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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: I direct that the bell be rang for a period of five minutes.

(Quorum bell rang for five minutes)

Speaker: Clerk, confirm if the quorum has been attained now.

(Clerk confirmed achievement of Quorum)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

TIME TO RESPOND TO A STATEMENT OF KSHS.50 MILLION EMERGENCY FUND

Speaker: Hon. Members, I want to communicate and draw your attention to the statement, which was issued yesterday. The statement where the Member of the County Assembly representing Mukogodo East Ward, Hon. Paul Leshuel requested a statement from the Chairperson for Education, Vocational Training and ICT Committee pertaining to emergency fund vote of Kshs.50 million appropriated in the Financial Year 2022/2023. I want to direct that the time for this response be availed in two weeks' time starting from yesterday.

RECOGNIZING PRESENCE OF PUBLIC IN THE GALLERY

Equally, I want to take this opportunity this afternoon in this House to recognize the presence of the members of the public who have visited the Assembly today to be with us although in silence in today's deliberations. Kindly be seated now. Thank you.

MOTION

PROVISION OF REMEDIES ON ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGES CAUSED BY BATUK

Hon. Salim Edung: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I honour this chance and I beg to give notice of the following motion;-

THAT AWARE THAT Section 208 of the Armed Forces Act chapter 199 of the laws of Kenya stipulates that, visiting force means any, body of the forces of a designated Country which for the time being is lawfully present in Kenya…

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Speaker: Hon. Salim, just a minute. What is it Hon. Lempaira?

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is just a point of information that it is not a notice of motion but he is moving the motion.

Speaker: Honourable Member clarify whether it is a notice of the motion or a motion.

Hon. Salim Edung: It is a motion.

Speaker: Proceed honourable.

Hon. Salim Edung: Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the following motion;

THAT AWARE THAT Section 208 of the Armed Forces Act chapter 199 of the laws of Kenya stipulates that, visiting force means any, body of the forces of a designated Country which for the time being is lawfully present in Kenya in time of peace under a treaty, agreement or arrangement to which the Government is a part;

FURTHER AWARE THAT the British Army Training Unit Kenya (BATUK) is a permanent training support unit based mainly in Nanyuki, North of Nairobi. It provides demanding training to exercising units preparing to deploy on operations or assume high-readiness tasks;

NOTING THAT BATUK, has one of the largest live-firing training areas used by the British military, stay for a six-month posting, while others spend two years;

CONCERNED THAT the UK soldiers have deployed white phosphorus mortar rounds on their exercises, which poses significant human health complications that include failure of multiple body organs. The white phosphorus once released to the environment takes decades to clear thus leaving a huge negative impact on human health;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT in 2021, the British troops caused fire that damaged approximately 340,000 square metres of grassland in some ranches in Laikipia County i.e. Impala ranch, Ol Maisor,Ol Doinyo Lemboro and Loldaiga among others, where during the fire incidence of March, 2021 a conservancy worker Linus Murangiri was crushed to death by a vehicle while trying to put the fire out;

DEEPLY CONCERNED by the case of 13 year old boy Lisoka Lesasuyan who lost both arms and an eye in the year 2015 when he picked up an unexploded mortar fuze recklessly left behind by the British troops after exercises;

SADDENED by the prolonged investigation of the murder of Agnes Wanjiru by a suspected British soldier that happened in 2012 where her body was found in a septic tank in Nanyuki;

This House URGES the County Government of Laikipia to liaise with the Ministry of foreign Affairs and Ministry of Interior and National Administration to ensure that;

i. Training activities be conducted in lands demarcated and marked exclusively for training, to prevent conflicting uses of land; training and conservation which creates too much human-animal conflicts to the detriment of the adjacent communities.

ii. Cleaning of white phosphorous from the environment is done.

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iii. Establish a permanent complain and compensation office in Nanyuki and no case shall be referred to United Kingdom.

iv. Forbidden drugs are not used in the land e.g. Cocaine.

v. Pending claims to be investigated and compensated.

vi. County Government of Laikipia to be consulted during BATUK and Kenyan Government agreement renewal.

Bwana Spika, huu mswada ambao nimeleta katika Bunge hili, tunaomba kujadili kwa urefu. Wazungu walipokuja katika nchi hii, kuna vitu vingi ambazo ziliachwa hasa katika ranchi ambazo Wazungu wanafanyia mazoezi. Nikiangalia kwa makini sana katika hii nakala, kuna vitu vingi ambazo sisi tukiwa wanasheria katika Bunge hili tunafaa sana kuangalia watu ambao waliumia kwa sababu ya madhara ambayo yameletwa na hizi vifaa ambazo BATUK Wanatumia kufanyia zoezi katika mashamba tofauti.

Kwa mfano, nikiangalia kwa makini, katika shamba la Loldaiga na mashamba mengine ambayo wanafanyia mazoezi katika sehemu za Doldol na Sosian. Hapo nyuma miaka iliyopita kuna mswada ambao uliingia katika Bunge kuu kuhusu bomu ambazo ziliachwa sehemu za Doldol na walioadhiriwa wachache walilipwa na wengine walikosa kulipwa hadi leo. Tukiangalia kwa makini hili ni Bunge la kutengeneza sheria ikiambatana na Bunge la Kitaifa.

Nimeangalia kwa makini kwa watu wa Laikipia. Kuna wale ambao wameumia kwa sababu BATUK wakienda kufanya mazoezi katika shamba la Loldaiga, kuna vitu mingi zimeachwa. Hizi vitu zinaadhiri wanadamu na wanyama. Ningependa kusema ya kwamba hili Bunge liangalie kwa makini kwa sababu kuna watu waliumia kutoka sehemu mbalimbali. Hizi kemikali ambazo zimetumiwa na BATUK, moja ikirushwa angani inakaa miaka elfu moja.

Tukiangalia kwa makini, hakuna mtu anapitisha miaka sabini. Ni wale tu Mungu anaongezea miaka. Ikiwa sisi tutaadhirika kwa miaka elfu moja, pia tunapotembea, tunajua tumeadhirika kwa sababu miaka elfu moja ni miaka mingi sana kwa binadamu. Watu wengi walipoteza macho yao. Kuna watu wamepoteza mikono na kuna watu wameuwawa. Kuna wanyama wamekufa na kuna moto ambao ulitokea mwaka wa 2021 na huo moto ulisambaa.

Wakati ulisambaa, sisi tuliangalia na kujiuliza moto umetoka wapi. Wenyewe walitoa ushuhuda ya kwamba walikuwa wanafanya mazoezi. Walifanya mazoezi katika shamba la Loldaiga. Katika hii nakala yangu, wiki iliyopita kuna kijana ambaye tumetaja jina lake ambaye alipoteza mikono, jicho na mwili wake umeharibika. Kama mwili wake umeharibika, ni nani anafaa kulinda huyo kijana kwa sababu ilitokea kwa hayo mazoezi.

Wiki iliyopita, kuna mtu alimpeleka shule sehemu za Timau. Alipopelekwa shule, aliulizwa ataandika aje na hana mikono. Huyo mwalimu alirejelea na kuwaambia wampeleke kwa wale ambao hawasikii kwa sababu hasikii. Alipelekwa pale na kuambiwa kama hasikii na hana mikono ya kuandika hawangeweza kuchukua. Huyo kijana alirudishwa nyumbani.

Kama huyu kijana aliumia kwa sababu ya vitu ambazo BATUK walifanya zoezi nazo, hawa ndio wangelisha huyu kijana katika maisha yake. Mahali amekaa hatutasema hasikii, jicho moja lilitoka na hana mikono. Hatujui tutamweka kwa kiwango kipi kwa sababu kuna kategoria ya viziwi, viwete, na ulemavu mwingine. Kwa hivyo, hatuoni mahali huyu kijana amewekwa.

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Ameumia kwa hiyo miaka yote na amekaa bila kupata usaidizi wowote. Ningeomba Bunge hili kwa sababu ya huu mswada. Kuna watu ambao wanahitaji haki yao itendeke. Kuna kesi ambayo imepelekwa kortini na hiyo kesi bado inaendelea na tunahitaji wale ambao walifanya madhara kama haya, wafuatiliwe kisheria na walipe fidia kama watu wengine. Ni Wakenya kama wale wengine kwa hivyo wafaa kuangalia maslahi yao.

Jambo lingine ni kwamba katika kijikaratasi inasemekana ya kwamba wakati mtu anaumia katika eneo hili na kwa sababu ya bomu ni lazima asafiri kutoka hapa hadi UK. Naomba ofisi ya malalamishi iwe Nanyuki ili watu ambao wameadhirika wapeleke malalamishi yao katika hiyo ofisi. Huyu kijana atasafiri aje kuelekea Uingereza kupata haki yake. Hiyo ni njia moja ya kupoteza haki za hao wananchi.

