**COUNTY ASSEMBLY**

**OFFICIAL REPORT**

**Tuesday 25th June 2019**

The House Met at 2:30 P.M

*[(The Speaker)*

*Hon. (Mr. Mathew Loltome) in the Chair]*

**PRAYERS**

*(Quorum bell is rung)*

*(Honourable Members slowly walking into the Chamber)*

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

**Hon. Speaker:** Honourable Members, I was copied a letter written to the Governor by the County Public Service Board. Although it was not written to me, it can be a point of information for Honourable Members.

The letter was signed by the Secretary to the Board, Mr. Mohamednoor addressing the end of contract for the board.

*(Hon Speaker reads the letter)*

He says that the Chair will be ending her contract on 18th August 2019 having signed it on 19th August 2018, then the vice chair’s contract, Mr. Francis Lesas will end on 25th June 2019 as a having signed it on 26th June 2013. Roba Godana, Habiba Said whose are board members whose contract also began on 26th June 2013, their contract ends today. Mohamednoor Adan, who is also the Secretary and also the CEO of the Board started his contract on 4th July 2013, his contract will end on 3rd July 2019.

I think this is what is important for us that from today we will have no board members as far as Public Service Board is concerned. He will remain the secretary till 4th July 2019. The Chair will remain until 18th August 2019.

You are also aware that there was a letter I posted about peace meeting which was planned by the National Government and the Governor of Marsabit County, which should be held on 29 and 30th June 2019 which will involve leaders and elders from various communities.

There was another meeting which took place on 15th June at Moi Girls and one of the solutions was the need to prioritise the involvement of elders from all communities and I think that is what they are following for implementation. Honourable Members are invited. The venue will be Jirime Hotel.

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**Hon. Buke Diba Yattani (Minority Leader):** Thank you Mr. Speaker. THAT, this County Assembly adopts the report of the Vetting and Appointment Committee on Vetting of Nominee for Appointment to the position of County Chief Officer for Medical Services.

**Hon. Speaker:** It will be in the Order Paper tomorrow. The report is here.

**STATEMENT**

**RESPONSES ON KALA-ZAR OUTBREAK**

**Hon. Speaker:** We have some responses here for response on Kala-zar outbreak which was requested by Honourable Beta Leakono, Member for Logologo and the respondent the Chair for Health Services Committee, Honourable Asunta.

**Hon. Asunta Galgitele:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to respond to Kala-zar outbreak.

***(Honourable Asunta reads the response)***

**Hon. Speaker:** Any reaction from you before the Members react?

**Hon. Asunta Galgitele:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think on Kala-zar outbreak, from the time we started in door spraying in Logologo and Laisamis where nets and repellents were also distributed, there is slight improvement because the cases have gone down. On availability of test kits and drugs, more patients are not coming all the way to Marsabit for admission. They are admitted and treated in Laisamis.

Last month and this one also, we have not heard about any death. There are 15 deaths that were reported before.

**Hon. Halkano Konso (Majority Leader):** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I don’t know whether it was a coincidence, Kala-zar was also reported from my area. Two people died and four are in hospital. This as we have earlier said needs urgent intervention since this disease is spreading at an alarming rate. Logologo and Laisamis are better-off because the hospital is not far. The four patients that were admitted are now in Magadho- Ethiopia because that is the nearest town to Elle Dimtu. Two are young mothers with six month kids, the other an elderly man aged 42 years.

As a County, I call upon the Governor and all well-wishers and stakeholders to take this matter seriously and actually declare it as an emergency so that we can save the lives of our people. Thank you.

**Hon. Buke Diba Yattani (Minority Leader):** Thank you Mr. Speaker. The issue of Kala-zar is interesting. In our scenario, you know we have two forms of Kala-zar - the cutaneous and visceral. In our case we have visceral which tends to affect the liver, spleen and the bone marrow. I think our challenge is that people tend to confuse the earlier symptoms of Kala-zar for Malaria. The symptoms are exactly similar to Malaria.

There is a tendency of people putting patients on anti-Malaria drugs while hoping that the patient will get cured but in the process subject patients to suffering. The parasites tend to work on the liver, bone marrow and the spleen sucking patient’s blood thereby resulting to anaemia and eventually death. So, what is very important here is health education to our people. Any form of fever should not be taken as Malaria. People need to the nearest health facility for check-up so that they can be treated at the earliest opportunity possible.

The other one is challenges in our hospitals. We have lost many patients particularly at the County referral hospital and I think this is attributed to management of patients at the facility. It is not only the parasite but the drugs are also toxic. Many patients succumb due to the drugs. Whenever patients are put on these drugs, the liver function tests, the kidney function tests and the haemogram to monitor the blood level must be done after every four days. Our facility lacks this.

