



Annex 1:

Minutes of the Committee Sitzings



13TH PARLIAMENT | 5TH SESSION

MINUTES OF THE FORTIETH (40TH) SITTING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH HELD ON TUESDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 2026 VIA ZOOM AT 12.00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

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| 1. Sen. Jackson K. Arap Mandago, EGH, MP | - Chairperson |
| 2. Sen. Mariam Sheikh Omar, MP | - Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Sen. Justice (Rtd.) Stewart Madzayo, EGH, MP | - Member |
| 4. Sen. Richard Onyonka, MP | - Member |
| 5. Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP | - Member |

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

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| 1. Sen. Ledama Olekina, CBS, MP | - Member |
| 2. Sen. Tabitha Mutinda, MP | - Member |
| 3. Sen. Shakila Abdallah, MP | - Member |
| 4. Sen. Vincent Kiprono Chemitei Cheburet, MP | - Member |

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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| 1. Mr. Humphrey Ringera | - Senior Research Officer |
| 2. Mr. Gilbert Juma | - Legal Counsel |
| 3. Mr. David Ngamate | - Clerk Assistant |
| 4. Mr. David Munene | - Research Officer |
| 5. Ms. Lilian Onyari | - Fiscal Analyst |
| 6. Ms. Shirley Milimu | - Audio Officer |

MIN/SEN/SCH/210/2026

PRELIMINARIES

The meeting was called to order at ten minutes past twelve o'clock and the proceedings commenced with a word of prayer and brief introductions.

MIN/SEN/SCH/211/2026

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda of the meeting was adopted with amendments after being proposed by Sen. Richard Onyonka, MP and seconded by Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP, as listed below-

- 1) Preliminaries;
 - a) Prayer
 - b) Introductions
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda;
- 3) Confirmation of the Minutes of previous meetings;
- 4) Matters arising;
- 5) Consideration and Adoption of the Committee Report on the Quality Healthcare and Patient Safety Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 41 of 2025) (*Committee Paper No. 192*);
- 6) Adjournment/Date of the Next Meeting

MIN/SEC/SCH/212/2026

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the 38th Sitting of the Committee held on Tuesday, 10th September, 2026 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings having been proposed Sen. Justice (Rtd.) Stewart Madzayo, EGH, MP and seconded by Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP.

MIN/SEC/SCH/213/2026

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

MIN/SEN/SCH/214/2026

CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE QUALITY HEALTHCARE AND PATIENT SAFETY BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 41 OF 2025) (COMMITTEE PAPER NO. 192);

1. The Committee Secretariat presented for consideration and adoption the Committee Report on the Quality Healthcare and Patient Safety Bill, (National Assembly Bills. No. 41 of 2025) as contained in *Committee Paper No. 191*

Committee Resolutions

2. Following deliberations on the observations and Committee Stage amendment, the Committee adopted the Committee Report on Quality Healthcare and Patient Safety Bill, (National Assembly Bills. No. 41 of 2025, having been proposed for tabling by Sen. Mariam Sheikh Omar, MP and seconded, MP and seconded by Sen. Richard Onyonka, MP.

MIN/SEN/SCH/215/2026

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

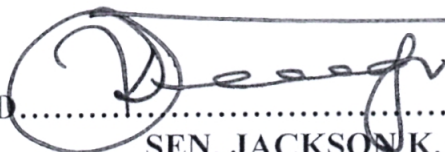
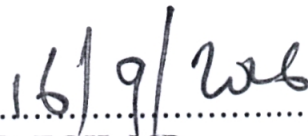
1. The Committee to consider the schedule of the proposed county oversight and networking engagements to fourteen (14) remaining counties during the next meeting and schedule to undertake them within the forthcoming October recess; and

2. The Secretariat to share with the Committee, the activities scheduled to be undertaken during the Senate *Mashinani* to allow members plan appropriately.

MIN/SEN/SCH/216/2026

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 12.35 pm. The next meeting to be held by notice.

