



PRESS STATEMENT ON INVESTIGATIONS INTO ALLEGATIONS OF IRREGULAR PAYMENT OF KSHS 68 MILLION BY NAIROBI CITY COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO WACHIRA MBURU, MWANGI AND COMPANY ADVOCATES

The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) has been investigating an allegation of irregular payment of Kshs 68 million made by Nairobi City County to M/s Wachira Mburu, Mwangi and Company advocates purporting that it was legal fees.

Investigations established that one Steven Kariuki from the firm of M/s Wachira, Mburu, Mwangi and Company Advocate was given instructions by Aduma Joshua Owuor –former Ag. Director Legal Affairs then Nairobi City Council and now member of Parliament for Nyakach Constituency to act on behalf of Nairobi City Council in HCC No.875 of 2010 Kyavee Holdings Limited versus City Council of Nairobi, without following the laid down procedure.

Investigations by the Commission further established that;

1. That Kyavee Holding Limited does not exist and therefore had no legal capacity to sue Nairobi City Council.
2. The property in dispute L.R No. 209/8254 is Mariakani primary school's playground and the same has never been re-allocated and therefore Kyavee Holding had no claim on the land.
3. The advocate representing Kyavee Holding Limited did not possess a valid practicing certificate at the material time.

4. The funds being 68,000,000 was paid in two installments of Ksh10,000,000 on the 13th June 2011 and Ksh.58,000,000 on the 7th January 2014.

Investigations further established that no services were rendered to Nairobi City County Government and the entire amount of Kshs 68 million was embezzled by several people including:

1. Dr. Evans Kidero- former Governor Nairobi City County Governor
2. George Wainana Njogu- former Chief of staff Nairobi City County
3. Paul Mutunga Mutungi- former Councillor Nairobi City Council
4. Hannah Muthoni- Spouse to Steven Kariuki
5. John Ndirangu Kariuki – former Mayor then Nairobi City Council

The Commission forwarded the file to the Director of Public Prosecutions who upon review concurred with the recommendations of the Commission and gave consent for arrest and prosecution of the suspects in court with various offences among them:

- I. Conspiracy to commit an offence of corruption
- II. Unlawful acquisition of public property
- III. Abuse of office
- IV. Dealing with suspect property
- V. Money Laundering

Today the 26th April, 2019 the Commission arrested the following suspects:

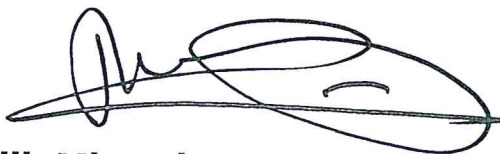
1. Dr. Evan Odhiambo Kidero- Former Governor Nairobi City County.
2. George Wainana Njogu – Former Chief of Staff Nairobi City County and Co-Director Cups Limited
3. Paul Mutunga Mutungi- Former Councillor with then Nairobi City Council

The suspects are being held at the EACC Police Station.

The Commission hereby directs the following persons to present themselves at Integrity Centre immediately:

1. Aduma Joshua Owuor – Current Member of Parliament Nyakach Constituency.
2. John Ndirangu Kariuki- former mayor Nairobi City Council
3. Manasseh Karanja Kepha – Ag. Deputy Director Internal Audit Nairobi City Council and previously Departmental Accountant , Legal Affairs Department then Nairobi City Council
4. Philomena Kavinya Nzuki- Principal Accountant Nairobi City County
5. Nga'ng'a Mungai Ng'ang'a – Accountant Nairobi City County
6. Charity Muringo Ndiritu - Accountant Nairobi City County
7. Peterson Andrew Njiru - Accountant Nairobi City County
8. Ekaya Alumasi - Accountant Nairobi City County
9. James Mimi Mbugua - Accountant Nairobi City County
10. Elizabeth Wanjiru Nderitu - Accountant Nairobi City County
11. Alice Njeri Mundia - Accountant Nairobi City County
12. Hannah Muthoni Kariuki- Recipient of Kshs 11 million
13. John Ngari Wainana- Co-Director Cups Limited

The suspects will be arraigned in court.



Twalib Mbarak

Secretary/Chief Executive Officer.

DATED 26th April, 2019

