



SPEECH BY H E SUSAN KIHKA, NAKURU COUNTY GOVERNOR, DURING THE CHURCH SERVICE AND BURIAL OF MS MITCHELL JELIMO KEMBOI ON 10TH APRIL, 2026

Members of the bereaved family,
Cabinet Secretaries and Principal Secretaries present
Elected leaders
Fellow mourners,
Ladies and gentlemen

Good morning.

1. We congregate here today in Kabarak, Rongai, with heavy hearts to bid farewell to our beloved daughter, Ms Mitchell Jelimo Kemboi. It is a moment filled with deep grief and reflection, for death has taken from us a young life full of promise, a life that held such great potential for the future.
2. Mitchell was not just a daughter to Captain William Ruto and his family, but a shining light to all who knew her. She was a symbol of hope, determination, and grace. Her dreams were still unfolding, her journey still beginning. It is difficult to comprehend why such a bright and promising life would be cut short so suddenly. We mourn not only who she was, but also what she would have become.
3. As we stand with this grieving family, we must also reflect on the circumstances that have led us here. This painful loss reminds us of the urgent responsibility we all share on our roads. Too many lives, especially of our young people, are being lost due to preventable road accidents.
4. I call upon all motorists and public service vehicle operators to observe traffic rules with utmost discipline. Road safety is not optional—it is a matter of life and death. Let us drive with care, respect speed limits, avoid reckless behaviour, and prioritize the safety of every road user. No journey is so urgent that it should cost a life.
5. May Mitchell's passing not be in vain. Let it awaken our collective conscience and strengthen our commitment to safer roads. To the family, may you find comfort in God's grace during this difficult time. May Mitchell's soul rest in eternal peace.

Development Projects in Menengai West

6. We have constructed ECDE toilets at Menengai Primary School in Mangu, ensuring a better learning environment for our young children. At Mangu Vocational Training Centre, we have equipped a motor vehicle mechanics workshop to empower our youth with practical skills for employment and self-

reliance. We have also equipped Kamungei ECDE to strengthen early childhood education.

7. In the health sector, the ongoing construction of maternity wards at Menengai Dispensary will greatly improve maternal and child healthcare services in this area. No mother should have to travel long distances to access safe delivery services.
8. We have invested in infrastructure by opening roads in the Maciaro area and maintaining key roads such as Ol-Rongai Rigogo–Cuba Road and Kagaki–Baraka Road. Through the Imarisha Barabara Programme, we continue to grade and murram access roads to enhance connectivity and economic activity.
9. Security has also been a priority. We have installed and repaired street and security lights across Menengai West, including high mast lights at Eden and Mercy Njeri areas, to ensure our people feel safe in their homes and businesses.
10. Additionally, we have supported water access through projects such as water piping in Ol-Rongai Number 4 Milimani and the Menengai West Water Works, ensuring more households have access to clean and reliable water.
11. These projects reflect our commitment to improving lives and creating opportunities for all. It is our hope that, in honouring Lydia’s legacy, we continue to build a community that reflects her values—one rooted in compassion, hard work, and faith. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

Thank you

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