SIGNED.......... DATE..........
SEN. JACKSON K. ARAP MANDAGO, EGH, MP
(CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON HEALTH)



13TH PARLIAMENT | 5TH SESSION

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY – EIGHTH (38TH) SITTING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH HELD ON TUESDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER, 2026 IN COMMITTEE ROOM 6, SECOND FLOOR, BUNGE TOWER AT 11.00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

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| 1. Sen. Jackson K. Arap Mandago, EGH, MP | - Chairperson |
| 2. Sen. Mariam Sheikh Omar, MP | - Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Sen. Justice (Rtd.) Stewart Madzayo, EGH, MP | - Member |
| 4. Sen. Richard Onyonka, MP | - Member |
| 5. Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP | - Member |

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

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| 1. Sen. Ledama Olekina, CBS, MP | - Member |
| 2. Sen. Tabitha Mutinda, CBS, MP | - Member |
| 3. Sen. Shakila Abdallah, MP | - Member |
| 4. Sen. Vincent Kiprono Chemitei Cheburet, MP | - Member |

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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| 1. Mr. Humphrey Ringera | - Senior Research Officer |
| 2. Mr. Gilbert Juma | - Legal Counsel |
| 3. Mr. David Ngamate | - Clerk Assistant |
| 4. Mr. Jackson Lemeteki | - Media Officer |
| 5. Ms. Ruth Omwanza | - Audio Officer |
| 6. Ms. Ndindi Kibathi | - Research Officer |
| 7. Ms. Shirley Milimu | - Audio Officer |

MIN/SEN/SCH/197/2026

PRELIMINARIES

The meeting was called to order at twenty-six minutes past eleven o'clock and the proceedings commenced with a word of prayer and brief introductions.

MIN/SEN/SCH/198/2026

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda of the meeting was adopted with amendments after being proposed by Sen. Mariam Sheikh Omar, MP and seconded by Sen. Richard Onyonka, MP, as listed below-

- 1) Preliminaries;
 - a) *Prayer*
 - b) *Introductions*
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda;
- 3) Confirmation of the Minutes of previous meetings;
- 4) Matters arising;
- 5) Consideration of the Quality Healthcare and Patient Safety Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 41 of 2025) (Committee Paper No. 190);
- 6) Adjournment/Date of the Next Meeting

MIN/SEC/SCH/199/2026

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 1) The Minutes of the 34th Sitting of the Committee held on Tuesday, 21st July, 2026 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings having been proposed by Sen. Richard Onyonka, MP and seconded by Sen. Justice (Rtd.) Stewart Madzayo, EGH.
- 2) The Minutes of the 35th Sitting of the Committee held on Thursday, 23rd July, 2026 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings having been proposed by Sen. Richard Onyonka, MP and seconded by Sen. Justice (Rtd.) Stewart Madzayo, EGH.

MIN/SEC/SCH/200/2026

MATTERS ARISING

EX. MIN/SEC/SCH/176/2026 – Consideration of the implementation status of Senate Resolutions (committee Paper No. 185)

1. The Committee noted, with concern, that the failure to honour the invitation and the continued requests for postponement of meetings of the Committee by the Governor, Marsabit County Government had occasioned delays in consideration and conclusion of the legislative business pending before the Committee. With the foregoing, the Committee resolved to invite the Governor to a meeting of the Committee scheduled to take place on 17th September, 2026; and
2. The Committee to undertake county oversight and networking engagements to the remaining fourteen (14) counties during the forthcoming October Recess.

MIN/SEN/SCH/201/2026

CONSIDERATION OF THE QUALITY HEALTHCARE AND PATIENT SAFETY BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 41 OF 2025) (COMMITTEE PAPER NO. 190)

1. The Committee Secretariat presented for consideration the matrix on stakeholder submissions to the Quality Healthcare and Patient Safety Bill, (National Assembly Bills. No. 41 of 2025 as contained in *Committee Paper No. 190*.