Most of the patients have died not because of Kala-zar but effect of the drugs on the kidney- kidney failure! Let us not attribute the deaths to Kala-zar. Somebody can come while he is very normal, be subjected to these drugs, goes down and in the next two days, he is no more. This is because of the toxicity of these drugs on the liver and kidneys. What should be addressed here is management of patients at the hospital level. It should be mandatory that whenever patients are put on these drugs they have to undergo mandatory tests as prescribed.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you the Honourable Minority Leader.

Honourable Leakono?

**Hon. Leakono Bata Beranado:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I got the report from the Chair. I think that is the report that came last month. The current report dated 24th June 2019 shows 15 deaths and not 7. Those who were tested were 1,397 and 315 posted positive. Now we are getting reports from Uran, it is time this disease is declared a disaster. Even if it is a tall order, the Governor should be asked to declare.

We thought after spraying, treating and doing all this it is going to reduce but now it is all over. This is not a thing to joke with. It is a very bad disease. Its medicine is very expensive. We need to seek assistance of other bodies. The Honourable Member said that there were 15 deaths and probably the deaths have happened at Marsabit referral hospital. These cases were subjected to the same tests in Logologo, Laisamis, Marsabit General Hospital, the same medicines given. Then my question is, why death at Marsabit Hospital.

There must be some negligence somewhere. I understand the injection is administered for 15 minutes a patient. If it is done faster, then it is like the patient is being killed. We are worried that 15 patients died at Marsabit Referral Hospital while there are no deaths reported in Logologo and Laisamis. The Committee needs to investigate the same.

Today if you tell a patient from Logologo that he is positive and is going to be referred to Marsabit, he will decline. They better go to Laisamis than Marsabit Referral hospital because of these deaths. This is negligence.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Honourable Member for Korr?

**Hon. Daud Tamasot Arakhole:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I thank the Chair and the Committee for the response even if it was late. At least there is progress. Having technical members in that Committee- the Chair and Honourable Buke and knowing the terminologies used, I do not understand that myself…

***(Laughter)***

Please advice the team so that they do all that to save our people so that they do not die anymore. I also congratulate the Health Department because they have extended their service towards Korr. My people used to travel all the way from Illaut, Farakoren, Korr to either Laisamis or Marsabit. Now once a person is tested and confirmed positive, he will be given the drugs at Korr Health Centre.

I commend them because they have cut the cost of coming all the way to Marsabit. Let them put more effort now that the disease was reported from the other end of this County- the Kenya- Ethiopia border. Let them extend their resources and services so that patients do not concentrate on Moyale, Marsabit and Laisamis Hospitals. That is one way that we can help one another. By doing that we shall appreciate the services they are giving out in conjunction with other stakeholders.

It is shameful to declare it a County or National disaster. We can just say that it has stretched us beyond our capacity so that they can chip in. If we go that way, we shall safe our people.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Honourable Member for Korr – Ngurunit Ward. I think a lot has been said and the Members appreciate the response from the Department. Honourable Chair I think you have to reply that back and attach today’s Hansard. If Hansard can give us today’s report in two days so that the Department can appreciate what the Honourable Members are saying.

Next order?

**RESPONSE ON POISONED SHALLOW WELLS IN MOYALE**

**Hon. Speaker:** Honourable Sadia asked this question and the response was to come from the Water Department. Honourable Hassan?

**Hon. Hassan Wako Jarso:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to give the response. The report is dated 29th April 2019 referenced CGM/WENR/ADM/CAC/1/39/VOL.1/15. It reads;

***RE: RESPONSE TO POISONED SHALLOW WELLS***

*Your letter ref no.MCA/HB/SMT/025 dated 23rd April 2019 refers.*

*The mandate of the department of Water, Environment and Natural Resources development is to plan, design and construct water facilities for use by the community within the County of Marsabit and deal with Environment and Natural Resources issues. Management, operation and maintenance of rural water facilities are in the hands of the community, with any necessary technical support by this department.*

*Holale shallow wells have been in use since the time immemorial.*

*The department supports the community in the best management of such water resources by way of shallow wells protection i.e. concreting the well perimeters, installation of hand pumps, water quality analysis and generally the best water abstraction method to safe guard public health.*

*The issue of Holale shallow wells contamination is handled by the department of public health and biological analysis through the public health department of the County Government of Marsabit.*

*The department of public health is yet to share the result of the water analysis.*

*As for any live lost, the police and the Sub County Commissioner can shade more light and advice you to get in touch with those offices.*

*The department of Water does not deal with any health or hygiene issues. Dukana shallow wells had excess nitrates as a result of probably foreign materials finding their way into the well especially during heavy rains and floods.*

*Water department was the first to arrive on site immediately the alarm was raised and took samples for analysis.*

