

State Opening of Parliament

by

His Excellency the President Hon. Mwai Kibaki, C.G.H., M.P.

on

Tuesday, 30th March, 2004 at 2.30 p.m.



His Excellency Hon. Mwai Kibaki, C.G.H., M.P President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Of the Republic Of Kenya

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

Serial	Time	Event
1.	2.30 p.m.	All Members of Parliament and invited guests shall have arrived and be seated.
2.	2.35 p.m.	His Excellency the President, Hon. Mwai Kibaki, C.G.H., M.P., escorted by the Provincial Commissioner, Nairobi Area, Mr. Francis Sigei, S.S., arrives at the main entrance of the National Assembly.
3.		On arrival, His Excellency the President is met by the Chief of the General Staff, General J. R. E. Kibwana, E.G.H., C.B.S.
4.		His Excellency the President proceeds to the saluting base.
5.		NATIONAL ANTHEM.
6.		His Excellency the President receives the Presidential Salute by the Kenya Army.
7.		His Excellency the President is received by the Vice-President and Leader of Government Business, Hon. Moody Awori, E.B.S., M.P.; the Speaker of the National Assembly, Hon. Francis ole Kaparo, E.G.H., M.P.; and the Clerk of the National Assembly, Mr. Samuel W. Ndindiri.
8.		His Excellency the President retires to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Room and signs the visitors' book.
9.	2.55 p.m.	His Excellency the President moves in State Procession to the Chamber.
10.		Presidential fanfare is sounded by the ceremonial buglers of the Kenya Police Force.

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11.		The procession enters the Chambers.
12.		NATIONAL ANTHEM.
13.		His Excellency the President bows to the Speaker of the National Assembly.
14.		The Speaker of National Assembly rises and calls for prayers.
15.		The Speaker of the National Assembly welcomes His Excellency the President and invites him to deliver his speech.
16.		His Excellency the President, Hon. Mwai Kibaki, C.G.H., M.P., delivers his speech.
17.		On completion of the Presidential Speech, the Speaker of the National Assembly rises and announces that it is the President's pleasure to take his leave.
18.		The House is adjourned.
19.		His Excellency the President retires in procession to the Presidential suite.
20.		The Speaker of the National Assembly escorts His Excellency the President to the Parliament Gardens for the official reception.
21.		His Excellency the President leaves the reception at his pleasure.
22.		NATIONAL ANTHEM.
23.		His Excellency the President leaves Parliament Buildings for State House.

WIMBO WA TAIFA

1.

Ee Mungu nguvu yetu Ilete baraka kwetu Haki iwe ngao na mlinzi Natukae na undugu Amani na uhuru Raha tupate na ustawi.

2.

Amkeni ndugu zetu Tufanye sote bidii Nasi tujitoe kwa nguvu Nchi yetu ya Kenya Tunayoipenda Tuwe tayari kuilinda.

3.

Natujenge taifa letu
Ee, ndio wajibu wetu
Kenya istahili heshima
Tuungane mikono
Pamoja kazini
Kila siku tuwe na shukrani

NATIONAL ANTHEM

1.

O God of all creation
Bless this our land and nation
Justice be our shield and defender,
May we dwell in unity,
Peace and liberty;
Plenty be found within our borders.

2

Let one and all arise
With hearts both strong and true
Service be our earnest endeavour
and our homeland of Kenya,
Heritage of splendour,
Firm may we stand to defend.

3

Let all with one accord In common bond united, Build this our nation together and the glory of Kenya, The fruit of our labour Fill every heart with thanksgiving.