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COUNTY IN REGARD TO THE INCESSANT BANDITRY ATTACKS ON
MONDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 2021

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PREFACE

Mr. Speaker, Sir

1. The Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations was constituted in December, 2017 during the First Session of the Twelfth (12th) Parliament pursuant to the provisions of the Senate Standing Order No. 187.

The Committee is mandated to consider all matters relating to: *national security and foreign relations, disaster reduction and preparedness, home affairs, defence, immigration and international relations.*

2. In executing its mandate, the Committee oversees the Ministries of;

- (i). Interior and Coordination of National Government;
- (ii). Defence; and
- (iii). Foreign Affairs.

3. The Committee comprises of the following Members-

(i).	Sen. Fred Outa, MP	Ag. Chairperson
(ii).	Sen. Fatuma Dullo, CBS, MP	Member
(iii).	Sen. Judith Pareno, MP	Member
(iv).	Sen. Beatrice Kwamboka, MP	Member
(v).	Sen. Mithika Linturi, MP	Member
(vi).	Sen. (Eng.) Mohamed M. Mohamud, CBS, MP	Member
(vii).	Sen. Moses Wetang'ula, EGH, MP	Member
(viii).	Sen. Wario Golich Juma, MP	Member

Mr. Speaker Sir,

On Thursday, 9th September, 2021, Sen. John Kinyua, MP, made a statement pursuant to Standing order 47(1) of the Senate Standing Orders concerning the incessant banditry attacks in Laikipia County. Thereon, the Speaker of the Senate referred the Statement to the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations with directions that the Committee undertakes a fact finding visit to Laikipia County.

On Monday, 13th September, 2021 the Committee undertook a fact-finding visit to Laikipia and held three meetings in three separate venues, namely, in Matuiku shopping centre, Wangwachi Anti-Stock Theft Camps and Olomoran Shopping Centre. During the meetings the Committee was able to establish that the Kuki Gallman Conservancy was one of the identified dens of bandits who kept on constantly harassing and attacking the peaceful and cosmopolitan residents of Laikipia. To this end, the residents recommended to the Committee that the Conservancy be taken up by the Government and be placed under the management of the Kenya Wildlife Services. The Committee also established that, though there are National Police Reservists engaged by the Government, there is need to recruit more to increase their number to improve surveillance and response during attacks and raids. Further, during the visit, it was evident that there was some sort of cessation of hostility owing to the fact that the National Government had expeditiously intervened and intensified security operations. It is imperative to note, that at the various venues the Committee held meetings, the residents requested that the intensified operation be sustained with better coordination of command centre. It was also evident that learning in schools had not resumed in also those three places.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

I wish to express my gratitude to my colleagues for their active participation during the Committee's visit to Laikipia which led to fruitful engagements and deliberations with the residents of Matuiku, Wangwachi and Olomoran.

The Committee is further indebted to the Offices of the Speaker and Clerk of the Senate for facilitating the Committee to promptly undertake the visit which led to the production of this report. The Committee also wishes to recognize the commitment and dedication of the Committee secretariat that made possible the work of the Committee and the production of this report possible.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

It is now my distinguished pleasure and duty, to table the report of the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations in regard to its visit to Laikipia for fact-finding in regard to the incessant banditry attacks and related matters of insecurity in the County.



SIGNATURE.....

**SEN. FRED OUTA, MP
ACTING CHAIRPERSON**

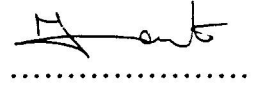
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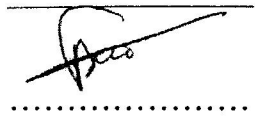
ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECURITY, DEFENCE AND FOREIGN RELATIONS

We, the undersigned Members of the Senate Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations of the Senate, do hereby append our signatures to adopt the Report-

