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Madereva wanaochezea mifumo kiama chao chaja

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KAMATI ya Kudumu ya Bunge ya Miundombinu, imeiagiza Mamlaka ya Udhibiti Usafiri Ardhini (LATRA), kuwachukua hatua kali za kisheria, baadhi ya madereva wa mabasi ya masafa marefu wanaochezea mifumo ya ufuatiliaji na udhibiti mwendo VTS.

Hayo yalisemwa Dar es Salaam na Kaimu Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Kudumu ya Bunge ya Miundombinu jana, Mhandisi Jonhson Lutasingwa, ambaye ni Mbunge wa Bukoba Mjini, alipoongoza kamati hiyo kufanya ziara ofisi za LATRA jijini Dar es Salaam.

"Tunaipongeza serikali kupitia LATRA kwa kazi nzuri ambayo wanaifanya ya udhibiti ajali kwa njia ya mifumo. Tumejionea kazi kubwa inayofanywa hasa uimarishaji wa mifumo ya udhibiti mwendokasi ambayo ni muhimu katika kuimarisha usalama,"alisema.

Aliiagiza LATRA kushirikiana na vyombo vingine vya udhibiti na usalama barabarani, kuwezesha barabara hizo kupitika kwa urahisi.

Vilevile, alisema wamewahimiza LATRA kuongeza jitihada za utoaji elimu kwa wamiliki wa mabasi, madereva na wananchi kuelewa mifumo ya utoaji huduma za usafirishaji abiria.

Pia, Kamati hiyo iliwasisitiza wananchi na madereva kuhakikisha wanafuatia na kuzingatia sheria za barabara na usafirishaji kwani ni muhimu katika kulinda usalama wao na kupusha ajali.

Kwa upande wake Mwenyekiti wa Bodi ya Wakurugenzi wa LATRA, Profesa Ahmed Mohamed Ame, aliishukuru kamati hiyo kwa ziara hiyo huku akikiri kupokea maagizo yote waliyoyatoa ikiwemo kuendelea kutoa elimu ya mifgumo ya udhibiti.

Katika hatua nyingine, Mkurugenzi Mtendaji wa LATRA, Habibu Suluo, alisema amefurahi kutembelewa na kamati hiyo ikiwa ni mara ya tatu kukutana nayo katika kuendelea kujenga ushirikiano na utatuzi wa kero za wananchi.

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Bunge team tells Latra to audit revenue control systems

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Dar es Salaam. The parliamentary standing committee on Infrastructure has directed the Land Transport Regulatory Authority (Latra) to conduct a comprehensive audit of all systems aimed at curbing revenue loss and preventing tampering with Vehicle Tracking Devices (VTDs).

The directive followed the Committee's visit to Latra offices, where MPs assessed the authority's performance and operational procedures.

Speaking during the visit, the Committee's acting chairperson, Mr Johnson Mutansingwa (Bukoba urban - CCM), said that while the government had introduced systems to strengthen revenue collection, some individuals were undermining these efforts.

"Interference with speed-governing devices in commercial vehicles is a serious concern. It endangers lives and must be addressed immediately," Mr Mutansingwa said, adding that the Committee is ready to review and amend legislation where necessary to strengthen enforcement.

He called for stricter penalties to deter misconduct and stressed the need for collaborative oversight, involving the Police, Latra and relevant authorities.

The Committee also praised Latra for improvements in road safety, citing a reduction in accidents and enhanced passenger access to information and ticketing through digital platforms. Latra director general, Mr Habibu Suluo, said the authority had made significant progress with electronic ticketing for upcountry bus services under the 2024 Electronic Ticketing Regulations.

Passengers can now purchase tickets via integrated digital platforms, including the Safari Ticket Tanzania mobile application.

"Through the app, passengers can access comprehensive information on bus services, compare operators, departure times and fares, pay electronically and receive tickets instantly," Mr Suluo said.

He added that more than 3.1 million passengers used the electronic ticketing system in December 2025, generating around Sh110 billion in transactions. Previously, large cash payments in the bus sector lacked full digital traceability.

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LAND Transport Regulatory Authority (LATRA) Board Chairperson, Prof Ahmed Mohamed Ame (standing), briefs the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Infrastructure during its visit to the authority's offices in Dar es Salaam yesterday. The committee was led by Deputy Chairperson Johnston Mutasingwa (second left). On Prof Ame's left is LATRA Director General, Habibu Suluo. (Photo by a Correspondent)

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