

REPORT ON-(PUBLIC PETITION No. 22 OF 2021)

BY SMALL SCALE TRADERS AND BUSINESS PEOPLE AT THE JOMO KENYATTA PUBLIC BEACH AND MAMA NGINA WATERFRONT IN MOMBASA COUNTY REGARDING THE CLOSURE OF THEIR BUSINESSES BY THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT DUE TO COVID-19 AND RELATED

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CHAIRPERSON'S FOREWORD

The Petition No. 022 of 2021 by traders and business people of Mombasa County and in particular, small scale traders operating at Mama Ngina Waterfront and the Jomo Kenyatta Public Beach regarding the closure of businesses in the wake of Covid-19 and related preventive health protocols instituted by the government including limited access to markets and other places. The petition was presented to the House by Hon. Abdulswamad Sheriff Nasasir, MP Mvita Constituency, Mombasa County on 8th June 2021.

In considering the Petition the Committee met the Petitioners during a field visit to Mombasa County and the Tourism Secretary, Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife on 13th August, 2021. The Committee also received written submissions from the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Industrialization, Trade and Enterprise Development dated 22nd July, 2021.

The Petitioners prayed that the National Assembly through the Departmental Committee on Trade, Industry and Co-operatives enquires into the matter with a view to securing the urgent re-opening of the Mama Ngina Waterfront Recreation Centre, Jomo Kenyatta Public Beach enterprises and other small-scale industries in Mombasa County in order to spur economic development in the region and make any other recommendation that it deems fit in the circumstances of the petition.

The Committee observed that the Trade Development function, under which markets, and market management was a devolved function, and as such, the County Government of Mombasa was charged with the mandate of development and enforcement of relevant guidelines, including Covid protocols applicable in these establishments.

The Committee noted that Management and implementation of markets, whether formal or informal, at policy level is a cross-cutting issue that requires involvement of both the National and County Governments. On the other hand, enforcement matters are purely a County Government function.

The Committee recommends that the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Health alongside the Mombasa County Government and in collaboration with the Traders' Association at the Mama Ngina Waterfront and Jomo Kenyatta Public Beach to develop protocols to be adhered to by the traders and operators.

The Committee also recommends that the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife, as well as the Mombasa County Government to consider lifting the trade restrictions.

Hon. Adan Hajj Ali, MP Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Trade, Industry and Co-operatives

1.0 PREFACE

1.1 Mandate of the Committee

- 1. The Departmental Committee on Trade, Industry and Cooperatives is one of the fifteen Departmental Committees of the National Assembly established under **Standing Order 216** whose mandates pursuant to the **Standing Order 216 (5)** are as follows:
 - i. To investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned ministries and departments;
 - ii. To study the programme and policy objectives of Ministries and departments and the effectiveness of their implementation;
 - iii. To study and review all the legislation referred to it;
 - iv. To study, access and analyze the relative success of the Ministries and departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;
 - v. To investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned Ministries and departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the House;
 - vi. To vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the National Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order No. 204 (Committee on appointments);
 - vii. To examine treaties, agreements and conventions;
 - viii. To make reports and recommendations to the House as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation;
 - ix. To consider reports of Commissions and Independent Offices submitted to the House pursuant to the provisions of Article 254 of the Constitution; and
 - x. To examine any questions raised by Members on a matter within its mandate.

1.2 Mandate of the Committee

- 2. In accordance with the Second Schedule of the Standing Orders, the Committee is mandated to oversee: Trade, securities exchange, consumer protection, pricing policies, commerce, and industrialization including special economic zones, enterprise promotion and development including small and medium-size enterprises, intellectual property, industrial standards, anti-counterfeit policies and co-operatives development.
- 3. In executing its mandate, the Committee oversees the Ministry of Industrialization, Trade and Enterprise Development and the State Department for Cooperatives.

