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(No. 13 of 2022)

ON INAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT BY CERTAIN MEMBERS DURING THE
AFTERNOON SITTING OF THE HOUSE ON THURSDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY
2022

Honourable Members,

Recent incidences of Members behaving inappropriately have been brought to my attention and indeed to the attention of the House Business Committee. Particularly, it has been brought to my attention that, during the Sitting of the House on Thursday, 24th February 2022, certain Members behaved in a manner that does not promote the dignity of Members and indeed of the House. I am informed that Members went to the extent of blatantly exhibiting defiance of the authority of the Presidium.

Regrettably, **Honourable Members**, the degrading conduct, inappropriate behavior and altercations that were witnessed at that Sitting cast this August House in bad light and dishonor.

In this regard, Honourable Members, I take this opportunity to remind the House of the provisions of Article 75 (1) (c) of the Constitution that require state officers to be **behave in manner that avoids demeaning the office of the office holder.**

Therefore, I would like to urge all Hon. Members to use parliamentary language and treat other members with decorum and utmost respect and to always show respect to the Presidium.

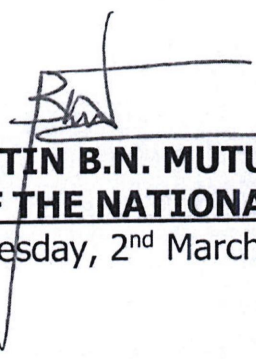
Honourable Members, I also encourage the Leaderships of the Majority Party, the Minority Party and other parliamentary parties to explore the option of reaching to one another for wider consultations and consensus building on matters that attract divergent opinion, as opposed to taking antagonistic stances in the House.

In any case, a healthy democracy is one in which the majority will have their way and the minority will have their say; thus either side is expected to respectably accept the outcome of a vote on any matter having been deliberated upon by the House.

On an onther different incident, Honourable Members, it was also reported that, during the same Sitting, a Member brought a firearm into the Chamber, contrary to Standing Order No. 100 (*Firearms and other offensive weapons*), which unequivocally prohibits any Member from bringing a firearm or any other offensive weapon into the Chamber. Consequent to the aforesaid breach, let me caution Hon. Members that from now on, if any Member brings a firearm or any offensive weapon into the Chamber, the firearm or weapon shall be confiscated forthwith and such shall be deposited with the Police. The Clerk is directed to ensure that the Serjeant-At-Arms strictly enforces compliance with the provisions of Standing Order. 100 and take action as ordered herein on any Member who contravenes the said Standing Order.

Finally, **Honourable Members**, I would like to assure the House that the Presidium will continue to be firm and fair in enforcing the Rules of the House. The House is accordingly guided.

I thank you.



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SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, 2nd March, 2022