2. Following deliberations, the Committee resolved to make amendments to the following clauses-

a) clause 4 of the Bill by inserting the following new paragraphs immediately after paragraph (b) –

(a) promotion of patient engagement and empowerment; and

(b) promotion of continuous and integrated quality healthcare across all levels of care, including community health services, primary healthcare, referral services, rehabilitative care and palliative care

b) clause 5 in paragraph (c) (iv) by inserting the words “*and patient’s*” immediately after the words “*healthcare provider’s.*”

c) clause 6 in paragraph (f) by inserting the words “*and patient safety*” immediately after the words “*quality improvement*”; and by inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (g) –

ensure health facilities establish and maintain an appropriate clinical governance framework to ensure continuous improvement in the quality, safety, effectiveness and patient-centeredness of healthcare services;

d) clause 29 in subsection (1) by deleting paragraph (h) and substituting therefor the following –

one person appointed by the Cabinet Secretary from a nationally recognized patient safety advocacy organization to represent the interests of the patients;

e) clause 83 in subsection (2) paragraph (d) by deleting the word “*three*” appearing immediately before the words “*other persons*” and substituting therefor the word “*two*”; and by inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (d) –

one member with demonstrable experience in quality improvement and patient safety advocacy, who shall be appointed by the Judicial Service Commission.

f) clause 84 by deleting subclause (4) and substituting therefor the following new subclause –

The Tribunal shall have appellate jurisdiction over the decisions of the Authority and in exercise of its functions, may refer any matter back to the Authority for reconsideration.

MIN/SEN/SCH/202/2026

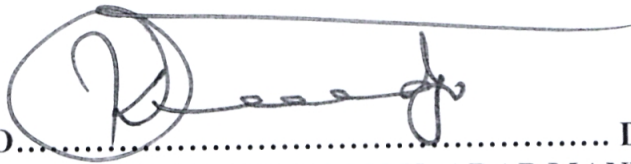
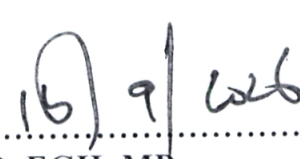
ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee nominated Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP, and Sen. Mariam Sheikh Omar, MP, to attend the Kenya Women Parliamentary Association (KEWOPA) meeting scheduled to be held in Mombasa on 14th and 15th September 2026.

MIN/SEN/SCH/203/2026

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 1.06 pm. The next meeting to be held by notice.

SIGNED.......... DATE..........
SEN. JACKSON K. ARAP MANDAGO, EGH, MP
(CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON HEALTH)



13TH PARLIAMENT | 5TH SESSION

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY – FIFTH (35TH) SITTING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH HELD ON THURSDAY, 23RD JULY, 2026 IN COMMITTEE ROOM 10, SECOND FLOOR, BUNGE TOWER AT 11.00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

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| 1. Sen. Mariam Sheikh Omar, MP | - Vice Chairperson |
| 2. Sen. Justice (Rtd.) Stewart Madzayo, EGH, MP | - Member |
| 3. Sen. Richard Onyonka, MP | - Member |
| 4. Sen. Joseph Githuku, MP | - Member |

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

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| 1. Sen. Jackson K. Arap Mandago, EGH, MP | - Chairperson |
| 2. Sen. Ledama Olekina, CBS, MP | - Member |
| 3. Sen. Tabitha Mutinda, CBS, MP | - Member |
| 4. Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP | - Member |
| 5. Sen. Vincent Kiprono Chemitei Cheburet, MP | - Member |

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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| 1. Mr. Humphrey Ringera | - Senior Research Officer |
| 2. Mr. Gilbert Juma | - Legal Counsel |
| 3. Mr. David Ngamate | - Clerk Assistant |
| 4. Mr. David Munene | - Research Officer |
| 5. Mr. Ibrahim Odindo | - Serjeant -At-Arms |
| 6. Mr. Abdirizak Adan | - Attaché |

MIN/SEN/SCH/179/2026

PRELIMINARIES

The meeting was called to order at twenty-five minutes past eleven o'clock and the proceedings commenced with a word of prayer and brief introductions.