Naomba ofisi ijengwe Nanyuki na madai yeyote yafanyike Nanyuki ili hao watu wapate haki. Jambo lingine ambalo ningegusia kwa sababu kuna wenzangu ambao wanataka kuchangia ni ofisi ya *Foreign Affairs*. Kabla hawajaweka mkataba na hawa katika Kaunti ya Laikipia, hili Bunge linahitajika kutambulika ili tukiweka mkataba katika Bunge la Laikipia, waweke kwa sababu wanakuja huku kwetu kufanya mazoezi katika sehemu ilhali hakuna mkataba wowote tumeweka pamoja na wao.

Naomba Bunge hili wajadili maombi ambayo nimeomba ya sehemu mbalimbali. Nikimalizia, ukiangalia katikati kuna binti anaitwa Susan ambaye walikuwa wameshikana na BATUK kwenye hii sehemu. Dakika ya mwisho aliuawa kwa njia ambayo haistahili. Watu wa *human rights* katika hili eneo wanafaa kuangalia hiyo kesi ambayo imefanywa kutoka 2012 na hadi wa leo haijamalizika.

Ningeomba Bunge hili waangalie mambo ambayo yako kwenye hii daftari. Ni vizuri tuangalie kwa makini sana. Nikimalizia, BATUK wanaingia katika shamba la Loldaiga na wamelipa pesa kutoka UK. Wakilipa milioni mia tano kutoka UK ni ili wakikuja pande hizi, hakuna mtu yeyote atawasimamisha. UK inalipa pesa na katika Kaunti ya Laikipia hakuna pesa tunapata ili watu wetu na miradi isaidike kwa mfano miradi ya maji na barabara.

Wako na vifaa vingi ambazo wanaweza kutengeneza vitu vingi katika Laikipia. Sisi tunanufaika namna gani? Naomba wale ambao wanahusika na hii kesi wapatie hao watu haki yao. Pia Bunge la Laikipia wawe macho kwa sababu waweka hazina wakikuja katika Laikipia, wananchi wa Laikipia wananufaika. Bwana Spika, naomba kukomea hapo ili wenzangu wachangie. Naomba Mheshimiwa Leshuel ambaye ni Mheshimiwa kutoka Mashariki mwa Mukogodo aafiki huu mswada mkono ili wengine wachangie. Asante.

Hon. Paul Leshuel: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to second this motion. I want to appreciate the Member for Segera for this noble idea that today we are discussing a motion concerning BATUK. I have several reasons why I stand to second this motion. Constitution of Kenya 2010, if you read the rights of citizens, there is no one in the country who will take the life of a person. It is only the doctor by a serious justification that I have saved this person and that is why the other one is not alive. Therefore, it is unconstitutional if somebody in this country can be negligent which can make our people not to be alive.

Mr. Speaker, there are so many things which put our lives in danger. There is a disease called AIDS. If you read its history, the virus was discovered in a baboon. That tells us that it is somebody who makes this disease to be in humans if you can read the history. There is also Covid-

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19 disease which is a biological weapon of war and everybody understands because it was manufactured in China. Therefore, it is possible for other people to kill other Kenyans in this country in one way or the other.

The BATUK residents here in Nanyuki are the largest in the world. If you go to other countries, their numbers are very small than what we have here in Kenya. According to the months they are supposed to stay, I think they stay here longer than other countries. Therefore, we have no problem in the exercises they are doing but we are very concerned on some issues like the white phosphorus because that is a very dangerous chemical. If you throw that water, it affects people and environments including animals for a period of 3,500 years for it to clear.

Mr. Speaker, it is unfortunate because we did not realize this thing before. If you want to know that you are affected by this phosphorus, there are two signs. One is having problems with the eyes, two, the immune system goes down and finally you get skin rashes. Even the production of animals like milk goes down and its effects spread per square miles. People should understand that this thing not only affects squarely but it goes for miles. People may even think that we are talking because we are concerned with our people who are next to where they do their exercise but it goes for miles.

Mr. Speaker, this country at times they do not care about their people. We compromise other things just because of small things. If today you launch a case concerning the BATUK, you have to do two things. Their office is in Britain and therefore you must get a visa, and pay one thousand pounds for you to launch that case. Again, who will allow you to get a visa and go into that country? Therefore, you will just loiter here taking your papers around until the end of the case.

The laws are very clear that we must have an agreement with the BATUK. The agreement is probably somewhere and we need to understand what that agreement says so that we can be able to address the issues that are affecting our people. Therefore, I am very much concerned on this and we are taking it very seriously. Even if it forces us to do a thorough research, we can do it so that we can understand whether our people are already affected in one way or the other. This is so that we do not just stay and after 20 or 30 years to come we continue to lose people by diseases that do not exist, saying that this condition is caused by pneumonia or allergy and those are not the causes of the disease.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, we are very concerned on this. The idea of this motion, one we want to have an office here for claims. It should be somewhere we can be able to access. Two, those people must conserve the environment. The environment is very important because without environment none of us will be alive. Everybody understand that what we breathe in is what comes from the trees. If today we do not have trees, what are we going to breathe in? What will happen if a person destroys or affects the environment? What do you expect? You expect people to die.

I know that it must involve many people including that national frame works and laws but that must happen so that we remain safe. I know that if today you debate about the BATUK, it is likely to see some dangers ahead of you but that is normal in life because we must talk about our people. Those British are doing exercises in Loldaiga, Kamwaki and in all those areas but ask yourself, how many people are benefiting from that exercise? First, they are doing exercises in a private land paying millions of money in UK, which is not even improving the economy of this country in one way or the other. Even today we are putting Kshs.900 million in our account and

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definitely thousands of people will take loans because that is the economy but money is deposited in UK because the owner of those ranches are living in UK.

What is the percentage of employment? It is 0.02%. What is the salary given if you calculate? It is peanuts. Is that peanut salary going to make us compromise the lives of our people including us because we are also living there? So I want to say this, let us wake up, we know that the Assembly of Laikipia is not the country but let us speak. Let us wake up and give our voice so that if things goes wrong, we have already discussed it here.

Mr. Speaker, I am saying that we need to have an office here and we need to see what the agreement says and we need them to clear the environment. There is what we call cocaine, which is illegal in the world, but those people are taking it here. Where do they get it? Who does not know that they have it? When they work with our people there, they also introduce bad things to our people. So eventually, you find that your child is not normal and you think that it is a curse or give it other names but somebody who is just there is giving it.

Mr. Speaker, there are so many individual cases and public cases but they are heading nowhere. There is a case of a woman here in Nanyuki whereby those people confessed in UK that they killed the woman but how do you take the case to Britain? Therefore, it ends there. We are not saying that we do not want the BATUK to be in Nanyuki or Kenya or that we do not want them to exercise, we are saying that our lives to be protected.

They should also do something better than what they are doing. If you go to my area just next to the farm, those people have machines for roads and water but we are just dying at their boundary without water. What makes them not to drill water for the people whom they are killing in the future? It is very painful but because it is not an individual thing but a countrywide thing, let us address it in a sober way and let us be concerned with this. I stand to second and urge the Members to support. After this, the Speaker will give us direction probably to invite the right people so that they can clarify other things. Maybe we can urge the National Government to give us the agreement, which is place so that we can see whether there are gaps and be able to address them.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Salim Edung for the motion and thank you, Hon. Leshuel for seconding the motion.

(Question proposed)

Speaker: Members, I now open the floor for discussion. I want to invite Hon. Gitahi.

Hon. Joseph Gitahi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for according me this chance. I rise to support this motion proposed by the Member of County Assembly from Segera. I would be the first one to state that whatever atrocities may have been caused by the presence of BATUK in this country and especially in the county of Laikipia, it is illegal. It is the business of any government to protect lives and properties. That is why I congratulate my fellow MCA together with the seconder of the motion because of the details which they have laid before this House and because of the conviction which they have about the protection of their people.

First, I would like to say that it is illegal to threaten the lives and properties of the people in the affected areas by the BATUK. Secondly, I also want to state that it is against human dignity. The cases that have been laid by Hon. Salim Edung on the burning of an innocent soul and the

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death of another one while saving her brother, it is against human dignity and we would want to urge all government and non-governmental institutions to join hands with the County Government of Laikipia to bring a stop to this cruelty.

I want to state that the kind of human suffering that I have listened to, it is in the business of any government and any Assembly to ensure that our people are not subjected to such. I have done a quick research and have found what this white phosphorus is. If you read deeply, it affects the entire human anatomy from the eyes to the respiratory system and maybe subject to research it can affect the fertility of our people in Laikipia. Therefore, it is at this time I would like to ask this House to support this motion so that we also safeguard the people that we represent.

