

**COUNTY ASSEMBLY**

**HANSARD REPORT**

**Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**The House met at 2.30 P.M**

*[The Speaker,  
(Hon. (Mr.) Edin Wario) in the Chair]*

**PRAYERS**

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

**SUBMISSION OF THE BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FY 2023/2024**

**The Speaker:** Honourable Members, pursuant to the provisions of Section 129 (2) of the PFM Act, 2012 as read with Standing order 211 (1) of County Assembly of Marsabit, we are in receipt of the Budget estimates for the FY 2023/24 of the Marsabit County Government. We received the Budget estimates on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 as 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023 fell on Sunday and 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023 was a public holiday.

129(2)(a) "following the approval by the County Executive Committee, the County Executive Committee Member for Finance shall submit to the County Assembly the budget estimates, supporting documents, and any other Bills required to implement the Budget, except the Finance Bill, by the 30<sup>th</sup> April in that year.

Honourable Members, Article 211(1) "The Member of County Executive Committee responsible for finance and the accounting officer of the County Assembly Service Board shall not later than 30<sup>th</sup> April respectively submit to the County Assembly Budget Estimates and related documents specified in law for the County Executive and County Assembly."

Accordingly, after careful review of the submitted budget estimates, the Clerk's office noted that the Budget Estimates 2023/24 does not comply with some of the provisions of the law.

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Honourable Members, as such, a letter referenced MCA/BUDGET/007 dated 04<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 was penned to the County Executive Committee Member for Finance and Economic Planning citing the areas of non-compliance. We are yet to receive a response from the County Executive Committee Member.

*(The Speaker reads the letter)*

Honourable Members, noting that other budget related Assembly business with strict statutory timelines including Budget Estimates with provisions of section 131(1) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, The County Assembly shall consider the County Government budget estimates with a view to approving them, with or without amendments, in time for the relevant appropriation law and any other laws required to implement the budget to be passed by the 30<sup>th</sup> June in each year.

Now therefore, with provisions of Standing Orders 211(3) I hereby refer the Budget Estimates FY 2023/24 to each Sectoral Committee without question put, for each such committee to deliberate upon according to their respective mandate. I thank you Honourable Members.

We have already noted that the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Finance, Administration, Marsabit Municipality, Roads have not budgeted for the gratuity, employer contribution on staff pension. The relevant Sectoral Committee is urged to note that hoping the CEC will provide the required document.

The Budget estimate is now officially committed to the Budget and relevant Sectoral Committee.

CHANGES IN THE LEADERSHIP OF MINORITY PARTY

Honourable Members, on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023, on Tuesday afternoon sitting, I informed the House of the letter *UDA/1/MS/18/01/2023* dated 29<sup>th</sup> March communicating the decision reached by Minority Party on coalition of parties.

Standing Order 16 (5) states "the Whip of the Majority party or coalition of the parties in the County Assembly shall forthwith upon decision being made under this standing order, communicate to the speaker in writing together with the minutes of the meeting at which the decision was made".

Honourable Members, the newly elected Minority Whip forwarded a letter from UDA Party together with the minutes of the meeting in which the decision was made to ensure the provisions of the Standing Order are satisfactorily adhered to.

However, in the House sitting on 25<sup>th</sup> April, the changes were not immediately affected because there was an active matter before the Court hence constraining the Assembly from effecting the changes.

Honourable Members, I wish to inform you that the Court matters have now been finalized with the petitioners withdrawing the matter officially from the Court.

*(The Speaker reads the Court order)*

Honourable members, as such I am at liberty to make a communication we received from UDA.

INFORMATION ON MINORITY POSITIONS.

**Minority Leader:** Hon Amos Waqo, MCA UDA

**Deputy Minority Leader:** Hon Ebise Waqo, MCA UDA

**Minority Whip:** Hon Kiya Jillo, MCA UDM

**Deputy Minority Whip:** Hon. Halkano Konso.

Honourable Members, I wish to remind you the provisions of the Standing Order 235 (1) C, on the sitting order in the chamber which inter-a-lie provides that there shall be reserved seats in the Chamber of the County Assembly for the exclusive use of among others, for the Leader of Minority.

In the above regard, Honourable Members, I now report Minority Leader Honourable Amos Waqo to take his designated seat. Honourable Members, for the newly elected Minority Leader, allow me to refer you to all of the provisions of the following Standing Order that designates the Minority Leader as its Member. Standing Order, No 152 (1) C, SO-153 (1), SO-185. Honourable members, I therefore direct that the membership of the same committee be affected forthwith.

