HOR (OR) RACHEL MYAMA REPUBLIC OF KENYA THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TWELFTH PARLIAMENT – SIXTH SESSION – 2022 DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON LANDS **REPORT ON-**(PUBLIC PETITION NO 063 OF 2021) BY RESIDENTS OF MWANANGUVUZE VILLAGE IN TIMBWANI WARD OF LIKONI CONSTITUENCY REGARDING SECURING LAND OWNERSHIP RIGHTS OF MWANANGUVUZE RESIDENTS DIRECTORATE OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES CLERK'S CHAMBERS PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS **APRIL**, 2022 NAIROBI

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CHAIRPERSON'S FOREWORD

Hon. Mishi Mboko, CBS, MP, on 19th October 2021, conveyed to the House Public Petition No 063 of 2021, on behalf of Mwananguvuze Village residents in Timbwani Ward Likoni Constituency, regarding securing land ownership rights of Mwananguvuze residents.

While considering the Petition, the Committee met the Petitioners during a field visit to Likoni Constituency on 4th November 2021. The Committee also met the Chairperson, National Land Commission, on Thursday, 24th March 2022 and the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning, on 2nd December 2021 and 9th March 2022, in Parliament Buildings, respectively.

The Committee is thankful to the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the National Assembly for the logistical and technical support accorded to it during its sittings. The Committee is also thankful to the Petitioners, the Cabinet Secretary, the Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning, and the Chairperson National Land Commission for the submissions they made to the Committee.

Under Standing Order 227, it is my pleasant duty to table the Report of the Departmental Committee on Lands on its consideration of Public Petition No 063 of 2021 by residents of Mwananguvuze Village in Timbwani Ward of Likoni Constituency regarding securing land ownership rights of Mwananguvuze residents.

Hon. Dr. Rachael Kaki Nyamai, CBS, MP

Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Lands

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report responds to the prayers by Petitioners in Public Petition No 063 of 2021 by residents of Mwananguvuze Village in Timbwani Ward of Likoni Constituency regarding securing land ownership rights for Mwananguvuze residents. The Petitioners prayed that the National Assembly, through the Departmental Committee on Lands, intervenes to:

- a. Conduct a fact-finding mission to Mwananguzuve village to ascertain the situation on the ground as highlighted in the petition.
- b. Urgently intervene to forestall the impending eviction of residents of Mwananguzuve village from the land registered as plot No. 120 Mwananguvuze/Timbwani.
- c. Investigate the circumstances in which the said Mr Mahesh Jatantilal Haria seeks to assume ownership of the parcel of land.
- d. Secures the issuance of title deeds of plot No/ 120 Mwananguvuze / Timbwani to the residents who are the bonafide owners of the land.

Regarding the prayer that the National Assembly conduct a fact-finding mission to Mwananguzuve village to ascertain the situation on the ground as highlighted in the Petition. The Committee undertook a field visit to Likoni on 4th November, 2021 to gather information on the issues raised in the Petitions. The Committee observed that:

- i. The land claimed by the Petitioners, LR No. MS/1/120 was initially Government land, but it has since been subdivided into seven parcels; Plot No 1789, Plot No 1787, Plot No 1788, Plot No. 1786, Plot 1780 and MS/1/1837.
- ii. The Ministry of Lands & Physical Planning reported no records to show that Plot No. 1786, 1780 and MS/1/1837 have been allocated to any owner.
- iii. Considering that the subdivision of the land was first registered on 1st September 1994, a ground report could have indicated to the Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning that the Petitioners already occupied the land
- iv. The land is densely populated. It would be difficult to evict the persons currently occupying, given that they have erected permanent structures and social amenities, including mosques and churches.
- v. The Petitioners considered the land their ancestral land as they have occupied land for years, as evidenced by ancient gravesites and the Mwananguzuve Mosque, whose foundation stone was laid by the late Hon Sharif Nassir in 1980.

On the second prayer seeking the intervention of the National Assembly to forestall the impending eviction of residents of Mwananguzuve village from the land registered as plot No. 120 Mwananguvuze Timbwani; the Committee observed that:

- vi. The alleged eviction is on plot No. MS/1/1836 measuring O.400 Ha. owned by Mahesh Jayantialal on a leasehold of 99 years from 1st July 1997.
- vii. The land is heavily settled.
- viii. Although Mr Mahesh Jayantialal seeks ownership of the parcel, he has never taken possession of the portion of land.
 - ix. During a field visit to the area, the committee was not presented with proof of an eviction order.
 - x. The Commission also confirmed that it had not been presented with any proof of eviction order.
- xi. However, if an eviction order exists as alleged by the Petitioners, the process can only be halted by a court of law. The Petitioners may consider seeking legal redress.

Regarding the prayer seeking investigations into the in which the said Mr Mahesh Jatantilal Haria seeks to assume ownership of the parcel of land, the Committee that:

- a. According to evidence provided by the Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning, Mr Mahesh Jaltantilal is the registered owner of MS/BLOCK /1836, measuring 0.400 Ha. The parcel of land, MS/BLOCK /1836, is a subdivision of plot No. MS/1/120.
- b. Mr Mahesh Jaltantilal acquired the parcel of land from Transoil Kenya Ltd, who had received it from the first registered owner Noudin Ahmed Abubakar
- c. The Committee further observed that the land registered to Mr Mahesh Jaltantilal is MS/BLOCK /1836 measuring 0.400 Ha. and not the entire plot 120 as claimed by the Petitioners.

On the issuance of title deeds of plot No. 120 Mwananguvuze / Timbwani to the residents who are the bonafide owners of the land. The Committee observed that title deeds could only be issued to the Petitioners after the regularization of their occupation of the unalienated government land, namely No. MS/1/1837 and No. MS/1/1786 and No. MS/1/1786, for which no ownership records exist.

