

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday, 24th November, 2010

The House met at 9.00 a.m.

[Mr. Deputy Speaker in the Chair]

PRAYERS

QUESTIONS BY PRIVATE NOTICE

NUMBER OF TRAINEES ADMITTED INTO KMTC IN 2010

(Mr. Ruto) to ask the Minister for Medical Services:-

(a) What is the number of trainees who were admitted into the Kenya Medical Training College in 2010?

(b) Could the Minister also provide a per-constituency list of students admitted into the college?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is Mr. Ruto not here? He is not in yet. Let us move on to the next Question!

KIDNAPPING OF NICHOLAS OLENGO OF
MOSORIOT TEACHERS COLLEGE

(Mr. Koech) to ask the Minister of State for Provincial Administration and Internal Security:-

(a) Is the Minister aware that a student of Mosoriot Teachers Training College, Mr. Nicholas Olengo, was kidnapped on 1st November, 2010 and the body was found dumped five kilometres from the college on 3rd November, 2010?

(b) Is the Minister also aware that on 31st October, 2010 the homes of Ronald Kalya and Wilson Kalya were raided and a motor vehicle taken away and abandoned near Plateau area in Eldoret?

(c) What action has the Minister taken to ensure that the culprits are arrested and security in the area restored?

Dr. Khalwale: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, Mr. Koech is in Cape Town, South Africa on parliamentary business.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Mr. Koech is out of the country on parliamentary business. The Chair directs that this Question appears on the Order Paper when he is back.

(Question deferred)

Mr. ole Lankas: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, although I have not received a copy of the written answer, I beg to ask Question No.516.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Question No.516

NUMBER OF NEWLY CREATED DISTRICTS

Mr. ole Lankas asked the Minister of State for Provincial Administration and Internal Security:-

(a) whether he could provide a list of all new districts created in the last five years and state how many of them have fully operational District Security and Intelligence Committees (DSICs); and,

(b) how much funds have been allocated to each of the districts for construction of District Headquarters.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Do you wish to proceed with the Question or you would like to have the copy of the written answer first?

Mr. ole Lankas: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to have a copy of the written answer first.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Mr. Ojode, do you have any reason why the hon. Member does not have a copy of the written answer?

The Assistant Minister, Ministry of State for Provincial Administration and Internal Security (Mr. Ojode): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, this Question is supposed to be answered by my colleague and he is on the way.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is there a copy of the written answer?

The Assistant Minister, Ministry of State for Provincial Administration and Internal Security (Mr. Ojode): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I am not sure.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Then you must make a copy of the written answer available to the Questioner. Therefore, the Question has to be deferred. Are you comfortable with the Question being deferred until tomorrow in the afternoon?

The Assistant Minister, Ministry of State for Provincial Administration and Internal Security (Mr. Ojode): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, that is okay.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Chair directs that the Question appears on the Order Paper tomorrow in the afternoon.

Mr. ole Lankas: On a point of order, Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir. This is the third time this Question has been call out in this House. The first time, it was deferred because the answer was not satisfactory. The second time, the Assistant Minister was not present. Today, we are again deferring this Question.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Mr. Ojode, why is your Ministry not taking this Question seriously?

The Assistant Minister, Ministry of State for Provincial Administration and Internal Security (Mr. Ojode): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, as a Government, we are taking this Question seriously. However, my colleague was supposed to come and answer it. He told me that he will be here this morning and I do not know what has happened to him.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Could you give a firm undertaking to the House that the Questioner will have a copy of the written answer today? The Question will appear on the Order Paper tomorrow in the afternoon.

The Assistant Minister, Ministry of State for Provincial Administration and Internal Security (Mr. Ojode): Yes, Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: That is fair enough! It is so directed!

(Question deferred)

Question No.309

CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE AT THUA RIVER

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is Mr. K. Kilonzo not here?
Let us move on to the next Question!

Question No.372

TARMACKING OF MATHATANI-KALOLENI ROAD

Dr. Munyaka asked the Minister for Roads:-

(a) whether he is aware that the Mathatani-Kaloleni Road (commonly known as Mua Hills Road) which was murramed two years ago is wearing out fast; and,

(b) whether he could consider tarmacking the road owing to the busy flow of traffic on it.

The Assistant Minister for Roads (Mr. Kinyanjui): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to reply.