1) Sen. Fredrick Outa, MP- *Ag. Chairperson*


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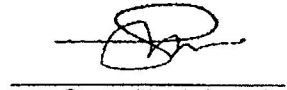
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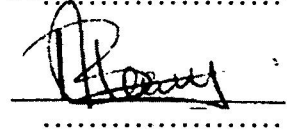
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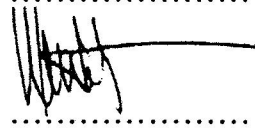
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1. SUBMISSIONS BY THE RESIDENTS OF MATUIKU IN LAIKIPIA COUNTY REGARDING THE INSECURITY

The community representatives made presentations to the Committee as follows-

Mr. Charles Waithaka Mwangi

The residents'/elders' representative informed the Committee that he settled in Laikipia Matuiku in 1974 and recounted that the attacks by the bandits started in 1980. The bandits raided homes and stole livestock which they hid in the valley at Kamwenje. The bandits would also cause bodily harm to the residents and even kill members of the society and the police attached to the area. He informed the Committee that they have come to realization that the bandits' intention was to deliberately harass, create fear and disrupt their livelihoods so that they vacate their lands which the bandits would later occupy.

Mr. Sammy Wambugu (Youth Representative)

In his submission to the Committee, the youth representative recommended that a trough be erected to act as the barrier between the Conservancy owned by Kuki Gallmann and the areas of settlement should be constructed, measuring ten meters deep and fifteen meters wide. This is mainly because when their livestock is stolen its driven through the conservancy. Further, the government should engage more National Reserve Policemen who should be home based rather than stationed at camps.

Mr. Paul Njoroge (Representing Mlima Njangiri)

The representative of the area informed the Committee that at *Mlima Njangiri* all the residents have fled and only three (3) persons were left behind. Previously, the area had a residency of over twenty (20) homesteads. The representative made some recommendations to the Committee which include -

- (i). the construction of a permanent Police Station *should be constructed at Mlima Njangiri,*
and

- (ii). That, there should be uniform application of the law on ownership or handling of guns - everybody should be allowed to own a gun or no one should own.

The Committee also heard that the Member of Parliament for Tiaty Constituency had been reported in the media to have uttered the words “that this is a restocking period”. Such public utterances attributed to the legislator should be investigated with a view to establishing their true meaning in regard to the attacks being witnessed in Laikipia.

A recommendation was made that since the violence affects both Baringo and Laikipia Counties, it would be more effective and beneficial if the political leadership from both Counties would convene and hold joint meetings geared towards resolving on-going attacks and maintain peace.

It was further recommended that the Government should establish a compensation mechanism for individuals and families of victims of banditry attacks who had either been displaced from their residences, lost lives and borne destruction of their property especially families whose houses were torched, livestock stolen and/or crops destroyed by livestock herders.

The Committee was further informed that there exists some form of collaboration between the bandits and some residents of the area who convey intelligence of vocal persons who disclose the bandits’ movement in the area or on persons with livestock which are then targeted and stolen.

Mr. Lawrence Mwangi (Representing Men)

The representative of Men informed the Committee that the bandits seem to have a person or people who sponsor their illegal activities through feeding them, purchasing guns for them including the ammunition. The representative observed that the National Government’s *Nyumba Kumi Initiative* doesn’t seem to be serving its intended purpose mainly because those engaged are neither recognized nor adequately compensated. Hence, they consider the responsibility a part-time job and render part-time service which they only engage in when they are not doing anything beneficial.

It was recommended that the residents involved in enforcing the Nyumba Kumi Initiative be considered for regular stipends as a motivation to ensure dedication towards this important duty. It was further proposed that the process of engaging the NPRs should be open and the age of those to be recruited should be taken into account. Due consideration ought to be made to ensure that not so young members in their formative years were recruited because they need to establish and feed their families. The Committee was informed that previously, many meetings have been held regarding security issues in the area and recommendations were usually sought from members of the community, but their effective implementation in a sustainable approach had not been actualized. Further, it was recommended that along the conservancy boundary, security apparatus should be established to curb the frequent attacks being witnessed.

