

**COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAMU**



**THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAMU**

**THE HANSARD**

*Wednesday, 1st October, 2025*

*The Assembly met at the  
Main Chambers, at 2:30 p.m.*

*[The Speaker (Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak) in the Chair]*

**PRAYERS**

*[The Speaker (Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak):* First Order.

*Clerk-at-the-Table:* Administration of Oath.

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH**

*The Speaker (Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak):* Honourable members, I wish to bring to your attention that, pursuant to Article 194(1)a of the Constitution and Section 37 of the Elections Act, the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) has officially gazetted the names of the two nominated members of the County Assembly of Lamu pursuant to the Kenyan Gazette Vol. CXXVII N0.181 dated 26th August 2025 to fill the vacancies occasioned by the unfortunate demise of our colleagues.

Honourable members, the following individuals have been duly gazetted and shall

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now serve as Members of the Assembly of Lamu after taking the oath today.

1. Honorable Somoe Abdulrahman Mahmoud- Nominated by the Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) Party replacing the late Honorable Zahara Shee Mohamed

2. Honorable Mercy Riziki Nzai - Nominated by Safina Party, replacing the late Honorable Rebecca Wambui Wainaina

On behalf of the County Assembly and indeed on my own behalf. I take this opportunity to warmly welcome the two Honorable Members to this House. We look forward to their valuable contributions to the legislative, oversight and representative work of the Assembly.

Honourable members, as we welcome them, let us also take a solemn moment to remember and honour the service of the two departed members-Hon Zahara Shee Mohamed and Hon Rebecca Wambui Wainaina-whose dedication to public service and to the people of Lamu County shall be long remembered.

I now therefore direct the Clerk's office to proceed with the necessary arrangements for the Administration of oath of office in accordance with Standing Orders and applicable laws.

I also direct Honorable Husni Alawi and Honorable Barisa Deko Bana to escort Honorable Somoe Abdulrahman to take her oath.

***The Speaker (Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak):*** Vile vile kabla ya shughuli kuanza, ningependa kuwajulisha wananchi waliohudhuria kikao chetu cha bunge hii leo kuwa tungependa umakinifu wenu na kufuata sheria na kanuni za bunge mpaka tumalize biashara za kikao chetu. Asanteni.

**MCA Somoe Abdulrehman Mahmoud (Nominated) :** Mimi Somoe Abdulrehman Mahmoud, naapa ya kwamba katika kazi yangu za afisi ya mwanachama wa baraza la waakiklishi wa kaunti ya Lamu nitatekeleza shughuli na kazi zangu za afisi hiyo kwa uwezo wangu wote, nitaheshimu, nitahifadhi, nitaitetea na kulinda Katiba ya Jamhuri ya Kenya, na kwamba nitatenda haki kwa watu wote kulingana na Katiba ya Kenya, sheria na mikataba ilioidhinishwa Bunge la Kitaifa, na kwamba nitatenda haki kwa watu wote.

Ewe Mwenyezi Mungu Nisaidie.

**The Speaker (Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak):** Honorable Somoe, you are now duly a Honorable member of this House, kindly have your seat.

Now I would like Honorable Njaaga and Honorable Beatrice to escort Honorable Riziki to the chamber to take her oath.

**MCA Mercy Riziki Nzai (Nominated) :** Mimi Mercy Riziki Nzai, naapa ya kwamba katika kazi yangu za afisi ya mwanachama wa baraza la waakiklishi wa kaunti ya Lamu nitatekeleza shughuli na kazi zangu za afisi hiyo kwa uwezo wangu wote, nitaheshimu, nitahifadhi, nitaitetea na kulinda Katiba ya Jamhuri ya Kenya, na kwamba nitatenda haki kwa watu wote kulingana na Katiba ya Kenya, sheria na mikataba ilioidhinishwa Bunge la Kitaifa, na kwamba nitatenda haki kwa watu wote.

Ewe Mwenyezi Mungu Nisaidie.

**The Speaker (Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak):** Honorable Riziki, you are now duly a Honorable member of this House, kindly have your seat.

On behalf of the Lamu County Assembly, I would like to congratulate and welcome Honorable Somoe and Honorable Riziki to this Honorable House and its businesses for the betterment of our Lamu county.

I would like to give each of you an opportunity to give your few remarks.

**MCA Somoe Abdulrehman Mahmoud (Nominated)** : Asante Bwana Spika, nimefurahi sana kuwa hapa, nitajitahidi kutenda kazi nzuri kama nilivyoapa.

**MCA Mercy Riziki Nzai (Nominated)**: Asante Bwana Spika na viongozi wote walioko hapa, ningependa kumshukuru Mwenyenzimungu kwa kuniwezesha kuwa hapa na vile vile, chama kilichonichagua mimi kuwa mahali hapa. Naahidi kufanya kazi itakikavayo kama nilivyoapa.

**The Speaker (Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak)**: Thank you Honorable members, I now direct all the other Honorable members that they should guide, teach and mingle with the new Honorable members so as to adapt and perform their duties as intended.

