

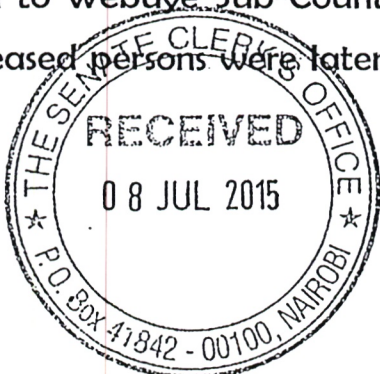
STATEMENT REGARDING KILLINGS IN MT. ELGON CONSTITUENCY

Mr. Speaker Sir, Senator Prof. John Lonyangapuo has requested for a statement regarding the deaths of Mr. Issac Kibet Kikwei and Mr. Silas Chepkech Mangumu in Mt. Elgon Constituency. The Honourable Member has requested to be informed on;

- i. whether the Government is aware that Mr. Issac Kibet Kikwei and Mr. Silas Chepkech Mangumu were killed on their way home from grazing animals in Chepyuk Location, Kopsiro Division in Bungoma County by Kenya Wildlife Service officers on 16th April, 2015
- ii. whether the Government is aware that the matter was reported at Kapsokwony police by the KWS officers, who purported to have killed bandits and managed to recover a bullet magazine
- iii. what action has been taken to establish the truth in this matter

I wish to state as follows;

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Government is aware that on 16th April, 2015 at about 2.00pm, Cpl Isaac Leweri of Kaberua KWS Station reported at Kapsokwony Police Station vide OB. No. 29/16/4/2015a that some rangers on normal patrol within Kamuneru Forest in Mt. Elgon were confronted by three armed suspected poachers resulting to an exchange of fire between the two parties. Two of the suspects were fatally shot while the third one escaped. The officers recovered one magazine loaded with 8 rounds of 7.62mm ordinary calibre. The officers called for reinforcements from Kapsokwony Police station and KWS camp but unfortunately the search for the suspect was unfruitful. The two bodies were later removed to Webuye Sub-County Hospital for identification and post-mortem. The deceased persons were later identified as Isaac Kibet Kikwai aged 27 years

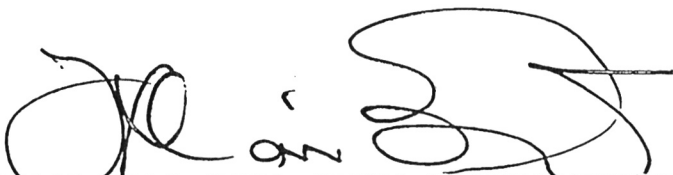


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and Silas Chepkoech aged 20 years from Kaimugul Sub-location, Chepyuk location, Mt. Elgon.

Investigations were commenced vide Kapsokwony Police station Inquest File No. 2/2015 which was finalized and forwarded to the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions for perusal and advice.

Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.



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