

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF MOMBASA

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Tuesday, 9th April, 2019 The House met at 2:39p.m.

(The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu) in the Chair)

PRAYERS

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwalimu): Have your seats. Yes Clerk?

STATEMENT

RESPONSE TO STATEMENT BY CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, WASTE MANAGEMENT AND ENERGY HON. ATHMAN SHEBE ON CLOGGED DRAINAGE IN AIRPORT WARD

The Chairperson Committee on Environment, Waste Management and Energy, Hon. Athman Shebe?

Hon. Athman Shebe: Thank you Hon. Speaker in regards to the Statement requested by Hon. Ibrahim Bomoa. Mr. Speaker Sir I just received...

(Interruption)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwalimu): Hon. Athmani Shebe we do not have Ibrahim Bomoa!

Hon. Athman Shebe: Sorry! Sorry Hon. Speaker! Hon. Ibrahim Omondi, yes thank you. Yes Hon. Speaker in response to the Statement requested by Hon. Ibrahim I just have a report and I would wish Hon. Ibrahim Omondi was here so that he can hear from the horse's mouth. In response to His Excellency the Governor's directive on 1st April, 2019, the Department embarked on a five day countywide exercise of clearing garbage out of drains in certain hotspots prone to flooding and identified by the Sub County Administration.

The reports of the five day activity have since been shared with the Department of Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works together with the Department of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Energy which is mandated with the function of unclogging drains and can respond candidly over the matter of clogged drainage in Airport Ward.

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Hon. Speaker as far as am concerned the work has been done, the removal of the garbage is just the work in progress in regards to the Department of Transport and Infrastructure to unclog these sewers. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwalimu): Thank you Hon. Athuman Shebe.

(Interruption)

Yes Hon. Thoya I can see the seat is hot, what is it?

Hon. Thoya: Thank you Mr. Speaker. We appreciate the good work that has been going on *kule mashinani* but we want again to request that the five days or the days that were planned to do this kind of job are so few, we would request if at all you can consider adding more days because there is a lot of garbage in the open sewers whatsoever so we are calling up for the Chairman to request the Department that the days be increased because still the work needs more days to be done. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwalimu): Yes Hon. Athman Shebe?

Hon. Shebe Athman: Thank you Hon. Speaker. My fellow Chair I also want to thank him because he is appreciating that something is being done on the ground and in regards to the magnitude of the job we have already discussed with the relevant Department so that they can try, rather increase in terms of the days because there is a problem or rather there is a challenge in terms of the human resource which is supposed to do the work so we have already agreed and they are working on that modality Hon. Speaker. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwalimu): Okay thank you. Yes Hon. Amriya?

Hon. Amriya Boy: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wish to appreciate the Chairman on Environment, Waste Management but it is clear that there is more to be done in this area so we urge the Chairman to push the Department to pull up their socks. Thank you very much.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwalimu): Thank you. Yes Hon. Faith?

Hon. Mwende: Thank you very much Mr. Chair for giving me this chance. It is just to emphasize for the Department to add more days to unclog the remaining drainage system because the rain season is very near. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwalimu): Thank you. Yes Hon. Athuman Shebe?

Hon. Shebe Athman: Thank you Hon. Speaker. Once again the relevant Department is working around the clock to make sure before the rain started beating us Hon. Speaker I think this sometime round is the only time that Mombasa County will be well prepared, thanks to the well preparedness of the Department and also the oversight role played by the two Departments; especially Department of Environment and Solid Waste Management and also Transport so work is on progress. Thank you.

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The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwalimu): Thank you. Yes Hon. Thoya, what is it?

Hon. Thoya: Yes, I want to seek a Statement. I understand that am a Member of Water but I should be allowed to ask this, there is acute shortage of water in Mikindani and Jomvu, I think my fellow Member of County Assembly Jomvu did appreciate, but as much as he appreciated I should say it was a public relations exercise because it only happened a single day and then we have gone back to the situation of water shortage in Mikindani and Jomvu at large, what is going to be done to address this because actually *wananchi* need a lot of answers than the question are existing at the moment.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwalimu): Thank you Hon. Thoya. I understand the issue was supposed to be replied by the Leader of Majority and I think the House Business Committee has allotted time of when they are going to respond on issue of shortage of water in Mombasa West.

Hon. Thoya: Thank you Mr. Speaker. We appreciate and it has been that way but the issue of water cannot be postponed; we are saying as much as you are doing all this, what kind of mitigation strategies are you putting in place? My people are suffering Mr. Speaker and as much as we are to get response from the Leader of Majority, I think we are in week two or three now still waiting for that answer! Okay even if we are going to add a month but we want to see some water trucks helping those people, mitigation factors strategies, what are you going to do? So that will be waiting the Leader of Majority at his best time because am thinking we are waiting him at his best time while our people are suffering, what are you going to do right now?

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwalimu): Thank you Hon. Chair Hon. Renson Thoya. As the issue is with the office of the Leader of Majority, Hon. Members will let the Hon. Leader of Majority to respond to this Honourable House or any Member from the Committee on Water latest by Thursday afternoon. Yes Hon. Athmani?