The Committee concluded that only four plots arising from the subdivision of the original lot No. 120 are registered to individuals and firms. There are no records to show that a larger portion of the land, including the 52 acres parcels No. MS/1/1837, Plot No. 178 and 1780 have been allocated. Therefore, the land is available for allocation to the residents of Mwanaguvuze.

Finally, the Committee recommends that the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning, in consultation with the National Land Commission and the County Government of Mombasa, regularizes the Petitioners' settlement on the unalienated government land, namely No. MS/1/1837 and No. MS/1/1786 and No. MS/1/1786, for which no ownership records exist within six months of tabling this report.

1.0 PREFACE

1.1 Mandate of the Committee

- 1. The Departmental Committee on Lands is established under the provisions of Standing Order No. 216 (1) and (5) with the following terms of reference amongst others:
- (i) investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations, and estimates of the assigned Ministries and departments.
- (ii) study the programme and policy objectives of Ministries and departments and the effectiveness of the implementation.
- (iii) make reports and recommendations to the House as often as possible, including the guidance of proposed legislation.
- (iv) Study and review all legislation referred to it.
- (v) study, access, and analyse the relative success of the Ministries and departments as measured by the results obtained compared with their stated objectives.
- (vi) investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned Ministries and departments as they deem necessary and referred to them by the House.
- (vii) study and review all legislation referred to it.

1.2 Committee Subjects

- 3. The Committee is mandated to consider the following subjects:
 - a) Lands
 - b) Settlement

1.3 Oversight

4. The Committee oversights the Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning and the National Land Commission.

1.4 Committee Membership

5. The Committee membership comprises:

Chairperson

Hon. Dr Rachael Nyamai, CBS, MP Kitui South Constituency

Jubilee Party

Vice-Chairperson

Hon. Mishi Mboko, MP Likoni Constituency

Orange Democratic Movement (ODM)

Hon. Benjamin Washiali, CBS, MP

Mumias East Constituency

Jubilee Party

Hon Joshua Kutuny Serem, MP Cherangany Constituency

Jubilee Party

Hon. Omar Mwinyi, MP Changamwe Constituency

Orange Democratic Movement (ODM)

Hon. William Kisang, MP Marakwet West Constituency

Hon Jubilee Party

Hon. Ahmed Kolosh, MP Wajir West Constituency

Jubilee Party

Hon. Ali Mbogo, MP Kisauni Constituency

Wiper Democratic Movement (WDM)

Hon. Babu Owino, MP Embakasi East Constituency

Orange Democratic Movement (ODM)

Hon. Caleb Kipkemei Kositany, MP Soy Constituency

Jubilee Party

Hon George Aladwa, MP Makadara Constituency

Orange Democratic Movement (ODM)

Hon George Risa Sunkuyia, MP Kajiado West Constituency

Jubilee Party

Hon. John Muchiri Nyaga, MP Manyatta Constituency

Jubilee Party

Hon. Josphat Gichunge Kabeabea, MP

Tigania East Constituency

Party of National Unity (PNU)

Hon. Lilian Tomitom, MP West Pokot County **Jubilee Party**

Hon. Owen Yaa Baya, MP Kilifi North Constituency

Orange Democratic Movement (ODM)

Hon. Patrick Munene Ntwiga, MP Chuka/Igambangombe Constituency

Jubilee Party

Hon. Samuel Kinuthia Gachobe, MP Subukia Constituency

Jubilee Party

Hon. Teddy Mwambire, MP Ganze Constituency

Orange Democratic Movement (ODM)

1.5 Committee Secretariat

6. The Committee secretariat comprises:

Lead Clerk

Mr. Leonard Machira

Senior Clerk Assistant

Mr. Ahmad Guliye Clerk Assistant II

Ms. Jemimah Waigwa

Legal Counsel I

Mr. Collins Namulen Fiscal Analyst III

Dr Kefa Omoti

Principal Researcher Officer

Mr. Joseph Okongo

Media Relations Officer

2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 7. Hon. Mishi Mboko CBS MP, on 19th October 2021, conveyed to the House Public Petition No 063 of 2021 by residents of Mwananguvuze Village in Tibwani Ward of Likoni Constituency regarding securing land ownership rights of Mwananguvuze residents.
- 8. Mwananguzuve Village in Timbwani Ward of Likoni Constituency is a pre-colonial centre established in 1860. It traces its roots to Rashid Mbaya Mwazra, born in 1830, Mr Ali Juma Mwangare, born in 1927 and Mr Mohamed Hamisi Mbaya, born in 1929.
- 9. The land is registered as plot No. 120 and is inhabited by over 12600 residents who undertake fishing and other agricultural activities to earn a living.
- 10. The Petitioners have occupied the land for over150 years, as exemplified by ancient gravesites, Mwananguvuze Mosque, and old indigenous trees.
- 11. The residents were assured of their land rights when land adjudication commenced. However, the Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning irregularly and illegally issued title deeds to strangers under unclear circumstances to the disadvantage of the residents.
- 12. The Petitioners were recently informed of plans by one Mr Mahesh Jatantilal Haria to assume ownership of the entire land under unclear circumstances and to evict the residents of Mwananguvuze from their ancestral land.
- 13. The efforts made by the Petitioners to have the matter addressed through the relevant government agencies were futile.
- 14. The Petitioners also stated that the matters in which the petition is made are not pending before any court of law or any constitutional or legal body.
- 15. The Petitioners prayed that the National Assembly, through the Departmental Committee on Lands
 - a. Conduct a fact-finding mission to Mwananguzuve village to ascertain the situation on the ground as highlighted in the petition.
 - b. Urgently intervene to forestall the impending eviction of residents of Mwananguzuve village from the land registered as plot No. 120 Mwananguvuze/Timbwani.
 - c. Investigate the circumstances in which the said Mr Mahesh Jatantilal Haria seeks to assume ownership of the parcel of land.
 - d. Secures the issuance of title deeds of plot No/ 120 Mwananguvuze / Timbwani to the residents who are the bonafide owners of the land.
 - e. Make any other recommendation it deems appropriate in the circumstances of the petition.

