

CONTROVERSY

Outcry over MPs' pay 'premature'

Marende defends House move to opt Akiwumi report on salaries

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The public outcry over MPs' plans to increase their salaries is premature, National Assembly Speaker Kenneth Marende has said.

Fielding questions from journalists after meeting with US congressmen at Parliament Buildings yesterday, Marende (below) said the process of effecting the proposed increase was incomplete.

"It is premature to talk about MPs having had their salaries allowances reviewed or increased," he said.

other Kenyans. Mr Marende said Parliament had only attempted to invoke provisions of the law on the review of MPs' remuneration.

"This emanates from an outcry the Kenyan public generated calling on MPs to pay taxes as a national and patriotic duty," the Speaker said.

He said the Akiwumi Report was forwarded to the Parliamentary Service Commission which tabled it in the House.

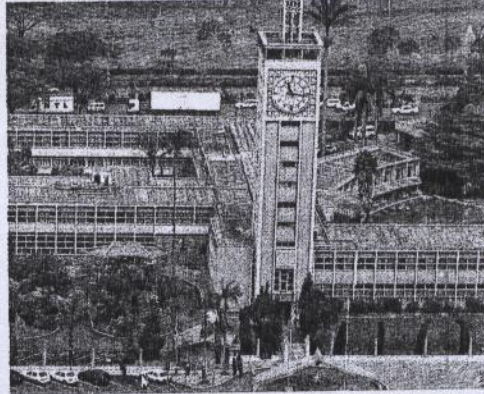
He said the current law has to be amended or a new one passed by Parliament for the process of implementing the suggested salaries to move forward.

If changes were passed by Parliament and the Bill found to be appropriate it would be assented to by the President, he added.

At the same time, visiting United States congressmen have urged Kenyan MPs to actively participate in the ongoing debate on the proposed constitution ahead of the August 4 referendum.



'They merely adopted report'



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Speaker Sh2,766,000

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"Parliament merely adopted what was brought before it."
— SPEAKER

Salary demo planned for today

Wananchi have been urged to turn up in large numbers today for a demonstration in Nairobi against a proposed pay increase for MPs.

Kenya Human Rights Commission programme officer George Morara said the

demonstration begins at 10am at the Freedom Corner in Uhuru Park. He described the increase as a "mockery" to taxpayers.

"The commission joins other Kenyans in condemning this latest round of naked

greed displayed by the MPs.

"It is disturbing and ironic that the MPs are gearing (to award themselves) additional pay while the plight of other people in key sectors has not been addressed," he said.

Man charged third time for same offence

By NATION Correspondent

A man who allegedly tried to extort Sh10 million before violently robbing two doctors was yesterday charged for the offence for the third time in a decade.

Mr Stephen Mungu Mwangi appeared before Kibera chief magistrate Ms Uniter Kidula under a tight security.

State prosecutor Cecil Miller said Mr Mwangi robbed Dr Karim Mohammed and his brother, Dr Amin Mohammed, of Sh250,000 while threatening to shoot them with a pistol.

Kill them

The offence was allegedly committed at Aculaser Clinic in Parklands, Nairobi, on February 5, 2001.

He allegedly demanded Sh10 million, saying he had been paid Sh5 million to kill them.

But Mr Mwangi, who has been convicted twice for the robbery, denied the offence.

The retrial was ordered by Mr Justice Mohammed Warsame, who dismissed his application to be acquitted on the grounds that police kept him in custody for more than 14 days 10 years ago.

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