

Samboja to know impeachment fate in 10 days

Senate picks team of 11 to recommend if governor should leave office or not after ouster by MCAs

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Taita Taveta Governor Granton Samboja will in the next 10 days know whether he will continue serving as the county chief or residents will go back to the polls to pick a new governor.

Yesterday, the Senate constituted an 11-member committee to investigate allegations that led to the governor's impeachment by MCAs.

Last Wednesday, Samboja was impeached over allegations of gross violation of the Constitution and abuse of office.

The Senate team will table its report in the House in 10 days with recommendations on whether he should leave office or continue serving as governor.

The committee, which has six members from Jubilee Party and five from the National Super Alliance (Nasa), will have its

first housekeeping meeting to elect a chairperson and a deputy tomorrow.

The team comprises Senators George Khaniri (Vihiga), Agnes Zani (nominated), Ochillo Ayacko (Migori), Beatrice Kwamboka (nominated), Boniface Kabaka (Machakos), and Njeru Ndwiwa (Embu).

Others are Aaron Cheruiyot (Kericho), Naomi Waqo (nominated), Farhya Ali (nominated), Charles Kibiru (Kirinyaga) and Steve Lelegwe (Samburu).

Be fair

Senate Majority leader Kipchumba Murkomen, while moving a motion on the establishment of the special committee, said Taita Taveta Speaker Meshak Maganga had submitted the petition on resolution of the House and evidence to the Senate Speaker Ken Lusaka last Friday.

Section of 33 (b) of the County Governments Act and Standing Order Number 75 provides for the Senate to probe and debate proposed impeachment of a governor by the county assemblies.

"Because of the fixed timelines involved in investigations for such a grave matter, members of this committee must be committed to perform this task," he said.



DIFFERING

Oppose: Homa Bay Senator Moses Kajwang opposed the appointment of the committee.

Order: He claimed Samboja has secured a court order gagging Senate from discussing the matter.

Overruled: Senate Deputy Speaker Kindiki Kithure said the House has not been served with the court papers.

Taita Taveta Governor Granton Samboja at a past event. PD/FILE

He pledged that the Senate will listen to both sides and be fair in its determination based on the evidence.

The Elgeyo Marakwet Senator urged the committee to perform its duty with the utmost integrity and ensure that its report stands the test of time.

Senate Minority leader James Orengo said the House will act as a trial chamber and promised Taita Taveta residents a fair decision that will serve to restore constitutionalism and the rule of law.

Woman on the run after killing her 'dud' man

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Police in Subukia, Nakuru, have launched a manhunt for a middle-aged woman who allegedly killed her husband yesterday afternoon after accusing him of failing to satisfy her in bed.

The suspect, whose name has not been made public, slashed the victim, Harun Mutua, several times using a panga while he was burning charcoal in Kavilla village of Waseges area.

Residents said they heard cries for help and when they arrived at the scene, the suspect was lamenting that her husband had the audacity of sleeping with other women yet he could not provide for her.

Area Chief Patrick Njuge said the woman escaped, and police are investigating the matter.

Meanwhile, police in the same area have arrested a man, 25, who allegedly defiled and killed a Form One student before dumping her body in a maize plantation in Munanda area.

Nakuru police commander Stephen Matu said the 14-year-old student was kidnapped as she walked home on Monday evening.

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- Public Hearings shall be held on **Wednesday, 23rd October, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Mini Chamber, First Floor, County Hall, Parliament Buildings, Nairobi; or**
- Written Memoranda may be forwarded to the **Clerk of the Senate/ Secretary, Parliamentary Service Commission, P.O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi**, hand-delivered to the **Office of the Clerk/ Secretary, Parliamentary Service Commission, First Floor, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi** or emailed to **csenate@parliament.go.ke**, to be received on or before **Wednesday, 23rd October, 2019 at 5.00 p.m.**

The Bills may be found on the Parliament website at <http://www.parliament.go.ke/senate>.

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