3.0 SUBMISSIONS

3.1 Submissions by the Petitioners

- 16. The Committee met the Petitioners during a field visit to Likoni on 4th November 2021. During the meeting, the Petitioners informed the Committee as follows:
- 17. According to the Petitioners, the land in question was initially registered as plot No. 120. The land is in Mwananguvuze Village in Timbwani Ward, Likoni Constituency.
- 18. The Petitioners considered the land their ancestral land. It has been occupied for over 150 years, as evidenced by ancient gravesites and the Mwananguzuve Mosque, whose foundation stone was laid by the late Hon Sharif Nassir in 1980.
- 19. They also stated that the residents were assured of their land rights when land adjudication commenced. However, other persons were issued tiles under unclear circumstances apart from the residents.
- 20. The Petitioners stated that they were aware that the land had been subdivided into five plots as follows:
 - a. LR. No. 1836
 - b. LR. No. 1789
 - c. LR. No. 1736
 - d. LR. No. 1787
 - e. LR. No. 590
 - f. LR. No. 1735
- 21. The Petitioners indicated that they were aware that one Mr Jatantilal Haria registered as the owner of LR. No. 1836 plans to occupy the land and evict them.
- 22. The Petitioners requested the Committee to intervene in the matter to have the land allocated to the residents of Mwananguvuze and the Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning to issue them with title deeds.

3.2 Submissions by relevant Government field offices

- 23. The Committee met the relevant government officers during a field visit to Likoni on 4th November 2021. The Officers led by the County land Adjudication and Settlement officer informed the Committee as follows
- 24. The land claimed by the Petitioners is plot No. 120, which was initially government land (GL)
- 25. Mwananguzuze village is on MS/1/1837 and MS /1/1836.
- 26. The first subdivisions from Plot No. 120 were as follows:

S/N	Plot No.	Size	Registered
			owner
1.	Plot No. 1789	.1034 Ha	Nora Holdings
		-	Limited
2.	Plot No. 1787	0.0254 Ha	Abdalla Chuo
	¥	,	Ali
3.	Plot No. 1788	0.0534 Ha	Abdalla Chuo
			Ali
4	Plot No. 1786		No records
5	Plot No. 1780		No records

- 27. Two other subdivisions for MS/BLOCK /1836 and MS/BLOCK /1837 were undertaken.
- 28. The land registered to Mahesh Jaltantilal is MS/BLOCK /1836, measuring 0.400 Ha. Therefore, the latter is a subdivision of plot No. 120. The initial owners were as follows:
 - a. First owner Nourdin Ahmed Abubaker in 1997
 - b. 2nd Owner Transoil Kenya Ltd in 2006
 - c. Current owner Mahesh Jaltantilal
- 29. There are no records at the Land Registry on the ownership of MS/1/1837, but survey plans indicate that the plot is 21.2 Ha. or 52 acres.
- 30. The officers concluded that given that LR No. 1786, LR. No. 1780 and MS/BLOCK /1837 were originally government land; in the absence of records indicating any allocation of the said land, the land remains government /public land.

3.3 Submissions by the Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning

31. The Committee met the Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning on 2nd December 2021 and 9th March 2022. The Cabinet Secretary responded to the issues raised by the Petitioners as follows:

32. The subject land LR. No. MS/1/120 was initially Government land. The parcel of land was subdivided and registered to the following:

S/N	Plot No.	Size	Registered Owner
1	Plot No 1789	0.1034 Ha	Mombasa Holdings Limited
2	Plot No 1787	0.0254 Ha	Abdalla Chuo Ali
3	Plot No 1788	0.0534 Ha	Abdalla Chuo Ali
4	Plot No 1786		No records to show the allocation of the plot
5	Plot No 1780		No records to show the allocation of the plot
6	Plot No MS/1/1836	0.400 Ha.	1 st owner – Noudin Ahmed Abubaker- 2 nd Owner Transoil Kenya Limited - Current owner – Mahesh Jaltantilal
7	Plot No MS/1/1837	52 acres	No records to show the allocation of the plot

- 33. Mwananguvuze residents occupy the entire area, which is densely populated with over 400 permanent structures, graves, Madrasa, markets, schools, mosques, and churches.
- 34. The owner of parcel MS/1/1836, Mahesh Jaltantilal, has issued an eviction notice to the residents.

3.4 Submissions by the Chairperson National Land Commission

- 35. The Committee met the Chairperson National Land Commission on Thursday 24th March. The Chairperson responded to the issues raised in the petition as follows:
- 36. The subject land LR. No. MS/1/120 was initially Government land (GL) measuring approximately 21.992 Ha. The following excisions on MS/1/120 have been undertaken:
 - a. Plot No 1789 0.1034 Ha- registered to Mombasa Holdings Limited 99 years from 1^{st} September 1996
 - b. Plot No 1787-0.0254 Ha. registered to Ha- Abdalla Chuo Ali99 years from $1^{\rm st}$ September 1994
 - c. Plot No 1788 0.0534 Ha. registered to Ha- Abdalla Chuo Ali99 years from $1^{\rm st}$ September 1994

- d. Plot No 1786 No records to show the allocation of the plot
- e. Plot No 1780 No records to show the allocation of the plot
- f. Plot No MS/1/1836 0.400 Ha registered to Mahesh Jaltantilal for 99 years from 1st July 1997
- 37. Mwananguvuze occupies all the above parcels of land and the remainder of parcel 120. The area is densely populated with over 400 permanent structures. There are shops, residential houses, mosques, churches, schools, and madrasa.
- 38. The alleged eviction is on plot No. MS/1/1836 measuring O.400 Ha. owned by Mahesh Jayantialal on a leasehold of 99 years from 1st July 1997. The land is heavily squatted, and it is evident that Mr Mahesh Jayantialal seeks ownership by dint of being the bona fide registered owner of the parcel of land. However, he had never taken possession of the portion of land.
- 39. The residents can appeal against the alleged eviction order. However, during a field visit to the area, the commission was not presented with proof of an eviction order.
- 40. The Petitioners can also seek redress in a court of law if the alleged order contravenes the eviction procedures stipulated under the Land Act 2012.
- 41. The current occupiers of the un- alienated part of the original LR. NO. MS/1/120, which is heavily squatted, can petition to regulate their settlements through the County Government of Mombasa upon planning, survey, and subsequent allocation as per Section 14 of the Land Act in collaboration with the National Land Commission and the Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning.

