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The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 2.30 p.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Lantano Nabaala) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Speaker: Clerk, confirm if we have quorum.

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Speaker: Without quorum, let the bell be rang for ten minutes.

(Quorum bell rang for seven minutes)

Hon. Paul Leshuel: Mr. Speaker, I can see we now have quorum in the House.

Speaker: Clerk, confirm if we have quorum.

(Clerk confirmed achievement of Quorum)

Speaker: Now that we have quorum, we can proceed with the business of the day.

NOTICE OF MOTION

ENHANCEMENT OF SECURITY IN THE COUNTY

Hon. Benson Kuria through Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following motion by Hon. Benson Kamara who has requested me to give it on his behalf on enhancement of security in the county;

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5. Increase law enforcement presence in vulnerable areas and deploy technology like drones, GPS tracking and surveillance cameras to monitor and respond to incidents promptly.
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7. Support economic alternatives to reduce dependence on livestock for livelihoods and encourage and invest in other income-generating activities like agriculture, small businesses and vocational training.
8. Strengthen community-based conflict resolution mechanisms to help address underlying issues that may contribute to cattle rustling such as land disputes and resource competition.
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Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MOTION

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Mr. Speaker, this motion is very timely. It is a very good motion because we are all aware of what is happening in our sub-counties, villages and our homes. Mr. Speaker, on the weekend, a twelve years old boy was shot by bandits at Il Polei who tried to steal some goats. Mr. Speaker, this is the high time that we should call upon the security agencies to take up their role and provide security for our property and people.

We have been having issues of insecurity along our border with Samburu, Baringo and Isiolo. We have seen little effort from our security agencies even if they are giving their efforts in recovering livestock, and trying to ensure people responsible for this are arrested and brought to book for what they are causing to the community.

A few days ago, in Isiolo, Hon. Leshuel and I were invited by the MCAs from Isiolo County which consists of five pastoral communities. We went across all the wards and some parts of Laikipia North asking people about cattle rustling. Cattle rustling is an old practice which should not be happening. Therefore Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Hon. Kamara for coming up with this motion so that we can push the County Government and especially the Agriculture and Livestock Department.

The insurance programme that kicked off last year should be strengthened. The County Government should take the initiative to go back to the people and the villages to encourage more people to enrol themselves with the insurance programme. This will make sure there is timely payment of the insurance funds to the people. They were promised that every year there will be money that insurance is supposed to pay back to the farmers.

Mr. Speaker, it is now more than one year and nobody has been compensated. People have been waiting and if you now go back to tell people to register, this will be like giving out your money yet you don't see the importance. The Department of Agriculture should come out clearly and strongly to make sure that what the people were promised is done. It is also good that the Department of Infrastructure and physical Planning Department maps our area.

The GPS coordinates should be well because in some parts of our wards, you will try to look for GPS coordinates and it will give you different names. This is something that needs to be looked at and addressed seriously. The Peace Caravan is something that Hon. Kuria noted it's importance, we need to go to the people and talk to them about the importance of peaceful

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coexistence with our neighbours. Therefore Mr. Speaker, I request Hon. Benson Kamara to second the motion. Thank you.

Hon. Benson Kuria: Asante na nashukuru Mheshimiwa Spika kwa hii nafasi ambayo Mheshimiwa Lempaira amenipatia. Nikiunga mkono muswada huu wa siku ya leo, ni jioni njema iliyo na baraka. Mheshimiwa Spika, hiki ni kitu ambacho kimekuwa kikiniuma kwa muda mrefu. Wakati imefika katika Nyumba la kutunga sheria, ninaunga mkono kwa sababu najua ya kwamba idara zetu ambazo zinaangalia usalama katika Kaskazini mwa Laikipia ni eneo Bunge ndogo nne.

Magharibi mwa Laikipia, Wadi ya Ol Moran, Githiga na Salama hakuna usalama. Kwa sababu muswada huu umefika hapa, naomba Waheshimiwa wenzangu waweze kuangalia kwa undani. Ni watu wengi katika Magharibi na Kaskazini mwa Laikipia bila kuchagua ni kabila gani ambao wamepoteza maisha yao. Ni kumaanisha ya kwamba Idara ya Usalama, Serikali ya Kaunti na Serikali Kuu waungane wahakikishe ya kwamba NPR ambao wanasaidia wananchi ambao hawana kadi za kuwasimamia, wamepata.