(a) The Mathatani - Kaloleni Road is classified as D527 and E1807 and starts at Mathatani on the Junction A104 just before the Machakos Turn-off and proceeds through the Mau Hills to end at Kaloleni which is the junction with C99, Kangundo – Machakos Road. The length of the road is approximately 22 kilometres. The reason for the fast-wearing out of the gravel is on account of the sharp gradients. Some of the sections have gradients in excess of 18 per cent.

(b) Funding for the gravel section was under the 24 per cent equitable portion of the Roads Maintenance Levy, but the Roads Act, 2007 reduced the Roads Maintenance Levy from 24 per cent equitable to 10 per cent equitable. This meant that there would be no funds for tarmac king the steep section of this road this financial year. Unless we plan in the coming year, we do not have that funding in this financial year.

Dr. Munyaka: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I thank the Assistant Minister for that answer. However, I would like him to tell us why a section of the road which was marked “Conaid” was left without being murramed and motorists now find it difficult to drive there when it rains. Vehicles get stuck in that section. What will the Assistant Minister do to that section which was left when the road was being tarmacked?

Mr. Kinyanjui: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I am aware of the condition of the road as the hon. Member has stated. We are doing everything possible to make an assessment of

the amount of money required to finish the road. As soon as that figure is available, we will be able to prioritize it in the next financial year.

Dr. Munyaka: On a point of order, Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir. I was referring to a section of about two kilometers which was left unmurramed. I understand that some chemical was put on the section marked "Conaid". That concept has actually not worked because vehicles are getting stuck. What will the Assistant Minister do to the section of about two kilometers which was left unmurramed?

Mr. Kinyanjui: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I undertake to restore that road to a motorable condition during this financial year.

Mr. Munyaka: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, considering that a lot of funds were spent on that road when it was constructed about three years ago and now it is fast wearing out, could the Assistant Minister give an undertaking that he will tarmack that road by next year when funds will be available? We may lose the gains of the work which was done.

Mr. Kinyanjui: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I appreciate the concerns by the hon. Member. Indeed, my Ministry recognizes the importance of this section of the road. I want to undertake that within the next Financial Year 2011/2012, we will prioritize this section of the road.

Question No.334

PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY EWASO NYIRO NORTH
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Letimalo! We will come back to the Question later on.

Question No.554

DELAYED COMPENSATION TO PROPRIETORS
OF PERFECT FARMS LIMITED

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Kabogo! We will also come back to the Question.

Question No.560

CONSUMPTION OF CONTAMINATED MEAT BY RESIDENTS OF
NYANDUMA SUB-LOCATION

Mr. Njuguna asked the Minister for Public Health and Sanitation:-

(a) under what circumstances 100 people became seriously ill after eating cow meat that was bought from a local butchery in Nyanduma Sub-location in Gatamaiyu Division, in August 2010;

(b) whether she is also aware that Mr. Chege Gathumuni, a father of five children, died immediately after eating meat bought from the same butchery; and,

(c) what action the Government has taken against the butcher and what measures are in place to ensure that meat is inspected and such health hazards do not recur.

The Minister for Public Health and Sanitation (Mrs. Mugo): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to reply.

(a) It is true that people fell ill after having a meal at a funeral. The meal included the meat in question. The resultant effect was diarrhea and vomiting, suggestive of food poisoning. The meat in question had been inspected by a veterinary officer from Githunguri, because the area borders Githunguri and Lari, and was deemed to be fit for human consumption. The preparation of the food at the funeral might have led to the contamination of the same.

(b) Mr. Chege Gathumuni, a father of five, died of pneumonia and had been receiving treatment from the Kiambu District Hospital for asthmatic conditions and related chest problems. So, the death of Mr. Gathumuni is not as a result of having consumed the meat in question.

(c) My Ministry has taken the following steps:-

(i) The butchery where the said butcher operates has been temporarily closed to ascertain whether it was the source of contamination and so far, the premises have been disinfected and the same applies to the slaughter slab.

(ii) Surveillance activities have been strengthened and those identified to have consumed the suspected food were referred to hospital for further check-ups and treatment.

Mr. Njuguna: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, while I appreciate the answer given by the Minister, it is notable that Mr. Chege Gathumuni died after consuming the contaminated meat. He developed diarrhea and vomiting signs. Therefore, he died as a result of eating the contaminated meat. Could she, therefore, consider compensating the bereaved family as a result of the professional negligence by the Ministry officials?