MIN/SEN/SCH/180/2026

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda of the meeting was adopted after being proposed by Sen. Justice (Rtd.) Stewart Madzayo, EGH, MP and seconded by Sen. Richard Onyonka, MP, as listed below-

- 1) Preliminaries;
 - a) Prayer
 - b) Introductions
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda;
- 3) Confirmation of the Minutes of previous meetings;

- 4) Matters arising;
- 5) Consideration of the Quality Healthcare and Patient Safety Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 41 of 2025, (Committee Paper No. 186);
- 6) Adjournment/Date of the Next Meeting

MIN/SEC/SCH/181/2026

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 1) The Minutes of the 32nd Sitting of the Committee held on Tuesday, 30th June, 2026 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings having been proposed by Sen. Joseph Githuku, MP and seconded by Sen. Justice (Rtd.) Stewart Madzayo, EGH; and
- 2) The Minutes of the 33rd Sitting of the Committee held on Thursday, 16th July, 2026 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings having been proposed by Sen. Richard Onyonka, MP and seconded by Sen. Justice (Rtd.) Stewart Madzayo, EGH.

MIN/SEN/SCH/182/2026

**CONSIDERATION QUALITY HEALTHCARE
AND PATIENT SAFETY BILL (NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 41 OF 2025,
(COMMITTEE PAPER NO. 186)**

1. The Committee Secretariat presented for consideration the Quality Healthcare and Patient Safety Bill, (National Assembly Bills. No. 41 of 2025) as contained in *Committee Paper No. 186*.
2. The Committee was informed that the Quality Healthcare and Patient Safety Bill, (National Assembly Bills. No. 41 of 2025) was introduced in the Senate by way of First Reading on 15th July, 2026 and thereafter stood committed to the Committee on Health for consideration. Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 145, the Committee is required to facilitate public participation and to consider the views and recommendations of the public when it submits its report to the Senate.
3. The Committee was further informed that the principal object of the Bill is to give effect to Article 43(1)(a) of the Constitution by establishing a comprehensive legal and institutional framework for the promotion, regulation and continuous improvement of the quality of healthcare. Further, the Bill sets out patient rights and corresponding facility obligations, establishes the Quality Healthcare and Patient Safety Authority to register, license, accredit and inspect health facilities, creates a specialized Health Care Tribunal to resolve health-sector disputes and prescribes offences and penalties for non-compliance with the provisions of the Act.
4. The Committee was further informed that in accordance with the provisions of Article 118 of the Constitution and standing order 145 (5) of the Senate Standing Orders, the Committee had invited interested members of the public to submit any representations that they may have on the Bill by way of written memoranda through public advertisements that appeared on *the Daily Nation and the Standard Newspapers* on Tuesday, 21st July, 2026. The memoranda are to be received by the Senate on or before Monday, 3rd August, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Committee Resolutions

5. Following deliberations, the Committee resolved to collate all submissions received from the interested members of public on the Quality Healthcare and Patient Safety Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 41 of 2025) for consideration immediately after the public participation period lapses.

MIN/SEN/SCH/183/2026

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

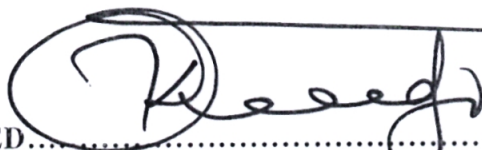
1. The Committee is scheduled to consider the activities to be undertaken during the forthcoming recess aimed at acquainting itself with the provision of healthcare services in the counties prioritizing the fourteen (14) counties that are still pending; and
2. The Committee to prioritize consideration of the Quality Healthcare and Patient Safety Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 41 of 2025) Bill and Petition requesting for regulatory intervention to save the Family Health Options Kenya (FHOK) and any urgent pending legislative business especially that which is subject to timelines provided under the Standing Orders.