Ms. Margaret Wambugu (Representative of the Women)

The women representative informed the Committee that it was incumbent upon the men in the community to take up the duty of guarding the society day and night as it had become the norm for their women and their daughters to be mistreated and sexually assaulted by the bandits in front of them. It is worth noting that they collectively made a resolution to provide security and keep their female folk safe.

The Committee also heard that there were few roads for public use into the conservancy to facilitate them and the security infrastructure to use in pursuit of livestock stolen.

The Committee further heard that earlier media reports attributed to the Rift Valley Regional Commissioner that the bandits acquired and used more sophisticated weapons than those used by government security personnel implying that the security organs were unable to match the bandits and provide adequate security and safety to the residents were erroneous and unfortunate.

Chief John Wamae

The Chief informed the Committee that since 2012 cattle rustling had been rampant in the area and recommended flushing out of all bandits who have established their hide-outs in the

Conservancy. The Committee heard that when security operations to flush out the bandits were being undertaken, it would be advisable that the exercise be conducted concurrently in both Laikipia and Baringo Counties in order to drive the bandits to the middle of the Conservancy. Further, that the operation should have a central command centre to avoid haphazard security operation which may seem disorganized. It was recommended further, that to facilitate ease of surveillance, coordination and guarantee sustained peace, NPRs should be recruited for every village along the conservancy boundaries which act as the habitation for the bandits.

MCA Peter Thome

The County Assembly legislator informed the Committee that he has been the Ward Representative for the last 9 years. For that period, it has been extremely difficult for him to implement development projects as he has perennially been involved in projects to promote, maintain peace and provide security to the community. This instability has made the region to lag behind other regions in the country. The Legislator commended the Conservancy Owner(s) for always sharing intelligence on the location of bandits in the conservancy, however, owing to the vastness of the conservancy the bandits are able vanish and emerge when attacking; and recommended that the Government should take over the Conservancy and hand it over to the Kenya Wildlife Service for secure and better management.

2. SUBMISSIONS BY RESIDENTS DURING A MEETING HELD AT WANGWACHI IN LAIKIPIA COUNTY

The Committee was briefed that-

For years now, Laikipia County, formerly Laikipia district which lies within Rift Valley Province has faced serious invasions from attackers from neighboring counties interested in forceful acquisition of their livestock and land. That for a longtime, this issue has been underestimated as mere cattle rustling, an ancient cultural practice among pastoralists, however, it has slowly evolved from mere animal acquisition and a cultural activity and to a serious theft of property without regard to the rule of law. Constant raids have adversely affected livelihoods and utilization of public lands in Arid and Semi-Arid regions.

The Effects of Cattle Rustling include-

1. Migration

Owing to the constant raids, local communities and families engaged in livestock rearing (pastoralists) living in Laikipia are constantly on move to seek secure places for their families and animals away from bandits. In the course of these movements, they graze their animals in the farmer's crops and interfere with human settlement along their migration corridor.

2. Poor Utilization of Land in ASAL Region.

Characterized by constant migrations due to invasion, there is underutilization of natural resources, notably pasture, water and mineral lick. As a result, communities involved in the vice cause conflicts to arise in their bid to possess their assumed the resources especially private land.

3. Loss of Lives and Property

Thousands of lives have been lost in Laikipia County through invasion by armed bandits, family units destroyed and others injured or killed either during invasions and recovery of livestock stolen have proved futile. The residents have established that once their livestock is stolen, it is usually taken to the conservancy and later transported to Rimuruti in mysterious circumstances and bandits return with their own livestock thus the stolen livestock is sold.

The Committee was informed that the following would be viable solutions to the aforementioned challenges-

(a) Eviction of Bandits from the Conservancy owned by Kuki Gallmann in Laikipia

That many a time invaders from neighboring counties of Baringo, Samburu or Isiolo or individuals who do not own land in Laikipia County. The herders illegally invade

private lands and forcefully keep their animals in the pieces of land which owners have fled owing to constant invasions fears. Or keep very many animals in a small piece of land implying the animals will spill over to graze in privately owned land causing conflicts. Hence need to drive away those who do not own land and make shift bomas who cause threat in the area.

