



Raila, envoys hold talks on economy and Covid-19

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ODM leader Raila Odinga yesterday met with Ambassadors and Heads of Mission from the United Kingdom, European Union, the US and UN to discuss programmes for Kenya.

The envoys reportedly sought Raila's views on national, regional and global perspective. The ODM leader said they discussed how to spur the economy to cushion livelihoods, support for democracy and the fight against Covid-19.

"I'm encouraged by the sentiments of Ambassadors and Heads of Mission from the EU, US, and UN regarding programmes for our nation," said Raila.

Envoys in attendance were US Embassy Chargé d'Affaires Eric Kneeder, UK High Commissioner Jane Mar-



ODM leader Raila Odinga (third left) after he met ambassadors and Heads of Mission from the EU, US and UN regarding programmes for Kenya, yesterday. [Emmanuel Wanson, Standard]

riot among others. Raila was flanked ODM Director of Elections and Suna East MP Junet Mohammed and Ugunja MP Opiyo Wandayi.

A source close to Raila said that the envoys were touching base with Kenya's leading politicians ahead of the 2022 election. The source said the discussion was about the polls and the need for peace ahead of the contest.

"It was a high level meeting. The deliberations were about our elections next year and the transition to the next administration. They were basically

trying to keep tabs on the thoughts of the top contenders in the elections, the matters affecting the nation, the region and internationally," said the source.

The envoys have held meetings in the recent past with ANC leader Musalia Mudavadi, Wiper leader Kalonzo Musyoka, and Baringo Senator Gideon Moi. The UK High Commissioner has met National Assembly and Senate Speakers Justin Muturi and Ken Lusaka respectively and Chief Justice Martha Koome among others.

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COVID-19

ODM wants curfew lifted, measures relaxed to jumpstart the economy

ODM has issued a notice of motion in the National Assembly seeking to compel the Government to lift the curfew and relax other Covid-19 containment measures.

The party through chairman John Mbadi and Mvita MP Abdulswamad Nassir argued that the tough Ministry of Health protocols aimed at curbing spread of the pandemic have had a negative impact on the economy. Among the proposed intervention measures through the Economic Stimulus Package is remodeling of the Kazi Mtaani concept for the rural folks dubbed Kazi Mashambani, enhanced stipend for the elderly, orphans and the vulnerable.

The Orange party wants the Government to instead put emphasis on mass vaccination. The motion mirror's the economic plan that Raila Odinga spelt out during his visit to Mombasa. Raila said this will lead to full opening up of the economy.

"Covid-19 pandemic continues to devastate Kenyans as exemplified by its staggering effects on economic growth that have led to massive job losses and unprecedented layoffs, an under performing financial market, distortion of monetary and fiscal policies," said Nassir.

He also cited the weak shilling,

fluctuating global trade and strain on medical facilities as reasons to review the protocols. The Mvita MP, also the Public Investment Committee (PIC) chairman, noted that a report by the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics revealed a substantial decline in the number of employed Kenyans and reduced job opportunities. ODM now wants the containment measures eased and effective protocols adopted to spur economy like provision of personal protective equipment and strict hand hygiene.

Nassir moved the motion on Tuesday. "We're deeply concerned that the frequent lock downs instituted by the Executive are a key cause of the under performing economy despite the noble intention," said Nassir. The party is also calling for mass vaccination that includes restriction of access to work premises by non-vaccinated employees among other interventions to stimulate economic recovery and national growth.

"The vaccine uptake is slow and needs to be greatly boosted for the country to climb out the current economic pit," he added. Already, matatu operators have resumed full sitting capacity despite the surge in Covid-19 cases. [Philip Mwakio and Josphat Thiongo]



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4.	KEMSA/ONT10/2021-2023	Supply of Health Technologies (Catheters, Surgical tubes, Colostomy Bag and Urine Bags).	N/A	Open to all	30 th September 2021 at 10.00 a.m
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THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
TWELFTH PARLIAMENT – FIFTH SESSION

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY

In the Matter of Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution
and

In the Matter of Consideration by the National Assembly of
The Public Service Internship Bill (National Assembly Bill No.25 of 2021)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA)

Pursuant to Article 118(1) (b) of the Constitution and Standing Order 127(3) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, the Clerk of the National Assembly hereby invites members of the public and relevant stakeholders to submit memoranda on the **Public Service Internship Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 25) 2021**.

The Bill, sponsored by the Hon. Naisula Lesuuda, M.P. (Member for Samburu West) seeks to establish a legal framework for the regulation of internship programmes within the Public Service.

The Bill underwent the First Reading pursuant to Standing Order 127(3) on 10th August 2021 and was committed to the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security for consideration.

Copies of the Bill are available at the National Assembly Table Office, or on www.parliament.go.ke/the-national-assembly/house-business/bills.

The memoranda may be addressed to the Clerk of the National Assembly, P.O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi; hand-delivered to the Office of the Clerk, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi; or emailed to clerk@parliament.go.ke; to be received on or before Wednesday 25th August, 2021 at 5.00 p.m.

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CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

12th August 2021