Hon. Athman Shebe: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I think Hon. Member or rather the Committee of Water has to take real charge because in terms of the responsibility which was directed of course by you Hon. Speaker to the Leader of Majority I want to appreciate the fact that the Hon. Leader of Majority has played his role and Jomvu Sub County water was beginning to come in Jomvu.

In fact it was supposed after Jomvu Kuu Ward to go to Mikindani Ward but unfortunately due to the follow up I think it is more a matter of Committee now to follow up because as far as am concerned Jomvu Kuu Ward now are really enjoying themselves because there is plenty of water there but it was supposed to reciprocate to my fellow Hon. Member who is my neighbour, at least from Jomvu to come to Mikindani Ward and then it comes to Changamwe.

So it is a matter of the Committee of Water to really take charge Hon. Speaker but to the Majority Leader I think according to my opinion he has already played his role. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwalimu): Okay thank you. Yes Hon. Bwire?

Hon. Bwire: Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker indeed I remember I was the Chair when I directed the Hon. Majority Leader to take over from the Committee since there was no Member of the said Committee and the issue was of emergency and indeed I directed Hon. Hamisi who is the Majority Leader to do a follow up and on the same note I also directed the Committee to take charge as a Committee on Water and last week the Member from Jomvu confirmed that the Majority Leader made some efforts and indeed he received some tanks of fresh water and I think it was now the turn for the Committee to take charge.

This is because what the Majority Leader did was just coming in since there was no Member of the said Committee; I now urge this House Mr. Speaker to make this Committee on Water be responsible for what it should be doing. I think they have overslept, they are always absent whenever we need answers from this Committee, they have also promised to bring answers last week, this week still we have not seen anything coming out in terms of their responsibility, so I urge this Committee to wake up and serve the Constituency of this County. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwalimu): Thank you Hon. Bwire. Yes Hon. Renson?

Hon. Thoya: Mheshimiwa Spika pale ilipofika hatungoji tena kama labda sitaingilia uamuzi wako lakini kama unaweza kuamrisha Kamati hii iweze kufika kule mashinani ijue kile kiwango kwa sababu tunaweza nung'unika lakini hawajui kile kiwango pale imefikia, imefika mahali ambapo wananchi wameamua waweze kuunda *water forum*, watu waje waambiwe ni nini inaendelea.

Kwa hivyo ikiwa itawezekana Kamati uitume kule Mikindani iweze kujionea ile shida iko pale ili wakija tuwe katika barabara moja, sitakuwa ninazungumza hapa watu wakaona ni ufahari wa kujipiga kifua kwa watu wa Mikindani lakini kila mtu tusome katika *same wavelength* kama itawezekana waambie hii Kamati Kesho asubuhi ipitie Mikindani ndio waje wakupe ripoti tatizo ni nini? Ahsante.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwalimu): Thank you. So Hon. Member I had already directed that the Committee on Water to take charge on this issue and report back to this House by Thursday afternoon so the Committee will also if they wish make a site visit to Mombasa West area, Mikindani to be precise and bring back a report to this Honourable House. Yes Clerk? What is it Hon. Athman Shebe?

Hon. Athmani Shebe: Thank you Hon. Speaker for just noting me standing. I am standing just to request for a Statement related to the matters of lands Hon. Speaker under Standing Order 41(2) (c).

This problem it has been a thorn in the flesh in Jomvu Kuu and as we speak Hon. Speaker it happened just the other day it was on Saturday I had a meeting with the community in relations to land grabbing. I brought this issue to the Assembly; I think this is the third time now but unfortunately I do not know what is happening? The relevant Committee has not yet taken up this matter seriously and we are talking about public land being grabbed by a selfish individual.

Through your indulgence I kindly request you to take this matter seriously because it seems the relevant Committee do not know what is happening, they are just being there but it has never been acted upon there is an issue of grabbing, school land being grabbed, public land being grabbed, so Hon. Speaker please help me out here. Thank you.

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The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwalimu): Thank you Hon. Shebe. The Hon. Members from the Lands Committee this will be our final reminder for the Committee to take note on what has been raised by the Hon. Member from Jomvu Kuu Ward, work or go on a site visit to that area, talk to the residents of that area and bring back a report to this Honourable House. Yes Hon. Bwire?

STATUS OF BURSARY

Hon. Bwire: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I would like to know from the Committee on Education how far they have gone as far as the bursary is concerned because the process was ongoing; we intervened and they were some directives that were given out by the Deputy Governor who also doubles up as the CEC Member on Education. So far Mr. Speaker we have not received any communication and yet our offices was to be involved directly to the whole process of bursary.

So I would wish to know from the Committee on Education and Mombasa Vision 2035 how far they have gone? Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwalimu): Thank you Hon. Raphael Bwire. So the Chair to respond on that issue by tomorrow afternoon, tomorrow afternoon the Chair Education Committee to respond on the issue of the status of bursary. Yes Clerk?

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members there being no other business the House stands adjourned until tomorrow $10^{\rm th}$ April, 2019 at 9:00a.m.

The House rose at 3:00p.m.