(b) Coordinated Recovery Efforts Between Laikipia and Baringo Counties

It is public knowledge that most of the stolen animals end up in neighbouring Counties. Most of the stolen animals end up in *Mkutani, kaptuiya, amaiya, Tangulbei, nginyang* and villages in Baringo County. Bandits escape by destroying the Laikipia nature conservancy fence and cut through the wildlife and nature protected ranch which expose Laikipia residents to other risks such human wildlife conflicts. Efforts to curb destruction of the fence by environmentalist Kuki Gallmann and national government has proved futile, due to poor or lack of support by local authorities. Residents of Laikipia are requesting for coordinated recovery and prevention efforts by County Commissioners in both Laikipia and Baringo counties who incidentally are under the same Regional Commissioner. Below are the recommend guidelines during and after invasions;

- (i). Strengthen policing operations along Laikipia nature conservancy and the larger Laikipia Baringo boarder line. This will reduce raid incidences and help increase recovery chances.
- (ii). A coordinated effort between Laikipia county commander and his counterpart in Baringo will help bring normalcy in the area. All units tasked to safeguard property and lives must work together and remain vigilant all the time.
- (iii). When animals that are stolen in Laikipia County cross over to Baringo, the county commissioner in-charge takes over the search and recovery efforts. This will eliminate blame between the two counties over who should take responsibility over failed recovery efforts.

(i).

- (iv). Government monitored and controlled migration during times of drought when pastoralists are searching for pasture and water for their livestock mainly because during such times banditry thrives. There exists a free movement corridor for pastoralists between Laikipia, Samburu, Isiolo and Baringo counties which must be addressed. Laikipia County does not have free grazing zones and therefore such movements must be controlled and addressed as they end up as raids causing killings and property loss.

(c) Develop Theoretical Framework to Address Causes of Cattle Rustling.

All stakeholders should come together and develop a theory of risk and to address the uncertainty that will utilize the possibilities offered by Dempster-Shafer theory of evidence as one way of representing imprecise probabilities and partial information in an involuntary decision-making context. Risks are restricted to situations where probabilities are allocated to occurrence of an event, a draught in this case while uncertainties will arise because the chances governing stochastic factors are imperfectly known. For intake, bandits contemplating to invade farmers in *Wangwaci* village face both risks and uncertainties. There is need to create avenues to increase risks involved in cattle rustling activities by lowering chances of success and create uncertainties of the raids yielding gains. There exists assumptions that modern cattle rustling is a highly sophisticated crime, fueled by rich business people, politicians and elites in the pastoralist communities (Hendrickson et al. 1996). Altering the equation and making cattle rustling a less lucrative venture will lower interest from these groups and hence De-commercialization of the menace.

(d) Fair Compensation for Stolen Animals

There have been peace initiatives among communities living in the region spearheaded by elders which at times bore fruits. However, there has been unfair compensation by the culprits by returning smaller and weaker animals instead of actually stolen animals. In as much as we encourage negotiations and peaceful

coexistence among communities living in the affected region, it should be on very fair ground with well-articulated punitive measures on those involved in cattle rustling. Bandits suspected should be investigated and if found responsible for causing harm and loss of property should be punished accordingly to discourage the act in future.

(e) Develop Policies that Encourage Coordination Between Law Enforcers and Locals

There is a serious gap that would allow easy sharing of information between locals and law enforcers tasked with securing the region affected by cattle rustling menace. There are cases where bandits are spotted hours before the raid, but out of fear or lack of clear line of engagement between locals and law enforcers, such intelligence is hardly utilized. Community policing will allow easy communications and sharing of notes on terrains and other factors would allow coordinated activities towards recovery.