MIN/SEN/SCH/184/2026

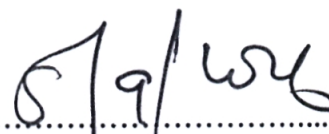
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at ten minutes past noon. The next meeting to be held by notice.

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SEN. JACKSON K. ARAP MANDAGO, EGH, MP
(CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON HEALTH)

Annex 2:

THE COPY OF AN ADVERTISEMENT FOR STAKEHOLDER SUBMISSIONS AND PUBLIC MEMORANDA

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT | FOURTH SESSION

THE SENATE

INVITATION FOR SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA

THE QUALITY HEALTHCARE AND PATIENT SAFETY BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 41 OF 2025)

The Quality Healthcare and Patient Safety Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 41 of 2025) was read a First Time in the Senate on Wednesday, 15th July, 2026 and thereafter stood committed to the Standing Committee on Health for consideration.

The Committee is required, under standing order 145(5) of the Senate Standing Orders, to facilitate public participation on the Bill and to take into account the views and recommendations of the public when the Committee makes its report to the Senate.

The Bill seeks to give effect to Article 43(1)(a) of the Constitution by establishing a comprehensive legal and institutional framework for the promotion, regulation and continuous improvement of the quality of healthcare in Kenya. It sets out patient rights and corresponding facility obligations, establishes the Quality Healthcare and Patient Safety Authority to register, license, accredit and inspect health facilities, creates a specialized Health Care Tribunal to resolve health-sector disputes and prescribes offences and penalties for non-compliance with the provisions of the Act.

In accordance with the provisions of Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution and standing order 145(5) of the Senate Standing Orders, the Standing Committee on Health now invites interested members of the public to submit any representations that they may have on the Bill by way of written memoranda.

The memoranda may be submitted to the Clerk of the Senate, P.O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi, hand-delivered to the Office of the Clerk of the Senate, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi or emailed to clerk.senate@parliament.go.ke and copied to healthcommittee.senate@parliament.go.ke to be received on or before **Monday, 3rd August, 2026** at **5.00 p.m.**

The Bill and a digest that summarizes the contents and context of the Bill may be accessed on the Parliament website at <http://www.parliament.go.ke/the-senate/house-business/bills>.

**J. M. NYEGENYE, CBS,
CLERK OF THE SENATE.**

Politics A delegation from the region recently visited former DP Gachagua at his Wamunyororo home

Ruto to tour South Rift political backyard as discontent grows

Residents say they have been neglected despite overwhelmingly voting for Ruto in 2022

BY VITALIS KIMUTAI

President William Ruto is preparing to tour the South Rift—one of his political strongholds—under a cloud of growing discontent as residents accuse his administration of neglecting the region while directing development projects to perceived opposition areas.

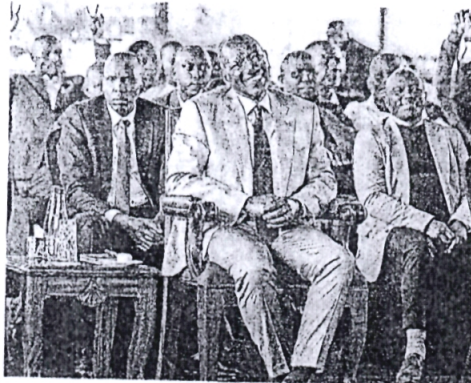
For decades, Bomet, Kericho, of Narok and Nakuru counties have formed the bedrock of Dr Ruto's political support. The region overwhelmingly backed him and the United Democratic Alliance (UDA) in the 2022 General Election. Four years later, however, frustration is simmering.