*Our advice to the affected community was for them not to use water from affected wells and if possible drain all the water, so that the quality of regenerated water can be tested to ascertain whether it is fit for human consumption.*

*Since then the affected community have switched to the nearby boreholes for accessing water services.*

*Information on the suspect for poisoning of Holale shallow well is with the Police department and they are in a better position to explain.*

*Modern laboratory for water and sewerage effluent analysis will be built under the ongoing Marsabit Water and Sewerage Project.*

*Thanks in advance,*

*Signed by Honourable Engineer J W Guyo, CECM Water, Environment and Natural Resources, Marsabit County.*

Mr. Speaker the Department is just giving us an advice that this needs to be moderated by the department of public health. The department also went ahead and said that public health is yet to share the report. I am sure they are ready also to shade more light on this.

As you can see, this report was given on 23rd of April and it is now two months. I believe if the same communities are using the water from the same wells, then the levels of toxicity must have gone down. About consumption of the same, we have to get back to the department so that they can give us that assurance that the water is no longer poisonous.

I am sure when the report is given, this Honourable House will give it the due attention to save the lives of our people.

Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you the Honourable Chair for Water.

I am not sure whether the Honourable Member who had asked the question has anything to add or is satisfied.

**Hon. Sadia Osman Araru:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am satisfied with the response because they are directing us to Public Health.

**Hon. Speaker:** You still would like to pursue that?

**Hon. Sadia Osman Araru:** Mr. Speaker it is important if we get the appropriate report from the Department.

**Hon. Speaker:** Then write that letter.

Next order?

**RESPONSE ON THE COUNTY EMPLOYMENT STATUS**

**Hon. Speaker:** This Statement was from Stephen Leado, Member for Karare Ward and is to be answered by the Chair for Administration and ICT, Honourable Safia Wako.

**Hon. Safia Wako Dulacha:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. The report is not yet out because the Department says that it is bulky and needs more time. So, they have requested for 60 days and as a Committee we have discussed that and concluded that it was necessary to grant them their request. So the report will be out next month on July 14th.

Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you Honourable Chair.

Honourable Leado?

**Hon. Stephen Lterias Leado:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. There are some rumours that the office of Human Resource at the Governor’s Office is closed and the staff hanging in town. So I am wondering who is going to give the reply..

***(Hon. Hussein stood in his place)***

**Hon. Hussein Abdi Wako:** Mr. Speaker is the Honourable Member in order to give us rumours. This is something that he can not substantiate.

**Hon. Stephen Lterias Leado:** There are some facts. Honourable Chair, can you please find that out.

**Hon. Safia Wako:** Those are just rumours. The Office is not closed. I have been to the office last week.

**Hon. Elema Diba Guyo:** Mr. Speaker, I still don’t get this. Last week when this report appeared on the Order Paper, there was a letter from the CS which mentioned that the person running the County Payroll was on leave. That should clear the doubt on Honourable Leado’s Statement that the office is closed.

If indeed he is in office, why sixty days? If someone goes on leave, then another is supposed to act on his behalf. We have been waiting for this report for a long time now. It is not a genuine reason that someone is on leave and cannot respond to this question.

I do not agree with the Committee that they granted them sixty days without seeking for the House input. I think it is long overdue and my instinct tells me that the sixty days mean buying time, having the new Public Service Board in place and legalize the employment within that time.

The Office has enough information. There is no justification for them to say that we wait for that person who is on leave. He did not carry the office. Whenever the Speaker is absent, we have the Speakers panel that runs the House. We cannot just give them the sixty days. We need that report the soonest time possible Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Any other Member?

**Hon. Hussein Wako Abdi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the Chairs who have responded to different statements and going forward, I urge other Chairs to keep up the same spirit.

On the issue of County employment status, we are in agreement as a House that we are waiting for the response. The Chair has said that the sixty days they are asking for will lapse on 14th of July, two to three weeks from now. There is this Borana adage that can be translated as, ‘those who manage to relax or sleep like camels should not be worried to wait and relax as cattle.’ Therefore, 14th of July is just around the corner. This report needs a lot of furnishing. There is no need of rushing.

The Statement from the Member from Dukana which insinuates that this is a plot to give way to the New Board Members while at the same time you confirmed that the board is going to leave in August…. The occupants are still there and there is no reason for worry. Let us give the Chair up to 14th.

Thank you.

***(Hon. Elema stood in his place)***

**Hon. Speaker:** It appears that you are responding to each other.

***(Laughter)***

I will allow you after other Members have talked.

Yes, Honourable Leakono?

**Hon. Bata Beranado Leakono:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think this is the second time that we are asking this question. Remember the Statement was first raised by Honourable Buke. The response came and then it disappeared somewhere. The second Statement was again raised by Honourable Leado and now they are requesting for sixty more days.