**The Speaker (Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak)**: Next Order.

**Clerk-at-the-Table**: Notices of Motion.

### NOTICE OF MOTION

#### URGENT NEED TO ADDRESS PERSISTENT WATER SHORTAGE IN LAMU COUNTY

**MCA Amina Hassan Bwanamkuu (Nominated)**: Thank you Mr Speaker.

Mr Speaker Sir, I beg to give a notice of the following motion: -

AWARE THAT Article 43(1)(d) of the Constitution of Kenya guarantees every person the right to clean and safe water in adequate quantities;

FURTHER AWARE THAT the provision of water services is a devolved function under Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution, making it the responsibility of County Governments;

RECOGNIZING that many wards in Lamu County, including Mkomani, Bahari,

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Witu, Hindi, Basuba, Faza, Mkunumbi, Hongwe, Kiunga, and Shella, are currently facing acute and persistent water shortages due to recurrent droughts, poor infrastructure, low groundwater yields, and salinity in existing sources;

DEEPLY CONCERNED that the water scarcity is negatively impacting: The health and hygiene of residents, Agricultural and livestock productivity, School attendance and gender equity (especially for girls and women), Local economic activities and tourism, and the dignity and quality of life of the people of Lamu;

NOTING that despite past interventions, many areas still rely on unsafe water sources, long-distance water collection, or expensive private water vendors;

THIS HONORABLE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES THAT:

1. The County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Water, Environment, and Natural Resources urgently conducts a county-wide assessment of water needs and gaps across all wards.
2. The County Government prioritizes the development and rehabilitation of sustainable water infrastructure, including: and solar-powered pumps, Boreholes Rainwater harvesting systems (especially for schools and dispensaries), Piped water distribution systems, Desalination plants in Coastal and Inland areas.
3. The CECM for Finance and Economic Planning sets aside a dedicated water emergency fund in the upcoming supplementary budget to address immediate needs and support vulnerable communities.
4. The County Government works collaboratively with national government agencies, NGOs, and development partners to mobilize additional resources and technical support.
5. The County Water Department develops a long-term water master plan that includes climate adaptation measures and incorporates local community input from all affected wards.

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6. A progress report on these actions be tabled before this Assembly within 90 days from the adoption of this motion.

Thank you.

*The Speaker (Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak):* I can see that the Honorable Majority Leader is not in the House, therefore I differ his notice of motion to the next sitting.

*The Speaker (Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak):* Next Order.

*Clerk-at-the-Table:* Statements.

### STATEMENTS

#### *THE COLLAPSED SEA WALL ALONG KING FAHAD REFERRAL HOSPITAL*

*MCA Shekhuna Abass Shekhuna (Mkomani):* Thank you Mr Speaker.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise pursuant to Standing Order 41(2c) to seek a Statement from the Departmental Committee on Transport and Public works on matters regarding the collapsed sea wall along King Fahad referral hospital.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the road in question serves as the main access route connecting Lamu town to King Fahad hospital which is the only public referral facility in Lamu island, serving thousands of residents daily from Mkomani, Langoni, Kashmiri and the surrounding,

Mr. Speaker Sir, the said section of road has developed subsidence cracks, potholes and partial washouts particularly visible during high tides and heavy rains, rising sea levels and stronger waves likely linked to climate change has endangered the lives of the motorbikes and pedestrians.

Mr. Speaker Sir, there is evidence of inadequate routine maintenance, limited technical supervision and absence of early warning systems to detect failures.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Kenya's Environmental Management and Coordination Act

stipulates a minimum 60-meter shoreline setback for construction to mitigate erosion risks and the County Infrastructure development has not adequately integrated climate resilience, despite clear evidence of rising sea levels and changing weather patterns.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I seek a statement from the Chairperson of Departmental Committee on Transport and Public works on the following: -

1. Whether the County Government conducted any recent structural assessment of the said sea wall along King Fahad Hospital?
2. What immediate emergency measures have been put in place to safeguard road users along King Fahad Hospital?
3. What is the projected budget required for full rehabilitation of the said sea wall

Thank You,

**The Speaker (Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak):** Any addition to that statement? If there isn't, can we get a response from the Chair, Vice Chair or any other member from the relevant departmental committee.

**MCA James Njaaga Kariuki (Hindi):** Thank you Mr Speaker Sir, I request for two weeks so that I can bring the response to the House.

**The Speaker (Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak):** Honorable Shekhuna, are you satisfied with that response?

**MCA Shekhuna Abbas Shekhuna (Mkomani):** Bwana Spika sijaridhika na wiki bili kwa sababu nahofia na usalama wa jamii kwa hivyo ningepomba hoja hii ishughulikiwe ndani ya wiki moja angalau.

**The Speaker (Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak):** Honorable Njaaga, personally as the Speaker, I pass by that area and have seen that place is dangerous. It is a matter of life and death. Therefore, if possible, I would like you to communicate with the

committee members to work on that within a week.

For the next statement I can see that the Honorable Minority Leader is not in the House. I differ the statement to the next sitting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*The Speaker (Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak):* Honorable Members, there being no other business, the Assembly stands adjourned until tomorrow Thursday, Oct 2nd, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.

*The Assembly rose at 4:00 p.m.*