"The prices of Unga are reportedly higher than what State House Spokesperson Hussein Mohamed quoted."

"Despite reports from State House Spokesperson Hussein Mohamed on the drop in prices of maize flour, various retailers have not yet implemented the price reductions, according to Citizen Digital. Mohamed had announced on Twitter that the prices had dropped to Ksh. 159 and Ksh. 160, depending on the millers."

"Unga prices have started going down just as President @WilliamsRuto had assured Kenyans over the weekend. Prices have dropped to Ksh159 and Ksh 160, depending on the millers. When the President assumed office last year, a 2kg packet was retailing at approximately Ksh230," he tweeted.

However, a survey of various supermarkets and retail shops reveals a different story. Naivas and Quickmart supermarkets are selling a two-kilogram bag of maize meal at prices ranging from Ksh. 189 to Ksh. 231. Ndovu is being retailed at Ksh. 189, Mama at Ksh. 198, Soko at Ksh. 207, Dola and Jogoo at Ksh. 208, and Hostess at Ksh. 231 in these outlets.

Dennis Itumbi, the Chief Administrative Secretary in the Ministry of ICT and Digital Economy, also confirmed the same prices for the maize flour. He credited the price drop to President William Ruto's "brain power

Itumbi tweet

"Following the news, Kenyans took to Twitter to express their opinions. Former Mukurweini MP Kabando wa Kabando tweeted, 'Credit should be given if this is true in all shops across the country. It is some good news for now, but this is a small promise on a long list.'

"Another Twitter user wrote, 'Are they hiding the prices of Jogoo?' while Hiram Njau noted, 'Only supermarkets have lowered their prices. Residential retail outlets (shops) are still selling at Ksh. 200 for a 2kg packet and Ksh. 100 for a 1kg packet.'

"As the State House spokesperson's accounts continue to spark debate, many Kenyans are eagerly waiting for the government to reduce the prices of essential commodities, including fuel, electricity, and other utilities."

First term UDA MPs set to get married

*Mathira MP Eric Wamumbi (left) and Murang’a Woman Rep Betty Maina pictured during their engagement party*

Eric Wamumbi, the Member of Parliament representing Mathira Constituency, and Betty Maina, the Woman Representative for Murang'a County, are preparing to get married, two years after meeting for the first time during the campaign period leading up to the August 2022 General Election. The couple has reached an advanced stage in their relationship, with Wamumbi proposing to Betty over the weekend, an offer which she accepted and proudly displayed on social media.

Several high-profile individuals, including Governors Anne Waiguru (Kirinyaga), Susan Kihika (Nakuru), and Nominated Senator Veronicah Maina, witnessed the proposal. Betty took to social media to share a picture of her new ring and expressed gratitude to everyone who attended the event, with special thanks to her future husband for making it happen.

“One day at a time sweet Jesus. He makes all things beautiful in his own time. Thanks my sisters for organising this wonderful surprise. My dear Eric, you rock!” Betty said.

Eric Wamumbi shared several pictures from the event and captioned them, “And out of love, she said yes!” Following the proposal, Wamumbi is planning to visit Betty’s home this coming Saturday to meet her parents and clan officially and propose to marry her.

According to Citizen Digital, the Mathira MP has been courting Betty for two years, having met during the campaign period as they both sought to be elected to parliament. Wamumbi was the MCA for Konyo Ward in Mathira, Nyeri County, and was on track to defend his seat until President William Ruto picked Rigathi Gachagua as his running mate. Wamumbi's unwavering opposition to the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) earned him the admiration of Ruto and Gachagua, and when Gachagua withdrew, Wamumbi became an easy pick for the Mathira MP seat, with endorsements from Ruto and Gachagua during one of their campaign trails in Nyeri.

Betty, on the other hand, previously served as a director at Athi Water Company and joined politics through the Jubilee party, but later switched to UDA, having read the mood on the ground. She went on to win the seat and join Wamumbi in parliament, which may have further cemented their relationship, having begun on the campaign trail.

The two MPs are set to make history as the first serving parliamentarians to get married in Kenya. Both legislators had been married before, with Wamumbi's spouse passing away and Betty having separated from her previous partner.