So, we may ask for this thing until the end of these five years according to me. There is nothing serious here. If there are three thousand people that were employed, how many weeks do they need to write down their names? The fact is that the person who is supposed to respond is just not serious.

I don’t think such an oversight authority can be asked to give the names of all the people in Logologo and then it requests for sixty days. That can be done in just one month. These are only employees. Their names are there. It is just a click of the button. I think this House should take an action on the person who is supposed to give the answer. We have other work to do. We cannot be waiting for the sixty days. Last time we waited for almost one year. It ended up without a response. If it was responded to, then it is between the Chair and Office of the Clerk.

That person is not serious! So, I urge a letter should be written to the same person, that the House would only give him*.....(inaudible)* a week from now to respond! Otherwise, we cannot continue buying time for questions. What is he hiding? Everybody have a right to be employed, those who were employed belong to this County then bring their names! So, that we know how you give resources, we approve money to pay these people, we want to know the number of people we are paying. Because it is this House that approves the budget, we cannot approve the budget and pay people that you don’t know the number! Let us just get the number.

Furthermore, it is suppose to be right*.....(inaudible)* every department should at least put the names of the employees on the board! It is public resources there is nothing to be hidden there. So, we only want the names or the number of people, so that we give resources where we know how many people we are giving resources! Thank you.

**Hon. Buke Diba Yattani (Minority Leader):** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think the Chair of Administration, she is part of this House and off coursed she is not the one who is going to generate these answers, but each an every Department in this County have database of employees and at a press of a button, we are suppose to get answers immediately, who is employed and deployed where! I don’t know why even these guys require a week to give us these reports, because this is something that is already there and it doesn’t require anybody to go and source, who is employed and deployed where, which Job group was he or she placed in and this issue should not be really rising. So, I believe these guys can give us an answer even tomorrow not next week! The only thing is how people take this matter, how weighty it is!

The House requires these answers as a matter of urgency and therefore the office of the Human Resources should furnish us with these answers, if I am asked-tomorrow. Thank you so much.

**Hon. Elema Diba Guyo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. When a question is asked? It purposely meant something, it means that we want to understand something, get information and that information forms basis for some decision making and such decision are decisions like the budget. Just last week, we quarrelling with the Executive for more salaries for the Department of Health and Administration and we think that those department generated their budget*....(inaudible)* 2019. And we are still asking them to furnish us with those lists. If this House had these prior information*....(inaudible)* voluntarily given after we asked, promptly give to! This House will not labour to grill those departments in such decision making, and we are waiting to make other decisions and when such questions are asked and then somebody relaxes, buys time, one question is asked they rest on that, another question is asked, an now that they have been asked a second time, just because the House sleeps again, you draft a letter asking for 60 days!

And the point I want to correct Hon. Hussein it will not be taken that we are asking this government and that this government is sitting on the information only, I have been part of the former government and the County Assembly and such questions have only been asked and it is tendency of the government to hide from the House some of this information until when shall we be asking such questions? The first House has been asking and this House is still asking and we will keep on asking for the next three years unless we are serious!

And you know the position I take of the Chair and the Committee if surely they discussed the report and granted them 60 days, the position is that they have colluded with the department!

***(Applause)***

***(Hon Korie stood from his place)***

**Hon. James Korie Haile:** Truly speaking the 60 days is totally wrong! Last week when we were with the County Public Service Board and*....(inaudible)* we discovered that the answer to the report could have been provided in a week or three days and the Chair of the Public Service Board to us that if we want, he can give us just like that! But why 60 days?......So that is the thing....but for the 60 days*....(inaudible)*

***(Laughter)***

*....(inaudible)* Let us be patient, we as the Committee our hands are clean, we will try our best*....(inaudible)*.

**Hon. Elema Diba Guyo:** Mr. Speaker, I would really appreciate Hon. Korie for being genuine*....(inaudible)*. He still confirms my assumption that the Committee....I don’t know how they agreed on. When the Chair guarantees them that he can give at a click of a button,.....*(inaudible)* the Committee should have.......

***(Laughter)***

***(Hon. Speaker interjects)***

Mr. Speaker, want I want to emphasize,.....*(inaudible)* 14th -next month is not far, but we did not asked this question last week, month! Considering the time, I think in 14 days going by the trend and the history that we have, even on 14th we will come back and ask these questions. My only emphasis is that we really need to be serious with some,.....*(inaudible)*.

If this House asks a question we rather not address to the Executive or other Departments if we think the question is not genuine or necessary, if the question is genuine and necessary and supposed to be addressed to those department then we really need to be serious.

Giving the 60 days they were asking, ,.....*(inaudible)* lack of seriousness from our side! If we have data, a single person employed will get into the database!.....*(inaudible)* 60days not three! Thank you.