Akifa akifuata majambazi, hakuna mtu atashughulika ila kijiji peke yake ndio itamsaidia. Ili tuwe na jambo linaweza kufanya Laikipia yetu iazime mawaziri na maafisa wakuu ambao wanahusika, wanafaa kufikiria kuna 2027. Wanafaa kufikiria kwamba wakati wanapatiwa ile nafasi, wanapatiwa ili waweze kuhudumia mwananchi ambaye ni Wanjiku wa Laikipia.

Wakishika wahusika katika hizi idara, ninajua ya kwamba kuna mambo yatabadilika katika hizo eneo ambazo watu wameumia. Nilishangaa kusikia Mheshimiwa Lempaira akiongea kuhusu kijana mdogo wa miaka kumi na moja. Kwa sasa, yuko katika Hospitali ya Nanyuki akiuguza majeraha ya risasi. Wiki iliyopita, Ol Moran kulikuwa na mazishi ya mtu ambaye aliyeuwawa kutokana na majeraha ya risasi.

Juzi tumepoteza Mwakilishi wa Wadi kutoka Samburu kwa sababu ya majambazi. Bwana Spika, katika idara za Serikali, kila kituo cha polisi kuwe na *drone* kwa sababu ukitaka kuipata, labda uingie kwa hifadhi za wanyama wa pori. Serikali yetu haiwezi kukupatia. Huwezi pata GPS na utapata kazi yake ni kutafuta kiatu ambacho kiliisha. Anakaa mwaka mmoja kabla hawajapata sare za kazi.

Kwa hivyo hili jambo linafaa kutiliwa maanani ili tuone ya kwamba kila eneo kuna GPS ili wakati majambazi na majangili wamevamia Doldol na Mashariki mwa Mukogodo, NPR watakuwa na nafasi nzuri ya kukomesha hilo jambo. Hii itakuwa dawa ya kuponya vinonda vingi ambayo jamii ya Laikipia imeshuhudia na imepitia. Ninaunga mkono na naomba Waheshimiwa wenzangu kuweza kuunga kwa sababu wakati mwingi tumeshuhudia askari wetu wa ngazi za juu wakiuliwa katika Laikipia.

Vijana wachanga wameuliwa na nikiunga mkono, dawa ya majambazi pia itakuwa elimu. Serikali ya Kaunti na Serikali Kuu wakiungana, Wanjiku ambaye alifanya niwe katika Bunge hili atabadilika. Waheshimiwa ambao wako hapa hawatakuwa na hofu ya simu kupigwa kutoka mahali ya kumwambia kuna jambo ambalo limetokea. Kwa hayo mengi na machache Mheshimiwa Spika, naunga muswada huu mkono. Naomba wenzangu wanisaidie kuunga mkono. Asante.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Paul Leshuel: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support this motion and I want to appreciate Hon. Kuria for the motion. This motion talks about people's life. I am impressed to see some of the recommendations here. It has captured all gaps and loopholes that are there

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in insecurity. It is important for us to discuss the issues on insecurity which has been here for long in Laikipia. I know one day we will no longer discuss the issues of insecurity because whatever has a start has an end.

Mr. Speaker, one thing that is key here is educating people on the issues of insecurity and negativities of the stealing of livestock. We must also talk about taking our kids to schools. Illiteracy is one of the major problems that is leading to this issue. The other thing Mr. Speaker, it's important for us to talk about the economy of the pastoralist people. We must come up with alternatives or ways to give other options to our people. I am a pastoralist. When you live in a semi-arid area you only depend on livestock.

The moment drought comes and finishes your animals, you have no other way of surviving. Definitely the option you take is to go and take animals from your neighbours. The moment we come up with alternatives, definitely we will reduce the number of bandits to a certain percentage. We may have people who are naturally born as thieves but we also have other smart people who when you give them alternatives, they will change.

Mr. Speaker, it is not easy to take other people's animals. When you have another option, it isn't easy. You struggle running, risks and so many other things. For you to get a gun and bullets, it also cost you a lot. When that person gets an alternative way of livelihood, definitely that person will change his ways.

The other thing Mr. Speaker, is peace building. When people come and talk, it builds a consensus between the communities. Pastoralist have very bad grudges. When he loses life because of another tribe or clan, it takes years to agree or create harmony. When we bring peace, it will heal the problems brought by bandits.

It is also important to bring the NPR (National Police Reservist) to areas with high cases of bandits. When you give a gun to a person looking for his animals he will be serious. When you give the gun to a soldier or police, it comes with a cost. If you tell him to follow animals and especially when the animals have been taken by a bandit who can harm, the police will look for a way to skip and not to follow.

