

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO THE DEATH OF MR. SAMUEL WANJIRU

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By an Asst. Minister of State for
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Mr. Speaker Sir,

On Tuesday, 17th May, 2011 Hon. Odhiambo Mabona, a nominated Member of Parliament while standing on a point of order requested for a Ministerial Statement on the circumstances leading to the death of Mr. Samuel Wanjiru, the renowned international athlete on Monday, 16th May, 2011.

In the statement she sought clarification on the circumstances that led to the death of Mr. Samuel Wanjiru and the number of domestic violence cases that have been reported to the Police from January, 2010 to date.

She further wanted an update on the status of the Domestic Violence and Family Protection Bill and finally, what the Government is doing to help couples proactively deal with marital problems in light of an increase in cases of domestic violence including the one of Mrs. Wambui Kabiru.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

On the circumstances under which the international athlete passed on, the Police immediately commenced investigations and established that on the 15th May, 2011, a few minutes past 11.00pm, Mr. Samuel Wanjiru arrived at his Muthaiga home in Nyahururu town and enquired from the watchman, Stephen Munyua Kamau, whether his wife (Triza Njeri) was at home. After being informed that she was not there, he drove into the compound and parked his vehicle next to the main door of his house and went inside.

Mr. Speaker Sir, on investigations, the Police established that on the same day, Mr. Wanjiru's wife had left their driver's home, Mr. Augustine Gatimu Ndirangu at around 11.30 pm where she had joined the family for supper. The driver then took her home in their family car and dropped her there, after she confirmed from the watchman that the husband was at home.

On entering the bedroom, she found the deceased and a woman in their bed. The deceased was asleep but the woman woke up on seeing the wife. She asked the woman who she was and she told her that she was a close friend to the deceased. A bitter exchange of words ensued leading to a near scuffle between the two women. The wife then walked out and locked the grill door on the staircase leaving the two in the bedroom.

As the wife was walking towards the main gate, the deceased came out of the bedroom to the balcony and shouted to her to go back and open the grill door. The two exchanged bitter words briefly and she walked out of the compound leaving him standing on the balcony. It was during this time that she called the Police, informed them of the situation and requested for help as she feared for her life.

The deceased asked the watchman, Stephen Munyua Kamau to look for the Keys and open for him, but he informed him that he did not have the keys. He then ordered him to look for spare keys. No sooner had he made the order than the deceased jumped from the balcony and fell on the concrete surface downstairs. Police officers who had already been called by

the wife arrived almost immediately and found about five (5) relatives and the night watchman in the compound. On inquiring what had happened, they were informed that Samuel Kamau Wanjiru had jumped from the balcony of his house and sustained serious injuries. The Police rushed him to Nyahururu District Hospital where he was attended to and admitted into the male ward No. 4 where he succumbed to the injuries.

Meanwhile the wife had proceeded to Nyahururu Police Station to report the incident where she later learnt that the husband had fallen from the balcony and had been rushed to hospital. She remained at the Police station where she was subjected to questioning on what had transpired.

After the tragic death of Samuel Wanjiru, the body was later transferred to Lee Funeral Home Nairobi to await postmortem which has not been conducted yet. The investigations are ongoing.

Further **Mr. Speaker Sir**, it was established that on the fateful day, before going home the deceased, had passed through Kawa Falls Restaurant where he picked an employee of the Restaurant, Jane Nduta Wanjiku aged 21 years, some minutes after 11.00 pm after close of business and proceeded to a local bar called Jim Rock where the two had some beer before proceeding home with her.

JANE NDUTA WANJIKU'S STATEMENT

In her statement to the Police, Jane Nduta Wanjiku confirmed that the deceased talked with the watchman before driving into the compound and that the wife to the deceased found her in the bedroom with the deceased,

who was already asleep and a bitter exchange of words ensued with the wife wanting to know who she was and what she was doing in her bedroom. She also stated that the wife left in protest and locked the staircase steel door.

She then woke up the deceased and informed him that his wife had arrived. He tried to follow the wife but found the steel door locked. He then took her to another bedroom and told her to stay there while he went to the balcony. While in there, she heard him shouting at the wife to open the door after which she heard the watchman raise an alarm and that is when she went to the balcony and saw the deceased lying on the concrete ground downstairs. The Police assisted by the relatives who arrived at the scene, broke the padlock and escorted her to the Police station for interrogation.

Mr. Speaker Sir, on the circumstances leading to the death of Sarah Wambui Kabiru, the late and husband Moses Dola Otieno were working with Nation Media Group until May, 2010 when they both lost their jobs and thereafter moved to Umoja Innercore Estate from Buruburu phase 5, since they were then jobless. They were blessed with one son Lebron James Dola.

However, Sarah Wambui managed to get a job with the United Nations. On the 1st May, 2011, at about 7.30am the two picked a quarrel leading to a fight which left her with serious injuries leading to her death. Police were called in by the neighbours and investigations commenced. Mr. Moses Dola Otieno, the husband to the deceased who had ran away after the

fight later surrendered to Police in Naivasha where he was arrested and handed over to CID Buruburu for investigations.

The suspect was charged before court with murder vide Police Cr. 134/174/2011 and Court File No. HCCC. 40/2011 before the High Court Nairobi. Hearing date is fixed for 21st to 23rd November, 2011.

Since the matter is before court, it would amount to *subjudice* to disclose the details or circumstances leading to the murder at this stage.

Mr. Speaker Sir, on the other issues requested in the statement, as I had earlier stated, require some time as it involves collecting data countrywide. Further, the same is subject to a parliamentary question No. 963 by the same Hon. Member which is due to come up.



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