*(Applause)*

Honourable Members, I would also wish to bring this to the attention of Minority Party that coalition of parties are yet to nominate its representative to the County Assembly Service Board (CASB).

*{The Speaker reads the letter from Hon. Ebise Waqo}*

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KENYA KWANZA COALITION MARSABIT COUNTY ASSEMBLY LEADERSHIP CHANGE

Honourable Members, on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023, we received a letter from Honourable Halkano Konso Ali of P.O Box 25 – 741001 Nairobi. It was addressed to the Honourable Speaker of the County Assembly of Marsabit;

Dear Sir,

**RE: KENYA KWANZA COALITION MARSABIT COUNTY ASSEMBLY LEADERSHIP CHANGE**

The above matter and the notification of House Leadership change submitted to your office by Kenya Kwanza for communication to the floor of the Assembly refers;

This is to bring to your attention that there was no properly convened or at all meeting held by the Coalition to effect the purported change. Further no elections were held on the matter submitted to you as new leaders.

*(Laughter)*

Consequently, the inclusion of my name in the position I've never expressed interest in or contested for..... *(Inaudible)*.

The purpose of this letter is therefore to ask you to expunge my name from the subject's list and any report that went to the Hansard indicating that I was privy to the House Leadership change unprocedurally.

Thank you.

Yours Faithfully,

**Hon. Halkano Konso Ali**

*(Applause)*

I think Hon. Halkano Konso has withdrawn from the position of Deputy Minority Whip. The coalition is therefore at liberty to replace him with any other Hon. Member.

*(Applause)*

Thank you Hon. Members.

Next Order!

**PAPERS LAID**

BUDGETS ESTIMATES FINANCIAL YEAR 2023/24

*(Hon. Halkano Sora Rare- Deputy Vice Chair for Budget and Appropriations Committee laid the paper on the Executive and County Assembly budget)*

**The Speaker:** Thank you.

Next Order!

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT AS COUNTY CHIEF OFFICERS BY HON. JOSEPHINE LEADO**

*(Silence)*

*(Hon Danila interjects)*

**Hon. Danila Lenatiyama:** Point of information Mr. Speaker!

**The Speaker:** Yes!

**Hon. Danila Lenatiyama:** Mr. Speaker, now that we don't have the Chair and the Vice Chair for Education in the House, I think any other Committee Member may lay the Notice of Motion.

**The Speaker:** Yes. Any Member from that Cluster?

Honourable Danila?

**Hon. Danila Lenatiyama:** Honourable Sadia is a Member of Education Committee.

**The Speaker:** Honourable Sadia, you can proceed.

**Hon. Sadia Osman Araru:** Mr. Speaker this is a Notice of Motion for consideration of nominees for appointment as County Chief Officers.

THAT, taking into consideration the findings of the Sectoral Committee on Education, Skills Development, Youth and Sports in its report on the vetting of nominees as County Chief Officers and pursuant to section 45 (1) (b) approves the appointment of the following persons as County Chief Officers;

1. Mrs. Qabale Adhi Bulbul- Department of Education.
2. Mr. Adan Ali Osman- Department of Youth and Sports.
3. Mrs. Guyatu Wakala\_ Department of Skills Development and Vocational Training.

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Thank you.

**Hon. Huka Galgallo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker.

THAT, taking into consideration the findings of the Sectoral Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources in its report on the vetting of nominees as County Chief Officers and pursuant to section 45 (1) (b) approves the appointment of the following persons as County Chief Officers;

1. Mr. Roba Galma Halakhe\_ Department of Water Services.
2. Mr. Abdullahi Sheikh Ismail- Department of Environment and Climate Change.
3. Ms. Pauline Marleni- Department of Natural Resources and Wildlife.

Thank you.

**Hon. Joseph Admen Leruk:** Thank you Mr. Speaker.

THAT, taking into consideration the findings of the Sectoral Committee on Administration, Coordination and ICT in its report on the vetting of nominees as County Chief Officers and pursuant to section 45 (1) (b) approves the appointment of the following persons as County Chief Officers;

1. Mr. Roba Koto- Department of Public Service and Devolved units.
2. Mr. Mohamed Tache- Department of ICT, Communication and Result Delivery.
3. Mr. Tache Elema- Department of Partner Coordination, Disaster management and Cohesion.

Thank you.