1.3 Committee Membership

4. The Departmental Committee on Trade, Industry and Cooperatives was constituted by the House in July, 2020 and comprises of the following Members:

Chairperson

Hon. Adan Ĥajj Ali, MP,
MP for Mandera South Constituency
Jubilee Party

Vice-Chairperson

Hon. Wangari Mwaniki, MP MP for Kigumo Constituency

Jubilee Party Members

Hon. William Cheptumo, MP MP for Baringo North Constituency Jubilee Party

Hon. Alois Musa Lentoimanga, MP MP for Samburu North Constituency Jubilee Party

Hon. Anab Mohamed Gure, MP MP for Garissa County **Jubilee Party**

Hon. Andrew Mwadime, MP MP for Mwatate Constituency **ODM Party**

Hon. Shariff Athman Ali, MP MP for Lamu East Constituency Jubilee Party

Hon. Daniel Maanzo, MP MP for Makueni Constituency Wiper Party

Hon. Fred Odhiambo Ouda, MP MP for Kisumu Central Constituency **ODM Party**

Hon. Christopher Nakuleu, MP MP for Turkana North Constituency Jubilee Party

Hon. Jones Mlolwa, MP MP for Voi Constituency **ODM Party** Hon. Raymond Kipruto Moi, MP MP for Rongai Constituency KANU

Hon. Jared Okelo, MP MP for Nyando Constituency **ODM Party**

Hon. Gichimu Robert, MP MP for Gichugu Constituency Jubilee Party

Hon. Patrick Wainaina Jungle, MP MP for Thika Town Constituency <u>Independent Member</u>

Hon. Ayub Savula Angatia, MP MP for Lugari Constituency ANC Party

Nduati Joseph Ngugi, MP MP for Gatanga Constituency Jubilee Party

Hon. Wachira Rahab Mukami, MP MP for Nyeri County Jubilee Party

Hon. (Dr.) Wilberforce Oundo, Phd, MP MP for Funyula Constituency **ODM Party**

1.4 Committee Secretariat

5. The Committee is facilitated by the following Secretariat:

Mr. Daniel Mutunga Principal Clerk Assistant I/Team Leader

Ms. Christine Ndiritu Clerk Assistant II

Ms. Nuri Kitel Nataan Clerk Assistant II

Ms. Marlene Ayiro Senior Legal Counsel

Mr. Chelang'a R. Maiyo Research Officer II

Ms. Rahab Chepkilim Audio Officer

Mr. Joseph Ndirangu Fiscal Analyst I

Ms. Winfred Kizia Media Relation Officer

Mr. Richard Sang Sgt. At Arms

2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 6. The Petition No. 022 of 2021 by traders and business people of Mombasa County and in particular, small scale traders operating at Mama Ngina Waterfront and the Jomo Kenyatta Public Beach regarding the closure of businesses in the wake of Covid -19 and related preventive health protocols instituted by the government including limited access to markets and other places. The petition was presented to the House through the presented to the House by Hon. Abdulswamad Sheriff Nassir, MP Mvita Constituency, Mombasa County on 8th June 2021.
- 7. The Petitioners wished to draw the attention of the House to the following:
 - a. THAT, upon the alleged advice from the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Tourism has ordered the closure of Mama Ngina Waterfront and the Jomo Kenyatta public Beach in Mombasa supposedly on account of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic;
 - b. THAT, hundreds of traders based at the Mama Ngina Waterfront and the Jomo Kenyatta public Beach in Mombasa are currently undergoing massive losses of livelihood following the introduction of Covid-19 related restrictions that bar them from accessing their places of business;
 - c. THAT, the Mama Ngina Waterfront traders who commenced utilization of the Centres stalls in December, 2019 have suffered untold inconveniences similar to traders and operators based at the Jomo Kenyatta public Beach;
 - d. THAT, the traders, who deal with a variety of goods, supplies and services including fast foods, jewellery, clothing, footwear and other products are willing to adhere to all Covid-19 protocols once the government re-opens the two areas;
 - e. THAT, most of the traders have been in this business for over 40 years and as such cannot venture into any alternative enterprises, thereby exposing them to poverty, depression, regression caused by lack of school fees for educational pursuits as well as social vices such as increased crime rates:
 - f. THAT, whilst applauding the re-opening of other major businesses in Mombasa including major Hotels, the Authorities should not favour bigger businesses at the expense of small scale traders;
 - g. THAT, efforts by the business community to have this matter addressed by relevant government authorities have been futile;
 - h. And THAT, the matters raised in this petition are not pending in any court of law in Kenya.
- 8. Therefore, the Petitioners prayed that the National Assembly, through the Departmental Committee on Trade, Industry and Cooperatives inquires into the matter with a view to securing the urgent re-opening of the Mama Ngina Waterfront Recreation Centre, Jomo Kenyatta Public Beach enterprises and other small-scale industries in Mombasa County to spur economic development in the region and make any other recommendation that it deems fit in the circumstances of the petition.