Before I sit Mr. Speaker, I also want to state that it should be punished by the law just like Hon. Member from Mukogodo East has said that it is negligence and reckless that you can subject the human life to your own personal gain. As I sit down, last Thursday we were celebrating the ceremony of the late Josiah Mwangi Kariuki (JM Kariuki) and his book was widely cited Mau Mau detainee. What if our forefathers were to rise today only to realize that we have ceded the land which they fought for to people who will harm our communities to the infinity of time?

What I understand is that our voices can be heard even to the National level and therefore we would want to urge everybody concerned with this matter, the committee of Agriculture, Water, Environment and Natural to ensure that this matter does not end here. We would ask the synergy of all the government institutions and other institutions to enter into this matter and ensure that we guard our people. Thank you.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the motion by the Hon. Member for Segera. I may not have been so conversant with BATUK because I am from the other end of Laikipia County. Even if I thought that I am not a victim, I am already one of them.

Mr. Speaker, these activities must have moved all the animals because all the elephants have moved to my region. We can hardly spend a night without these animals disturbing us. If these trainings are the cause, we need to join hands and ensure that we have the right order from the government. Before the devolution came, I am sure that the agreement was made by the National Government. We as a county need to be now enjoined with the agreement because they are doing their activities in our county. Whatever was agreed by the National Government should be devolved at the county level.

It is unfortunate because whenever we have a case; it is referred back to Britain. The unfortunate thing is that whenever we are being referred to, they are our colonisers. Could it be that they are coming back slowly in a smooth way whereby they are pretending to be in training and by the end of the day, we might be forced to go far to the forest? It might be a challenge because even when the colonialists were coming, they never came over as though they were coming to colonize us but they came through religion.

Immediately they were settled on the ground that is when they were able to colonize us. As the leaders elected by our people, we need to join hands and face them technically. It is unfortunate because to some extent, I do not believe in a way whereby because somebody comes from this region, he commits a crime and he is referred back to his area. On my part, let us hope for the best because we need a court of law within which can sort it.

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The recent one which happened in 2012 within a certain hotel here, it should not be a case which we need to refer to because it ought to have been sorted a long time ago. I wholly support and we need to work as a team. It is unfortunate because I have also learnt that cocaine is available within. I have been reading of cocaine being transported in other countries, I am shocked if it can also have access to this region.

Maybe very soon my son or my daughter will be working within the locality and at the end of the day he/she will get involved with those activities. Therefore, we need to hold hands and ensure that if those drugs are there, it should not be a country by itself wherever they have their barracks; the government should be properly involved and be able to investigate whatever transpires within their training centres.

Mr. Speaker, I do not think that there can be a land preserved for them to be trained because I am sure, even given that land, where will Lekopien graze? It means that from that he will not have anywhere to graze. Therefore, if it is necessary that they be given, we have forests where they can go and train so that they can be moved out of the locality. While being moved out, the County Government must be properly involved. Therefore, I wholly support the motion.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to support the motion by Hon. Salim on the training of BATUK in Laikipia. I want to categorically say that BATUK being in Laikipia is the most unfortunate thing that has ever happened to the people of Laikipia. One, these people do not even recognize that people in Laikipia need to be employed.

I remember one day we went with Hon. Antony to BATUK and when we reached there, we were almost kicked out of the gate. We actually forced ourselves into their offices in order to be listened to. These are people who don't recognize us as leaders in this Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, we have got issues with employment in BATUK itself. When you look at the people who are being employed there, it is said that they come from Nanyuki but they come as far as from Kisii, Migori, Kisumu and Nairobi yet the people of Nanyuki who live around, they take the least percentage. When we asked this question, we were told to go to the labour offices just across here. When I tried to go there, they also sent me back to BATUK.

Therefore, there is a lot of cat and mouse game when it comes to the issue of BATUK. These are the very people who actually use our roads yet they do not do any repairs. They come with their own water, do not use our water but contaminate our water. They are the same people who come with their own vehicles and does not use our vehicles or even lease from the government. Therefore, when you look at the benefits they bring in Laikipia, they are actually minimal.

Mr. Speaker, when they go to do these trainings especially in the private ranches, the numbers of the locals who get employment is like negative percent compared to the number of people they ferry from different towns to this locality. Therefore, we have many issues with BATUK that we really need to face and tell them straight to their eyes because getting them in their offices is a bit tricky and hard.

It is so unfortunate that these things are happening in Kenya but when we want to go to court, they send you back to UK. These mistakes are done in Kenya and therefore they should be tried here because even the right of having justice demands that you will be taken to the nearest

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police station or the nearest court. Why are they referring these cases to UK? These are things we seriously need to look at and consider; for them to stay in Laikipia they must have an office that addresses these issues based in Laikipia.

Mr. Speaker, I want to say categorically that if Agnes Wanjiru cannot get justice, BATUK must leave Laikipia. If Linus is not going to be given justice, BATUK must leave Laikipia. If people around Makandura, Segera, Umande and Laikipia North are not going to be given compensation because of what the fire caused them, BATUK must leave Laikipia. If the young boy who lost his eyes and hands will not be given justice here in Kenya, then BATUK must leave. If the people of Nanyuki cannot be given a higher percentage of job employment within the offices based in Laikipia, then they must leave Nanyuki. If people who live around Loldaiga, Mpala and other Ranches cannot get 70% of labour force where they train, then they should not train there.

Mr. Speaker, we must speak for our people and we must stand for this right. BATUK people must be given a date with us here so that we can have our issues addressed to them or we be given answers to these questions. Therefore, I stand to support the motion and I urge all the Members to support. Thank you.

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I must first congratulate my brother from Segera, Hon. Salim for this noble motion. I think since time immemorial when this country got its independence; we have had terrorism that would prove as if we were not colonized. One, I would want to say that at times we criticize that English man who said that we give the devil his dues despite of the very few we receive from these white men called BATUK. For example, the last two weeks I received a borehole in my locality but I think we had better die of thirst or hunger at times rather than being bribed to access people who are manipulating our lives through the same issues outlined in this motion.

Mr. Speaker, because God had granted me to being in the previous regime in this Assembly, when we had a debate of the same, I think that the BATUK were a little bit regulated. I do not know whether they are the same ones who are called *Johnny*. Out of the many movements they used to have in this town, at least they reduced. This is a time it was hell in this town that in all bars and clubs there used to be those white men who terrorised African people.

Mr. Speaker, I read in social media either in US or UK who were actually advocating for the LGBTQ, for men to marry men and women to marry women. I think that this was the verge of bad precedence that we would think that in this cultural land of Kenya, we would have that. The last time and I stand to be corrected that I saw white children, there used to be a time when they were so many here. Some of them because I had wanted to do law and I know that wherever we went to do justice for the women who got those kids, it was not hard. Therefore, despite of the County Assembly being limited, we need to urge the National Government to control this movement and especially the murder issues and this committal thing from BATUK. We now need to tighten the same.

Mr. Speaker, the other day we were at Aberdare Hotel where we were trying to do valuation role. We might do a valuation role and revisit it. Because these people have a lot of money, even if we do a big valuation that will deter these people or think that we are chasing them, we are just going to do justice to ourselves and to our Laikipians.

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As the Hon. Kanyutu has said, I have wondered despite of the few people that might be employed in this BATUK. I know some times what they get most are clothes and boots and the little token, which they are given. I do not know and I would urge the Labour Committee from this Honourable House to do research whether there are regulatory issues which those people in terms of wages and what they get as little or high as it would be. We need to know whether our people are being manipulated. With the current condition of this high sun season, there might be a lot of manipulations.

Mr. Speaker, we have lost so many lives despite of the truth quoted by Hon. Salim and I know that the compensation process has been tough. Telling a person to submit papers to UK or wherever they are, it just means that this is now the hard rock of it. It does not reach anywhere and because we do not know what the agreement of two ambassadors is, I think that it is a little bit hard.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, we need to have firm agreements over the same despite of the BATUK bringing those things, which they are calling social. We have a lot of land in this county and despite of selectively coming to our Laikipia County, in my ward I am segregated by the death of bandits, namely the Laikipia Nature Conservancy.

Mr. Speaker, I would beg the National Government to identify this because as long as the area that BATUK covers, if these people would be given the Laikipia Nature conservancy because the land is ours, despite of pouring that white phosphorus, even if I am not the creator of man, there is a community that needs to be terminated. The way they should be terminated is by allowing BATUK to go to that place and develop there. Now what they are doing in our humble areas, they are actually using the land that is supposed to be used to graze.

Mr. Speaker, I would urge, despite of the little revenue that the BATUK pays because I must say that in 2019 when we were posing the Finance Bill, there was an argument that they were being over charged and even wanted to re-locate. Whatever happened from there because it was the task of the Executive, I do not know. Even if you would want to chase a thief, do not shoot a bullet in air, sometimes it is even good to point it near his ears so that he can see that there is no game of shit in this. Therefore, I urge the Hon. Member and the committee concerned over conservancy to make a follow up so that the regulations set as we speak can be tightened.