**The Speaker:** Thank you. Next!

**Hon. James Korie Haile:** Thank you Mr. Speaker.

THAT, taking into consideration the findings of the Sectoral Committee on Tourism, Trade and Industry in its report on the vetting of nominees as County Chief Officers and pursuant to section 45 (1) (b) approves the appointment of the following persons as County Chief Officers;

1. Mr. Guyo Ali Adano- Department of Tourism.
2. Mr. Mahad Mohamed Dida- Department of Trade and Cooperative Development.

Thank you.

**The Speaker:** Thank you. Next!

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**Hon. Adano Boru:** Thank you Mr. Speaker.

THAT, taking into consideration the findings of the Sectoral Committee on Transport, Roads, and Public Works in its report on the vetting of nominees as County Chief Officers and pursuant to section 45 (1) (b) approves the appointment of the following persons as County Chief Officers;

1. Dr. Rikoi Hitler- Department of Transport and Roads.
2. Ms. Annamaria Qalla Denge- Department of Public Works.

Thank you.

**The Speaker:** Thank you.

**Hon. Christopher Matahdere Ogom:** Thank you Mr. Speaker.

THAT, taking into consideration the findings of the Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries in its report on the vetting of nominees as County Chief Officers and pursuant to section 45 (1) (b) approves the appointment of the following persons as County Chief Officers;

1. Ms. Orge Baji- Department of Food Security and Crop.
2. Dr. Arero Halkano- Department of Livestock and Veterinary Services.
3. Ms. Kula Phabbi- Department of Fisheries and Development.

**Hon. Buke Diba Elema:** Thank you Hon. Speaker.

THAT, taking into consideration the findings of the Sectoral Committee on Culture, Gender and Social Services in its report on the vetting of nominees as County Chief Officers and pursuant to section 45 (1) (b) approves the appointment of the following persons as County Chief Officers;

1. Ms. Samuela Lolokuru-Department of Culture, Gender and Social Services.

Thank you.

**The Speaker:** Thank you.

**Hon. Michal Siba Haila:** Thank you Mr. Speaker.

THAT, taking into consideration the findings of the Sectoral Committee on Health Services in its report on the vetting of nominees as County Chief Officers and pursuant to section 45 (1) (b) approves the appointment of the following persons as County Chief Officers;

1. Dr. Alamin Adan- Department of Medical Health Services.
2. Mr. Omar Boko Mohamed- Department of Public Health Services.

**The Speaker:** Thank you.

**Hon. Halkano Sora Rare:** Thank you Mr. Speaker.

THAT, taking into consideration the findings of the Sectoral Committee on Budget and Appropriation, Finance and Economic Planning in its report on the vetting of nominees as County Chief Officers and pursuant to section 45 (1) (b) approves the appointment of the following persons as County Chief Officers;

1. Mr. Boru Duba Dulacha\_ Department of Finance.
2. Mr. Ahmed Intallo Yusuf- Department of Economic Planning and Budget.
3. Mr. Wolde Weisa- Department of Revenue and Resource Mobilization.

Thank you.

**Hon. Jack Elisha Godana:** Thank you Mr. Speaker.

THAT, taking into consideration the findings of the Sectoral Committee on Lands, Energy, Housing and Urban Development in its report on the vetting of nominees as County Chief Officers and pursuant to section 45 (1) (b) approves the appointment of the following persons as County Chief Officers;

1. Mr. Galm Guyo Rogicha- Department of Lands and Energy.
2. Mr. Kazali AbdirizaqBulle- Department of Urban Development and Housing.

Thank you.

**The Speaker:** Thank you.

Next order!

**STATEMENT**

STATEMENT BY HON. EDIN ADI ON THE ALLEGED LAND TAKEOVER BY KDF IN ODDA LOCATION-GOLBO WARD

**Hon. Edin Adi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wish to make this Statement. Settlement at Odda dates back to around independence as an agricultural settlement with people practicing both farming and pastoralism. The community settled their, sub divided land into farms setting aside others as grazing corridors. Overtime Odda grew into administrative town with larger Golbo location headquarters being there. When other location and sub location within Golbo were established, Odda was elevated to Division headquarter under administrative units before promulgation of the 2010 Constitution.

In 1980s Kenya Army Battalion Camp was set up in Moyale specifically in Hellu town shortly afterwards they were move to the place where Moyale Girl's Secondary school is now located. Around the same time, they were relocated to Odda where their present camp is located now. Their camp was well defined with fence. When they were settled there, it was not a bare land, rather it was a farm land owned by a particular family who donated the said land for establishment of the camp.