3.0 SUBMISSIONS

3.1 Submissions by the Petitioners

3.1.1 Jomo Kenyatta Public Beach

- 9. The Committee met the Petitioners during a field visit to Jomo Kenyatta Public Beach, Kisauni Constituency on 13th August 2021. During the meeting, the Petitioners through four representatives, the Chairperson Small Scale Traders Jomo Kenyatta public Beach and the area Member of parliament informed the Committee as follows:
- 10. The businesses in the beach area have been in operation for the last four decades and that the traders have no alternative other than to continue operating in the beach for their livelihoods.
- 11. Access to the beach is open to visitors vide the various private properties along the shoreline but is prohibited vide the public beach front.
- 12. That relevant Covid 19 protocols to be developed and applied at the public beach.

3.1.2 Mama Ngina Waterfront Recreation Centre

- 13. The Committee met the Petitioners during a field visit to Mama Ngina Waterfront Recreational Centre, Mvita Constituency on 13th August 2021. During the meeting, the Petitioners through four representatives the Chairpersons Small Scale Traders both within the centre and those awaiting allocation of stalls and the area Member of parliament informed the Committee as follows:
- 14. Following the construction of stalls, face-lifting and commissioning of the recreational facility, allocation of stalls was conducted based on the traders who had registered at the waterfront facility.
- 15. Parks and recreational facilities were closed by the Mombasa County Covid Committee during the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. Thereafter, there was a phased re-opening with a few traders being allowed access to the premises.
- 16. The facility lacks adequate cloak roams for access by both tourists and traders, causing a major challenge especially with the health protocols that require among others, frequent handwashing, and sanitizing.
- 17. The recreational Centre, as constructed, lacks shades where traders may get shelter during adverse weather conditions.
- 18. There was restricted access to the facility by various transportation mechanisms, thus exposing tourists and traders to walking long distances to the Centre.

3.2 Submissions by the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Industrialization, Trade and Enterprise Development

The Committee received written submissions from the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Industrialization, Trade and Enterprise Development where Members were informed that;

- 19. Under Schedule IV of the CoK, 2010, markets and market management were devolved and as such, matters' touching on market restrictions is a function of County Governments.
- 20. The National Government has developed Guidelines for Business Operations during Covid-19 to enhance operational efficiency in the markets.
- 21. Management and implementation of markets at policy level requires involvement of both the National and County Governments, while enforcement of the same is a County Government function.
- 22. In accordance with the 16th Presidential address on the Corona Virus Pandemic dated 29th June, 2021 (No.24 (VI)) directive, duly classified and licensed hospitality establishments must continue to adhere to the Guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health.
- 23. Since the traders are willing to undertake their civic duty of protecting themselves as well as their customers be adhering to the laid down health protocols, the County Government of Mombasa may wish to work closely with the Traders' Associations at the Mama Ngina Waterfront and Jomo Kenyatta Public Beach and develop protocols to be adhered to by the traders and operators.
- 24. The Mombasa County Government in collaboration with the Traders Association may appoint a market management committee to coordinate security and compliance with restrictions arising out of the Covid-19 pandemic. This is aimed at ensuring strict enforcement of surveillance in accordance with the Business guidelines issued jointly by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Industrialization, Trade and Enterprise Development of 20th November, 2020.

