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*The Assembly met at the Chamber,
Main Assembly Buildings at 9:00 a.m.*

[The Acting Speaker (Hon. W. Kiprotich) in the Chair]

PRAYER

Hon. Acting Speaker (Hon. W. Kiprotich): Hon. Members, I take this opportunity to welcome you to this new 4th Session of the Second Assembly beginning today Wednesday, 12th February, 2020.

We get straight to the business of today.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR.

THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE H.E. DANIEL TOROITICH ARAP MOI.

Hon. Acting Speaker (Hon. W. Kiprotich): Hon. Members, as you know we have just come from a long recess. We have had businesses in between and I want to congratulate you for doing what was expected of you.

As you know, we are resuming from the recess. I have a communication from the Chair but I would like to postpone the same until next week Tuesday when we will deliberate on issues ahead of us.

Hon. Members, we also know that the country is mourning the passing on of the late H.E. Daniel Toroitich Arap Moi. His burial is underway at his Kabarak home. As an Assembly I wish that we join the rest of Kenyans to mourn the departed and that is the reason I do not want to read the communication from the Chair.

I also do not wish that we have a long debate on what is ahead so that we can join the burial ceremony. One of our Members Hon. Alice Chesangi who lost her dear father and the family is also mourning. We also join her family in mourning.

In respect of the late H.E. Daniel Toroitich Arap Moi I would like you to stand and observe a minute of silence in his respect.

(The Members rose to observe a minute of silence)

Hon. Acting Speaker (Hon. W. Kiprotich): Similarly, I also urge you to stand and observe a minute of silence in remembrance of the late father of Hon. A. Chesangi.

(The Members rose to observe a minute of silence)

Hon. Acting Speaker (Hon. W. Kiprotich): Thank you very much. May the souls of the departed rest in eternal peace. The rest of the Communication from the Chair will be delivered next week Tuesday.

PAPERS

Hon. Leader of Minority (A. Maritim): Hon. Acting Speaker, Sir, I beg to move the following procedural motion

THAT Pursuant to Standing Order 72 (2) and 28 (4) of the County Assembly Standing Orders, this County Assembly resolves to alter its calendar and adjourns on Wednesday, 12th February, 2020 after the morning Sitting until Tuesday, 18th February 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Hon. Acting Speaker, Sir, this is simply for the fact that we are mourning the demise of the second President of the Republic of Kenya. It is good for the Assembly to adjourn its Sitting so that we attend the burial ceremony of the late retired President at his Kabarak home. The purpose

of this Motion is to allow the Members who are able to attend to convey message of condolence to the family of the late Moi. I take this opportunity to move this motion and I request Hon. Kirui to second the motion.

Hon. L. Kirui: Hon. Acting Speaker, Sir, we all know what the country is mourning a hero and it will be of great respect to us as the County Assembly of Bomet to also join hands with other Kenyans to condole with the family of the second President H.E. Daniel Toroitich Arap Moi. As Bomet County, we have a number of things that President Moi did to our county. Among the schools that the late Moi constructed is Moi Siongiroi Girls School which has been performing well in our county and nationally. This is just an example but we have several other projects that the retired President initiated in Bomet County.

I do not want to take much time because we have little time to travel to Kabarak. I second this Motion and I urge Members that we respect the same for the sake of our country.

Thank you.

Hon. Acting Speaker (Hon. W. Kiprotich): Thank you. Hon. Leader of Minority, while were moving the Motion, you mentioned about altering the calendar. I do not know whether we are altering the calendar or simply adjourning.

Hon. Members, before I propose this Motion, as Hon. Kirui put it, we do not have the liberty of time owing to the fact that quite a number of Members are travelling to Kabarak and there might be limited debate on the same but on behalf of the County Assembly of Bomet, I would like to give to two Hon. Members only to pay tribute to H.E. (Rtd) President Daniel Arap Moi preferably from either gender.

Hon. R. Serbai: Hon. Acting Speaker, Sir, it is good that you have noticed the anomaly in the Motion. I believe it should have been written to read “*adjournment to give room for Members to mourn/attend the burial of the late retired President*” This is because the Mover was speaking about altering the calendar instead of adjourning to give room to Members. We are not going to debate on this.

Thank you.

Hon. Acting Speaker (Hon. W. Kiprotich): Thank you. I have not proposed the Motion yet but I wanted to give two hon. Members to pay tribute as we look at what Hon. Serbai has put it.

Hon. H. Kirui: Hon. Acting Speaker, Sir, on behalf of the members, I send a message of condolence to the family of the late Daniel Toroitich Arap Moi, the second President of Kenya. The late President served Kenya as a President for a period of 24 years. On my own behalf, that of my family and the County Assembly of Bomet I send a message of condolence to the family for the loss. While I was growing up, I used to see this man preaching message of peace, love and unity. I came to know him through the famous Nyayo milk that we used to take in school and you can see I am healthy partly because of Nyayo milk. We are sorry for the loss. Thank you.

Hon. A. Koech: Hon. Acting Speaker, Sir, I think the Member who just sat should come clear and mourn an extraordinary man not any other usual man like us. He kept saying “this man”. The late Moi was a superman!