Since the construction of A2 road into bitumen level up to the Kenya-Ethiopia border, KDF have slowly started encroaching on the lands owned by Moyale community. They first took possession of a borehole sunk outside their camp by the contractor of the road. Later they erected a sign board purporting to claim a parcel of land adjacent to their camp as military land.

On 18<sup>th</sup> April this year they set beacons in parts of Qualaliwe village and part of Odda town purporting the marked lands to be the extent of their camp with the services of surveyors from Survey of Kenya. In that regard, I would wish to know;

- i. Whether the County Government of Marsabit specifically the Department of Lands as the custodian of all unregistered community land is privy to the alienation of the said land in favour of the Kenya Defense Forces (KDF);
- ii. Who may have allocated the said land and;
- iii. Whether there was public participation to that effect;
- iv. What intervention has the County Government of Marsabit taken to protect the land rights of the Community in Odda location; and
- v. If the land has already been alienated, what measures are in place to revert the said land back to the community?;

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- vi. If there were any written communication between the Kenya Defense Forces and the County Government of Marsabit through the County Department of Lands in respect of the land in question?

Thank you.

**Hon. Hadija Kontoma:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am in support of the Statement by Hon. Edin Adi, the villages, Sub location and Locations earmarked by KDF as their territory were formed way back in 1992. After 30 or 40 years we don't know where these people will be relocated to because some have permanent structures and as you know issues to do with land are quite sensitive and the Department concerned and their Directorates to provide an answer to all the questions put in the Statement, thank you.

**Hon. Dida Omar Apicha:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also support the Statement raised by the Member for Golbo-Hon. Edin. It is true and being a neighboring Ward I have the information. The land sector is very crucial, but in this case seemingly it is a dark matter which calls for a lot of clarification especially the procedures and all matters surrounding this issue. Lastly, as the larger House and County Executive we have to fix all matters lands to avoid confusion in future, thank you.

**Hon. Sadia Osman Araru:** Thank you Hon. Speaker, I would like to add a point, I would like to know whether the said Camp has a Title Deed because I believe they don't have one! Thank you

**Hon. Tura Ruru Elema:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also support the Statement by Hon. Edin, and I want to add; what acreages of land do these people have? Before we talk on issues of land because every other day they keep on acquiring lands! The other concern I would like to raise is, ....(*inaudible*) this land was given to or taken by KDF way before the establishment of the County Government and when we are asking questions on this matter, I don't know whether we'll limit it to the extensions that are being made or we question the entire piece of land taken by KDF, because we are talking of the land given to community way back in the 90's and yet we are also talking of County Government which only came into being in 2013, I am asking what is this extension after the promulgation of the new constitution? Hopefully, it is the right question to be put to the County Government, thank you.

**Hon. Bernard Leakono (Majority Leader):** Thank you Mr. Speaker. The issue of land in Marsabit and KDF is not new there is tendency of KDF encroaching and taking over lands in Marsabit a case in point Karare, now there is land in Odda also in North Horr Constituency I don't know whether the community accepted.

I just want to add something to the Statement, but because you've come clear the role of the County Government being the custodian of community lands under the New Constitution as said by Hon. Edin. When you look at the Constitution on matters lands....*(inaudible)* wherever there are changes in the use of the lands, there must be some rules. If KDF has settled there then there changes in the use of the said land! Then the Department of Lands should explain to this House the process of changing the use of lands according to the Constitution of Kenya!

The issue of KDF and other big projects like Lake Turkana Wind Power because the case is still in court, Karare and KDF land too, this one will also go the same way.....*(inaudible)* There is a tendency that in Northern Kenya there is free space! All big State projects are taken to Northern Kenya, we don't decline these projects because this is development, but there is a process the Lands Department should tell us! There must be a public participation for any project to be undertaken in Kenya under New Constitution! Unless there are people above the law, with KDF just coming and taking over lands, and this Constitution who are suppose to follow and who are not!

*(Applause)*

Because when they came to Karare they just came there with their planes, surveyed and started construction. They called the community for public participation, the community rejected in totality, they took the same list where the community said 'NO' and claimed he community have unanimously accepted! When we went to court seven hundred people said 'NO' and the same seven hundred said 'YES' in favour of KDF!

*(Laughter)*

I would like to warn people attending public participation, when they call you for public participation don't write anything on the participant list, because once you participate in writing they'll use the same list as evidence against you even when you've rejected their demands! Hon. Leruk is here as a witness. So, my friends from Moyale you need to wake up! I am certain the County Government must have written a no-objection letter to KDF!