Mr. Speaker, it is important for us to increase NPR. We must also think of other mechanisms of security like what the Honourable Member said here. Following animals is not easy. We have lost our people through that and that is why we need other alternatives. I support and I agree that all gaps that are there that have been mentioned, the moment we implement this motion I am sure there will be a change. The big challenge is implementation.

The people concerned, Committee and Executive should liaise with the National Government. We know the security issues handled by the National Government though this one, when the Executive takes serious measures on this, the implementation will be easy. Information is power. The moment you give the security team information they will take serious action.

When I talk about the livelihood alternative way, the government is spending a lot of money in operation. They are spending a lot. How many animals have they recovered? Very few. Getting money and giving people alternatives and options is easy and sustainable than using power and war machines going for operations. The operation will only kill the innocent because they cannot run away. The bandits will run away and migrate from one area to another one.

Mr. Speaker, with the operation, they gazette and spot and they don't go beyond the areas that have been gazetted. When they get there, they will get the innocent people and kill

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them and bandits will run away. They run from Isiolo to Samburu and even to Narok. I know when we give options its better than government spending millions of monies but recovering nothing.

The other thing nowadays is cows, goats and sheep are hot cakes. That is why bandits have increased in numbers. When you get a cow today it cannot take you a day or even hours without getting a buyer. The demand is high and the price is high. A bandit can sell a cow from as little as Kshs. 30,000 which sells at Kshs. 70,000. How do we manage this Mr. Speaker? Again, that person is illiterate and doesn't care whether he will die or not. The owner and even the soldier/ police are not ready to die yet you are dealing with a person who is ready to die. It's a very different scenario.

The other thing is when you get hold of bandit who will stand and give evidence of that person? You take him to court and the next day he is out. He is released. We must look for ways because the way we are going has no good results. When an animal goes to Mukogodo Forest where I come from, nobody will follow. If you do they will shoot. The guys are tough. Ways and mechanism must be there for us to manage the issues of insecurity.

Mr. Speaker, I want again to appreciate the Hon. Member for this motion. It is very important and I am sure all Members will support this. Insecurity is cross-cutting. Even in Central or Nairobi, it's a challenge. We must sort it with a lot of soberness and reasoning. I support. Thank you.

Hon. Salim Edung: Bwana Spika, nashukuru kwa kunipatia hii nafasi. Ninaunga huu mswada ambao umeletwa katika hili Bunge, Mheshimiwa Kamara, kuhusu mambo ya usalama asilimia mia kwa mia. Bila usalama, hakuna kazi ambayo itaendelea. Tukiangalia sana kama sehemu za Magharibi mwa Mukogodo, Mashariki mwa Mukogodo, Segera, Olmoran na Salama katika hizo eneo kumekuwa changamoto sana. Kutoka Januari mwezi uliopita, sisi kila siku eneo la Segera kumekuwa kukiibiwa. Napeana pongezi kwa watu wa mbuga la Segera, Ol Ndaiga na Ol Naisho kwa sababu hao ndugu wetu waliungana na kurudisha mifugo ambayo ilikuwa imeibiwa.

Yale ambayo tunaangalia kwa makini hapa, kama hatungekuwa na hao mandugu kwa sababu kila siku wamekuwa kipao mbele kutusaidia katika mambo ya usalama, tungehitaji NPR wawe wakisaidia katika kila eneo. Huyo NPR akibeba bunduki pale, anabeba akijua ya kwamba yuko hatarini lakini hana mshahara. Tunajua ya kwamba bila amani katika kila eneo hakuna kazi ambayo tunafanya. Sasa hivi, ukiangalia katika nchi kama za Israeli na Palestina, kila kitu kimeharibiwa. Katika Laikipia yetu, tungetaka watu wakae kwa amani na pai Watoto wetu waendelee na masomo bila kutatizika.

Mheshimiwa Spika, hapo awali kulikuwa na mikakati miaka kama kumi na tano iliyopita kuhusu AMAYA TRIANGLE. Huu mpangilio ulipokuwa, kulikuwa na njia mwafaka ambapo mambo ya usalama ilikuwa imepungua. Watu walikuwa wameingia kwa hiyo AMAYA na kuleta jamii mbalimbali na kukosa usalama kukapungua kwa sababu watu Isiolo, Baringo, Samburu na Laikipia walikuwa pale. Sijui ni nini iliendelea kwa sababu hiyo mikakati ambayo ilikuwa imewekwa ingetupeleka mbali na hatungepata yale maafa ambayo tumepata hivi punde. Usalama kwa Wakenya unafaa kuwekwa kipao mbele.

