

THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THIRD COUNTY ASSEMBLY - (FOURTH SESSION)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

NO. 27 of 2025

COMMUNICATION REGARDING THE RULING DATED 24TH JUNE, 2025 IN PPDT CASE NO. E001 OF 2025: HON. HARRISON MALUKI MAWIA & 2 OTHERS VS. WIPER DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT & 4 OTHERS

Honourable Members,

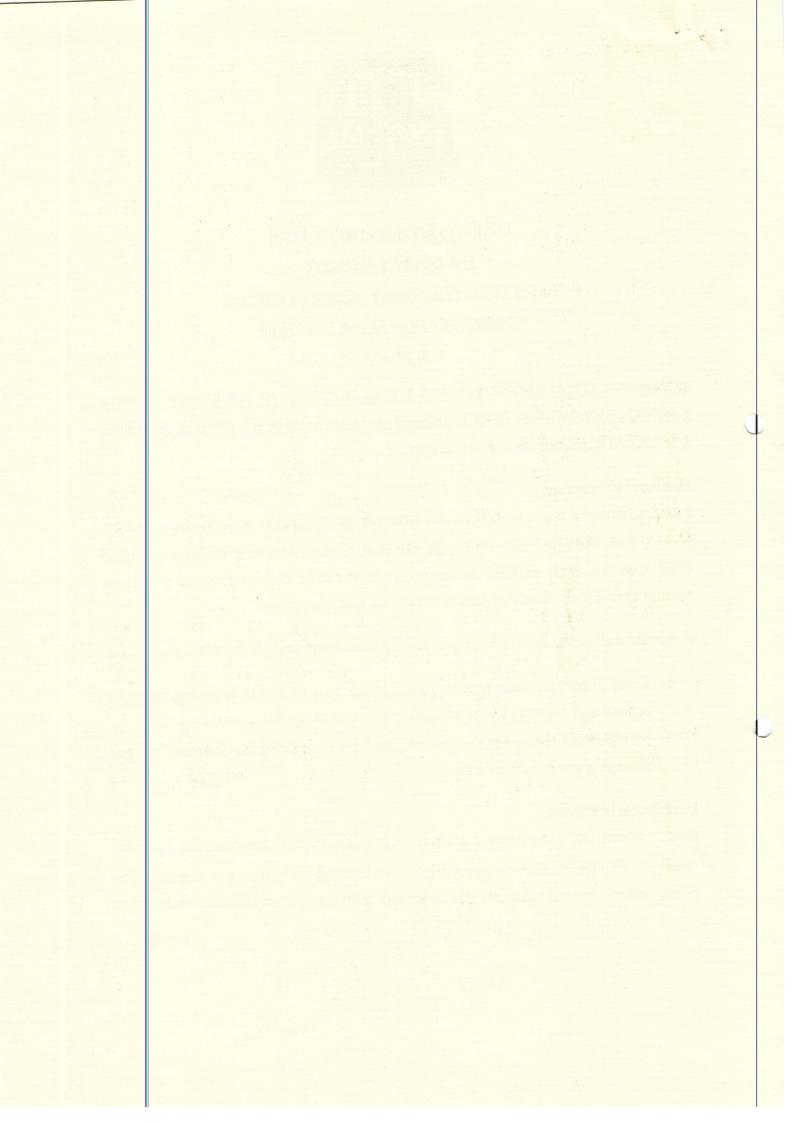
I wish to bring to the attention of this Honourable House that Hon. Harrison Maluki Mawia, Hon. Boniface Mukwate Katula, and Hon. Godfrey Muthengi Ndagara instituted PPDT Case No. E001 of 2025 before the Political Parties Dispute Tribunal (PPDT) in Nairobi against the Wiper Democratic Movement and four others.

In the said matter, the applicants sought, among other interim reliefs, the following orders:

- 1. A stay of the Respondents' decision to remove them from their respective positions as Leader of Majority Party, Majority Whip, and Deputy Majority Whip.
- 2. An injunction restraining the Respondents from appointing replacements, thereby preserving the status quo ante.

Honourable Members.

On 27th March, 2025 the Tribunal granted interim orders which effectively reinstated the Applicants to their respective leadership positions pending the hearing and determination of the matter. The issuance of the said orders had both legal and operational implications:



 Suspension of the Respondents' Decision – The orders barred the Wiper Democratic Movement from effecting changes to the Majority Party leadership until further direction by the Tribunal.

2. Compliance by the County Assembly – As an interested party, the Assembly was legally obligated to observe and uphold the Tribunal's orders and to refrain from recognizing any leadership changes contrary to the orders.

3. Preservation of the Status Quo – The orders required that the Applicants continue discharging their functions as previously designated pending the final determination.

Honourable Members,

I now wish to inform the House that the Tribunal delivered its ruling on 24th June, 2025, in favour of the Applicants, and issued a determination confirming:

1. Hon. Harrison Maluki Mawia – Leader of Majority Party

2. Hon. Boniface Mukwate Katula – Majority Whip

3. Hon. Godfrey Muthengi Ndagara - Deputy Majority Whip

In its ruling, the Tribunal found that the Wiper Democratic Movement failed to comply with the proper procedure for effecting changes in House leadership, as prescribed by the Kitui County Standing Orders and relevant laws.

Honourable Members,

In light of this ruling, I take this opportunity to congratulate Hon. Harrison Maluki Mawia, Hon. Boniface Mukwate Katula, and Hon. Godfrey Muthengi Ndagara on their affirmation by the Political Parties Dispute Tribunal. I wish them continued success as they discharge their duties in their respective leadership roles.

further assure them of my full support and that of this Office, which remains open for any consultations or assistance necessary in upholding democratic processes and effective leadership within this House.

Thank you.

HON. KEVIN KINENGO KATISYA

SPEAKER, COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KITUI

25TH JUNE, 2025