Residents and grassroots leaders say the government has failed to fulfil key promises, leaving critical infrastructure projects stalled while pumping billions of shillings into regions that did not support the president.

The grievances burst into the spotlight last week when a delegation from the South Rift visited former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua at his Wamunyororo home in Nyeri County. The leaders accused the government of sidelining the Kipsigis community in development, public appointments and employment despite its overwhelming support for Dr Ruto.

At the meeting, Mr Gachagua predicted that the president would soon embark on a tour of the region to contain the growing dissatisfaction. That prediction appears to be coming true.

Interior Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen and Senate Majority Leader Aaron Cheruiyot have both confirmed that



President William Ruto during a meeting with grassroots leaders from Bungoma County at State House Nairobi on July 17. PHOTO: IPS

President Ruto will soon visit the region to inspect ongoing projects, launch new ones and counter claims that the South Rift has been neglected.

Mr Murkomen dismissed criticism that the government had abandoned the region. In a reference to the delegation that visited Mr Gachagua, the CS urged residents not to be swayed by critics of the administration.

"Do not pay much attention to the naysayers. President Ruto's administration will deliver on its development agenda. Let us all rally behind the president and the government," he said during a function at Tenwek Boys High School on Saturday.

Mr Cheruiyot said the president's visit had been planned for some time and also dismissed those claiming the region had been sidelined.

What is the point of standing firmly with President Ruto if he has abandoned his own people... and concentrated his efforts on opposition strongholds?

Mr Wilson Sigei



Despite the assurances from senior government officials, interviews with residents across Bomet, Kericho and parts of Narok revealed that many feel abandoned by a government they overwhelmingly voted into office.

"What is the point of standing firmly with President Ruto if he has abandoned his own people, sidelined the South Rift in development and concentrated his efforts on opposition strongholds?" asked Wilson Sigei, a resident of Bomet. "If it takes us withdrawing our political support for the government to make it listen to us, then so be it."

Residents pointed to a long list of projects. Among them is the Bosto Dam project, first proposed more than a decade ago but yet to take off despite repeated assurances during both Dr Ruto's tenure as deputy president and now as president. There's also the de-

layed resettlement and compensation of more than 21,000 families evicted from Mau Forest.

Road infrastructure has become another major source of discontent. John Langat, a resident of Bomet, said several key roads remain in poor condition despite repeated promises that they would be upgraded.

"The roads are in terrible condition, even though Roads Cabinet Secretary Davis Chirchir comes from Bomet County," he said.

The Angata Barikoi land dispute is another flashpoint. Shadrack Tonui, a resident of Emurua Dikirr, said many locals now believe powerful individuals are seeking to dispossess them. He alleged that residents who hold title deeds have been informed that their ownership documents could be invalidated.

Employment opportunities are another source of frustration. Residents alleged that recruitment into government agencies had been commercialised, with brokers demanding hundreds of thousands of shillings from desperate job seekers. They said some families have sold land or taken loans to pay recruitment agents linked to politicians and senior State officials.

The proposed expansion of Kerenga Airstrip in Kericho, which President Ruto had pledged would be upgraded into a fully-fledged airport, and delays in expanding Itembe Airstrip in Bomet were also cited by residents.

"We never imagined that a government we overwhelmingly voted for would sideline the South Rift in development," said Lawi Korir.

Political analysts say the public airing of grievances by leaders from President Ruto's backyard marks a significant shift in Rift Valley politics. President Ruto's tour is therefore expected to be more than a routine inspection of government projects.

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT | FOURTH SESSION

THE SENATE

INVITATION FOR SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA

THE QUALITY HEALTHCARE AND PATIENT SAFETY BILL
(NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 41 OF 2025)

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J. M. NYEGENYE, CBS,
CLERK OF THE SENATE.