Jambo lingine, tukiangalia ni mambo za *drones* na *GPS*, inakuwa ni wale watu ambao wako na nguvu huwa wanatumia hizo vitu kama mbuga ambazo hutumia hizo vifaa kukinga vifaru lakini huko mashinani, hakuna vitu kama hizo. Timu ya usalama kama wanajeshi, wanapotumwa mahali ndio watakuwa na vifaa kama hivyo. Sisi tungetaka NPR kwa sababu

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walipowekwa katika eneo letu, watu wengi wamelala. Hata kama kuna changamoto, tunataka kuweka mambo ya usalama mbele kwa sababu bila usalama, hakuna maendeleo.

Jambo lingine ni kuhusu bima. Kwa sababu ya kukosa usalama, hata mambo ya bima haingekuwa kwa sababu tuko na ng'ombe zetu. Ingekuwa tu wakati wa kiangazi ndipo tungehitaji bima, lakini tungependa mambo ya usalama iwekwe kipao mbele katika Kaunti yetu na pia tushikane na Serikali Kuu ili tuhakikishe ya kwamba, watu wetu wanakaa kwa amani.

Juzi Naibu wa Rais alitaja ya kwamba ni vizuri sisi tuongeze NPR kwa sababu wameona ya kwamba wakiongeza NPR, ukosefu wa usalama utapungua. Mimi naunga huu mjadala mkono nikisema ya kwamba Mheshimiwa Kamara uliangalia kwa makini sana kwa sababu sisi watu wa Laikipia tumeadhirika sana. Kwa hayo machache, ninashukuru kwa huu mswada.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this motion on security enhancement in Laikipia County on matters of cattle rustling and theft, because that is where the issue lies. This week, we had a visitor in Laikipia County, the Deputy President of this country and matters of insecurity and cattle rustling were discussed in several meetings in this county. The security personnel all over the county were present.

This is a very sensitive matter in this county because mostly, we are livestock keepers. Even in Tigithi, there is a little bit of theft. Another day, there was a man who was suspected to be stealing livestock and transporting them although he was later killed and his vehicle burnt. Those are matters of insecurity in our wards where we have few animals unlike where we have a lot of livestock like in Laikipia North.

The Deputy President categorically said that there will be an increment of NPRs and also stated that 250 NPRs would be recruited. He stated that that is quite a large number they will be recruiting in Laikipia County, so that they could provide security from the theft that is emanating from those areas. Having those guys being recruited, there is need of more experience and trainings to be done to the NPRs because matters of education is key in eradicating cattle rustling in those areas. Usage of modern technologies also in security enhancement is still far from being achieved.

The Hon. Salim has stated that it is only in big ranches where modern technologies for fighting cattle rustling are found. Having said that, it seems that even the government itself should empower the security agencies and personnel in this county and mostly the NPRs so that they can be trained on how to use the drones or tracking animals through the GPS systems.

Although they are a bit costly, that is where the government comes in and allocates more funds in our budget so that we can be able to install GPS systems in several areas in our neighbourhoods. Even if a farmer cannot be able to afford the system, maybe the government can chip in and help the farmer so that he/she can be able to track the livestock in case they are stolen.

As we discuss this, this is a matter of urgency and is still a matter that should be taken very seriously by the County Government so that we can allocate more funds in enhancing modern technologies of fighting cattle rustling in this county. I thank Hon. Benson for this timely motion and as a government, we should be able to support this agenda to eradicate cattle rustling once and for all.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I also rise to make my contribution on the motion that has been brought today. It is a matter of security and especially in Laikipia County as whole. It is not necessarily in Laikipia North or Laikipia West because the pain of

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losing two animals is equal to that of losing 30,000 animals. The one who owns 60,000 and 30, 000 has been stolen, the pain is equivalent to the one who have got three animals and two have been stolen.

The motion is specifically directed to the Laikipia North and Laikipia West. Two weeks ago, I remember three cows belonging to Hon. Stephen were stolen in Ngobit and one bandit was killed. Killing of a bandit in Laikipia East is as same as killing a bandit in Laikipia North or West. When we say that the motion is specifically directed to Laikipia North and West, in one way or the other, it disadvantages the Laikipia East who are suffering the same pain.

As Hon. Salim has stated, the Ol Daiga and Ol Naisho farms which have been assisting us in getting back stolen livestock, that clearly tells us that even the people of Umande are really suffering which is not in Laikipia West or North but in Laikipia East. Therefore, the suffering is all over. What we need to be asking ourselves is that Laikipia as whole is suffering from insecurity and every corner of this Laikipia should be taken care of with a lot of seriousness.