So that if these people would be taken back to their country, if we do not have the 100% benefit or the exchange programme they are practising here at the same time, it should be clear that these people should move.

Hon. Samuel Mugambi: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipatia hii nafasi. Nimesimama kuchangia huu mjadala ambao uko na uzito mwingi na ningeomba leo uniruhusu niongee kwa Kiswahili kwa sababu nimeona nikiongea kwa Kizungu, nitakuwa naongea kwa akili lakini nikiongea kwa Kiswahili nitakuwa naongea kutoka kwa roho yangu.

Nimesikia yale maneno ambayo Mheshimiwa Salim Edung kutoka Segera ameleta. Ni maneno mazuri sana na pia ningetaka kuaniliwa sana. Ningetaka kujulisha hili Bunge ya kwamba BATUK sio *exchange programme* kama tunavyosema kwa Kizungu. Katika historia ya BATUK, mimi ni mwanafunzi mzuri sana na hupenda kufuatilia hii historia. Ukiangalia historia, sababu ya huyu mzungu kuja, BATUK ni yule mzungu mwenye alikuwa mkoloni kutoka Uingereza, kwa hivyo tuanzie hapo.

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Huyu alikuwa mzungu aliyetuletea ukoloni halafu ukiangalia ni kwa nini alikuja Nanyuki, uende usome historia vizuri. Kulikuwa Mwafrika mwenye ubabe mwingi wakati wa Maumau na alikuwa kando ya Mlima Kenya na ndio maana mkaletewa jeshi ndio ikaitwa Maumau *rebellion* ndio itulize hayo maneno. Kwa hivyo, haya maneno ya BATUK ilikuja kitambo sana na sio hiyo mnaita kwa Kizungu *exchange programme.* Kwa Kiswahili ni ukoloni mambo leo. Bado mzungu hajatoka kuleta ukoloni.

Ukifuatilia kwa ufasaha zaidi, huyu mzungu hukaa kwa shamba ambalo kwa Kizungu tunasema ni *Colonial Pennons.* Ni shamba zao ambazo walinyang'anya Wamaasai, Wasamburu, Waturkana na Wakikuyu ambazo sasa wanakuja kusema ya kwamba wamekomboa. Hakuna kitu kama hicho. Haya maneno ningetaka iangaliwe kwa ufasaha na pia ningeuliza Serikali Kuu tuwache kubembeleza mzungu. Unajua sasa BATUK inawekwa hapa kama ni mtu wa kuangalia vile unavyofanya. Ukiangalia katika hiyo hadithi ambayo Mheshimiwa Salim amesema kuhusu moto uliotokea kutoka Loldaiga, ndio ijulikane ya kwamba wao ndio walisababisha, mzungu mmoja aliweka katika mtandao ambao unaitwa *Snapchat* na kusema ilisababishwa na matumizi ya dawa za kulevya za *Cocaine* na iko katika rekodi na kumbu kumbu zote za Kenya.

Mimi pia nalaumu Serikali Kuu kidogo kwa sababu naona ya kwamba BATUK walianza kazi punde tu tulipopata uhuru mwaka wa 1964. Rais wetu wakati huo alikuwa Mzee Jomo Kenyatta na haya maneno yote waliweka huo wakati. Ukisoma historia, utapata ya kwamba hao watu ambao waliletwa hapa Nanyuki walikuwa wanafanyia mazoezi yao nchi za Iraq na Afganistan. Hao watu mimi sioni shida ya kupita njia kando, suluhu la kwanza ni kuwe na majadiliano na mikataba iandikwe upya.

La sivyo, wacha mbeberu arudi kwao kwa sababu hata ukiangalia yale manufaa ambazo huwa tunapata, Kaunti ya Nyandarua hawana BATUK. Ni nini tumewapita nayo kama Laikipia ambao tuko na BATUK? Ni watu wangapi wetu wa Laikipia wameajiriwa katika BATUK? Hata sasa Bwana Spika, ukifuatilia siasa za nchi ya Afrika Kusini, hii shida ambayo tuko nayo ya BATUK, hata huko wako nayo. Kuliko kushinda tukibebelea huyu mbeberu eti aje tujadiliane, ukisoma historia ya BATUK, wengi walibaka bibi wetu na dada wetu kwa nguvu mpaka ikafanyiwa mikakati mingine wakaambiwa sasa hakuna kutembea sehemu zingine katika Nanyuki kabla ya masaa fulani kufika.

Kwa hivyo Bwana Spika, mimi naongea kwa huzuni sana nikiwa hapa mwaka wa 2023 na bado tunaongea kuhusu mbeberu mtu ambaye sio wa hapa na amekuja kututesa kwenye shamba ambalo lilipiganiwa uhuru na watu wakafa ndio tupate uhuru. Eti tuko hapa kubembeleza mtu tuweke mikakati ingine ndio tusaidike. Mimi niko na huzuni na ningetaka kusema ya kwamba jamii y BATUK ianze mikakati na Serikali Kuu, Wabunge wa hili eneo na pia sisi tuungane Bwana Spika. Hata ukitaka tuje na *t-shirts* ambazo zimeandikwa, tutakuja nazo kwa sababu sisi tumechaguliwa tuangalie haki za wenye wametuchagua. Asante.

Hon. Antony Theuri: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Hata mimi leo niruhusu niongee kwa Kiswahili hata kama sijiamini sana. La muhimu ni kuhakikisha ya kwamba ujumbe umewafikia. Kwanza, niwakaribishe wageni wetu walioko kwa jukwaa. Kwa minajili ya kujitabulisha, ninaitwa Antony Theuri Wambui na nawakilisha watu watukufu wa Wadi ya Nanyuki.

Nashukuru ndugu yangu Mheshimiwa Salim kwa sababu ya mjadala wa leo na niseme ya kwamba ameruka mbele. Mimi nilikuwa najipanga chinichini lakini ni vizuri kama tungeruhusiwa

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tuseme kwa lugha ya Kichina ambapo tungekuwa nyumbani ningesema "*kuringa ikiuma ikiuma irima"* na hiyo tutatafsiri tukitoka kwa hili Bunge.

La muhimu niseme ya kwamba mambo ya BATUK ni mambo ambayo na kero kubwa. Wakati naongea hivi nasikia bado ile damu ya Mau Mau ndani yangu nasikia kuzizimuka. Nashukuru kwa hizi Bunge haziwezi ruhusu tuingie kwa mikuku wala rungu kwa sababu inaumiza sana. Asubuhi ya leo Bwana Spika, kwa minajili ya haya mazungumzo yetu, tuko na shida ambayo pengine haihusiani na hili sana lakini ni ukweli, nilidhani ya kwamba wakati nilichaguliwa maisha yamebadilika. Ni kweli yalibadilika lakini tuko na shida ya maji.

Kwa wiki mbili sasa ambazo zimepita ndio nimepata kueleza *Bottom up* ni kumaanisha nini kwa sababu inabidi unaenda kuchota maji kwa karai, unaweka mtungi na kuanza hiyo hali ya *Bottom up*. Katika hiyo hali ya kuoga tu, mimi niko na kijana wangu ambaye hakuenda shule kwa sababu shule yao ilikuwa na shida ya moto ingawaje ni mbali kidogo.

Katika hali ya kujitayarisha kitambulisho changu kikaanguka na kijana wangu akaniletea na kuniambia ya kwamba mimi ni mzee sana. Nilinyamaza kwa sababu kuna wimbo ambao ulikuwa unaibwa hapo wa kitaanzania unaosema, bwana nifunze kunyamaza. Nilipomuuliza ni kwa nini, ananiuliza hii miaka yako, ulikwa wakati wa *slave trade?*

Bwana Spika, mimi hata sijafikisha miaka themanini, ni kwa nini mtoto wangu anaona ni kama kwamba mimi ni wa rika na Methusela. Wakati nilikuwa nimekaa hapa, ni kama huyo kijana alikuwa katika roho ya Bwana kwa sababu yale mambo ambayo tunaongea hapa ni mambo ambayo ilikuwa inasumbua baba yangu, mama yangu na sasa pia katika kisasi changu ambacho ni cha nne. Yule shetani na uniruhusu niseme shetani kwa sababu wakati nilipoingia katika hili Bunge niliambiwa ya kwamba nimekingwa ingawaje sijui ni mpaka wapi.

Lakini, niruhusu nirejelee hawa BATUK ama hawa Wazungu kama shetani. Nikisema shetani kwa Kiswahili ni kitu ambacho ninapinga na haiendi na imani yangu. Ile kitu nasema ni ya kwamba, hata kabla ya kuenda wakati wa ukoloni wacha tuongee yale maneno ambayo yako leo. Wakati unazungumza maneno ya Ukoloni, huo ni ufisadi mkubwa sana ama sijui kwa Kiswahili nimesema tu unafiki.

