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*The House met at the Assembly Chambers
County Assembly Buildings, at 2.32 pm*

[Temporary Speaker (Hon. Amran Adan) in the Chair]

PRAYER

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Amran Adan): Sergeant-at-arm, ring the bell for ten minutes.

(Quorum bell rang)

(Quorum obtained)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

REARRANGEMENT OF THE ORDER PAPER DUE TO TENSION IN TOWN

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Amran Adan): Honorable Members, Order! I think you all know what is happening in town. Due to tension in town we will directly go to Order No. 8, which is Motion and we will give it half an hour. Immediately after the chamber, we go to committee room one for House Business Committee meeting.

Thank you.

MOTION

THANKS FOR THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

(Hon. Shankaron on 25.02.2020)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on 25.02.2020)

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Amran Adan): The floor is open for debate. Hon. Rafat, why don't you look for a microphone?

Hon. Abdinoor Dakane (Khalalio): Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. As you said there is time limit due to insecurity. I stand to give my comments on the Governor's speech.

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I congratulate His Excellency the Governor over the completion of the mega projects and his determination to complete the projects. Those projects, if completed, most of those employed will have space or office. Like in our assembly, many were employed but you see how the space is squeezed. Many of us will enjoy if we were taken that side and this will also help the population of Mandera to develop on the other side of town.

Madam Temporary Speaker, on food security we have this issue affecting us in this county day in day out. This issue of climate change, drought, flash floods, locust and mostly when we receive our budget we do not take care about such emergencies. If those locusts develop in our area the vegetation will be destroyed, there will be no food and we must have emergency fund somewhere in the budget.

I stand to support.

Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Amran Adan): Thank you. Any other Member, honorable Mohamed Ibrahim!

Hon. Mohamed Ibrahim (Guticha): Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I wanted to make few remarks on the speech by the Governor. First, I would like to appreciate the Governor for his annual address to the County Assembly. Of interest to me are the areas touching countering violent extremism which we had a conference whose host was the Governor. The issue of violent extremism has a serious impact on the lives of the residents of this county. Lives have been lost and properties destroyed and still it is a threat that we cannot navigate. My ward has been seriously affected. It had two incidences in the last one month and life has been lost. The Governor has intensively covered that in his speech.

Another important thing in the speech was the teachers' crisis in this county. As we are all aware that, today over one thousand teachers have left this county under illegal circumstance where one Nancy Macharia the TSC CEO incited and gave them illegal transfers. The leaders have engaged other leaders including the president of this country and we are hoping for an amicable solution. We are mandated to speak for the rights of innocent children left by those teachers.

Another important thing the governor talked about is the threat we are facing today; the threat from Jubaland, Federal Government of Somalia and the Kenyan Government. Even this morning you could hear gunshot in this town and we are told our neighboring Bula Hawa people are fleeing for fear of an eruption of war between Jubaland forces and Somalia forces. If the Kenyan Government does not take this issue seriously we will have a serious impact.

Madam Temporary Speaker, the other important thing the Governor touched on is devolution and the impact it has on the lives of the residents of this county for the last seven or so years. Among the ten sectors where the county did good according to the address of the Governor is the Mandera County greening project where every person who comes to Mandera town, even those who have not been here for the last one or two years, will appreciate what the Governor and the county government has done through the Ministry of Water, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resource. Because there is a kind of micro-climate set as a result of the afforestation and the weather is changing in Mandera.

The governor touched on education. The county government invested in teachers college and technical colleges where hundreds of our children today are benefiting without travelling to far areas like Nairobi.

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Lastly, the governor touched on specialized machines in our hospitals especially Mandera County Referral Hospital. He has given the data of patients who benefitted from those specialized machines like CT scan and Dialysis. This is a great improvement done by the county government as far as health service is concerned.

Finally, the governor invited the honorable Members and the leaders of this county to the issue of BBI which is a national discourse. As leaders of this county, we are mandated by our electorates and on behalf of the residents of this county, to give our views with regards to our position as far as BBI is concerned as it has been alluded to by the honorable members who have contributed this morning. We will only support BBI if and only if teachers' crisis will be sorted, security issues will be addressed, the locust issue addressed and the border issue where we are getting external threat via Somalia is addressed. That is the time we can only talk of BBI but when we are facing these serious problems then we cannot support BBI. That is my position as a Member representing Guticha ward. My final appeal to the honorable Members is that we must be in a position and express our views as far as BBI is concerned.

