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New Kenya-UK Compact Promises Better Security



Cabinet Secretary Kithure Kindiki with UK's Minister of State for Security Tom Tugendhat after the signing of the security compact in a meeting attended by PSs Dr. Raymond Omollo, Amb. Prof. Julius Bitok UK Ambassador Jane Marriot, PAS Anne Ng'etich, Inspector General of Police Japheth Koome, DCI Director General Mohamed Amin, Director General FRC Saitoti Mika and Kenya Coast Guard DG Bruno Shioso

Kenya and the UK signed a **Security Compact** with the intent to guide their **strategic cooperation** in **addressing the emerging national, regional and global security threats.**

After signing the Compact, CS Kithure Kindiki noted: ***"We have also signed an agreement for cooperation in the area of training of our National Police Service. We want to continually develop the capacity of our tactical specialized units to combat sophisticated criminal activities, including banditry and money laundering."***

UK's Minister of State for Security **Tom Tugendhat** said: ***"The challenges that face the region — at sea, on land, and in cyberspace — challenges us both. So, working together is the only way to secure the British people, just as it is the only way to secure the Kenyan people."***

The two countries continue to enjoy mutual support, and the latest agreement spells improved strategies on the war against terrorism and collaboration in aviation and maritime security operations.

Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia Unite to Secure their Borderlands



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua accompanied by Cabinet Secretary Kithure Kindiki, PS Dr. Raymond Omollo and North Eastern Regional Commissioner John Otieno during a meeting in Mandera County with UK Ambassador to Kenya Jane Marriot, Governor Mohamed Adan, elected leaders and high-level delegations from Ethiopia and Somalia

Border insecurity and threats remain among the greatest challenges that even the strongest economies in the world have been struggling to overcome.

Kenya and Ethiopia share one operational border point at **Moyale** with the potential of eight others along the **867-kilometres borderline**. With **Somalia, Mandera, Liboi and Kiunga** are the existing border points with the potential of three more along the **684-kilometres borderline**. These borderlands present unique challenges in securing, and it is apparent that there is no one-size-fits-all solution to this problem.

With an understanding that it will take a **multifaceted approach** and continuous efforts to stay ahead of evolving threats, the three countries have set about tackling **illegal**

immigration, trafficking and terrorism among other security threats along their shared borders.

With support from the **UK Government**, the three neighbours have launched the **Borderlands Assistance Security Project**, conceptualized to enhance their cross-border security cooperation.

During the launch, which was presided over by **Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua, CS Kithure** noted that the project will proceed subject to the three partner states sitting down together with the UK to agree on the action plan.

The event was also attended by **UK High Commissioner to Kenya Jane Marriot, PS Dr. Raymond Omollo**, and high-level delegations from **Ethiopia and Somalia**.



Kindiki: Our War is Against Cultic Practices, Not Religion



Cabinet Secretary Kithure Kindiki arriving at the St. Joseph Benedict Cottolengo Chaaria Catholic Church in Meru

The Shakahola deaths have tightened our grip on reality and the precarious nature of **religious extremism**. When **CS Kithure Kindiki** declared a war against rogues advancing unorthodox teachings and criminal activities under the guise of worshipping, there erupted grumbles and querulous murmurs that the state was out to clamp down on religious groups.

However, the CS recently clarified that the **government is not at war with religion**, but is focused on ridding the country of criminals **misappropriating their religious influence** for

ulterior motives. He further reiterated the commitment to upholding **freedom of worship**, but warned that nothing will stop the efforts to weed out cultic activities.

He was speaking at **St. Joseph Benedict Cottolengo Chaaria Catholic Church** in Meru during a special mass organized by the **Chaaria Parish** to rally support for children living with mental and physical disabilities.



Government Prioritizes Prisoners' Welfare



Cabinet Secretary Kithure Kindiki preparing Ugali for inmates at the Mwea GK Prison where he had gone for an inspection tour of the facility accompanied by PS Mary Muthoni and Prisons Commissioner General Brig. (Rtd) John Warioba

The government is set to launch new measures aimed at **decongesting prisons** and **reduce the population** of inmates within the correctional facilities by **50 percent**.