4.0 ISSUES FOR DETERMINATION AS PER THE PRAYERS IN THE PETITION

a. That the National Assembly conduct a fact-finding mission to Mwananguzuve village to ascertain the situation on the ground as highlighted in the Petition.

The Committee undertook a field visit to Likoni on 4th November 2021 to gather information on the issues raised in the Petitions. The Committee observed that:

- i. The land claimed by the Petitioners, LR No. MS/1/120 was initially Government land, but it has since been subdivided into seven parcels; Plot No 1789, Plot No 1787, Plot No 1788, Plot No. 1786, Plot 1780 and MS/1/1837.
- ii. The Ministry of Lands & Physical Planning reported no records to show that Plot No. 1786, 1780 and MS/1/1837 have been allocated to any owner.
- iii. Considering that the subdivision of the land was first registered on 1st September 1994, a ground report could have indicated to the Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning that the Petitioners already occupied the land
- iv. The land is densely populated. It would be difficult to evict the persons currently occupying, given that they have erected permanent structures and social amenities, including mosques and churches.
- v. The Petitioners considered the land their ancestral land as they have occupied land for years, as evidenced by ancient gravesites and the Mwananguzuve Mosque, whose foundation stone was laid by the late Hon Sharif Nassir in 1980.
- b. Urgently intervenes to forestall the impending eviction of residents of Mwananguzuve village from the land registered as plot No. 120 Mwananguvuze Timbwani

The Committee observed that:

- i. The alleged eviction is on plot No. MS/1/1836 measuring O. 400 Ha. owned by Mahesh Jayantialal on a leasehold of 99 years from 1st July 1997.
- ii. The land is heavily settled.
- iii. Although Mr Mahesh Jayantialal seeks ownership of the parcel, he has never taken possession of the portion of land.

- iv. During a field visit to the area, the committee was not presented with proof of an eviction order.
- v. The Commission also confirmed that it had not been presented with any proof of eviction order.
- vi. However, if there exists an eviction order as alleged by the Petitioners, the process can only be halted by a court of law. The Petitioners may consider seeking legal redress.

c. Investigate the circumstances in which the said Mr. Mahesh Jatantilal Haria seeks to assume ownership of the parcel of land

Regarding the prayer seeking investigations into the in which the said Mr Mahesh Jatantilal Haria seeks to assume ownership of the parcel of land, the Committee observed that:

- i. According to evidence provided by the Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning, Mr Mahesh Jaltantilal is the registered owner of MS/BLOCK /1836, measuring 0.400 Ha. The parcel of land, MS/BLOCK /1836, is a subdivision of plot No. MS/1/120.
- ii. Mr Mahesh Jaltantilal acquired the parcel of land from Transoil Kenya Ltd, who had received it from the first registered owner Noudin Ahmed Abubakar
- iii. The Committee further observed that the land registered to Mr Mahesh Jaltantilal is MS/BLOCK /1836 measuring 0.400 Ha. and not the entire plot 120 as claimed by the Petitioners.

d. Secures the issuance of title deeds of plot No. 120 Mwananguvuze / Timbwani to the residents who are the bonafide owners of the land

The Committee observed that title deeds could only be issued to the Petitioners after the regularization of their occupation of the unalienated government land, namely No. MS/1/1837 and No. MS/1/1786 and No. MS/1/1786, for which no ownership records exist.

The Committee concluded that only four plots arising from the subdivision of the original plot No. 120 are registered to individuals and firms. There are no records to show that a larger portion of the land, including the 52 acres parcels No. MS/1/1837, Plot No. 1786 and 1780 have been allocated. Therefore, the land is available for allocation to the residents of Mwanaguvuze.

5.0 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to Standing Order 227, the Committee recommends that the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning, in consultation with the National Land Commission and the County Government of Mombasa, regularizes the Petitioners' settlement on the unalienated government land, namely No. MS/1/1837 and No. MS/1/1786 and No. MS/1/1786, for which no ownership records exist within six months of tabling of this report.

Signed.

Date

The Hon. Dr. Rachael Kaki Nyamai, CBS, MP.

Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Lands



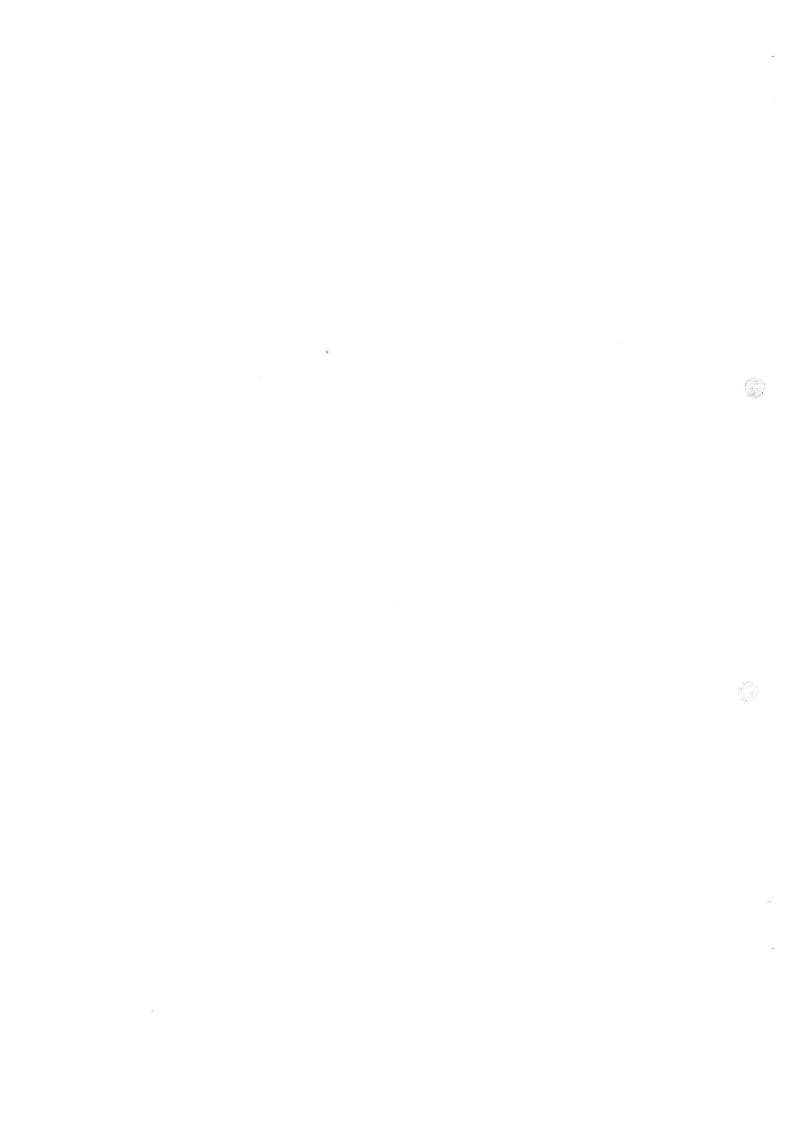
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DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON LANDS Adoption List

REPORT ON THE PUBLIC PETITION NO. 063 BY HON MISHI MBOKO, MP ON BEHALF OF RESIDENTS OF MWANANGUVUZE VILLAGE IN TIMGWANI WARD OF LIKONI CONSTITUENCY REGARDING SECURING LAND OWNERSHIP RIGHTS OF THE RESIDENTS

Date: 3/03/2022

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15.	Hon. Lilian Tomitom, MP	
16.	Hon. Owen Yaa Baya, MP	Men
17.	Hon. Patrick Munene Ntwiga MP	Vivtually
18.	Hon. Samuel Kinuthia Gachobe, MP	Virtually
19.	Hon. Teddy Mwambire, MP	data



MINUTES OF THE 17TH SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON LANDS HELD ON THURSDAY, 31ST MARCH 2022 AT COMMITTEE ROOM ON 2ND FLOOR, CONTINENTAL HOUSE, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS AT NOON

PRESENT

- 1. Hon. Dr. Rachael Nyamai, CBS, M.P.
- 2. Hon. Mishi Mboko, CBS, M.P
- 3. Hon. Benjamin Washiali, CBS, M.P.
- 4. Hon. Omar Mwinyi Shimbwa, M.P
- 5. Hon. Ahmed Kolosh, MP
- 6. Hon. Ali Mbogo, M.P.
- 7. Hon. George Risa Sunkuyia, M.P.
- 8. Hon. Owen Yaa Baya, M.P.
- 9. Hon. Patrick Munene Ntwiga, MP
- 10. Hon. Samuel Kinuthia Gachobe, MP
- 11. Hon. Teddy Mwambire, M.P

- Chairperson

- Vice-Chairperson

APOLOGIES

- 1. Hon. Joshua Kutuny, MP
- 2. Hon. Babu Owino, MP
- 3. Hon. Caleb Kositany, M.P.
- 4. Hon. William Kisang, MP
- 5. Hon. George Aladwa, M.P.
- 6. Hon. John Muchiri Nyaga, MP
- 7. Hon. Josphat Gichunge Kabeabea, M.P.
- 8. Hon. Lilian Tomitom, MP

IN ATTENDANCE

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

1. Mr. Leonard Machira - Senior Clerk Assistant

2. Ms. Jemimah Waigwa - Legal Counsel

3. Ahmad Guliye - Second Clerk Assistant

4. Ms. Maureen Kweyu - Audio Officer

5. Ms. Peris Kaburi – Serjeant at Arms

MIN. NO. NA/DC/LANDS/2022/074: PRELIMINARIES

The meeting was called to order at thirteen minutes past noon with a word of prayer.

MIN. NO. NA/DC/LANDS/2022/075: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- i. The minutes of the eight sitting of the Committee held on Tuesday 24th February 2022 were confirmed as an accurate record of the Committee's deliberations. The minutes were proposed and seconded by Hon. Ali Mbogo, MP and Hon. Hon. Benjamin Washiali, MP, MP, respectively.
- ii. The minutes of the ninth sitting of the Committee held on Tuesday 1st March 2022 were confirmed as an accurate record of the Committee's deliberations. The minutes were proposed and seconded by Hon. Owen Baya, MP and Hon. Teddy Mwambire, MP, respectively.
- iii. The minutes of the tenth sitting of the Committee held on Thursday 3rd March 2022 were confirmed as an accurate record of the Committee's deliberations. The minutes were proposed and seconded by Hon. Teddy Mwambire and Hon. Ali Mbogo, MP respectively.
- iv. The minutes of the eleventh sitting of the Committee held on Tuesday 8th March 2022 were confirmed as an accurate record of the Committee's deliberations. The minutes were proposed and seconded by Hon. Owen Baya, MP and, Hon. Benjamin Washiali, MP MP respectively.
- v. The minutes of the eleventh sitting of the Committee held on Tuesday 8th March 2022 were confirmed as an accurate record of the Committee's deliberations. The minutes were proposed and seconded by Hon. Owen Baya, MP and Hon. Benjamin Washiali, MP MP respectively.
- vi. The minutes of the twelfth sitting of the Committee held on Wednesday 9th March 2022 were confirmed as an accurate record of the Committee's deliberations. The minutes were proposed by Hon. Omar Mwinyi Shimbwa, M.P and seconded by and Hon. George Risa Sunkuyia MP respectively.
- 12. The minutes of the thirtieth sitting of the Committee held on Wednesday 16th March 2022 were confirmed as an accurate record of the Committee's deliberations. The minutes were proposed by Hon. Patrick Munene Ntwiga, MP and seconded by Hon. Owen Baya respectively.
- vii. The minutes of the fourteenth sitting of the Committee held on Thursday 17th March 2022 were confirmed as an accurate record of the Committee's deliberations. The minutes were proposed by Hon. George Risa Sunkuyia MP and seconded by MP and Hon. Samuel Kinuthia Gachobe, MP respectively.