Mrs. Mugo: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the information I have is that Mr. Gathumuni had been undergoing treatment for asthmatic condition and the related chest problems. If he had diarrhea, we would have evidence to show that he died from food poisoning. He must have died from the underlying problems because none of the other people who ate the food died.

Mr. Muturi: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, while I appreciate the answer given by the Minister, assuming that Mr. Chege Gathumuni did not die from diarrhea, I observe that most shopping centres in the rural areas are very untidy and unkempt. Could she confirm that the Ministry has enough public health inspectors to go round the country making sure that eating places in the rural areas are clean and well kept?

Mrs. Mugo: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, it is true that we have a shortage of public health inspectors, but we will employ more of these officers during this financial year. We have assigned officers in all areas in the country, but we are planning to add more very soon.

Mr. James Maina Kamau: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, Kenyans are known to be lovers of meat. There was a law that required all meat to be inspected. Why are butchers allowed to flout this law, which provides that meat should not be eaten until it is inspected?

Mrs. Mugo: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, it is true that meat should not be eaten until it is inspected. However, it is also the responsibility of Kenyans to ensure that meat has been inspected, which is shown by a stamp. My officers will be vigilant, but it is also the responsibility of the butchers to make sure that the meat is inspected for their own good. There are cases where people even slaughter in their homes and it is upon them to call a veterinary officer to inspect the meat. Let me add here that it is not my officers who inspect meat; it is veterinary doctors. My officers are supposed to make sure that meat has been inspected and stamped.

Mr. Njuguna: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, you realize that over 100 people fell sick as a result of this negligent act. What extraordinary measures is the Ministry taking to rekindle confidence in people? Right now, people are not certain of the services that are being rendered by health officials in that area.

Mrs. Mugo: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, my officers are not the ones who inspect meat. It is inspected by veterinary officers who fall under a different Ministry, but we work together. My officers are supposed to ascertain that cleanliness standards are upheld. That is why we have closed this butchery or any other butchery or eating place which is suspected not to be of the expected health standards until it is cleaned up and disinfected. I would encourage Members to bring it to my attention if there are areas that do not meet these standards.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Question by hon. Ruto!

QUESTION BY PRIVATE NOTICE

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(Mr. Ruto) to ask the Minister for Medical Services:-

(a) Could the Minister indicate the number of trainees admitted into the Kenya Medical Training College in 2010?

(b) Could the Minister also provide a per-constituency list of students admitted into the college?

Mr. C. Kilonzo: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I have hon. Ruto's permission to ask this Question on his behalf. He is attending to a very urgent personal issue.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It is a Question by Private Notice! But nonetheless, if you have a compelling reason why Mr. Ruto is not here, the Question can be deferred to another date.

Mr. C. Kilonzo: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would prefer it to be deferred.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Why is hon. Ruto not here?

Mr. C. Kilonzo: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, he was actually at the gate of Parliament premises, but he had to turn back to attend to a very urgent personal issue. He has asked if I can be allowed to ask the Question on his behalf, but if that is not possible, then the Question can be deferred.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Fair enough! The Chair directs that this Question appears on the Order Paper tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. C. Kilonzo: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir.

(Question deferred)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Question No.2 by Private Notice is deferred.

KIDNAPPING OF NICHOLAS OLENGO OF
MOSORIOT TEACHERS COLLEGE

(Mr. Koech) to ask the Minister of State for Provincial Administration and Internal Security:-

(a) Is the Minister aware that a student of Mosoriot Teachers Training College, Mr. Nicholas Olenko, was kidnapped on 1st November, 2010 and the body found dumped five kilometres from the college on 3rd November, 2010?

(b) Is the Minister also aware that on 31st October, 2010 the homes of Ronald Kalya and Wilson Kalya were raided and a motor vehicle taken away and abandoned near Plateau area in Eldoret?

(c) What action has the Minister taken to ensure that the culprits are arrested and security in the area restored?

(Question deferred)

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTION

Question No.309

CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE AT THUA RIVER

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is there any good reason as to why hon. Kiema Kilonzo is not here this morning to ask this Question this morning? The Question is dropped.