Interior Cabinet Secretary **Kithure Kindiki** has divulged that the Ministry has embarked on consultations with key stakeholders to bring about a transformative change and improve the state of the prisons industry in the country.

“What we currently have is disastrous; we have almost double the capacity that our prisons are supposed to hold,” he said, adding that the plans have been put in place to promote the adoption of restorative justice practices and alternatives to incarceration.

While in the company of PS for Correctional Services **Mary Muthoni**, CS Kindiki made the announcement during his

recent visit to **Mwea GK Prison**, where he added that a new policy has also been drafted to accelerate the reforms in the correctional services. With a focus on **inmate welfare** and **aftercare services**, the policy promises to bring about positive change through rehabilitation and successful reintegration of offenders back into society.

The policy prioritizes the welfare of prisoners, with each inmate set to be supplied with **two new pairs of uniforms, a bed and a mattress**.

50% *Targeted percentage of reduction of inmates population in correctional facilities*



Race against Time to Solve Refugee Crisis



Internal Security PS Dr. Raymond Omollo and his Immigration & Citizen Services counterpart PS Julius Bitok during the launch of the Kenya Marshall Plan for Refugees. PS Devolution Theresia Mbaika, PS Labour Geoffrey Kaituko, PS Health Standards Josephine Mburu, UN Resident Coordinator Stephen Jackson and UNHCR Representative Caroline van Buren also in attendance

Did you know that hosting refugees is a global responsibility that requires countries to provide refuge and support to victims of conflict, persecution, or any other reason? However, this obligation comes with a **financial burden** and poses **serious security challenges** on the host countries.

Kenya is home to about **800,000 refugees** and **asylum seekers**, which makes among the **top 20 refugee hosts** in the **world**, and, through the **Kenya Marshall Plan for Refugees**, the government is now seeking to facilitate their self-reliance and ease the pressure on the host communities.

An Intergovernmental Steering Committee has been formed to develop the plan, which will also guide the process of transitioning from refugee camps to integrated settlements.

According to **PS for Immigration and Citizen Services**, **“At the heart of the Marshall Plan is the host community. We will work to ensure the host community members are the direct beneficiaries of all development programmes in refugee hosting areas.”**

On his part, PS for Internal Security and National Administration, **Dr. Raymond Omollo**, said intelligence reports have shown instances during which the refugee population has been used as a cover for criminal and terrorist

activities, but expressed optimism that the Marshall Plan will present a viable solution to this challenge.

He said: **“The integrated approach will help us deal with acts of terrorism because we will be able to empower even the host communities so that they can identify potential troublemakers.”**

The situation has also brought to light an increase in **smuggling** and **human trafficking**, which further exacerbates the security situation in affected areas, which Dr. Omollo said the government of Kenya has undertaken to address through the **Refugees Act, No. 10 of 2021**.



Children as Young as 6 Introduced to Drug Abuse, NACADA Report



Internal Security PS Dr. Raymond Omollo with NACADA Chairperson Rev. Dr. Stephen Mairori, CEO Victor Okioma and other senior officials during the launch of the National Survey Report of Drug & Substance Use in Kenya 2022

The government has sounded an alarm about a more pervasive trend of **skyrocketing alcoholism** and **drug abuse** in the country following dramatic surges in the last half-decade.

There are concerns that **cannabis** is rapidly becoming a **mainstream substance**, with latest statistics indicating that its use has increased by a staggering **90 percent** in just the past **five years**.

The latest report by the **National Authority for the Campaign against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NACADA)** reveals a disturbing truth: alcohol reigns as the most prevalent substance of choice in Kenya, gripping an alarming **1 in every 8 individuals** aged **15-65 years**, equivalent to a staggering **3,199,119** people.

However, what's truly concerning is the report's revelation that over **1 million Kenyans** – or **1 in every 20** people in this age group – are addicted to **alcohol**, a trend PS for Internal Security **Dr. Raymond Omollo** has described as a “**stark and sobering**” and necessitates urgent interventions.