Hon. Acting Speaker (Hon. W. Kiprotich): Hon. Members, let us not digress so much.

Hon. W. Bore: Bw. Kaimu Spika, kwa ufupi hayati mwenda zake Mzee Moi alikuwa kiongozi shujaa. Uongozi wake ukaimarika sana kwa sababu alipenda kazi. Akatuongoza kwa miaka 24 na tukashuhudia maendeleo. Leo tuko na husuni sana tunapomuaga. Baadhi ya kazi amabzo aliyafanya ni ujenzi wa barabara, akajenga shule amabzo zinaitwa kwa jina lake na akaendeleza maendelo. Akiwa Rais, uchumi wetu uliimarika sana. Kwa hivyo tunamuaga kwa heri.

Bw. Kaimu Spika, naomba tusimsahau kwa roho zetu na naomba Mungu amlaze roho yake pahali pema peponi.

Hon. J. Turgut: Hon. Acting Speaker, Sir, on behalf of Persons With Disabilities (PWDs), to pay my last respect to our late former President HE Daniel Toroitich Arap Moi. He was my mentor. I remember in early 90s, he did a fund drive For the National Fund of the PWDs in

Kenya. Until today, the fund supports the persons living with disabilities countywide. We also receive assisting devices courtesy of this gesture.

I celebrate his life because he was respectful to all levels of lives. May his soul rest in peace.

Thank you.

Hon. R. Serbai: Hon. Acting Speaker, Sir, may I pay my tribute to the late former President HE Daniel Toroitich Arap Moi. He was a great leader. On behalf of the first and second County Assembly, I take this opportunity to pay my tributes to the late former President Moi. I recall with the promulgation of the Constitution 2010 he spoke of this country going back to the ages of tribalism. He also spoke about the introduction of devolved governments and that it shall promote tribalism. Therefore, he was a visionary leader.

Secondly, he was an environmentalist and a teacher. A good number of the current leaders including HE President Uhuru Kenyatta, Deputy President (Dr.) William Ruto and our former Governor Isaac Ruto schooled in the Moi's political school.

Hon. Acting Speaker, Sir, I was also among his students although I did not graduate. I vied for the position of a councilor during the KANU era where there was a massive rigging of votes. I remember when the late Kipkalya Kones was the MP Bomet he gave me support during and I vied successfully. Moi, was a great leader. If the Kalenjin community does not become serious, we may remain without a leader.

Finally, this is one of the Presidents that marched like a military man yet he was not one. One would think he was a military general. I support that we adjourn so that we can have time to attend his funeral.

Thank you.

Hon. Acting Speaker (Hon. W. Kiprotich): Hon. Members, we are yet to debate on the Motion.

Hon. C. Langat: Hon. Acting Speaker, Sir, I pay tribute the late former President Daniel Toroitich Arap Moi. This *Mzee* was a great patriot. He played a major role in uplifting the standard of education in our Republic. He built hospitals across the country. On behalf of the

county government of Bomet, we say *pole* to the family of the late *Mzee*. May God rest his soul in eternal peace.

Hon. Acting Speaker (Hon. W. Kiprotich): Hon. Members, we can pay tribute in the course of the sittings.

There was an issue of altering the calendar and subsequently adjourning. The Leader of Minority moved a Motion to alter the calendar and adjourn. It is true that there is an alteration. We are expected to sit this afternoon. The calendar is clear that we are sitting in the afternoon. Therefore, we are now altering the calendar so that we do not sit in the afternoon.

(Question proposed)

Hon. A. Koech: Hon. Acting Speaker, Sir, I pay my tribute to the former President Moi. I was employed under his regime. Moi did a lot for us. He laid a foundation to the Bomet County Referral Hospital including many secondary schools. These schools include Moi Siongiroi, Chesoen, Boito, Kamungei, Sotit, Mogor and many other secondary schools. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Hon. Acting Speaker (Hon. W. Kiprotich): Hon. Leader of Minority, can you reply.

Hon. Leader of Minority (Hon. A. Maritim): Hon. Acting Speaker, Sir, I thank the Members for their contributions and approval of this Motion. As the country mourns the late former President, we all know that he will be remembered in so many things. He improved the education levels and more specifically the girl-child education. He initiated a number of development projects that are so significant. He expanded the university education and built a number of health facilities popularly known as Nyayo wards. The much he did can neither be summarized in a few minutes nor a day. He was a leader that was a symbol of authority. He united this country and he made many personal *pro bono* contributions like building the churches.

Hon. Acting Speaker, Sir, at this time I send my heartfelt gratitude to the family of the late former President. Similarly, I send a message of condolence to the family of Hon. A. Chesangi who lost her dear dad. As an Assembly, we also mourn such a loss.

Finally, I wish quick recovery to Hon. Raphael Tuju the Cabinet Secretary and Secretary General of Jubilee Party who was involved in a road accident this morning. We wish him quick recovery.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNEMENT

Hon. Acting Speaker (Hon. W. Kiprotich): Hon. Members, there being no other business, this House stands adjourned to Tuesday, 18th February, 2020 at 9. 00 a.m.

(The House rose at 9. 35 a.m.)