



COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

PRESS STATEMENT ON THE NADOME KILLINGS.

The Council of Governors condoles with the families that have lost their loved ones in the recent attacks in Turkana, Pokot, and Baringo. We stand with them at this difficult moment and pray for a speedy recovery for the victims who sustained injuries. It is saddening that it is no longer possible to feel safe in any part of this Country and the continued loss of lives is indeed of great Concern to The Council.

We reiterate that the National Government must move with speed to secure our porous borders to reduce the continued smuggling of arms across our borders. At the same time, the National Government must urgently call for dialogue with ALL elected leaders to seek for home grown solutions to this security problem. As County governments, we can no longer stand and watch helplessly as our citizens are butchered mercilessly whatever the cause of such atrocities may be.

We note that the killing of the 50 people in Pokot came shortly after the Inspector General of Police Joseph Boinet issued a 48-hour ultimatum to cattle rustlers in the Rift Valley to hand in their guns. To note that The Red Cross, a humanitarian agency is making greater

effort to save lives does not speak well of the efforts of our security agencies. The concentration of the dead victims is indeed a sign that the bandits were not afraid of being apprehended; to find almost 50 bodies within a square kilometer does not speak well of the presence of armed security in the said area.

We appeal to the communities to stay calm and to avoid retaliating when their own have been killed; we join our brothers and elected leaders in preaching peace and reconciliation and emphasize on the need to practice brotherly love for one another. I wish to reemphasize His Excellency President Uhuru's plea that "even as the Government moves to deal with the criminals, local leaders and residents must also play their part in ensuring security in their localities since security is a shared responsibility". Indeed we must remain our brothers' keeper and as County Governments, we are more than willing to play our role in this. We urge the Cabinet Secretary responsible to urgently convene a meeting to ensure the County Policing frameworks are well informed to functionally operate.

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