Hon. Speaker, I am not very sure how we are supposed to handle this issue of insecurity because the motion is very clear that "*AWARE THAT Article 9 of the constitution, every person has the right to freedom and security*" In the same constitution, we understand that the function of security is the function of the National Government. We might sit here talking of doing something major but the much we can do as a County Government is to pursue, push and talk loudly to the National Government to give us security because it is our right and their responsibility.

When we start thinking as if we can set apart a budget for security, we shall be doomed because the County Commander is not answerable to a County Governor. The County Commissioner is not answerable to an MCA. So, we need to be very careful and know our stand. We should wake up confidently and tell the National Government that in Kenya, we have 47 counties and it is their responsibility to restore security and harmony. Laikipia, being among the 47, we need that done because it is their responsibility. They have got a big budget for the same and on the other hand, it is our right and we are not supposed to be begging.

So, Hon. Speaker, this motion is timely. It is only that we need to fine-tune it to make it addresses the issues of Laikipia as a whole. When we say we liaise, we talk of liaison which is cooperating. We can only give very little to the National Government to implement this because they are the owners and it is their responsibility. We are supposed to wake up not just liaising with them but to openly talk about insecurity in Laikipia and telling them to the face that this is your responsibility.

I remember some days or months ago, the people of Laikipia North came to The County Commissioner's Office. The reason as to why they went there is because they knew clearly that it is a function of the National Government. They could have gone to their Governor or their MCA but they choose to come and sit down at The County Commissioner's ground because they know the function is for them.

We need to open up, we stand firm and openly condemn this. If at all our hearts are clean and we are not part of the bandits, we need to stand firm and tell the National Government that it is our right to have security. It is our right to be protected and we openly stand and say it. Some of these things when it comes to telling the Government, you will find some of us hiding in the sand because when these issues happen you find that some of our leaders are part of the bandits.

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That is why you will find some of the animals that have been stolen are in a leader`s home in this country. That is why we have no confidence to tell the National Government that this should not happen in Laikipia. For example, three years ago we had animals getting into Ol Naisho and Loldaiga. When we tried talking against it, we found out that some of the animals were owned by the Governors and the Members of Parliament in this country. They are sympathizers of those criminals.

That is the time when we try to stand firm and say when you see a leader unable to stand firm to say that this is wrong and even divert from the issue, it is because in one way or the other they are beneficiaries of those criminal acts. It is our time to stand up and speak openly about the same. Hon. Speaker, in the motion we have seen; *'Initiate Peace Building Processes among the affected locations.'* This one will really help us especially because the affected people suffer a lot.

Again in no.8; *'Strengthen community-based conflict resolution mechanisms.'* Hon. Speaker, as I was seated here, I heard one Honourable Member saying that when animals are stolen it is very hard to forgive. Hon. Speaker, however much we say that the Community-based Conflict Resolution to be honest, in every community we have very good people and criminals in the same community. Bandits are not our friends those are criminal and we should call them by name that they are criminals. They should be dwelt with as criminals.

We cannot say that a criminal is carrying a gun to kill Hon. Salim`s family then we later say that we are going there to bring Community-based Conflict Resolution. How do we go for Community-based Conflict Resolution when they have already killed families? Those are criminals and they should be dealt with. Criminals have killed and they should be killed too, that is the Law of Moses.

I am saying this confidently because in Umande Ward, we used to do that and that is when peace came to Umande. You would come to steal our animals then we get you and burn you and that brought peace in Umande. From that time to date, we enjoy peace in Umande. We don't have such problems. The problems that you are seeing in Sosian are the same we had in Umande in early 1990's. Hon. Salim was a Councillor; you can tell how many people we killed in between Muramati and Umande.

We killed so many because they were criminals. Do not associate yourself with a community when you are doing wrong. If you are a criminal, stop telling us it is our community because it is you who is the criminal. We should deal with you as criminal. We should even send the army to bomb them wherever they are. They are killing our people. Why should we spare them? Even if they find one of the leaders is there, they should get what is supposed to be given to criminals.

The other day last week, an Honourable Member was killed by them from Samburu. You are telling us to sit down and that it is a community-based Conflict Resolution. Then, the community say that we apologize and we have forgiven them. They are not supposed to be forgiven yet; they are supposed to be killed to get equal match. We need to call our Government and tell them that Laikipia is a county like any other. We need peace like any other county. The criminals in Nairobi are the ones that steal money from people and banks.

I always see them in the Television, killed because they are criminals but the criminals in Laikipia do not steal banks, instead they steal animals. They should be killed like the criminals who steals banks. Hon. Speaker, some of these things as a County Government we need to declare our stand. Are we beneficiaries or sympathizers of the criminal acts? We need to stand up and give a press briefing with the Governor and all leaders in Laikipia and tell the

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Government that it is their responsibility. Either they deal with criminals or we deal with them the way we know.

