

Request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Committee on Education on the leadership crisis at Moi University

Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 45 (2) (b), I rise to seek a statement from the Chairperson of the Committee on Education on the leadership crisis at Moi University.

Mr. Speaker, in his statement, the Chairperson should state the following:-

- a) Whether the Cabinet Secretary is aware that all senior management staff at the university are currently in acting capacity i.e. the Vice Chancellor and his two Deputies;
- b) Whether the Cabinet Secretary can confirm that the Moi University council undertook and concluded the recruitment process for a new Vice Chancellor and forwarded its outcome to the Cabinet Secretary;
- c) The CS to disclose the recommendation forwarded to him by the Council, giving details of the three top candidates, their respective scores as per the interview and why he has not acted on the same;
- d) When do we expect a substantive Vice Chancellor for Moi University to be appointed by the Cabinet Secretary;
- e) Can the Cabinet Secretary confirm that merit is the key criteria in the appointment of vice chancellors in public universities; and
- f) Under what circumstances can a recruitment process undertaken by a council of a public university be cancelled and the process repeated a fresh.

Sen. Stephen Sang
Senator for Nandi County

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Hon. Speaker

this is forwarded for your approval.

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*Sen. Sang
The statement is OK,
it may be requested
in approval of the
Speaker.
Mogere
04/10/16*

Approved

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The Hon. Speaker
You may approve.

16/11/16



STATEMENT

Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise under standing order 45(2a) to make a statement on a county issue.

On 5th November, 2016, a section of the Bukhungu stadium in Kakamega, collapsed. The estimated cost of the project is Ksh. 1 Billion. One week after this incidence, the Governor of Kakamega, Hon. Wycliffe Oparanya, made a reshuffle in the procurement section within the county government executive, leaving only the head of the procurement section. New officers were immediately deployed to the section.

Mr. Speaker, on 14th November, 2016, all computers in the procurement section of the county government were mysteriously stolen. The theft was stage-managed as there was no evidence of a break-in and the CCTV cameras had been switched off, therefore leading to the conclusion that the theft had been instigated by an insider. With this, therefore, all information pertaining to procurement of all projects within the county have vanished.

Even with the unfolding of all these events, the Governor of Kakamega county has not uttered a single word, nor has the county government given an official communication regarding the matter. The police have also been reluctant to record statements from the head of the procurement section and the officers serving in that section, instead the police have shifted their focus to the county enforcement officers who were on duty during the theft.

As the Senator of Kakamega County, I am frustrated that the Governor is using all manner of antics to avoid accountability, by snubbing the invitations and summons issued by the Senate's County Public Accounts and Investments Committee. The Governor has instead adopted a delaying tactic by filing various cases in the Courts, which are yet to be finalized. With only ten months remaining before the next general elections, it's a pity that the Governor is playing tricks with the accountability and oversight processes enshrined in law.

I therefore take this opportunity to condemn in the strongest possible terms, the actions of the Governor of Kakamega County and appeal to the people of Kakamega County to have a collective sense of vigilance to ensure prudent use of resources and stop the pilferage of funds within the County.

Sen. Boni Khalwale

16/Nov/16

The Clerk

1. Sen. (Dr.) Khalwale sought a Statement relating to the Bukhungu Stadium last week (under S.O 45(2b))
2. He is within the provisions of S.O. 45(2) (a) to ~~seek~~ to issue the current Statement. You may consider ~~advising~~ the Speaker to approve this request.