3. SUBMISSIONS BY RESIDENTS DURING A MEETING AT OLOMORAN IN LAIKIPIA COUNTY

The Committee was informed the following at Olomoran-

(a). During the period the government has implemented the following-

- (i). Provided enough police personnel
- (ii). Created a new district
- (iii). Upgraded the police posts to police stations
- (iv). Driven away any illegal land occupants
- (v). Helped to rebuild houses torched by arsonists
- (vi). Have increased the number of police reservists.

(b). Issues the government need to address

- (i). the number of police reservists need to be increased for Olomoran to be security
- (ii). drive away the illegal herders as they are grazing maize farms at night especially along dam Samaki, Kahuho and Minyore areas

- (iii). speed up upgrading and opening up of security roads in the area to facilitate quick response by security apparatus during distress
- (iv). facilitate establishment of sustainable conflict resolution mechanism to be used when conflicts occur
- (v). issuance of title deeds should be speeded up to the land owners
- (vi). Investigation on whether the conflicts usually arise owing to the political calendar of the country and deal with the perpetrators
- (vii). Government should consider compensation to the victims who have suffered especially through torching of the house and loss of lives

4. COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

- (i). That, there is a need to construct a trench along the boundary of Conservancy owned by Kuki Gallmann and the areas of settlement measuring ten (10) meters deep and fifteen (15) meters wide or the Conservancy be handed over to the Kenya Wildlife Service for secure and better management.
- (ii). That, there is need to recruit more of the National Police Reservists to increase their numbers and improve their terms and conditions of engagement particularly enhancing their allowances. In the same vein, persons engaged in the Community Policing initiative should be facilitated with appropriate stipend as part of their motivation package.
- (iii). That, after attacks and raids the livestock stolen is usually hidden in the Kuki Gallman Conservancy and later transported to be sold in Rimuruti during market day.
- (iv). That, Laikipia is inhabited by nearly all ethnic communities in Kenya who have lived peacefully for a long time among themselves; however, frequent cattle-rustling has affected the counties' tranquility and development.
- (v). That, many lives have been lost and massive property destroyed in Laikipia County through invasions by armed bandits, family units destabilized and others injured or killed either during invasions and recovery of livestock stolen have proved futile.
- (vi). That, there are currently few roads for public or security apparatus use into the conservancy especially roads to ease mobility when security personnel are in pursuit of stolen livestock.
- (vii). That when security operations to flush out the bandits were being undertaken, it would be advisable that the exercise be conducted concurrently in both Laikipia and Baringo Counties in order to drive the bandits to the middle of the Conservancy. Further, that the operation should have a central command centre to avoid haphazard security operation which may seem disorganized.

5. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

- (i). The Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government should have the Conservancy owned by Kuki Gallmann be declared an insecure and unsafe territory of Laikipia County. And that when security operations to flush out the bandits were being undertaken, the exercise be conducted concurrently in both Laikipia and Baringo Counties in order to drive the bandits towards the middle of the Conservancy where they could be handled by the security apparatus. Further, that the operations should always have a centralized command centre to avoid haphazard implementation of the security operation and not achieving the intended impact.
- (ii). The Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife should take up management of the Conservancy under the watch of the Kenya Wildlife Services (KWS) to secure it all around within ninety (90) days upon tabling of this Report in the Senate of the Republic of Kenya.
- (iii). That, the National Police Service Commission recruits additional 1,000 police reserve officers and pays them such remuneration and allowances as the Commission shall, in consultation with the Salaries and Remuneration Commission, determine under Part XV of the National Police Service Act;
- (iv). that an investigation be undertaken on the persons involved in the business of animal selling, the butchers, dealers and merchants in livestock and the carcasses, fresh products, hides and skins thereof in Laikipia, Samburu and West Pokot counties by the Directorate of Criminal Investigations and a report be filed with the Committee within thirty (30) days upon tabling of this report;
- (v). that the Kenya Meat Commission do file a report with the Committee on the status of on-going wholesale business that encompass all butchers, dealers and merchants in livestock and the carcasses, fresh products, hides and skins thereof in Laikipia, Samburu and Baringo counties within sixty (60) days upon tabling of this report;
- (vi). that the Cabinet Secretary in-charge of the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government, the Inspector-General, National Police Service and the