He said, “**A walk around our villages and informal**

settlements will give you a sense of the drug-infested communities we now have where entire populations, both male and female, are drunk and high.”

The **National Survey Report on the Status of Drugs and Substance Use in Kenya 2022** also indicates that children as young as **6 years old** are being introduced to a range of **dangerous** and **addictive substances**, with such early exposure likely to lead to severe and long-lasting consequences.

90 Percent

*Percentage increase in the use of
cannabis in the past 5 years*



Congratulations, Bruno Shiso, on your appointment as the new Director General for the Kenya Coast Guard Service! Your vast experience and constant dedication as a straightforward public servant have paid off. We look forward to seeing the great heights to which you will steer the Service as we work towards enhancing our maritime security and safety.

Karibu sana!



*We extend our sympathies to the family and friends of the late **Mukami Kimathi**, whose strong support to the cause of Kenya's freedom was truly remarkable. Her stance on social justice will forever remain an inspiration to us all.*

Receive our sincerest condolences and prayers during this difficult time. May you find comfort and strength in the memories of her exceptional life and the impact she made in our country.

Condolences

A Lesson for Principal Secretaries



Principal Secretaries during a meeting convened by the Public Service Commission to familiarize them with the roadmap to ethical governance and excellence

Even the most skilled sushi chef had to learn how to use chopsticks. Even the most skilled tech wizard needs a tutorial every now and then. State officers too need to be brought up to speed with **emerging issues** and **trends** in the **public sector**.

Amid the rising expectations of government services, the **Public Service Commission** recently convened a consultative meeting of all **Principal Secretaries** and familiarized them with a roadmap to ethical governance and **excellence**.

During the forum, which was also attended by **Chief of Staff** and **Head of Public Service Felix Koskei**, the Commission provided a rundown on the obligations of the PSs in instilling transparency in the management of human and financial resources within their departments. As the top policy makers and accounting officers, they are expected inculcate accountability, ethical conduct, and responsiveness in the workforce under them.



NGAOs CORNER



The heavy rains pounding many parts across the country have triggered **flash floods** that are leaving a large trail of cases of death and destruction.

Homes have been swept away, some people have **died** and others **displaced, farmlands wiped out, major roads rendered impassable, critical infrastructure destroyed** and **mudslides** compounding the chaos.

In the affected regions, our security teams, led by government administrators, have activated **County Disaster Management Committees** and marshalled other stakeholders to sustain surveillance for timely and effective responses.

Those in high-risk areas have been advised to evacuate to safer places as authorities continue to source for and mobilize relief and aid for the worst hit households.

FLOODS EMERGENCY CENTERS

KISUMU COUNTY CAMPING SITES FOR DISPLACED PEOPLE BY FLOODS

NYAKACH SUB-COUNTY	KISUMU EAST SUB-COUNTY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kanyalwal Primary Miruka Primay Nyangonga Primary Nyandina Primary Nyawalo Primary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rwenya Primary Oranga Primary Nyalmba Primary Kunya Primary
NYANDU SUB-COUNTY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ombaka Primary 	
SIAYA COUNTY CAMPING SITES FOR DISPLACED PEOPLE BY FLOODS	
SIAYA SUB-COUNTY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uhembo Primary School Garo Primary School Harambee Market & relatives places 	

RESIDENTS OF FLOOD-PRONE AREAS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO IMMEDIATELY EVACUATE TO ANY OF THESE TEMPORARY SHELTERS THAT MAY BE CLOSEST TO THEM FOR PERSONAL SAFETY DURING THIS RAINY SEASON

FLOODS EMERGENCY CENTERS

HIGORI COUNTY CAMPING SITES FOR DISPLACED PEOPLE BY FLOODS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nyora Primary School Kabuto Primary School Modi Primary School Mariyanda Raha Church 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PEFA Church Wakula PAG Church Sidak Dyke
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HOMABAY COUNTY CAMPING SITES FOR DISPLACED PEOPLE BY FLOODS

RACHUONYO NORTH SUB-COUNTY

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Osoda Primary School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kobuya Primary School
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