MIN. NO. NA/DC/LANDS/2022/076:

MATTERS ARISING

No matters arose.

MIN. NO. NA/DC/LANDS/2022/077:

ADOPTION OF A REPORT ON THE

CONSIDRATION OF PUBLIC PETITION NO

063 OF 2021 BY RESIDENTS OF

MWANANGUVUZE VILLAGE IN TIMBWANI

WARD OF LIKONI CONSTITUENCY

REGARDING SECURING LAND

OWNERSHIP RIGHTS FOR

MWANANGUVUZE RESIDENTS

The Committee unanimously adopted the report having agreed on the following observations and recommendations. The Hon Teddy Mwambire, MP proposed the adoption of the report and the Hon George Sunkuyia seconded the proposal.

Regarding the prayer that the National Assembly conducts a fact-finding mission to Mwananguzuve village to ascertain the situation on the ground as highlighted in the Petition. The Committee noted that it undertook a field visit to Likoni on 4th November, 2021 to gather information on the issues raised in the Petitions and observed that:

- i. The land claimed by the Petitioners, LR No. MS/1/120 was initially Government land, but it has since been subdivided into seven parcels; Plot No 1789, Plot No 1787, Plot No 1788, Plot No. 1786, Plot 1780 and MS/1/1837.
- ii. The Ministry of Lands & Physical Planning reported no records to show that Plot No. 1786, 1780 and MS/1/1837 have been allocated to any owner.
- iii. Considering that the subdivision of the land was first registered on 1st September 1994, a ground report could have indicated to the Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning that the Petitioners already occupied the land
- iv. The land is densely populated. It would be difficult to evict the persons currently occupying, given that they have erected permanent structures and social amenities, including mosques and churches.
- v. The Petitioners considered the land their ancestral land as they have occupied land for years, as evidenced by ancient gravesites and the Mwananguzuve Mosque, whose foundation stone was laid by the late Hon Sharif Nassir in 1980.

On the second prayer seeking the intervention of the National Assembly to forestall the impending eviction of residents of Mwananguzuve village from the land registered as plot No. 120 Mwananguvuze Timbwani; the Committee observed that:

- vi. The alleged eviction is on plot No. MS/1/1836 measuring O.400 Ha. owned by Mahesh Jayantialal on a leasehold of 99 years from 1st July 1997.
- vii. The land is heavily settled.
- viii. Although Mr Mahesh Jayantialal seeks ownership of the parcel, he has never taken possession of the portion of land.
- ix. During a field visit to the area, the committee was not presented with proof of an eviction order.
- x. The National Land Commission also confirmed that it had not been presented with any proof of eviction order.
- xi. However, if an eviction order exists as alleged by the Petitioners, the process can only be halted by a court of law. The Petitioners may consider seeking legal redress.

Regarding the prayer seeking investigations into the in which the said Mr Mahesh Jatantilal Haria seeks to assume ownership of the parcel of land, the Committee observed that Mr Mahesh Jaltantilal is the registered owner of MS/BLOCK /1836, measuring 0.400 Ha. The parcel of land, MS/BLOCK /1836, is a subdivision of plot No. MS/1/120 and not the entire plot 120 as claimed by the Petitioners.

On the issuance of title deeds of plot No. 120 Mwananguvuze / Timbwani to the residents who are the bonafide owners of the land. The Committee observed that title deeds could only be issued to the Petitioners after the regularization of their occupation of the unalienated government land, namely No. MS/1/1837 and No. MS/1/1786 and No. MS/1/1786, for which no ownership records exist.

The Committee concluded that only four plots arising from the subdivision of the original lot No. 120 are registered to individuals and firms. There are no records to show that a larger portion of the land, including the 52 acres parcels No. MS/1/1837, Plot No. 1786 and 1780 have been allocated. Therefore, the land is available for allocation to the residents of Mwanaguvuze.

Committee Recommendation

The Committee recommended that the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning, in consultation with the National Land Commission and the County Government of Mombasa, regularizes the Petitioners' settlement on the unalienated government land, namely No. MS/1/1837 and No. MS/1/1786 and No. MS/1/1786, for which no ownership records exist within six months of tabling this report.

MIN. NO. NA/DC/LANDS/2022/078: ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at fourteen minutes to one o'clock. The next meeting will be held on Friday 1st April 2022 at 10;00 a.m.