Wakati tulikuwa na Mheshimiwa Lempaira wakati tulienda huko, ile kitu ilinishangaza ni ya kwamba tuliingia kwa vita Bwana Spika. Hata kama unaniona nikiwa mkonde namna hii, tunasema *it's not the size but the fight in the dog*. Lakini mimi si hiyo nimesema, baadaye ilibidi tupiganie watu wetu. Naona kuna watu hapa na kuna Televisheni hapa kwa hivyo waelewe hicho kiwanda au biashara ya BATUK kama ambavyo Mheshimiwa Leshuel amesema hapa wanatupa pesa kidogo.

Wanaenda wanatuambia katika kila mwaka wanatupatia milioni tano. Tukiingia katika hili Bunge, Mheshimiwa Mwaniki ambaye hayuko na wengine wako hapa watuletee Bajeti ya Laikipia ambayo haitafika bilioni tano. Hiyo bajeti yetu itaguza kila kona ya Kaunti. Ukitembea leo na ile bajeti Mheshimiwa Karuiru na Kagondu walipitisha hapa, tukienda kwangu Likii hutapata kitu ya bajeti hii.

Ukienda Nturukuma utapata akina mama wakipata watoto wanawaita Kawambui kwa sababu nimeanza kunyoosha barabara upande huo. Ukienda hospitali, leo nimechelewa hata sijapangusa viatu kwa sababu nilienda huko kukagua miradi ambayo bilioni tano inafanya. Nilishindwa hizi bilioni tano zinafanya kazi gani. Nilifanya uchunguzi na Mungu akitupa nafasi

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nitaleta hiyo ripoti hapa. Hao bado ni wakoloni na wakiingia hapa walisema hizo pesa watatuwachia. Sasa tumebaki hivyo na wao wanakula. Ile kitu wanatuwachia hapa kubwa ni maji taka iliyo hapo.

Chakula ambacho wanatumia hapa Mheshimiwa Spika, wanatoa Dubai kwa mhindi. Ukitoka hapa uende hivyo, wanasema wanaajiri watu wetu. Haidhuru! Mimi si mkabila. Mimi ni mtoto wa mama, simjui baba yangu; ningefurahi sana kama angekuwa mzungu. Maisha yangu pengine yangekuwa tofauti. Lakini shida ni hawa watu wanaoajiriwa. Wakati wananajisi watoto wetu na kuwaharibu na kufanya mambo mengine yote, wanasema kesi zote ndio maana nasema ni ushetani. Nisikize polepole, nikimalizia hii hotuba utakubaliana na mimi kuwa wao ni ibilisi lakini hatutawachapa katika jina la Yesu.

Hawa tutawanyoosha katika Katiba na katika haki yetu ya hii mchanga. Haiwezekani kuwa baba zetu wakufe wakimfukuza na sisi watunyanyase katika hali ya kiuchumi. Mheshimiwa Spika, hapa Nanyuki wakati wa Korona, Kesi ya kwanza ya Korona haikutoka Amerika, China au mahali pengine ila ilitoka hapa BATUK. Kisa cha kwanza cha mtu mweusi kufa kwa sababu ya Korona ni marehemu Oduori na apumzike mahali pema peponi ambaye alikuwa ni wa hapa Majengo.

Wakati wao huua mtu hapa na kufanya maovu yote hapa, wanasema ya kwamba kesi zote zipelekwe Ulaya lakini Ushetani uko hapa. Ikifika ni malipo hawataki kutulipa. Kama wao wanataka kulipa na kiwango cha hapa, mimi nashindwa kama hiyo si ushetani, ni nini? Shida yangu kubwa ni biashara. Unakuta ya kwamba pesa hazibaki hapa. Wanashikana na walaghai wadogo hapa kwetu na hapo ndipo nataka tuangalie kama vile Mheshimiwa Leshuel alisema.

Tusiruke mbele ya kamba ila tuangalie vizuri sana tusije pia tukawa tunatengenezea walaghai wadogo biashara. Nikiangalia watu wangu wa Kaskazini kuna wakati walilipiwa pesa kidogo na kamati lakini ninapotembea huko mimi hushangaa hizo pesa sioni. Kuna wajanja fulani ambao walikuja, wakachukua hizo pesa zote. Ukienda huko kaskazini, bado unapata wako na shida na ndio maana mtu aliwachwa bila miguu, mwingine bila macho, mwingine alikufa akalipwa lakini pesa zile haziko. Bado tutaangalia huo upande.

Kero langu ni hili Bwana Spika, kama tunataka kusimamisha haya mambo lazima hata sisi tusimame kama wanaume na wanawake ambao wako na ujasiri. Itabidi kama hii ni kufungwa ifungwe. Haiwezi kuwa kila siku tunapoongea hapa watu katika baruapepe zangu wanalia hakuna kazi. Wakienda huko hata saa hii wanapiganisha jamii ya kikuyu, Masai na Samburu. Mimi ninapoenda huko naambiwa ya kwamba Mheshimiwa Lempaira, Mheshimiwa Lekopien na Mheshimiwa Leshuel walisema Wakikuyu wasiende huko, wabaki huku sababu watapigwa.

Lakini bado nikichunguza na Mheshimiwa Leshuel, Lekopien na wengine walio hapa unakuta ya kwamba katika zile shamba za Wazungu wanalipa watu mara mbili ya ile pesa inabaki hapo. Ukikuja katika huu mji, kuna hoteli ambazo hawa wanajeshi hawawezi kutembea sababu kuna orodha pale. Unaambiwa wewe *Mjohnie, Kagondu, Salim au Lempaira.* Hawawezi kuja mahali ambapo tunakula maharagwe ndio mama mboga asisaidike. Hawawezi kuja kwetu Likii wachukue kuku kienyeji ambayo inaingia katika ile mitaro ilhali hiyo ndio kienyeji asili sababu waliambiwa huko kuna ukora na hao ndio wakora wakuu.

Hiyo naita ufisadi. Sisi kama Bunge sasa tulipewa Mheshimiwa Spika kwa sababu una hiyo nguvu ili hata sisi utupelekee huko tusikize kesi na wao. Heri nibebe Kizungu na kitabu ili tuseme ni lazima haki yetu ipatikane. Kama si hivyo, waondokee hapa sababu wanatufinya. Sitaki

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mseme kuwa mimi nina ukabila lakini ukiangalia vizuri sana, hawa watu ndio wanatuharibia uchumi. Sitaki kusikika kama mtu mjinga ama mtu ambaye hajasoma lakini huwezi niambia kuhusu shilingi ya Kenya na shilingi ya huyo mkoloni ni shilingi hamsini na vile mimi natoa jasho hapa na yake iko juu.

Ni nini walitumia? Ile kahawa yetu mzuri ndiyo wanakunywa na wale wasichana wetu wazuri. Sisemi yule ambaye niko naye kwa nyumba simpendi, nampenda sana lakini mkienda na wao watachukua wale wazuri sababu wako na pesa. Mimi naomba hili Bunge, ukitaka kuwakomboa watu wetu sasa hatutaenda kukesi kwa BATUK, hatutaenda kwa Kamishna Mkuu lakini wakuje huku chini wasikize mwananchi na tupitie sheria tuhakikishe kuwa haki imepatikana.

Mimi nimechoka na hii maneno yangu na Mheshimiwa Kagondu. Wanakuja kwangu wanapaka darasa mbili rangi na kuandika na maandishi makuu sana sijui kama anaandikia Mungu aonea akiwa mbinguni ilhali amepaka rangi ambayo haiwezi pita elfu mia mbili. Wamejenga visima lakini saa hizi tunahitaji. Nikimalizia, leo naomba Mungu na kumshukuru kwa sababu sisi wote ni Waheshimiwa, wale wangwana wako pale.

Kama tungewapatia nafasi watoe historia zao ili waseme kama mtu anataka kwenda Uingereza ama pahali pengine, kwenda Mbinguni ni rahisi kwa sababu ni kutubu, kuamini bwana na kuenda mbinguni. Saa hizi, mtu akisema anataka kuenda Uingereza itakuwa ni kero, itakuwa ni ngumu kama vile Biblia inasema ni kama ngamia iingilie katika tundu la Sindano sababu hawataki twende huko lakini wanapokuja hapa, wanakuja kutuharibia mazingira, wanatuletea magonjwa na laana.

Huu ndio wakati na itakuwa changamoto kwa Mheshimiwa Leshuel hapa. Wewe ndio tulichagua kama Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Utekelezaji. Maneno ambayo tunaongea hapa kila siku nimechoka. Ni heri jogoo hulia asubuhi na kuamsha watu. Mimi kama Kawambui nakuja hapa tu kusema. Huu ni wakati chochote tunachozungumza hapa kitekelezwe ili hawa watu waone tofauti.