With that, thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Amran Abdirahman): Honorable Sokorey.

Hon. Sokorey Maalim Issackow (Nominated): Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. First of all, I want to say few words on the governor's address. The governor talked on the concerns affecting the residents of Mandera including the current decision made by Teachers Service Commission (TSC) of transferring all the non-local teachers from Mandera. What Nancy Macharia did was a breach of the Constitution. She was not doing justice to herself. When we were in Granada the other day, one of the speakers said that there is a school in Bulla Hawa on the outskirts of Mandera. The school is functional and is being taught by non-locals. To me, that one shows that Nancy Macharia was not fair to us and she needs to be changed. No wonder, after we all raised our complaints through media, still the government is not considering us. We are still being marginalized and something needs to be done.

Secondly, while we are struggling with our own challenges, in the speech of the governor, we saw that there is a political difference between Jubaland and the Federal Government of Somali. We do not want to interfere with their problem. But that itself has created a lot of fear in our county, and that fear has already escalated to even El-wak. Those people came up with their own weapons when we have all the machineries. They are here with us, they have decorated our town, we have enough security but the government kept mum and we do not know what they are up to. This team needs to be dealt with seriously.

Finally, on the Executive side, they have done fairly in all the ten ministries led by His Excellency the Governor. I wish him to leave a good legacy so that he will be remembered.

With those few remarks, thank you.

Hon. Kullow Alio (Rhamu): Point of information!

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Amran Adan): Information to?

Hon. Kullow Alio (Rhamu): To the House.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Amran Adan): Okay.

Hon. Kullow Alio (Rhamu): Madam Temporary Speaker, under Standing Order 86, honorable Members are not allowed to discuss personalities who can be removed through House resolution. Nancy Baraza---

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Amran Adan): Nancy Macharia.

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Hon. Kullow Alio (Rhamu): Nancy Macharia, I am not defending her can be removed by National Assembly and therefore, you can only do that by moving a substantive Motion for three days. So, that is my concern. I need to be directed.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Amran Adan): I thought you have given us information. What directive do you need after that information?

Hon. Kullow Alio (Rhamu): I said incase, as the Speaker, you have a contrary opinion to that Standing Order.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Amran Adan): Honorable Kullow your comment is in order. We proceed with the debate. Do we have any other Member who wants to comment on the address of the Governor? Honorable Rafat, you have information for the House?

Hon. Abdinoor Dakane (Khalalio): Yes. The information I have for the House is that on the issue of security, we have a committee for that.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Amran Adan): Honorable Rafat, I will direct you. At the moment the only business on the table is the Governor's address

Hon. Abdinoor Dakane (Khalalio): Yes, I am talking about the security problems we have currently.

Hon. Yakub Hassan (Derkhale): Point of clarification Madam Temporary Speaker!

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Amran Adan): What clarification?

Hon. Yakub Hassan (Derkhale): Madam Temporary Speaker, the issue of general security has been addressed by the Governor and it is in the Governor's address. So, honorable Member is in order to discuss it because we are discussing the Governor's address.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Amran Adan): Order honorable Members! Hon. Rafat.

Hon. Abdinoor Dakane (Khalalio): Yes.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Amran Adan): I will direct you, at the moment the business on the table is the Governor's address. You had your time to contribute on the Governor's address. The security issue was in the Governor's address and you have already contributed. With that said, can you please take your seat?

Hon. Abdinoor Dakane (Khalalio): Point of information!

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Amran Adan): What information?

Hon. Abdinoor Dakane (Khalalio): It is part of this speech

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Amran Adan): If it is part of the speech. You have already taken your time. Let other Members speak and contribute. Order honorable Member! Any other Member who wants to contribute to the debate? If not, we will go to the next order and I will quote the Standing Order. We still have two more sittings. Standing Order 23 (4), says that the Governor's address will be debated for four sittings. This is the second sitting and we still have two more sittings. Whoever wants to contribute, will contribute tomorrow. Clerk, can we go to the next order please?

ADJOURNMENT

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Amran Adan): Honorable Members, with that said, I will also want to remind the House Business Committee to go to committee room 1. I adjourn the House to Wednesday, 26th February 2020 at 9 am.

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