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HON. DR. RACHAEL KAKI NYAMAI, CBS, M.P.
(Chairperson)
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THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY - FIFTH SESSION

PUBLIC PETITION

(No. 063 of 2021)

REGARDING SECURING LAND OWNERSHIP RIGHTS OF MWANANGUVUZE RESIDENTS

I, the UNDERSIGNED, on behalf of the residents of Mwananguvuze Village in Timbwani Ward of Likoni Constituency;

DRAW the attention of the House to the following:

- 1. THAT, Mwananguvuze Village, which is located in Timbwani Ward of Likoni Constituency, is a pre-colonial centre that was started in 1860 and traces its root to Mzee Rashid Mbaya Mwazara who was born in 1830, as well as Mr. Ali Juma Mwangare (born in 1927) and Mr. Mohamed Hamisi Mbaya (born in 1929);
- 2. THAT, the land registered as Plot No. 120 in Mwananguvuze Village is currently home to over 12,600 residents composed of men, women, children and the elderly whose ancestors have undertaken agricultural activities as well as fishing on this land resource for more than 150 years as exemplified by ancient grave sites, Mwananguvuze Mosque whose foundation stone was laid by former Minister Hon. Shariff Nassir in 1980, old indigenous trees that are decades old, among others;
- 3. THAT, when adjudication of land commenced in Likoni Constituency, residents of Mwananguvuze Village were assured of securing their right to the land, but were greatly disappointed and shocked when the Ministry of Lands irregularly and illegally issued title deeds of the land to strangers and newcomers that residents had never heard of before:
- 4. THAT, the residents have recently been informed of plans by one Mr. Mahesh Jatantilal Haria to assume ownership of the entire land under unclear circumstances, and intends to evict the residents from their ancestral land;
- 5. THAT, efforts to address these concerns through various agencies have been futile; NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
- 6. AND THAT, the issues in respect of which this Petition is made are not pending before any court of law, or before any constitutional or legal body [7] [20]

SPEAKER'S OFFICE P.O. Box 41842, WALPOBL

PUBLIC PETITION REGARDING SECURING LAND OWNERSHIP RIGHTS OF MWANANGUVUZE RESIDENTS

NOW THEREFORE your humble petitioners pray that the National Assembly through the Departmental Committee on Lands with the support of the National Land Commission:-

- (1) conducts a fact-finding mission to Mwananguvuze Village to ascertain the situation on the ground as highlighted in this Petition:
- (2) urgently intervenes to forestall the impending eviction of residents of Mwananguvuze Village from the land registered as Plot No. Mwananguvuze/Timbwani:
- (3) investigates the circumstances in which the said Mr. Mahesh Jatantilal Haria seeks to assume ownership of the said parcel of land;
- (4) secures the issuance of title deeds of Plot No. 120 Mwananguvuze/ Timbwani to the residents who are the bonafide owners of the land, and
- (5) makes any other recommendations it deems appropriate in circumstances of the Petition.

And your **PETITIONER** will ever pray.

PRESENTED BY:

HON. MISHI UWMA MBOKO, MP MEMBER FOR LIKONI CONSTITUENCY

4th October 2021

HISTORIA FUPI YA MWANANGUVUZE PLOT NUMBER 120 TIMBWANI LIKONI MWANANGUVUZE.

Mwanganguvuze ni mji unaopatikana eneo bunge la Likoni ward ya Timbwani kusini mwa Mombasa. Mji huu wa mwananguvuze una takribani 12,600 wakaazi tukijumuisha watoto, akina mama, vijana na wazee kijumla.

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Kwani mlala hoi huyu wa mwananguvuze aliebuni ardhi toka enzi za ukulima huyu wa Mwanamkulima hadi sasa ataenda wapi atakapo ondolewa kwenye ardhi hii.Baadhi ya alama za kuthibitisha ya kwamba mwanaguvuze ni mji wa kale na wazamani makaburi yaa mzee Mbaya iliyoko miembeni nyumba za kale ni ya mama Mwanatumu vipawa nyuma ya msikiti na msikiti wa Mwananguvuze ulioekwa jiwe la msingi kurekebishwa upanzi na bwana mheshimiwa Shariff Nassir mwaka wa 1980 na mengineyo amabao yako katika ardhi hii.

Tumemjumisha barua hii na orodha ya wamiliki wa nyumba za Mwananguvuze Likoni.

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Tumemjumisha barua hii na orodha ya wamiliki wa nyumba za Mwananguvuze Likoni.

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COMPLAINTS OF MWANANGUVUZE VILLAGE RESIDENTS TIMBWANI WARD - LIKONI CONSTITUENCY

- Residents claim that they have been living in this village since 1860. They traced their roots from one Mzee Rashid Mbaya Mwazara who was born in 1830 as well as Mr. Juma Mwangare (born in 1927) and Mohamed Hamisi Mbaya (born in 1929).
- They claim that the land was registered as plot No.120 in Mwananguvuze village, currently home to over 12,600 residents. (The information given on the plot No. 120 was not sufficient to obtain an official search from the Land Registry).
- They residents claim that their ancestors have undertaken agricultural activities as well as fishing for over 150 years. Mwananguvuze mosque foundation stone was laid by the former Minister Hon. Sharif Nassir in 1980; there are also indigenous trees that are more than 50 years old.
- The villagers claim that they were assured that their land rights will be secured, but later they were disappointed to learn that the land belongs to one Mr. Mahesh Jaltantilal who intends to assume possession of the entire land and render the residents landless.
- Mr. Mahesh through his lawyer served the residents with documents confirming that he is the owner of the plot. Due to this development the residents made a complaint to the Governor Hon. Hassan A. Joho on 22nd October, 2021 requesting for intervention by the County Government and other relevant authorities.
- According to official search issued on 26th November, 2020 the plot MS/BLOCK/1836 is registered to Mr. Mahesh Jaltantilal. The size of the plot is 0.400 Ha.
- While the residents are claiming that they are in plot No.120 it has only been established that the plot in question is MS/BLOCK/1836. The relationship between the said plot No.120 and MS/BLOCK/1836 needs to be established.
- Though the residents claim that plot No.120 is home to over 12,600 residents the likelihood of being accommodated in MS/BLOCK/1836 which is 0.400 Ha is not practical hence the said plot No. MS/BLOCK/1836 might be a subdivision from plot No.120. Therefore there could be other sub-divisions from the mother parcel which is yet to be established.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- A ground visit with Surveyors to establish the relationship between plot No.120 and MS/BLOCK/1836 (*occupation survey*).
- Provision of searches after confirmation of the area occupied by the residents.
- Intervention by all relevant authorities towards resolving Mwananguvuze village land issues.