Hon. Speaker, it was so embarrassing that three years ago, a County Regional Commander in this region said that they were worried because bandits have stronger weapons than the Government. Who is stronger than the Government in this country? It was on record, a Regional Commander saying that the bandits have better guns than the policemen. We need to wake up because I do not think that those bandits have stronger weapons than those that were in Somalia with Al-Shabaab.

How did we manage the Al-Shabaab and we are not managing simple criminals that are here? Others even come here in town to buy juice and bread. We even see them walking here and we say that we are not able to deal with them yet we dealt with the Al-Shabaab in Somalia. Just the other day, we were talking of sending our troops to Haiti. Imagine the criminals in Haiti! They are criminals who even shoot the Prime Minister and we are daring them yet we cannot dare fight people who are just around here in Baringo and Samburu.

We cannot dare them yet we are daring people in Haiti. Hon. Speaker, we need to wake up and take this insecurity issue serious. When I just have a cow and it is stolen, I will have a lot of pain because it is the only one that I have. Probably, Hon. Lempaira will not be affected if his ten animals are stolen because he has hundreds of them. In my case I only have one and if stolen, it can cost my life. If you still even a single goat from me, I will even announce it in television that my goat was stolen because it is the only one that I have.

This issue of insecurity, we need to take it seriously. Hon. Speaker, I have seen Hon. Kamara suggesting that we need to have drones. This is so important because it will tell us where the criminals are going. On the GPS, I don't know how it will help us because the little I know about the GPS is that it is not efficient when it comes to trees, bridges and water. Those criminals according to what one Honourable Member has said, they usually go to Mukogodo forest so we might find our GPS not efficient.

We used to go to Mukogodo forest to follow our animals and we could be told when we get in, we will be killed. The people who are telling you this makes you wonder why you are going to be killed yet those bandits crossed the same forest. We need to wake up and look at these things in all angles. If you go to the farm where Hon. Kamara stays which belongs to Kuki Gallman, the animals that are stolen in Umande enters through a gate and leaves through a gate. This is very clear and whoever opens the gate for them is known. Hon. Lempaira is a witness that the NPR that are in Laikipia, the biggest percentage are in the white peoples 'conservancies. They get a bigger share than we as a community.

When you go to Loldaiga, you will notice that they have so many NPRs and our animals crosses through those farms and leave. A security officer opens for them at the entrance and another one opens for them at the exit. We are left here crying. On the issue of insecurity, we need to sit down as leaders and as County and speak openly telling the people of Laikipia what happens to our people and the stolen animals.

Thirdly, we should wake up as a County and have a press briefing lead by the Governor and all leaders. Let everybody say to the County Commissioner that they are in charge of security here that we don't want to see a repletion of this. It is so unfortunate that they only come for burials telling us that this will not happen again. We need to see them performing that function so that tomorrow, Hon. Kagondu`s three animals are brought back. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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Speaker: Thank you Hon. Mugweru. Hon. Wachuka are you trying to switch on your microphone or you are just taking your seat properly? Okay the floor is yours.

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Ni vibaya sana nikikosa kuchangia hata kama ni laini moja kuhusu mambo ya usalama, sana sana upande ule wa Magharibi mwa Laikipia. Mwaka jana nikiwa kwa hii Bunge, tuliongea kuhusu mambo ya usalama. Juzi Naibu wa Raisi wa Kenya alipokuwa kule akitangaza, aliulizwa mambo ya (NPR). Ilikuwa Jumapili tukiwa huko Wadi ya Githiga. Alitangaza Jumatatu kuwa NPR 250 wanatayarishwa ili waongezewe.

Pia, ningetaka kusema siku ile Serikali itakaa chini, ifikirie kuhusu ukosefu wa usalama huku Laikipia, Garissa ilikuwa mbaya kuliko Laikipia. Wakati ambapo Rais Mstaafu Uhuru aliona shida ambayo iko pale, alienda akajenga Kambi ya Jeshi huko Garissa. Kama watu wa Laikipia, tunauliza kuhusu shamba ambayo ni ya Mzungu; Kuki Galman, ambapo ndipo shida hukuwa. Anajua kila kitu ambacho huwa kinaendelea lakini huwezi kuingia huko. Ukiingia huko, huwezi enda zaidi ya mita 500 bila kupigwa risasi.