*(Applause)*

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The County Government must explain that, in Karare, the County Government gave a nod before public participation was done. As long as we try to think that National Government is grabbing lands, we also need to be very careful with our County Governments. Leaders who are elected like us sat in a meeting and they sign that document. So, as long as we ask these questions.....(*inaudible*) thank you.

**Hon. Joseph Admen Leruk:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of this House that this Government is fond of giving lands without the consent of the people! Still we have a case in Karare and anything touching the community land or unregistered community land, the public participation or the sovereignty and consent of those people must be taken into consideration! So, if Golbo people have not been consulted, that is not a right procedure.

I would like you to start from here, the County Government of Marsabit, they are the custodian of all unregistered lands pick it from there! And then you'll know who is behind these things. And afterwards, we would like to enact a law in this House that protects the unregistered community lands after the registration of the lands because the registration of the community lands is in the process.....(*inaudible*) so you have our support, take your case to the County Government and the courts to stop on the same!

*(Applause)*

I have the same case in my Ward, we will support you and let us defend unregistered lands from this kind of group, thank you.

**Hon. Tura Ruru Elema:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, there is something I forgot, while we are talking of lands in Odda, Karare and Bubisa, there is another one ready for grabbing by KDF around Horonderi, I think the other question that we need to ask is how many pieces of lands that have been grabbed or earmarked for grabbing, so that our County Government can tell us which is now ready for grabbing!

I think that is very critical and the other issue is leaders should also be on their toes and making the communities to petition with such .....(*inaudible*) you know when things are done and communities are not complaining we have agreed with them. I think the issue of putting up the petitions against this land is very critical and that should be led by our own leaders, Members of this House because our communities are illiterate and don't know what things to be done. I think petitioning of all these lands needs to be done. Thank you.

**Hon. Halkano Sora Rare:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I support the Statement it is really very crucial it is a concern for all of us. The way they want to put up beacons in Qualaliwe and Odda that means they want to displace the entire community who are living there and it's not the community who are suppose to be moved from there, they are the one who are suppose to be relocated elsewhere they way they were relocated from Hellu to Odda! So, let the concerned department intervene and give us the feedback.

*(Applause)*

**Hon Christopher Matahdere Ogom:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I just want to throw my weight to this discussion. It is unfortunate that the community land in question is affecting many Sub Counties in our County and first thing I have realised when an issue is so targeting particular community we feel as a House interested to follow, but again if some evils, or unfair injustices are done to the communities and we remain silent those who are suppose to speak this what happens now, because you realise now it's coming to everyone, begun with Laisamis Constituency way back with the wind power project when these communities were fighting to ensure that this community land is being taken in by wind power farm through a legal process.

I think now I realise all the Sub Counties are now affected in one way or another so, first of all I would like to plead to this House should be an example to all other Assemblies coming forwarded in the future that in case community land in question the area has a problem let's stand, unless we make the correction that is required because that is the only way we can protect the community land.

I would like to put into task the Department of Lands particularly to recommend and when they are replying to Hon. Edin's questions, all the land in question and particularly those big lands which were acquired illegally by the wind power project, Kenya Defence Forces, and all other companies that are interested in investing in this area. It is my plea and I belong to the Land Committee and one of the solutions to this is registration of community lands should be in place and it is very unfortunate that we don't agree to fund the Department in this Budget!

The money required for registration of community lands it is something that they are crying out every other time when we are asking questions and now you realize that land is the only thing that we have, a project like this comes, we are marginalised from national cake the opportunity that we have to invest and getting resources are from these investments and yet these investments are not employing our people, they are not getting benefit, the investors who are investing in this companies are foreign people!

You realise the local people don't need 0.001 investments of these companies and the national government in the wisdom when they marginalise this are they would never get  
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anything good out of here, now that they are realising that they-I am hearing there is gold-rush in one of the Wards-Dabel, there is wind farm potential in Bubisa, Loiyangalani and if you look at it what benefit would we get as locals leave alone Marsabit County even to those communities living around there! Who amongst us is in the top management of these companies? We have a lot of educated people, why don't they say percentage of this employment at management level go to locals? They are now selling shares; they are not giving consideration to Kenyans but other people to invest!

What is the pride of the locals when the government is boasting around-almost East and Central Africa with the largest wind farm in terms of investment and it all draws back to the land issue?