Construction of Raila mausoleum in Bondo



ODM party leader Dr Oburu Oginga joins members of a cultural troupe in a traditional dance during yesterday's site handover and groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the Raila Amolo Odinga Mausoleum at Kang'o ka Jaramogi in Bondo, Siaya County. ALEX ODHAMBO IN ACTION

DCI moves to unmask hooded gunmen after Ol Kalou chaos

Questions continue to mount over the role of armed, hooded men who unleashed violence during the Ol Kalou parliamentary by-election, despite the heavy deployment of security officers.

The masked men, travelling in Sports Utility Vehicles (SUVs), attacked voters, assaulted journalists and fired live rounds in broad daylight while uniformed police officers appeared not to intervene. The incident has fuelled claims that the group may have been operating with official protection, allegations the government has not substantiated.

Three days after the violence, the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) announced investigations into the unrest. DCI Director Mohamed Amin said detectives were pursuing forensic evidence, analysing digital material, interviewing witnesses and following other leads to identify those responsible. "Detectives are actively pursuing all credible leads through forensic examination of available evidence, analysis of digital material, witness interviews and other investigative processes to identify and apprehend those responsible," Amin said.

He vowed that anyone found to have planned, incited or participated in the violence would face the law, regardless of status or political affiliation.

The DCI said it would work with other agencies within the National Police Service to safeguard the integrity of the electoral process and prosecute those responsible for criminal acts.

Despite the assurance, questions remain over why the armed men were able to operate openly in an area secured by about 1,000 police officers.

Before the poll, Inspector General of Police Douglas Kanja said the deployment included general duty officers, four General Service Unit platoons, four water cannon vehicles and DCI detectives tasked with intelligence gathering, investigations and arrests.

The violence has drawn sharp political criticism. Former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua, whose Democracy for the Citizens Party (DCP) candidate Samuel Kamau Ngunjiri won the by-election, accused Interior Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen of responsibility for the chaos, an allegation that has not been proven.

The incident has also revived debate over a 2024 High Court ruling requiring police officers to remain identifiable during public security operations.

Justice Bahati Mwamuye ordered that officers wear visible name tags and service numbers when policing demonstrations and other public gatherings. The ruling followed a petition by the Law Society of Kenya, which argued that some officers had concealed their identities during the anti-Finance Bill protests.

Echoing similar concerns, members of the public have questioned whether the hooded men were security officers operating in disguise.

Amin appealed to anyone with information to report it confidentially through the DCI toll-free line, as investigations continue. [Hudson Gumbi]

Police know missing men's whereabouts, families say in court

► One month after disappearing before the Gen Z anniversary protests, three Nairobi men remain unaccounted for.

► Families gave emotional testimony detailing alleged abductions and fruitless searches, urging the High Court to compel police to produce the men.

NANCY GITONGA, NAIROBI

Fresh details emerged before the High Court yesterday that one of the three missing men, Michael Oloo, was allegedly handcuffed and abducted from a barber's shop in Umoja by three plain-clothes men who identified themselves as police officers.

The testimony came before Justice Alexander Muteti, who is hearing habeas corpus applications filed by the families of Michael Oloo, Macmillan Kiarie Mugo and Evans Otieno Omondi, who disappeared in separate incidents across Nairobi in the days leading up to the Gen Z anniversary protests.

Inspector General of Police Douglas Kanja and Director of Criminal Investigations Mohamed Amin, who had been summoned to explain the men's whereabouts, attended the proceedings but did not testify as the court first heard evidence from relatives.

The most emotional testimony came from Oloo's second wife, Rose Adhiambo Api, one of four witnesses who described desperate searches through police stations, hospitals and mortuaries.

Rose told the court that on the morning of June 19, Oloo left their Umoja home wearing slippers after receiving a phone call, shortly after giving her money to buy breakfast. "I returned and found him leaving while talking on the phone. I later left for work at 9.58am, but he never came back," she testified.

She reported him missing after one of his colleagues asked why he had failed to report to work. Rose said she searched hospitals, mortuaries and Buruburu Police Station before a friend alerted her to a Facebook post by fish trader, who claimed to have witnessed Oloo's arrest outside a barber's shop.