Mtoto wangu aliniambia kuwa mimi ni mtu wa wakati wa utumwa saa hizi ndio nimeona ni ukweli sababu ule wakati walikuwa wanateswa mimi bado nateswa. Mtoto wangu hatateswa nitashindwa kwa nini nilikuja kwa hii dunia. Sisi wote mbele ya Mungu tuko sawa na kama tuko sawa ni lazima hapa tukae vizuri. Mimi nikienda kwao kama nitaenda waacha wanitese lakini nikiwa hapa lazima nipate haki yangu.

Ningeomba mwongozo wenu mimi nikiwa hapa. Mimi bado ni kijana na sitaki kuenda na damu moto zaidi lakini ningetaka haya mambo yaangaliwe kwa macho mawili na yatimizwe. Wakishindwa mimi bado ni mtoto wa Mau Mau tukiwa na wengine walio hapa. Tutachukua sheria mikononi na lazima haki ipatikane bila kujali kabila ambayo tumetoka. Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Theuri for a robust contribution. I did not know you have a specular language control for Swahili. Thank you. I want to give a chance to the Hon. Samuel Parleto Lekopien before going to Hon. Benson.

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, thank you very much Hon. Salim for tabling this motion in the House today. This country is in a Solis state for all of us and more so, for the Laikipia County. Why am I saying this? For how long should we lose lives? For how long will the Wanjiku die and no one will talk about it? For how long should we have the citizen die?

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For how long should we have the Murangari dying and no one questions yet no one gives an answer.

For how long should we go through a slow death because of the phosphorus that they throw out in our environment? How many lives have we lost from the Phosphorous? Has anyone thought or accounted for it? We have the NEMA (National Environment Management Authority) and I think it should be their task to find out how hazardous and how bad the phosphorous is and in what rate is it killing our people.

I will advise the County Government of Laikipia and especially the Committee of Agriculture, Environment and Cohesion Committee to do a visit of all these farms and just find out how hazardous that phosphorus is and how it is killing us slowly. What I am seeing here is we are all undergoing a slow death. Secondly, for how long should this country lose taxes because what is happening here is the British Army pays the money to the British farms in this country but they pay in British.

We need to involve KRA to find out if these guys have been paying taxes because it's too sorry that we are giving them a training ground, we are losing lives and at the same time we are losing money as a country and as a county.

I am sorry to say that Hon. Antony just said there was a budget of five billion shillings. Is that five Billion enough to let us die every day? Should we take the five billion and let the Wanjiku and the Wanjiru die every day? It's so sad. We need to sit down as a country, as a county and as a County Assembly of Laikipia and go deep into details. Thankfully, we have the Chair for Environment and Agriculture here. We need to sit down and draft something to make sure we pay a visit or bring those people here so that we can actually find out what is happening and at what rate are we dying.

Sometimes it's sad that you sit here thinking you are healthy, tomorrow you fall sick and you do not know the cause of your death. Eventually, you learn that you died of the phosphorus while you are happy thinking that you are living a healthy life but your neighbourhood is just a dumpsite of death.

Secondly, Mr. Speaker, when we go to those farms and people are being trained there and it is also sad to say that 90% of the people that are training there or people working on those farms are not from the county or the locality. Some are being sourced from Nairobi, Kisii and Kisumu while, the locals around those farms are not being employed. It's a double tragedy that you rate dying from the phosphorous and poverty.

The farm that is supposed to employ the locals around there are doing nothing. In terms of development, I am speaking about Sosian. Ol Maiso, Impala and a farm called Evan are one of the biggest training areas. They have no shares. They have not built schools, there are no boreholes and I think it's the high time we as the Members of the County Assembly of Laikipia go to the House of Commons and on their bill to explain to them in the UK the problems we are having and the problems they are causing us.

It is sad to think that only Kenya and especially around Nanyuki that we have the training ground for the British Soldiers the BATUK. I wonder why they don't train in their country. Could it be that they know the Phosphorous is dangerous for them and now they found a dumpsite somewhere in Africa and especially around Nanyuki that they can kill so many of them and pay

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them 6 billion? It is sad and it's the high time we should all wake up to reality because if we don't, we will all perish.

As Hon. Anthony said that it was around Mt. Kenya when my father was a young man. They were actually forcefully taken to work with the British Army and they would do all sorts of things. They were even forced to go and arrest other Kenyans just because they were opposing them. I think it is sad that all this is happening in this country and in this time and era. My biggest question is and I think it is a question to all of us and especially people who are living around Nanyuki and further down to Isiolo. Recently, we have heard kids dying from explosives that are left all over.

We have heard our sisters, brothers and mothers being raped and humiliated by these British Army. There was a case in Samburu where most of the women around the training area were raped they had babies, the babies were fatherless and some of them were chased out of their families. There was a lot of divorce whereby if a mother gives birth to a white kid while the father is black and the mother is black, there were a lot of questions.

How did it happen? Some were raped during the training times and no one would dare talk because they are soldiers, they have the powers and to some extent, people believed that no one will ever defeat the BATUK. This County Assembly should sit down should engage the British Army and all these questions should be answered.

I still urge the Chair to please wake up to reality. That is by working hard because I am also a Member of the Agriculture Committee and the Environment. We need to wake up to reality and make sure that we save the lives of our people. The few times I have gone around Nanyuki, there are some specific clubs and places where they go. When you go there, you can see them humiliating girls and the boys just around Nanyuki and no one dares talk to them because they think they have money power.

For how long should we keep quiet and let everyone suffer here? Members and County Assembly of Laikipia, let's all wake up to reality and save the locals from this bad habit and slow deaths that everyone is going through. Thank you, I support the Motion.

Speaker: Thank you, Honourable Sammy Parleto. I want to give the floor to the Hon. Benson.

Hon. Benson Kuria: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika kwa hii nafasi ambayo umeweza kunipatia kwa mdahalo wa huu mswada mkali kwa sababu ya jimbo hili letu la Laikipia. Nashukuru, Mheshimiwa Salim Edung ambaye ni mjumbe wa Segera kwa sababu ya kutafakari na kuona kilio cha wana Laikipia. Hapo tuko kwa sababu sisi ni wawakilishi wa jimbo hili letu la Laikipia. Kwa hivyo, wakati tunaponena haya mambo ya BATUK, hawa ni mabeberu.

Mheshimiwa Spika, ningelipenda uniruhusu niwaite mabeberu kwa sababu wana Laikipia nikiguzia wanapitia janga baada ya mwezi wa saba. Ukiangalia upande wa Ol Maiso, Impala, Suyan, Kirimon, Posta na Labal; wakati wanafunzi wameingia mahali pale na wakati kuna mlipuko wa mabomu hukuwa akina mama wengi ambao huwa wamefunga mimba, mimba zao hutoka .

Nimeona Mheshimiwa Salim ameandika watatu wameathiriwa na BATUK. Hata wanaume kuanzia mwezi wa saba hakuna yule ambalo hufanya kazi. Hakuna chochote ambacho

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wao hufikiria mwana Laikipia. Hii ni kitu ninaongea nikiwa na machungu kwa sababu ukiangalia wakati BATUK wameingia Laikipia yetu, hakuna mtoto atapatikana mwezi wa saba au wa nane. Ni ukweli kwa sababu ule mlipuko huenda zaidi ya maili ishirini. Wale ambao wako karibu mahali pale akina mama hawapati mimba.

Hili ni jambo ambalo liko na uchungu kwa sababu ninajua ya kwamba ninaongea kama mtoto wa Mau Mau, mtoto wa Laikipia, Mwafrika wa Laikipia bila kuangalia kabila lolote lile kwa sababu sisi ni waathiriwa wa janga hili la BATUK. Ukiingia mahali pale ambapo wanakuja kuchukua *scouts* wakiingia mwezi wa saba, ni lazima yule kijana ambaye anaenda kuajiriwa mahali pale, kwa sababu labda atapewa elfu arubaini, ni lazima akubali mambo ya ushoga ili aguswe nyuma.

Hilo ni janga ambalo sisi hatubahatiki na ndiposa huu mjadala wa Mheshimiwa Salim utaweza kuunganisha jimbo hili letu na makali ambayo tunashuhudia. Sanasana, nasikia maneno ya mapenzi ya kibeberu wakikula *cocaine* wapatane na msichana mrembo hawataki maneno ya mbele, ni nyuma. Ni watu ambao wametuathiri na kuna faida ambayo sisi wana Laikipia tunabahatika kutoka kwao.