Ninaunga mkono na kuambia Serikali yetu kufikiria kuhusu Kuki Galman. Miaka yake imeisha na serikali inafaa kuchukua hiyo shamba ijenge Kambi ya Jeshi kama ile ambayo iko Garissa. Wakati hiyo kambi ilijengwa, vita ziliisha na wezi waliisha. Kila wanapoiba, wanaingia kwa Kuki Galman. PS wetu Bwana Mariru aliambiwa na Naibu Rais akachukue jeshi yote iliyo na nguvu akachimbue mtaro kwa sababu ya wale watu ambao wanakuja.

Alisema atafanya hiyo kazi na sijui kama alikuwa anagojea ripoti ya Naibu Rais. Wakati unaona hao watu wakitoka Kona zote na kuingia pale, mtu wa kwanza kuguzwa ni mama. Wazee wanaweza kutoka na kuingia kwa kichaka kujificha lakini ni lazima mama aamke aangalie mtoto yuko wapi kwa sababu hawezi kutoka kwa nyumba bila kubeba mtoto. Watoto wanaangamizwa. Mwaka wa 2016 nilikuwa nasimama kiti cha Mwakilishi wa kina Mama wa Kaunti.

Niliingia kwenye boma moja na usiku huo, msichana wa darasa la nane alibakwa na wanaume nane. Huyo msichana alikaa miezi nane kwenye Hospitali ya Nairobi Women's bila uwezo wa kuongea kutokana na aliyofanyiwa. Kabla ya kumgeukia mama yake, majirani walisikia nduru na wakajitokeza. Kwa hivyo, mambo ya usalama ni muhimu sana katika Kenya na hasa Laikipia, Laikipia Kaskazini na kila mahali. Heri wangebeba tu mifugo lakini wasiue binadamu. Kwa hivyo, mambo ya usalama, kama ambayo Mheshimiwa Kamara ameleta, yanastahili kushughulikiwa kikamilifu.

Watu wanapoitwa kule Nairobi, sisi watu wa Laikipia, hata kama ni kupitia wawakilishi, tunafaa kupanda gari na kuenda kumwona Rais. Sio lazima tuwe tukipiga nduru hapa na hatuendi popote, tunasimama tu mahali pamoja. Tuingie gari na kuenda Ikulu, hakuna atakayetuzuia kuingia. Tunayo haki ya kuenda kuwapigania watu wetu. Ndio maana ulipewa kura. Hata kama mimi sina bunduki, kazi yangu ni ya usimamizi, kuenda kule mashinani kama alivyosema Mheshimiwa Ndiritu asubuhi.

Unasikia pale Githiga kuna shida. Hata kama mimi si wa Githiga watu walio huko sio wa Mheshimiwa Gitahi peke yake, ni wa watu wote. Tukisikia Kaskazini kuna shida, sisi sote tunaenda huko na kupiga nduru kwenye mlango wa ikulu. Watu walichaguana, nawe Mheshimiwa Ndiritu ulichaguliwa ili uletewe ripoti na wale wananchi wasioweza kufika pale.

Kazi ya Mwakilishi wa Wadi ni kuletewa ripoti naye ajue ni hatua gani atakayochukua, sio kukaa tu ovyo. Ukiona serikali haifanyi kitu, piga nduru na uite watu mkachukue majani na kutokea barabarani, hata kama ni huko Nairobi, hadi serikali ijue kuna kitu kinachoendelea.

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Wananchi hawakututuma hapa tuje tucheke, eti wakati wako na shida sisi tunakimbia kuomba kura.

Mama anafanyiwa hicho kitendo pamoja na bintiye kisha wanamwua mzee mwenye boma, haifai. Tusiyachukue mambo ya usalama jinsi tunavyoyachukua. Mkiona sio vizuri, tunapanda gari na kukimbia hadi ikulu. Tunayo haki ya kuenda huko, hakuna atakayetuuliza. Sijui kama wametoka Nakuru na kurudi Nairobi. Kama ni Nairobi tutaenda na kumwambia Rais wa Jamhuri ya Kenya kwamba sisi tulichaguliwa tukiwa Wajumbe ishirini na mmoja, na kuna kilio mashinani bali hatuoni usaidizi. Hilo tu.

Tukipiga nduru tukisimama tu hapa, huenda serikali isijue kile kinachoendelea. Wewe ulipewa kura ili upeleke ripoti kutoka kule mashinani ya yale yanayoendelea. Vilevile, tumwambie Rais tunataka huyu mzungu anayeitwa Kuki Gallman aondoke ili tujenge kambi ya jeshi hapo kama ile iko kule Garissa. Kwa hayo machache na mengi, Mungu awabariki.