***(Hon. Sadia Araru stood from her place)***

**Hon. Safia Waqo Dulacha:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. For the County Public Service Board, the Statement was not addressed to the County Public Service Board, it was addressed to the County Secretary and we must get response from that office, if we are not satisfied with that, we head to County Public Service Board.

The Committee for Administration is part of this House, we are not different people, we also need that report, I don’t know why you are suspecting the Committee of colluding with the Department that we fail the Assembly, No! We will not fail this House!

***(Applause)***

My humble request is, it is good to get clear thing always. Sometime we rush and get shoddy reports and which will not be of help to us, 14th is only two weeks and five days from now and if they won’t give us by.....of which I will follow, even this one I followed to the end! ,.....*(inaudible)* I humbly request the House we wait for the 14 days, so that we get clear response and there is no need of doubting we are part of you! Thank you.

**Hon. Hassan Wako Jarso:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. There is one thing that the House needs to agree upon and this is nothing but specifically on giving timings. When normally we issue out our Statements, the directions that come from the Speaker or the panels-The Chair gives*.....(inaudible)* Am referring not to the one on employment but I am referring to one of the statements I gave out on the status of the relief food. The direction that the Chair gave was three weeks and by now the three weeks had already lapsed and the response is not with us yet!

What I strongly want to urge when the time is given, we must go as the time, if it is three weeks it should be three weeks,.....*(inaudible)* the House might be on recess, we also need to give an urgency of time, even when it comes to such limitations of time. I really wanted to share that concern for our Statements to be.....*inaudible)* and response to be timely, thank you!

STATEMENT

STATEMENT ON INSECURITY IN MARSABIT

**Hon. Hassan Wako Jarso:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I have this Statement to table, security concerns in Marsabit is really wanting! For the past few months we experienced some unpleasing scenarios of loss of lives and constant cattle rustling, especially from Marsabit Central Ward, these includes: theft of 21 cows in two separate incidents and three incidents that involved stolen goats, totalling to 90, 81 and 200 respectively. These totals add to 24 cows and 371 goats which remains unrecovered up todate. I want the following questions answered by the Security Committee of this House;

1. What plans does the relevant government agency recommend to lead to the recovery process?
2. What plans does the security team have to ensure that there is no future occurrence?
3. Any effort of partnership between the County and the National government that tends to broker the recoveries of the stolen animals
4. Long term plans that is aimed at eradicating cattle rustling
5. Any plans of compensation by either arm of the Government?
6. With all this prevalence, why even no single arrest?
7. Any sensitization program for the cattle rustlers to change this attitude?
8. Any commitment by the National Government to come up with strongest measures to eradicate this mess once and for all?

I am actually saddened by this Statement which I am putting in front of this House. You know the livelihood of pour people, the entire Marsabit County populations most of them are pastoralists, we keep goats, cows, camels, donkeys and few horses.

But with this kind of pattern, whereby we experience constant cattle raids, even sometimes in a day we experience two-three occurrences of cattle rustling. Those 24 cows which were stolen from Marsabit Central are from three different families, those 371 goats are from four different families, imagine all the investments that you worked hard to ensure that you are able to sustain your families, you are able to educate your children, earn a living just disappears in a span of a day or in matters of few minutes, seconds or even hours.

I am saddened by the uncommitted effort even from the County and National government to address the same and at one point I sought the attention of the Chair of Security that the Committee is yet to visit the office of the County Commissioner, so that they can have an interaction together, lean together and have a way forward on matters....just to ensure that the recoveries are made and the prevalence of such occurrences are put to an end.

I don’t know whether the Security Committee have made a visit to the County Commissioner even to share the same, but as you know when that kind of issues happens they don’t expect it to be the issue that actually confines itself to Marsabit Central alone we are all leaders of this County, whenever the issues of such magnitude arises within our County, I am sure it is out to give us sleepless night!

I am saddened by the Statement and I really want to see an effort of the Security Committee through the partnership of the National Government and any effort that this House is going to deliberate upon just to ensure that we really mean something for our people. Thank you.

**Hon. Elema Diba Guyo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Insecurity is a matter of concern, it may not only happen in Marsabit Central, it is all over those parts of North Horr; between Illeret and North Horr, Dukana and Illeret also across the border, Loglogo and Karare and Marsabit Central Wards it is common! But one thing that is becoming exceptional for Marsabit is that our life and properties is those charged with the responsibility of our security seems to be evading their responsibilities and putting so much bale on political leaders.

Mr. Speaker, when Marsabit burns they arrest MPs, then after few days they are released with no charges then another day they run for an MCA and currently that over the radios we are hearing that three of us are to be arrested, I don’t know whether Hon. Korie had of that the Police Commander mentioning Hons. Elema, Korie and Guyo, I don’t know how Guyo came in when he is suppose to mention Hon. Tura!

