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**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON THE KILLINGS OF KENYAN  
TURKANAS BY DASENACH/MERILLE TRIBESMEN OF ETHIOPIA ON  
2<sup>ND</sup> MAY, 2011**

**Mr. Speaker Sir,** I wish to issue a Ministerial Statement on the killings of Kenyan Turkanas by Dasenach/Merille tribesmen of Ethiopia on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2011.

**Mr. Speaker Sir,** on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2011 at around 7.00am in the morning, four Dasenach/Merille tribesmen from Ethiopia ambushed a group of Turkana fishermen in the lake, killing one respected fisher folk's leader and injuring another in Turkana North District.

In the commotion that ensued unknown Turkana person(s) in quick retaliation, shot dead four (4) Dasenach/Merille community members who were peacefully co-existing with the Turkanas at Tondonyang Catholic Church compound (Kijiji).

It is suspected that some members of the Dasenach/Merille community escaped from the Turkana village and ran towards the Ethiopian direction for their safety. On their way to Ethiopia, it is alleged that they met a group of Dasenach/Merille who were escorting a group of Turkana community members who had gone to Siees village, a Dasenach/Merille village to purchase food on the Kenyan side of the Kenya/Ethiopia border.

Word reached them that their colleagues had been killed by Turkanas at the Tondonyang Mission compound. They turned against the Turkanas they were escorting and killed 9 men and 10 women bringing the total to 20