somalia. He was detained and the court process was going on. On 28th January, this year, he escaped from lawful detention and landed in Mandera where he is being accorded very important treatment by the Kenyan Government. Therefore, as a leader and citizen of this country, we condemn his presence in Mandera. He should withdraw his militia from Mandera with immediate effect. Failure to do so, we will take law into our hand to apprehend these guys.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order honorable Member!

Hon. Shaban Hassan (Ashabito): And take them back to Mogadishu. Thank you, very much.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): We have to disregard your last statement. We cannot take law into our hand. We have a government that is supposed to protect our lives. I think we have taken long time to discuss this issue. Let us go the Next Order.

MOTION

ADOPTION OF HOUSE CALENDAR

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Honorable Jimale! Honorable Deputy Minority Leader!

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Hon. Fatuma Omar (Nominated): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I would like to move a Motion pursuant to the provision of Standing Order 28 of Mandera County Assembly Standing Orders and as adopted by House Business Committee of the Assembly on 25th February 2020, this County Assembly approves Mandera County Assembly calendar for 2020 as set out in the schedule below.

PERIOD	DAYS
FOURTH SESSION	12TH FEBRUARY-2ND DECEMBER 2020
FIRST PART	
	Tuesday (morning and afternoon) and Wednesday (morning and afternoon)
A: Sitting Days	
Wednesday 12 th February, 2020-Wednesday, 29 th April, 2020	
B. Long Recess	
Thursday, 30 th April 2020-Monday, 1 st June, 2020.	
SECOND PART	
	Tuesday 2 nd June, 2020-Wednesday 23 rd September, 2020
C. Sitting Days	
	Tuesday (morning and afternoon) and Wednesday (morning and afternoon)
Tuesday 2 nd June, 2020-Wednesday 22 nd July, 2020	
D. Short Recess	
Thursday, 23 rd July 2020-Monday 10 th August, 2020.	
E. Sitting Days	
Tuesday 11 th August 2020- Wednesday, 23 rd September, 2020	
F. Short Recess	
Thursday, 24 th September, 2020- Monday 5 th October, 2020	
THIRD PART	
	Tuesday 6 th October, 2020-Wednesday 2 nd December, 2020
G. Sitting Days	
	Tuesday (morning and afternoon) and Wednesday (morning and afternoon)
Tuesday 6 th October, 2020-Wednesday 2 nd December, 2020	

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I would like the Minority Leader to second.

Hon. Jimale Abdi (Guba): Thank you. It is because she can see that I am sitting directly opposite her. I would like to second and contribute. This is a House of rules and regulations and we are guided by the calendar which has been drawn and has gone through the House Business Committee. I request the honorable Members to adopt as it is.

I second.

(Question Proposed)

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Honorable Adan.

Hon. Adan Maalim Mohamed (El-wak North): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I rise to support the calendar. I sit in the House Business Committee and we came up with this calendar. The committee looked into several issues. This calendar is the only calendar that has been generated by this Assembly that has catered for upcoming event. It is looking into the issues of upcoming conferences and also Ramadan in the next half a month. It is also looking into the issues of Haji because we are Muslims and we perform Haji and we have also catered for that. Most importantly, for the elderly honorable Members who have children in schools, the calendar has also put some provision and has also catered for dates and times so that they will go and look after their children during the holidays. Above all, this calendar is absolute and all issues have been set aside.

I support and also request other honorable Members to do the same.

Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Honorable Hussein.

Hon. Hussein Adan (Takaba South): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. This is the House of rules and regulations and this was done by the House Business Committee which is the extension of this House. We will adopt the report that they have brought as it is. Everything has been catered for and they have gone through most of the activities that are required in this House. They have catered for everything including Ramadan and Haji time. Let us approve it as it is.

Thank you, very much.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Honorable Adan!

Hon. Adan Maalim Abdullahi (Township): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of the calendar that is before the House for adoption and approval. As a member of the House Business Committee, we discussed this and recommended it to come before the House. We considered among other things, we have got one long recess in the first part and this is because of Ramadhan but even then Ramadhan is four weeks. The first week of the month we are here on our Businesses in the Assembly. We have got only three weeks to go and join our families and loved ones outside there. Mr. Deputy Speaker, this being an occasion that comes once every year it is very important we give it the importance it requires. That is why we gave it three weeks and this is followed by July/August recess. Around this time, we have got also a very important

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function which is Hajj. Many members, relatives and families go for Hajj. For this one we slotted only two weeks.

The last one Mr. Deputy Speaker is two weeks from 24th of September to 5th of October. After being in session for such a long period, it is also wise we give ourselves a rest for these two weeks to join our families and do our personal issues. Mr. Deputy Speaker, this is the best calendar we could develop.

I stand to support.

Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Honorable Bishar Maalim Abdullahi!

Hon. Bishar Maalim (Takaba): Mr. Deputy Speaker, first before I talk some microphones are not working very well and it is a problem from one member to the other and we need to inform the authority.