Mheshimiwa Spika, ningeomba ukituongoza kama baba wa Bunge hili tuwe na kikao na mama wa Kaunti ambaye ni Jane Kagiri, Gavana wetu Joshua Irungu, Seneta John Kinyua, Wabunge watatu Wachira Karani, Mwangi Kiunjuri na Sarah Lekorere halafu uchague Waheshimiwa hapa ambao wataenda kwa *Kenya Defence Forces* kupeleka makali haya. Baada ya wiki mbili ningependa Bunge hili liweze kutununulia mavazi ambayo inasema ya kwamba mikakati kama haitafanywa na hawa Beberu, Mbeberu *must go*.

Tuwe na mavazi ambayo inafanana kuonyesha ushirikiano na umoja kuonyesha mbeberu lazima aende. Ametukanyaga na ametukalia Mheshimiwa Spika. Ninajua ya kwamba kuna watu wengi wameathirika hasa Kirimon na Labal. Kuna walemavu zaidi ya mia tatu ambao wameadhirika na hawawezi kujifanyia chochote. Na wanapoingia hapa wanasema hawawezi wakalipa kodi. Sisi wenyewe kama Waheshimiwa tunalipa kodi.

Ninaomba Mheshimiwa Spika, wakati umefika Laikipia iwe ni Laikipia, wanalaikipia tusimamie sheria ya Laikipia bila matatizo na kuguswa na yeyote. Mzungu akikuja hapa, anatuona kama watu ambao hawajasoma na watu ambao ni wajinga. Kwa hivyo, nakusihi kwa sababu najua ya kwamba Biblia inasema ya kwamba tutakapo jua ukweli, ukweli utawatoa katika utumwa.

Ni jambo la kushangaza sana Mheshimiwa Spika, Mheshimiwa naibu Spika na Mheshimiwa wa Magharibi mwa Mukogodo ambaye amechaguliwa na wananchi wa eneo lake wakienda katika pahali pale, wanaambiwa hawezi akaiingia na yule mtu hana kitambulisho cha Jamhuri ya Kenya; ni Visa. Hiyo ni aibu Mheshimiwa Spika. Hili jambo litakuwa nzuri na mwanalaikipia yeyote kutoka wadi kumi na tano wataanza kujivunia matunda ya mbeberu, kama kuna sheria itawekwa na ifuatwe. Asante.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono mswada ambao umeletwa na Mheshimiwa Salim, ambao ni mswada wa kuhakikisha ya kwamba hawa Wazungu wanatupa heshima na kufanya kazi yao kisheria. Mimi nakumbuka ya kwamba kuna madhara mengi ambayo yamefanywa. Kuna watu wengi ambao wameumia katika Kaunti hii ya Laikipia. Ni jambo la busara kama sisi Kaunti ya Laikipia tutasimama wima na kutetea wananchi ambao walituchagua.

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Wakati mimi nilijua mambo ya wanajeshi Waingereza nilikuwa mdogo. Nilikuwa nawaona na malori mengi na wakitufikia wanatutupia mikate na biskuti na tunafurahia kama watoto wakati huo. Wakati nimekuwa mtu mzima na kuingia kwenye huu mji wa Nanyuki nimekutana nao ana kwa ana. Najua kuna mambo mengi ambayo yamefanyika huko Laikipia Kaskazini na mengine yamefanyika kwenye hili eneo letu la Nanyuki. Ningetaka, kama mwakilishi wa watu wa Thingithu, yale mabaya ambayo yamefanyika yaangaliwe na wale ambao wameadhiriwa wapate haki yao.

Bwana Spika, nakumbuka kuna msichana aitwaye Agnes Wanjiru ambaye aliuawa na hao wanajeshi Waingereza na kutupwa kwenye shimo la maji taka. Aliaga dunia na alikuwa mtu ninayemjua, msichana tunayeongea naye na alikuwa mteja wangu kwenye biashara ninayofanya kwenye soko. Aliaga na kuacha mtoto mdogo sana ambaye amekuwa akitunzwa na shangazi yake. Hadi wa leo hiyo familia haijawahi pata haki. Haijawahi lipwa fidia.

Hapo ndipo mimi naona ya kwa kwamba kuna mambo tunayofaa kutengeneza ili makubaliano tutakayoweka yawe ya manufaa kwa watu ambao tunawakilisha na kuweza pia kuwasaidia wananchi wote bila mipaka. Bwana Spika, BATUK wako kwenye sehemu ya Thingithu, na najua ya kwamba ni watu wachache wamepata nafasi katika sehemu hiyo kwa sababu kumekuwa na watu wafisadi. Kama ni kuajiri mtu kwenye hiyo kambi wanafanya ufisadi kidogo na unapata kwamba watu tunaowakilisha hapa hawana nafasi. Kwa hivyo mimi nasimama nikitaka haki itendeke.

Jambo la kuhuzunisha ni kama vile nimesikia Wajumbe wakisema ya kwamba ukiwa umeathiriwa na jambo lolote kwenye sehemu yoyote BATUK wanapofanyia mazoezi yao eti unafaa kuenda Uingereza. Haya ni mambo tunayofaa kuangalia. Kama umeathirika ukiwa Kenya kesi yako ifanyiwe Kenya. Kama umeathirika ukiwa Uingereza basi kesi yako ifanywe huko Uingereza. Mimi nitawalaumu wale ambao wanakubali.

Kama ningekuwa Rais wa Jamhuri ya Kenya mwananchi wa hapa hawezi kudhulumiwa na aende kutafuta haki yake Ulaya. Hiyo sio haki. Hata waziri anayesimamia mambo ya Nchi za Kigeni na wa Masuala ya Ndani anayehusika na mambo ya majeshi anafaa kuingilia kati na kuhakikisha ya kwamba kama mtu ameumia hapa Kenya alipwe akiwa hapa Kenya, na kama huyo Mzungu ambaye amefanya madhara ameyafanya akiwa Kenya ashtakiwe akiwa Kenya. Ukifika Kenya umepata barua ya kuwa Mkenya, kwa hivyo uhukumiwe kulingana na sheria za Kenya.

Kwa hivyo mimi singetaka kuona hayo mambo kwamba kuna watu spesheli kuliko wengine. Hawa Wazungu wanavuta hewa kama mimi, wanakimbia kama mimi na wanafanya kila kitu ambacho nakifanya. Ni sura zao tu ndizo nyeupe. Ningesema kama ni rangi itabidi tupakwe ili tuheshimiwe basi tupakwe ili tufanane nao. Ikibidi tukutume wewe kwa sababu wewe ni mweupe basi ukae huko na kusema mambo yetu.

Mimi ningetaka kila mtu apewe haki yake. Tusiwe na mambo ya kusema huyu ama huyu. Nilisikia kwamba hawa Wazungu wakija hapa, wakisimamishwa kwa kufanya makosa barabarani hawezi kushikwa. Eti akishikwa akiwa makosani hayo makosa yapelekwe kwenye kambi. Huo ni ukoloni nami naweza kusema hayo ni mambo tunayofaa kuangalia.

Mimi ningesema tuangalie sheria wanayofuata wakiwa Kenya. Hilo tu. Mimi siwezi sema waende, hapana. Waende vipi? Kuna watu ambao wamesaidika na wengine ambao wameumia, kwa hivyo tunataka kuingilia hapo katikati. Kama Mzungu amekubaliwa na sheria ya Kenya basi

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aje. Sisi Kenya tuna sheria ya kimataifa na hatuwezi kusema huyu aje na huyu asije. Jambo ambalo mimi nataka ni kama kuna haki inayotafutwa itafutwe na kupewa mwenye haki.

Unajua sisi Wakenya ni wajanja na wajeuri wakati mwingine. Kama kuna watu ambao wameadhirika sisi tunaungana katika kikundi na kuenda kujipendekeza kusema tulipwe kwa niaba ya wale watu. Mimi nikipata mtu anayeenda kivyake kusema anatetea watu ili alipwe kivyake nitamcharaza viboko. Nitafanya kama alivyofanya Yesu alipoenda kanisani na kukuta watu wameifanya soko na kuwatandika viboko.

Kama mwananchi ameathirika wacha alipwe moja kwa moja. Ndiyo, ni vizuri kuwa na wanaoongoza yule mwananchi, bali pesa ikilipwa mwananchi apate asilimia mia moja ama asilimia tisini na tisa. Sio eti ukilipwa pesa, kuna watu wengine hapa wajeuri wanaolipwa asilimia fulani ya malipo na pengine hiyo asilimia ni sabini ama themanini inaenda kwa hao madalali na asilimia ishirini na tano tu ndiyo ya mtu aliyeathirika. Hapo ndipo mimi nasema lazima tuangalie kwa njia inayofaa.

Mimi najua madhara ambayo hawa Wazungu wamefanya. Pia naweza kusema mawili au matatu ambayo wamesaidia mtu mmoja au wawili, bali mtu mmoja au wawili hawawezi kusaidika na mamia waumie. Hapo ndipo mimi nasema kwamba tusiseme waende, maanake wakienda watu wengine wataumia. Pia hatusemi wakae hapa waumize watu wetu, hilo hatuwezi kubali. Tunataka kuwe na sheria itakayofuatwa. Aje hapa afanye mazoezi bali kwa njia inayofaa, ili nami pia nikiamua kuenda ng'ambo niende vizuri bila kuwekewa vikwazo.