She later accompanied detectives to the scene, where investigators told her CCTV footage showed Oloo being handcuffed by three men in civilian clothes who identified themselves as police officers before forcing him into a waiting vehicle.

Rose said detectives later identified the vehicle used in the alleged abduction but, more than a month later, she had received no update. Fighting back tears, she urged the court to compel police to produce her husband.

Pamela Aloo, the mother of Evans Otieno Omondi, told the court she learnt of her son's disappearance on June 27 after receiving a call from his pregnant girlfriend. She said Evans had stepped away to answer a phone call before unknown men allegedly bundled him onto a motorcycle, leaving behind his motorcycle, which was later recovered at Ruai Police Station.

Pamela said she reported the disappearance



Inspector General of Police Douglas Kanja. (Bernard Orwongo, Standard)

and searched hospitals and mortuaries, including Kenyatta National Hospital, Nairobi Funeral Home and Thika Level 5 Hospital, without success.

"I believe the police know where he is, and I want the court to compel them to release him," she said.

Macmillan Kiarie Mugo's parents, Steven Mugo Kiarie and Beatrice Wanjira Gatimu, said their son disappeared on June 20 near Kizito in Mwhoko after his phone went off at about 11am. His father told the court an informer claimed to have seen three men force a young man into an unmarked black Toyota double-cab, while the family later searched police stations, hospitals and mortuaries in vain.

Kiarie also said detectives sought to search his son's house and seize a laptop and diary but were stopped after the family's lawyer demanded a court-issued search warrant.

Fighting back tears, Beatrice described her son as a community leader who ran a football team and feeding programme for vulnerable children. "As a mother I have cried enough. Today marks one month since my son disappeared. I believe the police know where our children are, and I ask this court to help us," she said.

Following the testimony, lawyer Abner Mangog asked the court to summon three eyewitnesses and allow CCTV footage allegedly showing Oloo's abduction to be played. State counsel Paul Nyamodi opposed the application, arguing it could prejudice ongoing investigations.

Justice Alexander Muteti will rule on Thursday on whether the CCTV footage and witnesses will be admitted before deciding whether inspector General Douglas Kanja and DCI Director Mohamed Amin should testify on the whereabouts of the three missing men.

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THE QUALITY HEALTHCARE AND PATIENT SAFETY BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 41 OF 2025)

The Quality Healthcare and Patient Safety Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 41 of 2025) was read a First Time in the Senate on Wednesday, 15th July, 2026 and thereafter stood committed to the Standing Committee on Health for consideration.

The Committee is required, under standing order 145(5) of the Senate Standing Orders, to facilitate public participation on the Bill and to take into account the views and recommendations of the public when the Committee makes its report to the Senate.

The Bill seeks to give effect to Article 43(1)(a) of the Constitution by establishing a comprehensive legal and institutional framework for the promotion, regulation and continuous improvement of the quality of healthcare in Kenya. It sets out patient rights and corresponding facility obligations, establishes the Quality Healthcare and Patient Safety Authority to register, license, accredit and inspect health facilities, creates a specialized Health Care Tribunal to resolve health-sector disputes and prescribes offences and penalties for non-compliance with the provisions of the Act.

In accordance with the provisions of Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution and standing order 145(5) of the Senate Standing Orders, the Standing Committee on Health now invites interested members of the public to submit any representations that they may have on the Bill by way of written memoranda.

The memoranda may be submitted to the Clerk of the Senate, P.O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi, hand-delivered to the Office of the Clerk of the Senate, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi or emailed to senate@kenya.go.ke to be received on or before **Monday, 3rd August, 2026** at 5.00 p.m.

The Bill and a digest that summarizes the contents and context of the Bill may be accessed on the Parliament website at www.parliament.go.ke

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CLERK OF THE SENATE.