Secondly, this time table has been discussed in the HBC (House Business Committee) meetings and you can remember you chaired that meeting and we had edited the first time table that was brought before that committee.

On behalf of the members because we are the people who are chronic attendees of this House and I have just whispered to my colleague who will have objected to the---thank you. I would like this thing to be put to question. We adopt the time table the way it is and we go to the other business.

Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Honorable Member representing Rhamu, I give you this chance because the Member representing Takaba has mentioned your name. I do not know whether you have agreed on the time table or not.

Hon. Kullow Alio (Rhamu): Mr. Deputy Speaker, my senior member of tanga tanga has proposed and I have no obligation to oppose.

Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Let me give honorable Halima as the last honorable member to contribute on this business. Hon. Member, you have the floor.

Hon. Halima Billow (Nominated): Mr. Deputy Speaker, I am a member of House Business Committee and I still stand on the same ground that I had during the House Business Committee meeting. I stand to oppose this time table because we are here to work for the community and this recess is too much. Mr. Deputy Speaker, there are Members who want to operate this Assembly from Nairobi and they want to be on and off. I stand to oppose this time table because the recess on 30th---

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order honorable Member! You are out of order. Stick to the content of that time table. Order honorable Hussein! Get back to your seat. Honorable Halima, you have the floor. Say what you want to say but be audible.

Hon. Halima Billow (Nominated): Mr. Deputy Speaker, I stand to oppose this time table because the recess on 30th---

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order honorable Members! The honorable Member on the floor has the right to her opinion.

Hon. Halima Billow (Nominated): I know the majority will have their way and the minority will have their say, I still stand to oppose because the long recess on 30th April to 1st June is unnecessary.

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Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order honorable Mohamed! You know shouting to another honorable Member who is on the floor is against our Standing Order and it has its consequences.

Hon. Halima Billow (Nominated): Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Honorable Sokorey!

Hon. Sokorey Maalim Issackow (Nominated): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I stand to support the calendar. I know honorable Halima is opposing the time table because she is a single lady and maybe she has nowhere to go.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Order honorable Sokorey! You are out of order. Honorable Kullow, you are out of order. Get back to your seat. Honorable Sokorey, withdraw that statement and make an apology to honorable Halima.

Hon. Sokorey Maalim Issackow (Nominated): Withdrawn! Mr. Deputy Speaker, but I am relieved and this recess is good for someone like me because this the only time I can please my husband. Mr. Deputy Speaker, we have staffs in this Assembly who have also families in Nairobi. Allowing them to go and see their “children” is not a problem.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Thank you. Honorable Hindia!

Hon. Hindia Hussein (Nominated): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I rise to support the Motion. This is a House of rules and procedures and honorable Members should put themselves in order. I support this calendar because it is catering for a lot of needs. We are talking of Ramadhan and that is the only month we are supposed to fully devote to God but when you will be on and off at work place, then there will be some hitches between us and the work. The other thing is that for those whose children are in boarding school if the calendar reads March, then they cannot get children at home and the reason why the children are given holiday is for their parents to monitor them closely since they are together. I can see this is the best calendar since it does not contradict any other business whether it is official or religious activity.

I stand to support.

Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Allow me to give the move of the Motion then we put the question. Honorable Fatuma! Order honorable Members!

Hon. Fatuma Kasai (Nominated): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker and to the Members for supporting this calendar. Mr. Deputy Speaker, you know if you are a leader it does not mean you can serve your people when in this Assembly only. You can also serve the people where ever you are. As mothers they have catered for our household duties and we urge you to put the question.

Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Thank you, honorable Members.

(Question put and agreed to)

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Next Order!

PROCEDURAL MOTION

ALTERATION OF ASSEMBLY CALENDAR

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Hon. Jimale Abdi (Guba): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the provision of Mandera County Assembly Standing Order 28 (4) this County Assembly resolves to alter its regular calendar 2020 by proceeding for short recess from today Tuesday, 3rd March, 2020 to Monday 9th March, 2020 due to the current insecurity threats in Mandera town.

Thank you.

I request Hussein Haji to second.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): He is called Honorable Hussein.

Hon. Hussein Haji (Takaba South): I stand to second.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Honorable Members let me propose the question first and then you will contribute.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Bishar Maalim (Takaba): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I would like to support this Motion. I have changed my position from the assessment I have done after this morning session. Mr. Deputy Speaker, some Members have not even recovered from the shock they have got yesterday. I am a counseling psychologist and people have been subjected to a lot of post trauma disorder and our people have been displaced.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, the security situation seems to be a buildup and there is a lot of fear that retaliation might occur and because of what is likely to happen and for that fear, if the House can be adjourned for tomorrow up to Monday 9th I am in total support of that Motion. We need to adopt that.

Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Minority Leader!

Hon. Jimale Abdi (Guba): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I would like to thank honorable Members for accepting the Procedural Motion. I request you to put the question.

Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Farah Abdi): Honorable Members, having no business before the House at this particular time, we adjourn the House to 10th March, 2020 at 9 am.

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