(Question dropped)

Question No.334

PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY EWASO NYIRO
NORTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Has hon. Raphael Letimalo been into the Chamber this morning, or is he elsewhere on parliamentary business? The Question is dropped!

(Question dropped)

Next Question, Mr. William Kabogo!

Mr. James Maina Kamau: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I belong to the same Committee as hon. Kabogo. I am aware that he is in South Africa on parliamentary business.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Given the circumstances, the Question is deferred to such a time as hon. William Kabogo will have been back.

Question No.554

DELAYED COMPENSATION TO PROPRIETORS
OF PERFECT FARMS LIMITED

(Question deferred)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Next Order!

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

UPDATE ON ONGOING “OPERATION GOOD
HOPE” IN NORTHERN KENYA

The Assistant Minister, Ministry of State for Provincial Administration and Internal Security (Mr. Ojode): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I wish to update hon. Members on the---

(Loud consultations)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order! Order, hon. Members! Hon. Members, including the Assistant Minister for Education, Prof. Olweny, let us have order!

Proceed, Assistant Minister!

The Assistant Minister, Ministry of State for Provincial Administration and Internal Security (Mr. Ojode): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I wish to update hon. Members on the ongoing Operation Good Hope, aimed at flushing out elements of the Oromo Liberation Front (OLF) militia from North Eastern Wajir and Upper Eastern areas in Kenya, as well as on the alleged police brutality on two chiefs in Wajir North District.

Over the last three months, there has been an increase in criminal activities perpetrated by suspected members of the OLF in Wajir, Moyale and Sololo. During the period under reference, these criminal elements have been engaged in highway attacks, kidnapping, robberies, stock theft, sale of firearms and acting as mercenaries for hire and torture of innocent Kenyans. The OLF organisation has been gazetted as a criminal gang under the Organised Crimes Act, 2010.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, intelligence reports indicate that the OLF militias are concentrated within Korondile, Sololo, Turbi, Dambala, Kachana, Buna and Bute, among other areas. More recently, in July and August, 2010, they fuelled conflict between the Ajuran, the Sakuye and Borana clans in northern Kenya, which culminated into attacks and counter-attacks, eventually leading to kidnapping of a peace elder by the name “Genge Okutu”, and the death of ten people, including a woman. During the exchange of fire, they shot dead one officer, APC Fedastro Paul Okumu, short in the arm a regular police officer, PC Benson Kalamut, and shot in the neck APC Jonathan Kiboi. They were treated at Moyale District Hospital and airlifted to Nairobi for further treatment.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, pursuant to its commitment to guarantee security to Kenyans, the Government mounted an operation, code named "Operation Good Hope" on 25th October, 2010 to crack down on these criminal elements and restore security in the affected area. So far, the operation has achieved the following: We have recovered one bomb, one anti-personnel explosive devise and 17 hand grenades, two pocket phones, one unknown rifle, one pair of binoculars, one solar panel, 209 rounds of 303 ammunition, one OLF constitution booklet, assorted photo albums, four AK47 rifles, two F48 rifles, one G3 rifle, one HK11 rifle, 56 rounds of ammunition, five magazines, CNN63 rifles and two teargas canisters.

Six OLF elements, two of whom are officials, were arrested on Monday, 3rd November, 2010, at 3.00 a.m. at Merti Trading Centre, Isiolo District, while trying to escape. Several suspects have also been arrested and we have already got repatriation orders to Ethiopia issued.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, on 7th November, 2010, security officers arrested Mr. Abdulahi Yusuf, the Assistant Chief, Buna Sub-Location, and Mr. Abdikadir Omar, Chief, Lingir Location, for harbouring OLF militia, and for giving false information to security officers. While in police custody, the two administrators complained of being unwell, and were taken to Bute District Hospital for medical check up.

On 8th November, 2010, they were again taken back to the same hospital, but they requested referral for further treatment. They were released on the same day on a free bond of Kshs10,000 each.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the Government is taking the allegations that the two administrators were flogged very seriously. An inquiry file has since been opened by the police to investigate the allegations. Arrangements have been made to have an identification parade conducted to enable the complainants identify the officers they allege to have assaulted them.

I want to assure this august House that no one will be spared, if implicated in the torture of the two chiefs during the time they were in custody. I have instructed the Commissioner of Police to fast-track the investigation and file a report immediately. We have ordered an identification parade, which we expect to be done this week.

