

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT REGARDING KILLINGS IN KITUI COUNTY

Mr. Speaker Sir, the statement regarding killings in Kitui County was issued before this Honorable House on 7th July 2015. However, the Members requested for the following supplementary information;

- i. Why the Government has denied deploying/recruiting the Kenya Police Reservists in Kitui County.
- ii. When the prosecutions and convictions of all the pending investigations will be undertaken.
- iii. If the Government has the capacity to deal with matters of security in Kitui County.

I wish to state as follows;

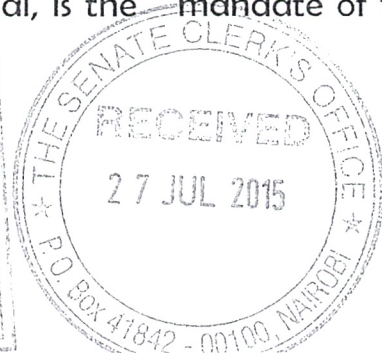
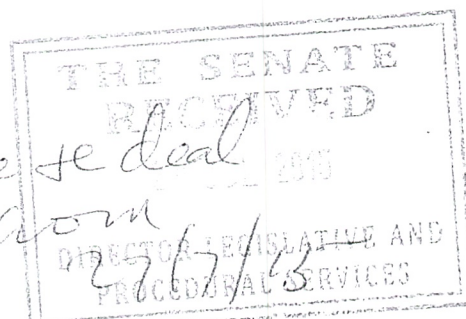


Mr. Speaker Sir, recruitment of National Police Reservists is provided for under Section 110 of the National Police Service Act (2011). The mandate to recruit and the determination of the maximum number of police reservists is vested on the National Police Service Commission by Section 110(2) of the Act.

Police reservists are recruited on need basis owing to various factors, such as increased number of incidents relating to banditry and cattle rustling, which may vary from one county to another. So far, the level of such crimes in Kitui County does not warrant the recruitment of police reservists, while the ongoing operation has resulted to normalcy being restored.

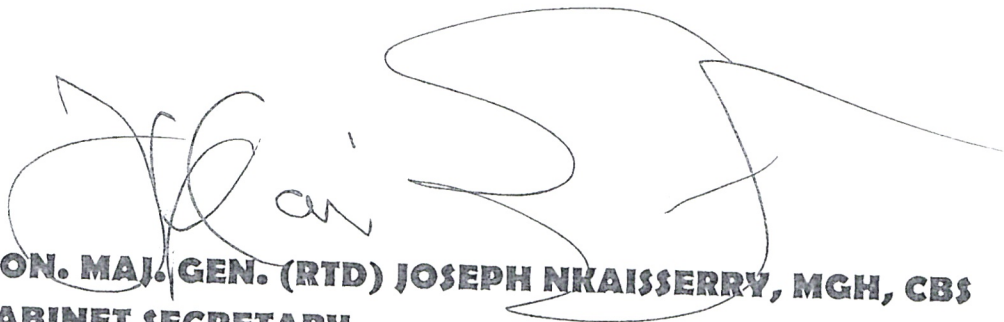
Mr. Speaker Sir, the timelines for the prosecution and conviction of the various cases is on case by case basis and depends on various factors. However, it is necessary to note that instituting and undertaking criminal proceedings against any person before any court, except the court martial, is the mandate of the

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office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, which is an independent Constitutional Office under Article 157 of the Constitution (2010), while conviction is the mandate of the Judiciary.

Lastly, **Mr. Speaker Sir**, the Government has the capacity to deal with the security situation in Kitui County. The police officers have been responding in case of incidents and appropriate action taken leading to the arrests in most cases. However, out of court settlement between the parties, mostly for monetary gain, has been a great hindrance to the judicial process, resulting to acquittals.



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