

Kabogo hits out at Senate finance team

KIAMBU COUNTY

By JOHN KARUME

Kiambu Governor William Kabogo has hit out at the Senate Finance committee which toured the county early last week on a fact finding mission over the alleged high taxes imposed on traders.

Speaking to clergymen from Limuru and Lari sub-counties at Free Pentecostal Fellowship Church in Limuru on Saturday, the governor accused the team of wasting public resources. "They spent a night at Windsor Hotel yet Kiambu is not far from Nairobi, this is embezzlement of public resources," he said.

Mr Kabogo also accused the team of informing his office of the visit just a day before, which meant the county government was unable to participate.

OWN MONEY

He also took issue with one senator in the delegation who he accused of inciting traders in Kiambu not to pay levies and to allegedly beat up council askaris collecting levies.

However in a rejoinder, Senator Kimani Wamatangi maintained that the Senate has oversight over county governments and how they use public resources.

He also accused the governor of misusing public resources to frustrate the committee's visit.

Wamatangi now wants Kabogo to be surcharged for using public resources to go to court in a bid to block Senate from investigating how the county spends money.

The governor, however, denied these allegations saying he used his own money to launch the suit.

Nkaiserry extends curfew by a month

CS says security situation in Northern Kenya counties informed the decision

NAIROBI COUNTY

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Interior Cabinet Secretary Joseph Nkaiserry (pictured) has extended the curfew imposed in Mandera, Wajir, Garissa and Tana River counties by one month.

This came as locals complained the curfew imposed a month ago was affecting their operations.

"This order (curfew) shall apply during the hours of darkness, the period between 6.30pm and 6.30am for a period of one month," read a Special Gazette Notice dated May 15.

"Under the curfew order, no gathering or procession should have more than five persons without authorisation of the county police commander," Mr Nkaiserry wrote.

The order also bans possession, carrying or display in public of offensive weapons by any person who has no lawful or legal reason to have such weapons.

The curfew was due to expire on May 16, 2015.

Nkaiserry said the new curfew takes effect from May 17 to June 16, 2015, when the decision whether to extend it shall be made.

The curfew was imposed after four terrorists raided Garissa University



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College on April 2 and killed 148 people, including 142 students.

The attack has affected business operations in the region.

Locals say they have lost much since the curfew was imposed.

SECURITY AGENTS

There have been heightened security operations and more security personnel have been moved there since.

But the Al-shabaab terror group has defied the operations and attacked security institutions there killing one police officer and injured 17 other officers.

The 17 include three Kenya Defence Forces soldiers who were attacked in Ijara. Police officers were

also attacked on Tuesday night in Hamey area at the Kenya-Somalia border in Garissa County.

There have been fears more attacks would happen in the area.

Meanwhile, some small scale traders in Nairobi are counting losses after county officials demolished their makeshift structures, rendering them jobless.

The over 30 traders operating along Baricho Road near claim the officers destroyed their structures without prior notice from the Nairobi City County government.

They also accuse the county askaris of looting their property during the operation.

"The county government mounted an operation on May 10, this year to remove illegal structures along Baricho Road after issuing the traders with removal notices," County Director of Communications Beryl Okundi said.

Ms Okundi said the demolition was prompted by complaints by the business community from the area. She said a total of 18 illegal structures were destroyed during the exercise.

She warned those yet to remove their illegal structures to do so before they are demolished by the county government.

"We do not know the reasons why our shops were destroyed," said Harrison Kamau, who deals in vehicle spare parts in the area.

He added that the destruction was done selectively with some structures being spared.

"Some of us have operated here for 15 years and we find it discriminating for some structures to be demolished while others are spared," Mr Kamau said.

MERU COUNTY

Munya: Counties can handle health sector

Governor Peter Munya has hit out at MPs who say the health function should not have been devolved since counties lack the ability to run the sector smoothly.

Speaking at a funeral in Maua that was also attended by Trans-Nzoia Governor Patrick Khaemba, Munya said counties had not failed in the management of the sector.

He said any move to return the sector to the Government will be met with resistance.

"The Constitution has given counties the Health function hence Parliament cannot revert it to Government. This can only happen through a referendum," he said.

MURANG'A COUNTY

Residents want title deeds to curb killings

The quest for land ownership documents featured prominently during the visit by Deputy President William Ruto in lower Gatanga on Friday.

Leaders want State to urgently issue the title deeds to curb killings.

Six officials of Kihui Mwiri land-buying company have been killed while scores have mysteriously disappeared.

Mr Ruto allowed a woman whose husband Newton Muhoro has disappeared to raise her complaint.

She claimed security agencies had failed to probe whereabouts of her spouse who was also a former chief. The DP was commissioning Greystone Industry Limited.

Other leaders who delved into the issue include Murang'a Governor Mwangi wa Iria, Senate Deputy Speaker Kembi Gitura and county MP Sabina Wanjiru Chege.

They decried increased deaths in the protracted land dispute at the troubled firm.

Last Sunday, faction leader Kimani Kuria was shot dead by gunmen in his Grey Stone village home at around 9pm.

KIRINYAGA COUNTY

Stipend lures teachers to offer extra coaching

Teachers have been mounting pressure on parents to pay a stipend so that children will undergo extra tuition ahead of the national examinations.

A teacher, who spoke on condition of anonymity said no matter how much noise Education Cabinet Secretary Jacob Kaimenyi makes over the matter, private tuition and early reporting to school was unlikely to end in Kenya soon.

"This is a willing buyer, willing seller situation since parents are obsessed with good performance for their children while the lowly-paid teachers are hungry for an extra coin," the source said.



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MERU COUNTY

IDs office most sluggish in county, Ombudsman's report reveals

By WAINAINA NDUNG'U

The department of the Registrar of Persons is the most lethargic and unresponsive public office in Meru, the Ombudsman says.

A study conducted by the Commission on Administration of Justice (CAJ) - the Ombudsman - last week found the Registrar of births and deaths as the most notorious public office in the county as far as poor service was concerned.

Service at the office, which issues national identification cards (IDs), was found wanting and CAJ officers established that some residents had been denied the document on flimsy grounds.

SERVICE CHARTER

"We are doing a comprehensive report that we shall send to the headquarters of the department to enable action to be taken," said CAJ Vice Chairperson Regina Mwatha. "But we are clear that that was the most mediocre public service point during our survey."

Releasing the findings of the survey in Meru last week, Ms Mwatha said the Meru Level Five Hospital was found to be charging fees that are in variance with what is stated in its service charter.

"An official in the hospital admitted the anomaly and said that they were working on refunding the difference but we find that unacceptable because it will be very hard to trace the victims," said Mwatha.

She said most Government departments in Meru were found to be operating without a service charter, meaning that they did not have clear parameters on what should be charged and the delivery timeline of a service.

At the Lands department office, CAJ found a notice that clearly specified the reporting time at 8am but service only started after 9.30am.

Other Government offices surveyed in Meru town were Imenti North Police Station, ministries of Agriculture and Education among others.

Acting County Public and Administration Chief Officer John Maingi said they would work with the CAJ to streamline public service delivery and had established a monitoring and evaluation department in the office of the governor.

Meanwhile, CAJ announced it will send five of its officers to help county governments streamline complaints reception and solving.

Kiambu, Bomet, Isiolo, Siaya and Kisumu will be among the targeted counties.