Director of Criminal Investigations appear before and provides the Committee with a detailed report on the coordination of national government security apparatus among the Laikipia, Samburu and West Pokot counties within thirty (30) days of tabling this report; and

- (vii). That, the National Land Commission initiates investigations into present or historical land ownership injustices in Laikipia County and recommends appropriate redress through a report to the Committee within sixty (60) days of tabling of this report.

MINUTES OF THE 53rd SITTING OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECURITY DEFENCE AND FOREIGN RELATIONS HELD ONLINE WEDNESDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 2021 AT 11.00 A.M.

PRESENT

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| 1. Sen. Fred Outa, MP | -Ag. Chairperson |
| 2. Sen. Beatrice Kwamboka, MP | -Member |
| 3. Sen. (Eng.) Mohamed M. Mohamud, CBS, MP | - Member |
| 4. Sen. Fatuma Dullo, CBS, MP | - Member |
| 5. Sen. Judith Pareno, MP | - Member |

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

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| 1. Sen. Wario Golich Juma, MP | -Member |
| 2. Sen Mithika Linturi, MP | - Member |
| 3. Sen. Moses Wetang'ula, EGH, MP | - Member |

IN ATTENDANCE

COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT

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| 1. Mr. Stephen Gikonyo | Senior Clerk Assistant |
| 2. Mr. Peter Adika | Principal Research Officer |
| 3. Mr. Jeremy Chabari | Legal Counsel |
| 4. Mr. William Omondi | Audio Services Intern |

MIN NO.283/2020 - PRELIMINARIES

The meeting was called to order at 11.09 a.m. followed by a word of prayer led by the Ag. Chairperson.

MIN. NO. 284/2020

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda of the meeting was adopted after being proposed by Sen. Fatuma Dullo, CBS, MP and seconded by Sen. (Eng.) Mohamed M. Mohamud, CBS, MP as follows-

1. Prayer.
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Introductions
4. Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes.
5. Matters Arising
6. Consideration of the Draft Interim Report on the Committee Visit to Laikipia owing to the statement which was made by Sen. John Kinyua, MP concerning the incessant banditry attacks in the County.
7. Any Other Business.
8. Adjournment and Date of the Next Meeting.

MIN. NO. 285/2020

CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS MINUTES

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the previous meetings as follows-

- (i). The Committee confirmed the Minutes of the 48th Sitting held online on Wednesday, 11th August, 2021, and were confirmed after being proposed by Sen. Fatuma Dullo, CBS, MP and seconded by Sen. Judith Pareno, MP as a true record of the proceedings of the meeting.
- (ii). The Chairperson of the Committee relinquished the Chairmanship to Sen. (Eng.) Mohamed M. Mohamud, CBS, MP to facilitate the Confirmation of the 49th Sitting. Thereon, the Committee confirmed the Minutes of the 49th Sitting held online on Wednesday, 18th August, 2021, and were confirmed after being proposed by Sen. Fred Outa, MP and seconded by Sen. Judith Pareno, MP as a true record of the proceedings of the meeting.
- (iii). The Committee confirmed the Minutes of the 50th Sitting held online on Wednesday, 25th August, 2021, and were confirmed after being proposed by Sen. Fatuma Dullo, CBS, MP and seconded Sen. (Eng.) Mohamed M. Mohamud, CBS, MP as a true record of the proceedings of the meeting.
- (iv). The Committee confirmed the Minutes of the 51st Sitting held online on Wednesday, 1st September, 2021, and were confirmed after being proposed by Sen. (Eng.) Mohamed M. Mohamud, CBS, MP, MP and seconded by Sen. Judith Pareno, MP as a true record of the proceedings of the meeting.

MIN. NO. 286/2020

MATTERS ARISING.