***(Laughter)***

....Is it our responsibility to keep security, to avoid cattle rustling and those out there after the lives of their brothers, currently it has become responsibility of politicians to keep security! And this should come out very clearly we have people who have been tasked with responsibilities in every Sub County, Constituency in Marsabit County. This communication should be very clear, if they see a Member of Parliament inciting, you know there are grounds to arrest those Members and if they have no grounds to arrest those Members let them do it, because they are law enforcers, but without grounds and because people of North Horr and Illeret Ward are fighting, it should not be insinuated that Members for Dukana and Illeret is a contributor just from the comfort of their offices, they conclude politicians are ring leaders, they should also know that politicians are peace lovers too! We have virtually played the role of police officers and the issue of targeting politicians in every scenario without grounds is something that really need to come out and with these trend none of us are safe!

With the kind of communities that we lead, rampant crisis, if every police officer should...if every aspect of security is related to an MCA, MP or politicians for that matter, none of us are safe. I think it is the time to correct this notion......own responsibilities, preach peace the much we can but the law enforcers should come to their senses and play their role!

***(Applause)***

*......(inaudible)* And the County Assembly and your office should communicate this very seriously, they were evading responsibilities and putting pressures on politicians. Politicians are*.....(inaudible)* as far as security is concerned. They should not expect I and Hon. Korie to go to battle field! When people are fighting in Buluk and Darade how do they want us to stop it? Only maybe by talking and it is not mandatory people take our calls but they have powers and machineries, vehicles to go on the ground and find out the cause and stop it! That is why when other functions were devolved, the Government of Kenya and the people behind drawing the constitution were very categorical to hold*....(inaudible)* from devolution! Maybe the County Government can chip in where they can because they also lead this same subject, but the responsibility of security solely lies with the National Government and they should own up this responsibility and stop this hide and seek game, hiding behind politics, instead of responding to security issues in Marsabit County, thank you.

**Hon. Halkano Konso (Majority Leader):** Thank you Mr. Speaker. The Hon. Member for Loglogo is criticising me*......(inaudible)*....

***(Laughter)***

....I want to add some input*......(inaudible)*....Member for Saku Central, the Hon. Member is concerned with cattle rustling on the Mountain. I believe so many lives lost in Saku are more important than the cattle. We very well understand that you may lose cattle today, but once life is lost cannot be recovered!

As leaders of Marsabit County, it is the concern of every individual why do we keep on fighting each other, why do we lose lives every now and then? It is our responsibilities to go deep into this matter and stop, look for permanent solution to ensure that we cannot give bore children then after fifteen years we kill!

It is so sad we have got very big land geographically, resourceful, we are always proud of it, with enough resources that can accommodate all of us! But it is unfortunate that we are not exploiting the resources that we have, that can sustain the livelihood of Marsabit people, instead of coming together and look for means and ways of exploiting the resources that we have, we are always*.....(inaudible)* and killing each other.

It is high time that this House have to look and go deep into this matter and come up with solutions to this House, not only a solution but a permanent solution that can make us not to fight each other.

Whenever conflict arises, going for leaders is a scapegoat it is the intimidation of the highest order! Off course we cannot be intimidated by arresting one of us and running away from their responsibilities. The security team are*......(inaudible)* shy away from the truth, we have to come out clearly and categorically tell the whole world that security team has failed us in Marsabit as the Hon. Member for Dukana put it very clearly. If the conflict which is normal, I believe the one of Hon. Korie and him is normal....

***(Laughter)***

...is over pasture and water maybe and likely one on our sides, my belief, it is political. I do believe you may kill one million people and you are not a winner, there is a good, intelligent and wise ways of competing amongst each other in modern world.

The level of education that we have reached is not giving us liberation, liberation that binds us together, in fact it is killing us for political reasons or for something which I do not know*.......(inaudible)* so many Doctors in different fields, Medical doctors, Engineers, Literature men and women, instead of bringing us together and thinking of our land, the big Marsabit County you see, resourceful*.......(inaudible)* that it has got thirty nine unique things*.......(inaudible)* the Chalbi Desert, Lake Paradise*.......(inaudible)* saying you know that place is mine, I must occupy! And the only way and means of occupying is to kill five people to settle there! It will never be a solution.

Therefore, I appeal to this House and to the President of this nation through you reputable office and the security teams, that the security teams have failed us, they want to use politicians us scapegoat, because they have failed in their line of duty, that they run for politicians and *.......(inaudible)* involving.

I urge this House to come up with permanent solutions, that can make us not to....*.......(inaudible)*. Thank you.