3.3 Submissions by the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Health

In his letter Ref: MOH/ADM. NA/01/93 dated 1st September, 2021, the Cabinet Secretary informed the Committee as follows; that;

- 25. Since 13th March, 2020 when the country reported its first Covid-19 case, three waves of the pandemic have been experienced and that as at 23rd August, 2021, Kenya reported 229,628 confirmed cases, including 213,473 recoveries and 4,528 deaths.
- 26. To manage and mitigate the effects of the pandemic, the Government placed and reviewed various containment measures including maintaining physical distancing between persons, suspension of large gatherings and events, enforcing mandatory use of face masks in public places, closure of places of worship and entertainments and restriction of movements and enforcement of a nationwide dusk to dawn curfew, among others.

- 27. The National Agency Command Centre was established to develop strategies and measures to mitigate on the effects of the pandemic across the various sectors of Government. The response structures are replicated at the county level with a County Multi-Agency Covid-19 response team led by the County Governor and co-chaired by the County Commissioners.
- 28. As at 27th September, 2020, the Government had eased most of the containment measures, in an attempt to reopen the economy, including the phased reopening of schools, bars and places of worship.
- 29. As at October, 2020, Mombasa County had recorded a positivity rate of 8.8% rising to 15.8% in November, up from 2.8% in September. The Mombasa County Emergency Response Committee formed Sub-committees in October, 2020, to develop regulations for each sector, where all departments were brought on board to work around three (3) classifications; high risk, moderate risk and low risk areas. Regulations developed placed public beaches and recreational parks under higher risk for consideration for reopening in phase two (2) of the plans. Additionally, enforcing Covid-19 measures on the said places was reported as challenging due to overcrowding in these places and laxity by residents to keep their masks on, and maintaining social distance.
- 30. The County Emergency Response Committee noted that infection rate had reduced to 7.5% in December, 2020, and 2.8% in January, 2021. Further, the Committee also noted, through reports of various sectors, that there were some economic activities being undertaken in the two (2) facilities, which, despite not being formal, were controlled, and the few residents who visited the place complied with the set regulations.
- 31. Plans for the full reopening of the two (2) facilities would be guided by the County Health team in consultations with the Ministry of Industrialization, Trade and Enterprise Development and the County Departments of Tourism, under which the two entertainments facilities are managed, to ensure that such reopening is done in strict adherence to the Ministry of Health Guidelines on the containments of Covid-19, and to ensure that adequate measures are put in place to enforce the guidelines.

3.4 Submissions by the Tourism Secretary, Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife

In their letter Ref: No. MOT.1/1 dated 17th September, 2021, the Principal Secretary in the State Department of Tourism made the following submissions; that,

- 32. The Mama Ngina Waterfront was established with the following objectives;
 - a. Transforming the Waterfront to attractive, safe and pedestrianized area with high quality public open spaces;
 - Conserving and promoting Swahili and other coastal cultural heritage of significance in the re-designing of the waterfront;
 - c. Enrich visitors' experience of Mama Ngina Waterfront facilities and its vicinity including the adjacent ferry and commuter transport terminal.

- 33. For Mama Ngina Waterfront to remain a competitive destination; certain logistical set ups and rules of engagement need to be put in place to not only attract visitors but also conform to standards that are associated with waterfronts globally.
- 34. Additionally, the Covid-19 situation in the country continues to inform the safe operation of touristic recreational public spaces. The gradual reopening culminated into full reopening of the facility to the public on 1st July, 2021, which was guided by the following rules and regulations for visitors and traders for safe, secure, smooth and efficient management of the facility;
 - a. All vending should be done from the allocated stalls;
 - b. All County by-laws and country laws be strictly adhered to at all times of doing business;
 - c. Ice cream vendors to carry out their businesses at the designated areas;
 - d. Fun fare groups to ensure that all certificates, vaccinations and other protocols in regard to animals, including camels and horses are fully complied with;
 - e. All Covid-19 protocols strictly be adhered to by every user of the facility and always ensure total compliance to the wearing of masks and social distancing.
- 35. The Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife is responsible for the Mama Ngina Waterfront on behalf of the National Government but is not responsible for the Jomo Kenyatta Public Beach 'Pirates' which remains under the purview of the County Government of Mombasa.
- 36. The primary purpose for the Waterfront is tourism informed by culture and history and for recreation, hence business services therein are towards meeting the needs of clients whose sole purpose is recreation and leisure.
- 37. One hundred and eighty seven (187) traders out of the two hundred and eighty seven (287) who had shown interest were allowed to operate in their designated areas as per the rules and regulations set by management. They include sixty-eight (68) vendors of cassava, maize and madafu, thirty-six (36) photographers, thirty-six (36) ice cream vendors, thirty-two (32) fun fare members, and fifteen (15) curio traders. The reorganizations therefore is geared towards elevating the Waterfront to the global status it ought to be.
- 38. The group of traders purported to have been left out came to the Waterfront in early 2019 during the commissioning of the project and are not part of the original list of traders that was made available to the Ministry of Tourism by the National Museum of Kenya, County Government of Mombasa and the local leadership.