Speaker: Thank you. I would like to take this opportunity and call upon the Mover of the motion to reply. Welcome.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and sorry for that. You know these people have contributed a lot, and I was expecting Hon. Kagondu to say something. I want to appreciate the Members who have contributed to the motion. It is indeed a great motion and timely. It is necessary for us to urge the National Government to take responsibility as required by the Government of Kenya. I just want to make one clarification, that the motion is all about the security issues within the County Government of Laikipia, not necessarily Laikipia West or Laikipia North. Laikipia North is just an example of the recent incident that has happened. So, I want to tell Hon. Mugweru that Laikipia East is also mentioned here because it is part of Laikipia County.

I also want to urge the Hon. Members because I have heard Hon. Wachuka and Hon. Mugweru talking a lot about the failures of the National Government. I just want to remind them that the National Government is the UDA party which brought them here. So, it is upon you, the Members of UDA to get your things in order. Talk to your government to take its responsibility seriously because you are just telling us here that they have failed. I do not know whether you who are down here in the County Government are together with them.

Mr. Speaker, this motion is very important. It is also important to note that by saying strengthen community-based conflict resolution mechanism, we are talking about the *Nyumba Kumi Initiative* that was started by the National Government. You know, security starts with us. Everybody should provide security for their neighbour. Therefore, I want to thank the Members for contributing to the motion and supporting the motion. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members for a robust discussion.

(Question put and agreed to)

PROCEDURAL MOTION

CHANGE OF SITTING TIME

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. On behalf of the Majority Leader, I want to move this motion. However, I had a great desire to contribute to the previous motion but you denied me. May God see you. Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the following motion;

> THAT, this House approves the application of Standing Order No. 31(3) to allow it change its sittings for Thursday 7th March, 2024 from 2.30 p.m. to 9.00 a.m.

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Hon. Speaker, as the motion says, I urge the Hon. Members to support this motion so that we can change our sitting from 2.30 p.m. to 9.00 a.m. to allow Hon. Members to come very early in the morning and work on the business that is in this House. In this case, as the House Business Committee, we have agreed to change the time from 2.30 p.m. to 9.00 a.m. so that we can do other businesses because we also need to go to our people who have elected us to come here.

We want to go listen to what they have to say when it comes to matters of representation. It is now my pleasure to call upon Hon. Kihika to support this motion because she was aware of it. Therefore, I call upon her to second the motion. Thank you.

Hon. Caroline Wanjiku: I rise to second the motion. I feel that it is okay if we adjust the time because we need some time to be kept aside for the committees and other businesses. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise to support the motion and also put it in record because Hon. Lempaira took advantage in replying knowing that I can say nothing. It is important to remind the Hon. House and go on record that UDA does not own animals. UDA is a party, and it is human beings who own animals. If we go by that, most of the animals that are stolen belong to Members who are not Members of UDA. If we go by that, UDA people do not own animals. As a matter of fact, the animals are owned by Kenyans and we are fighting for all Kenyans irrespective of political parties.

Hon. Speaker, I support the motion which is on the table, that tomorrow we come for plenary at 9.00 a.m. in the morning instead of 2.30 p.m. because that will give us an opportunity to go and do other things that the constituents who brought us to this House have given us. We have been given responsibilities and apart from coming to this House, we also need to go to them and get to understand what exactly they want us to bring to this House because we normally come here on their behalf. We will have a good time to go and interact with them maybe after ten and in the afternoon, we will be free, which is good for us all. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Daniel Mugweru. Allow me to invite Hon. Benson to contribute.

Hon. Benson Kuria: Nashukuru, Mheshimiwa Spika. Naunga mkono mswada ambao umeletwa na Mjeledi Mkuu kwenye hili Bunge letu la Laikipia. Ningependa kuwahimiza Wajumbe kuwa vile Mjeledi ametuelekeza, tukubali kutii na kesho tuwe katika Bunge. Ahsante.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Benson. Allow me now to invite the Mover of the motion to reply.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nataka kushukuru kwa vile Wajumbe wameona umuhimu wa kubadilisha masaa kutoka saa nane hadi saa tatu. Kama vile Mheshimiwa Kamara amesema, ifikapo saa tatu sisi sote tunastahili kuwa hapa kufanya biashara ambayo tumejukumiwa na mwananchi kuja hapa kufanya. Ningewaomba kila mtu amalize shughuli zake za kesho asubuhi mapema ili ifikapo saa tatu sote tuwe hapa. Asante.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

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Speaker: The sittings of this House now stand adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday 7th March, 2024 at 9.00 am.

The House rose at 3.54 p.m.

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