



## MINISTRY OF INTERIOR & NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

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### **New Hospital Opened to Revolutionize Provision of Medical Services to Police**

**Kanyonyo, Kitui County, Thursday, February 23, 2023:** A new state-of-the-art hospital catering exclusively to the medical needs of police officers has today opened its doors at the Border Police Training Campus in Knayonyo, Kitui County.

With a team of highly trained medical professionals and cutting-edge equipment, the 160-bed facility promises to revolutionize treatment of officers, especially those serving in volatile environments across the country.

During the official opening of the hospital, Interior Cabinet Secretary Kithure Kindiki said the provision of comprehensive care and support to injured police officers will be a major and timely boost to the ongoing war against terrorism and banditry.

“This facility here is supporting the operations that we have in the northern part of Kenya,” Kindiki noted.

He also stated that the first beneficiaries of the facilities will be officers deployed to the volatile and high-risk environments.

“We have the border patrol and surveillance, the officers who are helping us with counterterrorism missions, and also the those we have deployed to assist us to deal with a problem of banditry in northern Rift Valley.”

The hospital will offer a range of services, from physical rehabilitation to mental health counseling, with a view to helping officers recover and return to active duty as quickly and safely as possible.

Kindiki also divulged that the construction works were undertaken at a cost of Kshs. 100 million, which was drawn from the police officers’ welfare kitty, while the government stumped up Kshs. 250 million for the equipment and drugs.

In his request to President William Ruto, who presided over the ceremony, the CS further vouched for the potential utility of the ongoing reforms in the security sector, and added that more support was needed to professionalize the National Police Service and capacitate it to effectively address Kenya’s security challenges.

He stated: “The future of our country in tackling complex security challenges lies in our enhancement of the capacity of the specialised elite formed units within the National Police Service. They are doing a fantastic job in very difficult circumstances to make sure that we keep terrorism at bay and to deal with other international crimes as well as now going forward banditry.”

Among his asks to the Head of State, Kindiki prioritized completion of the airstrip and a stadium being constructed at the campus and underlined the need for better kitting of the officers through the police modernization programme.

President Ruto promised to invest Kshs. 20 billion in police infrastructure to ensure that the officers are well-equipped with land, sea, and air equipment.