

## MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT URGING GOVERNMENT TO DEVISE LONG-TERM MEANS OF STOPPING THE RAMPANT MURDERS AND ROBBERIES SUFFERED BY BODA-BODA RIDERS

*(Moved Under Rule 55 of the Rules of Procedure)*

**WHEREAS** the motorcycle (boda-boda) business offers one of the most commonly used means of transport to Ugandans and foreigners alike, has undoubtedly contributed to the economic and social wellbeing of operators mainly through creation of jobs and hence offering a significant source of livelihood to many youths and thousands of families across the country;

**CONCERNED** that there has been a noticeable but distressing rise in incidents of murders of motorcycle (Boda-boda) riders coupled with theft of the motorcycles (Boda-bodas) across the country with a more recent incident having been captured by a CCTV camera at Kakeeka zone, Rubaga Division, Kampala District which happened on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 where two male robbers, who posing as clients, attacked, strangled and hit a boda-boda rider with a stone to the head hence killing him instantly;

**FURTHER CONCERNED** that the deceased leave behind families that have to struggle to survive and some victims of such incidents are left disabled and unable to earn a living because offering transport services is the only job they are accustomed to;

**CONVINCED** that the murderers and robbers either sell the motorcycles (Boda-bodas) as a whole or in spare parts to persons that deal in the business of buying and selling motorcycle spare parts and yet this business is not regulated;

**ACKNOWLEDGING** that the police have on several occasions communicated to Ugandans that they are investigating the matter in order to restore security however the murders and robberies continue to increase to at least five boda-boda riders being attacked by robbers posing as potential clients on a daily basis;

**CONSIDERING** that a forensic investigation by the police and respective security agencies into the rampant murders and robberies suffered by boda-boda riders across the country and the regulation of business in motorcycle buying and selling inclusive of motorcycle spare parts will not only serve to bring the perpetrators to book, but also curb further crime and also restore citizenry confidence and trust in the Government;

**NOW THEREFORE** be it resolved by Parliament that:

1. Government regulates the business of buying and selling motorcycles (boda-bodas) and the related spare parts and develops a monitoring system where all people

involved in the business of buying and selling boda-bodas and spare parts must declare the source of their business stock on a regular basis.

2. Government strengthens the capacity of police and other responsible security agencies to enable them to effectively curb the high crime rate in the country.
3. Government imposes heavier penalties for crimes related to boda-boda theft and murders suffered by boda-boda riders.

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