So, it's my plea this House to take this matter serious, lets ensure that the land registration is something that we need to do with immediate effect! If we don't do that we will always be here raising Statements and requesting for answers, the solution is-register this communal lands once and for all. Let the communities have Title Deeds in their hand so that when they are trying to issue it out no one will come and take it, thank you.

**Hon. Buke Diba Yattani:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I think much has been said by my colleagues and I rise to support Hon. Edin's Statement. Land matters are very emotive matters and one of the major cause of deaths in this Country arise from confrontations based on land.

In this scenario of Marsabit County it is unfortunate that the defensive arm of the government which is mandated to protect the lives and property of the people have taken upon itself to oppress the same people who they are suppose to be protect, it's unfortunate, uncalled for and should not have happened.

I call upon the County Government of Marsabit, because the County Government of Marsabit is the current custodian of unregistered community lands, to ensure that the national government do not alienate any part of this County for use by the National Government programmes! These communities require this land as a major source of production factor and people should not be denied this opportunity to use their land for production purpose.

Lastly, I would also like to call upon the County Government of Marsabit through the Department of Lands to transact the issue of community land registration. It has been delayed so much and it will lag us behind. Other Counties in Northern Kenya have gone ahead to ensure that community land are registered and communities issued with titles, thank you.

**Hon. Edin Adi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would wish to put across one thing, many a times Asal region is marginalised and the marginalisation is still going on! Surveying of land is the duty of National government, but many a times we are being punished for what is majorly not our responsibility. When a land is taken away because it has not been surveyed people have not been issued with Title Deeds, how is that a fault on the part of the citizens! It is the duty of the government to survey the land and the citizens apply for the Title Deeds.

But many a times the land is being taken away even without compensation just because the people settling in those places have no Title Deeds. It is not the business of the citizen to give themselves Title Deeds.

Secondly, the land in question is a land that people have long been cultivating, there is absolutely a correlation between KDF expansion and development of roads. All along this land has been inaccessible in the major part of Northern Frontier District.

Now that the road has been developed, you will find places that are so strategic for the KDF to settle are along the A2 road. That place where they are demarcating as strategic security zone is a strategic business centre.

I thank the Members who have supported me on the Statement. I would wish if the County Government takes up this matter and protect the land of communities who are vulnerable as things are happening now

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** The Minority Leader?

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Amos Wako (Minority Leader):** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to support the Statement by Hon. Edin as it has been exhaustively debated. Mine is just to say that we need to file a petition not as Hon. Edin or Golbo Community alone but even as a House, so that we stop defence forces from grabbing community land.

For the last few months, we have been serving this House with court orders and thus we can help you get orders...

*(Laughter)*

I thank you Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** Finally, we dispense this matter, Chairman?

**Hon. Jacob Elisha Godana:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support Hon. Edin. Since there is a good Member who knows about petitions, .....*(inaudible)* Mr. Speaker, we thought that devolution was a God-send miracle of our time, but it is unfortunate that I am seeing the people of Marsabit will be displaced because the government has decided to grab all the lands in Marsabit.

It started in Loiyangalani. I know how the court went since 2013 up to last year. Now they have gone to Karare and Golbo. The solution to this problem is registration of land. We had land summit in Nanyuki. Our neighbouring County Samburu has registered all their lands. Today you cannot go to Samburu to construct a latrine without consulting the County Government of Samburu. Isiolo has registered its land!

It is only in Marsabit that we have not registered our land. Here in Sagante, the land has not been registered and yet KWS wants to expand. You are aware about the insecurity challenges that we have now. Marsabit is the second largest County after Turkana and it is the only County that accommodates 80% of Lake Turkana which has 76 species that are not yet exploited. That is why we have the Elmolos frustrated at Lake Turkana.

What we need is to register our land. The budget for this is only KES 60 million. It is the work of the County Government to make sure that it registers our land because we are fearing that we might lose all the land and be displaced.

*(Applause)*

Thank you. Honourable Danila?

**Hon. Danila Lenatiyama:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. This is a point of information. Marsabit is the largest with 6000sqkms. I would like also to support my brother the MCA for Golbo. This is a valid Statement and through the help of the able Minority Leader...

*(Applause)*

I think we can now change his name from Amos to *'Mheshimiwa kortini.'*

*(Laughter)*

**The Speaker:** Thank you. Having exhausted this matter, I now direct the Chairperson for Lands to take up this matter immediately and report back in not less than two weeks.

Honourable Members, there being no any other business, the House stands adjourned until Wednesday at 9:30AM.

*(The Assembly rose at 3:50PM)*