Mimi bado sijaenda Uingereza bali najua nitaenda hivi karibuni mambo yakiendelea namna hii. Nitaenda huko kutetea na wakinizuia nitajua vile nitapenya. Sisi ni Mau Mau. Nimesikia wengine hapa wakisema sisi ni Mau Mau. Sisi tunajua kupenya kila mahali. Sisi tukienda kwao tunaitishwa visa. Sijui kama wao wakiingia wanaitishwa visa, sijui. Hilo ndilo nasema kuwa lazima serikali kuu iingilie kati na kujua wanakuja hapa kwa njia gani.

Vilevile, tujue kama wanajeshi wetu wanaenda kufanya mazoezi huko ili nao pia watupe hayo mabomu na kumwaga hiyo gesi wanayoita vile wanavyoita. Kama ni kuharibu hewa yao tuharibu. Kama wanatutengeneza nasi pia tuwatengeneze. Hapa ni nipe nikupe, ninyonye nikunyonye. Hayo ndio mambo ambayo ningetaka tuangalie...

Speaker: Order! Hon, Stephen. Hon. Anthony?

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Natoa ufafanuzi. Kama nilivyosema hapo awali, nina shida kutumia Swahili. Ningemuuliza kwa heshima kubwa Mheshimiwa Kagondu ajaribu... Waona leo tuna wageni na ni vibaya sana wakienda nyumbani na kusema Bungeni kuna kunyonyana. Tuko kwenye enzi mbaya ya LGBTQ. Ni vizuri asimame hapa na kusema nini inanyonywa na kwa nini. Ahsante sana.

Speaker: Hon. Stephen Ndiritu, you are being requested to give a clarification of the words you have used. Thank you.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Unajua mimi nimeongea vizuri sana lakini kile ambacho Mheshimiwa Anthony ameshika ni hicho cha kunyonywa. Sijui ni vipi bali nadhani ni kwa vile yeye hana miaka mingi kwa hivyo anakumbuka sana mambo ya kunyonya. Kile ambacho nimepeana ni mfano, nipe nikupe. Nimesema vizuri sana ni mfano. Niume nikuume. Huo ni mfano. Kama wameharibu nasi pia tuharibu ili tutoshane. Isiwe kwamba kuna mtu spesheli

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kuliko yule mwingine. Kwa hivyo nikisema ninyonye nikunyonye sina nia mbaya, ni mfano wa unile nikule. Huo ndio mfano ambao nimepeana na nadhani Mheshimiwa Theuri sasa anaelewa ninaposimama.

Nimesikia pia wajumbe wakisema kuwa mazingira yanaharibiwa. Kwa nini hawa Wazungu wanakuja tu kuharibu mazingira hapa? Ni lazima tujue ni mbinu gani itatumika ndio mazingira yetu yasiharibiwe na watu wachache. Saa hii najua mazingira yakiharibika mambo mengine yatajitokeza. Leo wanafanyia mazoezi Samburu. Walikuwa hapa Doldol juzi. Nimesikia Mheshimiwa amesema walibaka akina mama. Nikasikia Mheshimiwa Lekopien akiwa na uchungu, kwamba anajua familia ambapo bwana ni mweusi na mkewe ni mweusi bali mtoto ni mweupe. Hapo nimechanganyikiwa. Ama ni haya madawa yaliyo kwenye mabomu yametumika au njia nyingine imetumika ili huyo mtoto azaliwe.

Hayo ndio mambo tunayofaa kuangalia na kujua hiyo shida imetoka wapi. Kama kuna mtu aliyefanya kitendo kisichokubalika basi kutoka hapo tuingilie kati. Yaweza kuwa madawa ama kubakwa, ama hata masikizano. Watu wawili wakisikizana hata serikali haiwezi kuingilia. Ndipo mimi nataka kusema lazima tuweke sheria ambayo itamshika kwenye kila pande. Hatutaki watu wetu waumie. Tunataka vijana wetu wapate kazi. Hapa Nanyuki na Majengo vijana hawana kazi. Vijana wakienda hapo wanaambiwa sijui waandike barua, waje na cheti cha *Good Conduct,* ama sijui msimamizi yupi.

Bwana Spika, hapa kuna *cartel.* Mimi ningeuliza hili Bunge kwanza tushughulikie hiyo *cartel.* Hiyo cartel ambayo imekaa hapo tuiondoe. Kama hao Wazungu wameingia upande wa Kaskazini, wacha tuone vijana wamepata kazi huko na walipwe kwa njia ambayo inafaa. Sio kulipwa kama njugu karanga, eti unatolewa hii, kesho unapewa ile imeivaa na kesho kutwa ile ambayo imeungua. Unapimiwa kama hewa. Hiyo ndiyo sisi hatuwezi kubali. Kama mtu anafanya kazi ya kulima basi alipwe kulingana na ugumu ulio kwenye hilo shamba. Sio kukaa kama tunabembelezana. Ningetaka sisi tuwe na sheria ambayo itaweza kuwalinda hawa vijana wetu kila mahali.

Mimi ningesema kama mwakilishi wa watu wa Thingithu kwa sababu hawa wanajeshi Waingereza wako hapa Thingithu, kama wameajiri watu thelathini huko Laikipia Kaskazini au Samburu au Isiolo, kwa vile ni huko nje, asilimia thelathini iwe yetu. Si wanalala hapa na kukaa hapa? Kwa hivyo mimi nataka hiyo ya nje sisi tupewe asilimia thelathini. Kama wameajiri watu mia moja, thelathini watoke kwenye wodi ya Thingithu ili tuendelee mbele. Kwa wanaoajiriwa hapa sisi tupewe asilimia sabini ndio wale wanaotoka Mukogodo Magharibi pia wapate kazi. Wanaotoka Sosian pia wapate kazi. Ukija hapa utapata kuwa wanaofanya kazi hapo hata sio watu wa Laikipia. Mimi nasema hivyo nikiwa na ushahidi wa kutosha. Hakuna mtu wa Laikipia aliye hapo isipokuwa mmoja au wawili, na wanaofanya huko labda ni kazi ya kufagia. Wanaofanya kazi kubwa ni watu wa nje waliopitia kwenye mlango wa *cartel.*

Kwa hivyo tuketi chini na kusuluhisha haya maneno. Sisi kama Bunge la Laikipia tusimame wima tutetee watu wetu na kuhakikisha ya kwamba haki imetendeka kwa kila mtu. Naomba kukomea hapo na kumshukuru Mheshimiwa Edung Salim ambaye ni jirani yangu hapa kwa huo mswada ambao ameuleta hapa wa kuhakikisha ya kwamba tumeheshimiwa na kupewa haki kama watu wa Laikipia. Tuhakikishe pia ya kwamba kama hao wanajeshi Waingereza wanafanya mazoezi hapa Laikipia tupatiwe pesa ya kutosha ya ushuru kama vile mwananchi wa kawaida anatoa. Mama mboga hapa akiuza mboga yake anaitishwa ishirini, na kesho unasikia

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ameongezewa. Wanajeshi Waingereza wakija hapa hawatoi ushuru wowote. Hawatoi chochote, ni kuwabembeleza tu wasichana wetu hapa na kuwaachia kitu kidogo.

Nimemsikia Mheshimiwa Tony akisema wanawachukua wale warembo kabisa. Sijui wanaenda nao wapi ama ni nia gani wako nayo nao, bali hata kama wanafanya wanavyofanya basi wapate faida kubwa ili kesho asirudie hicho kitendo. Wapate faida kubwa kutokana na hilo kama kunao wanalolifanya. Tunajua Kenya hakuna sheria ya kufanya hayo mambo ya kutafuta warembo, hakuna hiyo sheria. Wanaofanya hivyo wanafanya kinyume na sheria, kwa hivyo watakaopatikana wawekwe ndani. Mimi nataka Wanajeshi Waingereza wakiwa hapa walipe ushuru ili watu wa Laikipia wapate manufaa wanayostahili. Ahsante Mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipa hii nafasi, maanake najua tunakuheshimu na unatupeleka vizuri. Ahsante.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Stephen Ndiritu for a robust contribution to the motion. I now want to call upon the Mover of the motion to reply. Welcome, Hon. Salim Edung.

Hon. Salim Edung: Bwana Spika, nashukuru kwa huu mswada ambao umekuwa kwenye hili Bunge. Nashukuru pia Wabunge wote wa Kaunti ambao wameunga mkono, nasema ahsante sana.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The sittings of this House now stand adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, 9th March 2023 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 4.29 p.m.

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