The officers conducting the operation are under very clear instructions to conduct the operation with a human face, and observe the human rights of the communities in the areas where the operation is being conducted. I have also directed the District Security Intelligence Committee in Wajir North to engage the local leaders and community members to ensure their support and co-operation during the operation.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the operation is targeting the criminal elements in the affected areas. Therefore, innocent residents should have no cause to worry. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the residents for co-operating with security officers, and call upon law abiding citizens to continue supporting the exercise.

Finally, I wish to table copies of medical reports of the two chiefs and the statement of the Clinical Officer who examined them.

(Mr. Ojode laid the documents on the Table)

Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir.

Mr. Affey: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, this is a very serious matter. It is a matter which, because of its seriousness, this House adjourned to discuss it. If it was not serious, Parliament would not have found it reasonable to adjourn in order to discuss it. The Speaker, in his own wisdom, allowed Parliament to discuss this matter.

There is an obvious disconnect between the Assistant Minister and the officers on the ground. Ministers come to the Floor of the House repeatedly to deny allegations. We paraded and, in fact, tabled photographs taken on the day when the administrators were assaulted. We tabled in this House the underwear, the coats and the linen that the chief was wearing, which was blood-stained. Of course, the Assistant Minister, together with his officers, had an opportunity to have access to those items.

The Assistant Minister and his officers had an opportunity to access this area. Why does he find it necessary to deny such an obvious acts by officers of the Government? I am not saying the entire police force was responsible for this. There were individual police officers who were responsible for this. They beat up these chiefs to an extent that they had blood and we tabled it here.

What immediate action has he taken instead of denying? He does not need to parade anybody because it was not done at night. The chiefs know who tortured them. They were airlifted, not by Government officials, but by good Samaritans from Wajir North. What action has he taken to arrest those criminals in uniform?

Mr. Imanyara: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, it is quite obvious that this “Operation Hope” is no longer “Operation Hope” but “Operation Strike Terror” and we heard harrowing stories in this House during the adjournment debate last week.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, Oromo Liberation Front (OLF) rebels, we are told, come from across the border. We have a very extensive border with Ethiopia. We have several military bases stretching from Mandera, Moyale, Garissa, and Wajir. These officers are based there at the taxpayers’ expense to perform the tasks of protecting Kenyans. Could the Assistant Minister tell us what steps have been taken in view of the fact that there are too many of these incidents of terrorist organizations in the entire North Eastern Kenya, while there are military bases stationed in that region? What action has he taken to ensure that these bases which are in that region are manned by men and women who take their work seriously?

Mr. Yakub: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the chief mentioned here is a Government official. He is also one of the security officers of this Government. What steps did the Assistant Minister take to initiate investigations and make sure that the people who tortured chiefs are brought to book? What was contained in the report the Assistant Minister received from the chief himself? Could he confirm whether the investigation was ever done? Did he receive a report from the chief himself?

The Assistant Minister, Ministry of State for Provincial Administration and Internal Security (Mr. Ojode): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, this is a very serious matter. So far, we have taken some linen to the Government chemist for blood stain analysis. We are still waiting for the report from the Government Chemist.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, hon. Imanyara asked what the military bases are doing; why they do not come out and help us. We have already written a letter to the Ministry of State for Defence to ask their security to patrol the porous border together with our security team and their response is very positive. They said they will assist us. Right now,

I have beefed up security within that border area and I have taken all the platoons necessary to combat the OLF menace.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, hon. Yakub asked about the report on the investigations. The investigation report is yet to be received because the chief was not feeling well.

I have, so far, suspended the OCPD for negligence and he will face the consequences. I have also removed the DC who is the Chairman of the security team within that area. I would want the chief to recover and we parade all the police officers before I remove all of them from that area. If I remove them immediately, this will jeopardize our investigation--

Mr. Affey: On a point of order, Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir. The Assistant Minister has confirmed the chief is recovering. This means he is recovering from pain inflicted by the officers. However, he is not telling us, what measures the Government has taken to treat the chief. How does he know he is recovering when he has not made any effort to treat him?