3.5 Submissions by the County Government of Mombasa

The County Government, through its letter Ref: Msa CG/ADMN/19/VOL.I/112 dated 20th September, 2021 responded as follows; that,

- 39. The decision on the trade restrictions was arrived at by the County Covid-19 Emergency Response Committee as one of the measures to contain the spread of Covid-19 when the County experienced a surge from 528 cases in September 2020 to 2140 in October, 2020.
- 40. The two (2) facilities are normally overcrowded and enforcement of the Covid-19 protocols on donning of face masks and social distancing was proving to be difficult since residents who visited the recreational facilities had masks on entry points, and would thereafter be removed, with people defying the social distancing rule.
- 41. The restrictions were applied in all beaches, both private and public, to protect residents from further spreading the virus in view of the prevailing circumstances occasioned by the pandemic.

4.0 OBSERVATIONS/FINDINGS

Having undertaken a fact finding/inspection visit to the Mama Ngina Waterfront and the Jomo Kenyatta Public Beach in Mombasa, the Committee made the following observations and findings:

- 1. The submissions made to the Committee by the Ministry of Industrialization, Trade and Enterprise Development indicate that Schedule IV of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 devolved the Trade Development function, under which markets, and market management is under County Governments.
- 2. The Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife is responsible for the Mama Ngina Waterfront on behalf of the National Government but is not responsible for the Jomo Kenyatta Public Beach
- 3. The traders at Mama Ngina Waterfront as well as those at the Jomo Kenyatta Public Beach are willing and ready to collaborate with the relevant authorities in adoption of and compliance with Covid-19 protocols which may be developed for adherence to by the traders and operators.
- 4. There was destruction of the makeshift business structures belonging to the small-scale traders at the Jomo Kenyatta Public Beach Front during the eviction of the traders by the County Government law enforcers.
- 5. The traders and small scale traders seek an enabling business environment to ensure the prosperity of their businesses hence there is need for both the National and County government to ensure that business environment is conducive for traders to trade.

5.0 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to Standing Order 227, the Committee recommends that:-

The Mombasa County government and the National government through the Ministry or department or agency for the meantime responsible for matters trade should lift the ban or restriction imposed on small scale traders and business people operating from Jomo Kenyatta public beach and Mama Ngina Waterfront in Mombasa county with immediate effect.

Hon. Adan Haji Ali, MP Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Trade, Industry and Co-operatives

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ANNEX I

Adoption List



THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COOPERATIVES ADOPTION LIST

Agenda: Adoption of the report on the Public Petition no. 22 of 2021 by Hon. Abdulswamad Sheriff Nassir, MP regarding the closure of businesses by the county government in Mombasa due to Covid-19

Date: 16th November, 2021

Time: Start 3.30 pm

End 4.00 pm

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FOR: CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ANNEX II

Minutes

MINUTES OF THE 1ST SITTING (5TH RETREAT) OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COOPERATIVES HELD ON MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER, 2021 IN TAMANISHA CONFERENCE ROOM, WHITESANDS HOTEL AT 3.30 P.M.