**Hon. Daud Tamasot Arakhole:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. When an issue on security is mentioned you know it is endless and this is a Statement where at least two Members have given the way forward. I f there is any communication from a particular sector, we could have done it. But I think it is crucial*.......(inaudible)* call for a security leaders meeting. *.......(inaudible)* Cab we be there and tell the National Government this responsibility is not for the County it is there’s!

***(Applause)***

*.......(inaudible)* but if we skip and not attend that meeting then we will continue saying it is for National Government, it is not mine.......so can we avail ourselves, two security meeting which was organized, one at Moi Girls and the other was it this Saturday at the Marsabit Airstrip? Members of the County Assembly did not attend, I was just following the social media, I did not commented, and did not attended, but those who commented the notice was short, some are saying it is just normal*.......(inaudible)* sponsors of this war......all those things!

Can we come up and tell those people on their faces, those who are fuelling the conflict right in front of the elders, national government and the united nation, how can the members of the National or County Assembly be blamed on this issue while it is our responsibility to see that the national government does not take short cuts and release culprits. We shouldn’t run away from our responsibility. Thank you

**Hon. Beranado Bata Leakono:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to condemn the insecurity issue in Marsabit. Actually nobody is safe in Marsabit because of what is happening in the recent past. There are no political wars in Marsabit. If it could be the culture of those people who believe in killing it doesn’t mean the House is political. Now that the Chair of Security Committee is around, security, cattle rustling and all those in Marsabit, have just become part of our life and we will not attend to talk peace during the day and at night people organize wars.

Last time in Nairobi we said if you want us to attend the meeting, then call all the agency. That letter you are talking about 28th and 29th, it was written by the CEC administration. Now you are telling us it is confused by the National Government. We want to get it clear. Who is calling for this meeting? Because if it is Administration and Cohesion and the National government is not part of it, and it is possible, then we have no reason to attend. Let the County Commissioner and commandant who is in charge of national security be there. I don’t know whether you could remember that is what we said in Nairobi. When it is only the government, then it is not their mandate.. if the there is no peace in Marsabit, the County Commissioner should go in and not the MP for Saku or the Member of The County Assembly For Sagante.

***(Applause)***

Unfortunately, they are intimidating Members, probably that is why we could hear Hon. Sora is in Uganda.

***(Laughter)***

This is a joke. If it is the National Government who is convening the meeting, then we will attend. Then we shall tell the Counter Commissioner he is the one who should be responsible, thank you.

**Hon. Daniel Burcha:** Mr. Speaker, security issue is not a joke. It is a National government issue and people who are suffering are people from Marsabit County and we cannot sit back and ask who is calling for security meeting. Even if one of us is calling that security meeting we should attend and engage. All the Sub Ccounty security heads must attend this meeting. Security issue has to be cut from every units from villages, divisions and up to headquarters. All the OCPDs of this County must attend that meeting. Village elders, OCPDS, OCS, DCCS must all be called to attend this meeting. Peace Chairmen must attend. Even conservancies because they are the ones who are assisting in responding to security issues. We cannot sit back because our County is burning up. We must engage this security people head on! Thank you.

**Hon. Hussein Abdi Wako:** Ahsante Bwana Spika. Mimi pia nimesimana kuchangia hoja hili. Hoja la usalama imekuwa kizungumkuti katika Kaunti letu la Marsabit. Nataka nitofautiane na wenzetu wale wamekuwa hapo awali. Najua si vizuri kujaribu kuhepa ukweli. Tukisema mambo ya Security haihusiani na siasa tutakuwa tumejidaganya sana. Hapo zamani North Eastern imejulikana na shifta na kupiga watu barabarani. Wakati PC Swaleh alikuja, alitoa amri ya kwamba kitu chochote kikitendeka sehemu fulani lazima viongozi wa hiyo *area* wawajibike. Ikawa kiwango watu wakipigwa sehemu fulani, Chifu wa hiyo *area* anachukuliwa, anashikwa, anashtakiwa na kuachishwa kazi. Hiyo njia ilileta usalama na North Eastern ukitembea hadi saa hii isipokuwa *Al-shabaab*, mambo ya barabarani ya *bandits* iliisha. Tukirudi hapa kwetu Marsabit, 2013 wakati vita ilitokea Moyale, hiyo vita ilisimamishwa kwa kushikwa viongozi-wanasiasa. Raia walitulia. Labda wewe ulikuwa Bomas. Hawa wazee walikuja akina Kaparo wakilia na kusema wasimaliziwe watoto wao.

Tukikuja hapa Marsabit, tukifuatilia ile kitu ina *happen* yote ya siasa, kitu ikitokea na baadaye viongozi kushikwa, kama mwezi tatu nne hivi tunapata nafuu, inarudi. Kama Mungu amekubariki na nafasi ya uongozi, ni vizuri uwajibike na kuleta amani na suluhu. Lakini mimi naapa mbele ya hii Bunge hakuna raia watapigana kama sisi viongozi tunakubaliana na mambo yetu.