Mr. Imanyara: On a point of order, Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir. You have heard the Assistant Minister say despite the presence of the defence forces there, what they have done is to send linen to Government chemist and write a letter to the authorities asking for assistance. What is the purpose of them being stationed there, if you have to write in order for them to come and protect the Kenyan border from these rebels who cross over from Ethiopia?

The Assistant Minister, Ministry of State for Provincial Administration and Internal Security (Mr. Ojode): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, Government procedures state that you have to communicate to them through writing to beef up the security along the borders. We have visited the chief at the hospital and he is recovering. Once he recovers fully, we will parade all the police officers within that police station for identification purposes. Once the chief identifies the people who tortured him, I will take action against those officers because we do not tolerate torture anymore. So far, we have done very well. We have brought in sanity within that area. Hon. Affey will be happy when we take action against those officers who tortured the chief.

Mr. James Maina Kamau: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would like some clarifications. You heard the Assistant Minister say that they have written to the Ministry of State for Defence, so that they can be assisted to beef up security along the border. I find that very strange because the OLF is a foreign force operating illegally in Kenya. I believe the job of the defence force is to protect Kenyans, irrespective of which border we are talking about. So, why should we ask them to do their job and yet, they are paid to do so?

The Assistant Minister, Ministry of State for Provincial Administration and Internal Security (Mr. Ojode): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, when we noted that there is a lot of insecurity within that area, we asked the army to come out and assist the APS, the GSU together with the Regular Police to patrol along the borders. They responded positively. As I speak, I know they will release quite a number of officers to help the regular Police and APs to patrol the border. I think it will be a thing of the past.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Next Order!

MOTION

PROGRESS TOWARDS ACHIEVING
MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

THAT, recalling that ten years ago, world leaders agreed to take decisive action to combat world poverty in its different dimensions using time-bound and measurable targets; further recalling that Kenya is among the 189 countries that signed the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in September 2000 and is committed to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations; concerned that apart from education and possibly HIV/AIDS, Kenya has fallen behind in the race, and has not made sufficient progress towards meeting the Millennium Development Goals; concerned that at the current pace of development with limited resources, Kenya may not meet most of the goals by 2015; convinced that Parliamentary engagement on the Millennium Development Goals will accelerate progress to achieving the MDGs; this House urges the Government to take concrete measures towards achieving MDGs and report its implementation status and challenges if any, including remedies within the next six months and at such regular intervals thereafter.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Where is the hon. M'Mithiaru to move the Private Member's Motion for this morning?

Mr. Imanyara: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I am aware the Notice of this Motion was given only last week. I spoke to hon. M'Mithiaru and he was of the opinion that he was number two on the list. Perhaps, that is why he is not here. You may use your discretion to defer the Motion.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Information here with Clerk's Office is that hon. M'Mithiaru has been contacted as recently as this morning. In any case, the business of the House appears on the schedule of the parliamentary business on Tuesday of every week. Under the circumstances, the Chair has no option but to drop this Motion and in the event that Mr. M'Mithiaru is in a position to explain to this House, the Chair will not hesitate to reinstate it.

(Motion dropped)

ESTABLISHMENT OF TWO WATER
SERVICE BOARDS IN NORTH RIFT

THAT, aware that the power to establish Water Service Boards vests in the Minister for Water and Irrigation; concerned that the entire North Rift, inhabited by millions of people residing in urban centers such as Eldoret Municipality and semi-urban and rural areas is currently served by a single Water Board; aware of the need to have efficient and effective water services delivery and management all over the Country; this House urges the Government to establish two Water Service Boards in the North Rift in order to take services closer to the people.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is Mr. Kaino not here to move this Motion? Mr. Kaino must have been under the impression that his Motion will come second which would have been much later than now.

Hon. Members, it is very unfortunate, indeed, that this action has to be taken now. In the absence of any other business under our own rules there is nothing else we can do. Motions cannot be moved by anybody else other than the sponsor of the Motion. So, Mr. Kaino's Motion is also dropped. If he has a compelling reason as to why he was not able to move his Motion this morning, the Chair will not hesitate to reinstate it again.

(Motion dropped)

Under the circumstances, it is a bit sad that the business of the House has got to be adjourned this early. It is a bad spectre indeed and the Chair has made it clear, time and again in the past. Nonetheless under our rules, there is nothing else we can do.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, that concludes the business on the Order Paper. Therefore, the House stands adjourned until this afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 9.45 a.m.