PRESENT

- 1. Hon. Adan Hajj Ali, MP
- 2. Hon. Wangari Mwaniki, MP
- Chairperson Vice Chairperson

- 3. Hon. Andrew Mwadime, MP
- 4. Hon. Alois Musa Lentoimaga, MP
- 5. Hon. Jones Mlolwa, MP
- 6. Hon. Sharif Athman, MP
- 7. Hon. Nduati Joseph Ngugi, MP
- 8. Hon. Daniel Maanzo, MP
- 9. Hon. Gichimu Robert, MP
- 10. Hon. Anab Mohamed Gure, MP
- 11. Hon. Wachira Rahab Mukami, MP
- 12. Hon. Kimani Patrick Wainaina Jungle, MP

APOLOGY

- 1. Hon. William Cheptumo, MP
- 2. Hon. Christopher Nakuleu, MP
- 3. Hon. Kipruto Moi, MP
- 4. Hon. Ayub Savula, MP
- 5. Hon. Jared Okelo, MP
- 6. Hon. Fred Ounda, MP
- 7. Hon. Dr. Wilberforce Oundo, Phd, MP

INATTENDANCE

SECRETARIAT

- Ms. Nuri Kitel Nataan
 Mr. Joseph Ndirangu
 Fiscal Analyst
- 3. Mr. Chelang'a Maiyo Research Officer
- 4. Ms. Winfred Kizia Media Relations Officer
- 5. Ms. Roseline Ndegi
 6. Ms. Rahab Chepkilim
 Sgt. At Arms
 Audio Officer

MIN.NO.NA/TRADE/2021/001:

PRELIMINARIES/COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 3.30 p.m. A prayer was said. He welcomed the Members to the meeting.

MIN.NO.NA/TRADE/2021/002:

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of Minutes of the previous Sitting of the Committee was deferred to another day.

MIN.NO.NA/TRADE/2021/003:

CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON THE (PUBLIC PETITION No. 22 OF 2021) BY SMALL SCALE TRADERS AND BUSINESS PEOPLE REGARDING CLOSURE OF THE JOMO KENYATTA PUBLIC BEACH AND MAMA NGINA WATERFRONT IN MOMBASA COUNTY

The meeting considered the report and adopted it with the following observations amendment.

OBSERVATIONS/FINDINGS

Having undertaken a fact finding/inspection visit to the Mama Ngina Waterfront and the Jomo Kenyatta Public Beach in Mombasa, the Committee made the following observations and findings:

- 1. The submissions made to the Committee by the Ministry of Industrialization, Trade and Enterprise Development indicate that Schedule IV of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 devolved the Trade Development function, under which markets, and market management is under County Governments.
- 2. The Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife is responsible for the Mama Ngina Waterfront on behalf of the National Government but is not responsible for the Jomo Kenyatta Public Beach
- 3. The traders at Mama Ngina Waterfront as well as those at the Jomo Kenyatta Public Beach are willing and ready to collaborate with the relevant authorities in adoption of and compliance with Covid-19 protocols which may be developed for adherence to by the traders and operators.
- 4. There was destruction of the makeshift business structures belonging to the small-scale traders at the Jomo Kenyatta Public Beach Front during the eviction of the traders by the County Government law enforcers.
- 5. The traders and small scale traders seek an enabling business environment to ensure the prosperity of their businesses hence there is need for both the National and County government to ensure that business environment is conducive for traders to trade.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to Standing Order 227, the Committee recommends that:-

The Mombasa County government and the National government through the Ministry or department or agency for the meantime responsible for matters trade should lift the ban or restriction imposed on small scale traders and business people operating from Jomo Kenyatta public beach and Mama Ngina Waterfront in Mombasa County with immediate effect.

MIN.NO.NA/TRADE/2021/004:

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 4.00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on notice.

SIGNED..

(Chairperson)

DATE.