There were no matters arising out of the confirmed minutes.

MIN. NO. 289/2020

CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT INTERIM REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE VISIT TO LAIKIPIA OWING TO THE STATEMENT WHICH WAS MADE BY SEN. JOHN KINYUA, MP CONCERNING THE INCESSANT BANDITRY ATTACKS IN THE COUNTY.

The Committee was taken through the interim draft report on the Laikipia visit as follows-

That on Thursday, 9th September, 2021, Sen. John Kinyua, MP, made a statement pursuant to Standing order 47(1) of the Senate Standing Orders concerning the incessant banditry attacks in Laikipia County. Thereon, the Speaker of the Senate referred the Statement to the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations with directions that the Committee undertake a fact finding-visit to the County. On Monday, 13th September, 2021 the Committee undertook the fact-finding visit to Laikipia and held three meetings in Matuiku shopping centre, Wangwachi Anti-Stock Theft Camps and in Olomoran Shopping Centre.

After presentation of the draft report on the submissions by the members of the public during the three meetings the Committee come up with the following observations-

- (i). that there is a need to construct a trench along the boundary of Laikipia Nature Conservancy owned by Kuki Gallmann and the areas of settlement measuring ten meters deep and fifteen meters wide or the Conservancy be handed to the Kenya Wildlife Service for secure and better management;
- (ii). that there is need for increase of National Police Reservists engaged and their allowances be enhanced and persons engaged in the Community Policing policy to be facilitated with stipend as a process of motivation;
- (iii). that the livestock stolen is usually hidden in the Laikipia Nature Conservancy and later transported to be sold in Rimuruti during market day;
- (iv). that Laikipia is inhabited by nearly all tribes in Kenya who have lived peacefully for a long time among themselves, however, cattle rustling has affected their development.
- (v). that many lives have been lost in Laikipia County through invasions by armed bandits, family units destroyed and others injured or killed either during invasions and recovery of livestock stolen have proved futile; and
- (vi). that there are few roads for public or security apparatus use into the Laikipia Nature Conservancy while they are in in pursuit of stolen livestock.

Consequently, the Committee made and approved the following recommendations to be in the report-

- (i). that the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government should declare the Laikipia Nature Conservancy an insecure zone;
- (ii). that the National Government through Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife should take it up the Laikipia Nature Conservancy to be run by the Kenya Wildlife Services (KWS) to secure it all around within three months of adoption of this report.
- (iii). that the National Police Service Commission recruits police reserve officers and pays them such remuneration and allowances as the Commission shall, in consultation with the Salaries and Remuneration Commission, determine under Part XV of the National Police Service Act;
- (iv). that the Director of Criminal Investigations undertakes investigations on the persons involved in the business of animal selling, the butchers, dealers and merchants in livestock and the carcasses, fresh products, hides and skins thereof in Laikipia,

Samburu and Baringo counties and tables a report with the Committee within a month of tabling of this report;

- (v). that that the Cabinet Secretary in charge of the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government provides the Committee with a detailed report on the coordination of national government security apparatus among the Laikipia, Samburu and Baringo counties; and
- (vi). that the National Land Commission initiates investigations into present or historical land ownership in Laikipia County and recommends appropriate action and files a report to the Committee within a month of tabling of this report.

After presentatiooon the Committee approved the interim report to be laid on the table after being proposed by Sen. (Eng.) Mohamed M. Mohamud, CBS, MP and seconded by Sen. Beatrice Kwamboka, MP.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

The Committee was informed that a letter has Ref.No.OP.PA1/29A dated 20th September, 2021 from the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government informing the Committee that the Ministry Cabinet Secretary was out of the Country and would not be able to attend the whole House meeting scheduled for 23rd September, 2021 at 10.00 a.m. The Committee resolved that the meeting will have to go on for members to deliberate the way forward.

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ADJOURNMENT AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 12.30 noon.

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(CHAIRPERSON)

DATE:
22nd SEPTEMBER, 2021