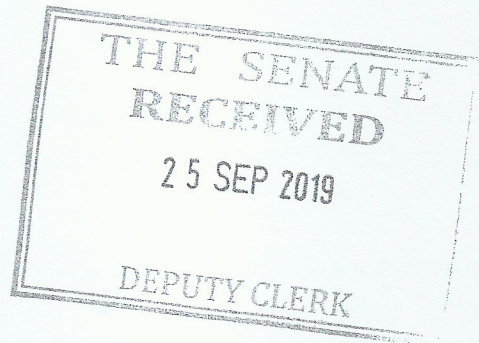


**The Clerk of the Senate,
Parliament of Kenya,
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NAIROBI.**



**Through,
Senator Fatuma Adan Dullo, C.B.S, M.P,
Isiolo County Senator.**

Dear Sir,

**PETITION BY RESIDENTS OF NGAREMARA IN ISIOLO COUNTY ON
ILLEGAL ENCROACHMENT OF THEIR COMMUNITY LAND BY
SCHOOL OF ARTILERY (KENYA DEFENCE FORCE)**

We, the undersigned,

DRAW the attention of the Senate on the following:

1. THAT in 1977, there was a gazette notice No. 3210 of 1977 that allocated specified land in Isiolo County which was then Trust Land and now is Community Land, to the Ministry of Defence for Military purposes.
2. THAT, further the Commissioner of Lands vide Allotment Letter Ref No. 189464/II dated July, 2018 allocated the said land measuring 3,764 Ha to the Ministry of Defence for Military purposes (School of Artillery).
3. THAT the said allocation was made in total disregard of the law and without consultation with the Community, this being Community Land.
4. THAT the Ngaremara/Gambella land area now being claimed by the Military is situated in Isiolo County and is fully occupied by the pastoral communities and the people of Isiolo County.

5. THAT the allotment was done in consultation with the Meru County Government and yet the Ngaremara/Gambella Land area which is part of the Allotment, is in Isiolo County.
6. THAT the NgareMara/ Gambella adjudication section is a community land which was already occupied long before the purported letter of allotment was issued by the said National land commission.
7. THAT National land commission has no mandate to allocate community land which is already occupied to any military institution.
8. THAT on the contrary our president his Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta has approved the Ngaremara/Gambela adjudication section and the process of issuance of tittles commenced on 11th March, 2016 and is already ongoing.
9. THAT we will not allow anything contrary to our settlement. We would like to make it clear that any purported letter of allotment to the artillery within our community residence is a double titling process because the adjudication has been going on for the last 3 years as National Land Commission is giving an allotment outside their mandate on an area already gazetted as an adjudication section.
10. THAT the Ngaremara/Gambella residents are constantly being harassed by the Military who have a constitutional mandate of protecting them.
11. THAT about 40,000 families is affected by the illegal occupation by Kenya Defense Force.
12. THAT our efforts to have the matter addressed by the relevant authorities including National Land Commission have gone unanswered.
13. The issues in respect of which the Petition is made are not pending before any court of law or any other body mandated to deal with the matter.

WHEREFORE your humble petitioners pray that the Senate —

1. Investigates the matter with a view to returning the land back to the community;
2. Stops any further development by the Kenya Defence Forces in the said area until matter is settled; and
3. Resolves that the Kenya Defence forces vacate the land in question and compensate the residents for the loss of livelihoods and any other losses suffered as a result of the illegal occupation by the Kenya Defence Forces.