ANNEX III

Petition



REPUBLIC OF KENYA
TWELFTH PARLIAMENT (FIFTH SESSION)

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

PUBLIC PETITION

(No. 022 of 2021)

REGARDING LIFTING OF TRADE RESTRICTIONS IN MOMBASA

I, the UNDERSIGNED, on behalf of traders and businesspeople of Mombasa County, and in particular small-scale traders operating at Mama Ngina Waterfront and the Jomo Kenyatta Public Beach;

DRAW the attention of the House to the following: -

- 1) **THAT,** upon the alleged advice from the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Tourism has ordered the closure of Mama Ngina Waterfront and the Jomo Kenyatta Public Beach in Mombasa supposedly on account of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic;
- 2) THAT, hundreds of traders based at the Mama Ngina Waterfront and the Jomo Kenyatta Public Beach in Mombasa are currently undergoing massive losses of livelihoods following the introduction of Covid-19 related restrictions that bar them from accessing their places of business;
- 3) **THAT**, the Mama Ngina Waterfront traders who commenced utilization of the Centre's stalls in December 2019 have suffered untold inconveniences similar to traders and operators based at the Jomo Kenyatta Public Beach;
- 4) **THAT,** the traders, who deal with a variety of goods, supplies and services including fast foods, jewellery, clothing, footwear and other products, are willing to adhere to all Covid-19 protocols once the Government re-opens the two areas;
- 5) **THAT,** most of the traders have been in this business for over 40 years and as such cannot venture into any alternative enterprises, thereby exposing them to poverty, depression, regression caused by lack of school fees for educational pursuits, as well as social vices such as increased crime rates:

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- 6) THAT, whilst applauding the re-opening of other major businesses in Mombasa including major hotels, the authorities should not favour bigger businesses at the expense of small-scale traders;
- 7) THAT, efforts by the business community to have this matter addressed by relevant government authorities have been futile;
- 8) AND THAT, the matters raised in this Petition are not pending in any court of law in Kenya.

NOW THEREFORE, your humble petitioners pray that the National Assembly through the Departmental Committee on Trade, Industry and Cooperatives:

- (i) intervenes with a view to securing the urgent re-opening of the Mama Ngina Recreational Centre, Jomo Kenyatta Public Beach enterprises and other small-scale industries in Mombasa County in order to spur economic development in the region, and
- (ii) makes any other recommendation that it deems fit in the circumstances of the Petition.

And your PETITIONERS will ever pray.

PRESENTED BY

MON. ABDULSWAMAD SHERIFF NASSIR, MP MEMBER FOR MVITA CONSTITUENCY

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November 23, 2021

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Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the House, today, Tuesday, November 23, 2021:-

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COOPERATIVES ON ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE KENYA INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE BILL, (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 44 of 2020)

(VICE CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COOPERATIVES)

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December 2, 2021

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Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the House, today, Thursday, December 2, 2021 (Afternoon Sitting): -

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CO-OPERATIVES, ON PUBLIC PETITION (NO. 22 OF 2021) BY SMALL SCALE TRADERS AND BUSINESS PEOPLE REGARDING CLOSURE OF THE JOMO KENYATTA PUBLIC BEACH AND MAMA NGINA WATERFRONT IN MOMBASA COUNTY.

(VICE-CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CO-OPERATIVES)

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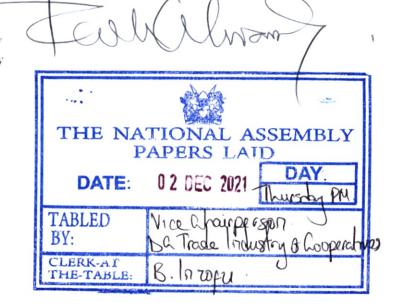
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<u>NOTICE OF MOTION</u> – (CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COOPERATIVES)

Hon. Speaker, I beg to give Notice of the following Motion: -

THAT, this House adopts the Report of the Departmental Committee on Sports, Industry and Cooperatives on its consideration of Sessional Paper No. 04 of 2020 on the National Cooperative Policy, laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, August 19, 2021, and further approves Sessional Paper No. 04 of 2020.

The Hon. Ali Adan Haji, MP

CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE TRADE, INDUSTRY & COOPERATIVES

Date: 1708 2021