Hiyo ni dhahiri na sio fiche. Hata kama tunalaumu National government sisi wenyewe tumechangia aje hoja la usalama. Ni kwa njia ngapi tunachangia watu wapigane au tunaleta suluhisho. Mimi na sema hivi kwa sababu siasa bado ni maisha. Katika siasa kuna ile kugawanywa rasimali kwa eneo fulani. Hata hii inaweza changia watu wapigane kama hugawanyi ile rasimali iko mkononi mwako kwa usawa, hii pia inaweza leta ugomvi. Tusitoroke kusema kwa njia moja au jingine, viongozi wanahusika. Tumechukua hatua gani kuona kwamba hii mambo ya usalama imesuluhishwa.

Upande wa serikali kuu pia kuna kasoro na shida. Kama jamii wanapigana, mara nyingi serikali inaelekeza nguvu zao upande moja kuchukua hatua. Lakini cha msingi ni kwamba kama upande mbili inapigana ni vizuri kujua kila upande umechangia. Wale wanajua *security trends* wanajua vile viongozi wanachangia kwa sababu viongozi wakishikwa, raia wananyamaza. Tafadhali, kama viongozi tujiulize hata tunapolaumu serikali kuu tujiulize vile tumewajibika kwa sababu Mungu anatuona. Wenye wanazozana wakae pamoja. Mambo ya kuchukuliwa kwa ngombe na mbuzi, ni desturi zilizopitwa na wakati. Sisi wenyewe tutafanya jitihada gani kubadilisha mila na desturi inayotugonganisha.

Pia tuko na mfugo idadi kubwa ambao hawatocholezwi na nyasi au maji. Ni vizuri tuwaelemishe raia yetu ya kwamba tunaweza nunua *high grade cattle* kama kumi ambao wanataka space kidogo na haihitaji space mingi na mwisho wa mwezi wanaleta mapato makubwa kwa kuuza maziwa. Hiyo itakuwa mbinu ya kufaa. Dunia imebadilika, hali ya anga pia na hakuna mvua wa kutosha siku hizi. Viongozi tuwajibike na tusiwe watu wa kuchochea fitina. Ahsante Bwana Spika.

**Hon. James Korie Haile:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Thank you too Hon. *Kashan*, I thank you because you don’t have a Ward and you don’t feel the pain we are undergoing. We are suffering my friend!

***(Laughter)***

Look, Maikona Ward extends to Forolle and Dukana to Sabare. And me, Illeret extends to Darade, Buluk.

We are not blaming the National government or security personnel. We are here helping our people by talking to them. But there are some rock-headed people who are trying to incite. It does not mean that by being here we have to incite our people. That is what I want to correct Honourable *Kashan*. Thank you.

***(Hon. Hussein Abdi Wako stood from his place)***

**Hon. Hussein Abdi Wako:** Point of clarification. Mr. Speaker, I want to remind the Honourable for Illeret that even though I do not have a Ward, I also represent a mass of people in this Assembly, the youths, and they are the ones being used to fight. To insinuate that he has a Ward and I don’t have is far-fetched. The Member should show wisdom by apologising. I represent the youth including those from his area.

***(Applause)***

**Hon. Speaker:** This was just a Statement and Member have ventilated enough. I can arbitrate between the Honourable Member for Illeret and Honourable *Kashan* who is representing the youth.

The issue of security we refer to the relevant Sectoral Committee. We should initiate peace dialogue as discussed in Nairobi, with County Commissioner and entire Regional Security Team.

We should have other levels of meetings too either in Embu or Nairobi. We have had a successful meeting with Ole Kaparo, the former Speaker. And through the National government we shall continue to engage such personalities. The County Commissioner has called such a meeting in Marsabit. Though Members did not come, for sure it was our meeting. The actually said the Interfaith report should be deliberated by the County and National Assembly so that it forms the basis for our way forward on security issues. It is only that the National government has taken over from us to do the linkages for us but the agenda of the meeting remains that of the County Assembly.

Whatever deliberations we shall have in the meeting we shall have on records and air them in the media. Although the letter is written by the County Government, the convenor really is the National government because they are the ones who will come there and Chair the meeting and the aggrieved party will come to air their view. If the Assembly doesn’t attend we shall not have our way forward. All the points raised in this small debate, the right place to share them is at that peace meeting. I urge all of you to attend. It is important we do so that we are really part of the resolutions that the National government is going to pass. Let us to our leaders and all the affected communities and change the perception.

The House stands adjourned until tomorrow 9. 30am.

***The Assembly rose at 5.20pm***