FINDINGS

- The land was initially MS/1/120
- Mwananguvuze village is in MS/1/1837 (part) and MS/1/1836 which was initially MS/1/120.
- MS/1/1837 (GOK Lessor)
 - ✓ No records at Land Registry but survey plans show that the plot is 21.2 Ha (approximately 52 acres).
- The land crosses the Likoni Lunga Lunga road.
- MS/BLOCK/1836 (GOK Lessor)
 - ✓ First owner Nourdin Ahmed Abubakar in 1997
 - ✓ 2nd owner Transoil Kenya Limited in 2006
 - ✓ Current owner is Mr. Mahesh Jaltantilal from 2013
 - ✓ Plot size -0.400 Ha

Earlier sub-divisions that exist are:-

- Nora Holdings Limited
 0.1034 Ha
 99 years lease from 1997
- 1787 Abdalla Chuo Ali
 0.0254 Ha
 99 years lease from 17/01/1997
- 1788 Abdalla Chuo Ali
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 99 years lease from 01/09/1995
- 1786 No records
- 1780 No records



MINISTRY OF LANDS AND PHYSICAL PLANNING

RESPONSES TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON LANDS

Honourable Chair,

Pursuant to a letter Ref. NA/DC/LANDS/2022/ (006) dated February 8, 2022, the Committee requested the Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning to respond to the following:

- 1. Public Petition No. 068 by Victor Mwanganda Gogo on behalf of the residents of Kwa Kadzengo village in Mtepeni Ward of Kilifi regarding the resolution of the Kwa Kadzengo land dispute
- 2. Public Petition No. 063 of 2021 by Hon. Mishi Juma Mboko, MP, on behalf of the residents of Mwananguvuze Village in Timbwani ward of Likoni Constituency regarding securing land ownership rights of Mwananguvuze residents
- 3. Complaint by the Hon. Owen Baya, MP on behalf of the family of Fundi Sudi regarding alleged irregular allocation of land parcel number 11/Kilifi/Mafumbini.

Honourable Chair, I wish to respond as follows:

1. Public Petition No. 068 by Victor Mwanganda Gogo on behalf of the residents of Kwa Kadzengo village in Mtepeni Ward of Kilifi regarding the resolution of the Kwa Kadzengo land dispute

The Petition

Honourable Chair,

The Petitioners claim that the Kwa Kadzengo land, registered as Kilifi/Kikambala Block 285/3, was initially owned by Ms. Sheila Norton who divested her interests in 1968 and gave instructions to have the land subdivided and transferred to her ex-employees whose families currently reside on the land. They claim that subsequently, their families occupied the land and constructed houses, built churches, mosques and schools and cultivated the land for sustenance and commercial purposes.

The Petitioners allege that the land was later converted to become part of the Kikambala Settlement Scheme for purposes of settling squatters residing thereon. However, the land was irregularly allocated to Francis Kinuthia in unclear circumstances and was later sold to the Railway Housing Cooperative Society in April 2006.

The Petitioners aver that the fact that the Railway Housing Co-operative Society has for over 15 years never attempted to develop the said parcel of land confirms that its management is fully aware that the land legally belong to the residents of Kwa Kadzengo Village currently residing on it. They claim that the management of the Co-operative Society is using illegal and unorthodox avenues in attempts to evict residents from the land. For this reason, the petitioners request the Committee to intervene to forestall the impeding eviction and investigate the circumstances in which the Railway Housing Corporation Society ostensibly purchased the land despite knowing that its bonafide owners were already in occupation.

Response

Honourable Chair, I wish to respond as follows:

Kilifi Kikambala Block 285/3 is a registration section located in Kilifi South Subcounty in Mtepeni Ward. The Edition one Green Cards were opened on March 23, 1992 and comprised of 42 parcels of land. The proprietors are as per the attached list of beneficiaries marked **Annexure 1a**.

All other titles in the section are as a result subdivisions of the original 42 Parcels of land.

Parcel Nos. 28, 29, 32, 33 and 35 were transferred to Railway Housing Cooperative Society Limited as follows:

- a) Plot No. 28 was on March 20, 1992 registered in favour of Mohamed Ngala Badi Hamisi. On October 8, 1993 the parcel was transferred to Francis Kamau Kinuthia. On August 2, 2002 the parcel was transferred to Fauzia Shaban Snedi. The parcel was on April 19, 2006 transferred to Railway Housing Co-operative Society Limited (annexure 1b)
- b) Plot No. 29 was on March 20, 1992 registered in favour of Mohamed Ngala Badi Hamisi. On October 8, 1993 the parcel was transferred to Francis Kamau Kinuthia. The parcel was on April 19, 2006 transferred to Railway Housing Co-operative Society Limited (annexure 1c)
- c) Plot No. 32 was on March 20, 1992 registered in favour of Mohamed Ngala Badi Hamisi. On October 28, 1996 the parcel was transferred to Francis Kamau Kinuthia. The parcel was on April 19, 2006 transferred to Railway Housing Co-operative Society Limited (annexure 1d)

- d) Plot No. 33 was on March 20, 1992 registered in favour of Mohamed Ngala Badi Hamisi. On October 28, 1996 the parcel was transferred to Francis Kamau Kinuthia. The parcel was on April 19, 2006 transferred to Railway Housing Co-operative Society Limited (annexure 1e)
- e) Plot No. 35 was on March 20, 1992 registered in favour of Mohamed Ngala Badi Hamisi. On October 28, 1996 the parcel was transferred to Francis Kamau Kinuthia. The parcel was on April 19, 2006 transferred to Railway Housing Co-operative Society Limited. (annexure 1f).
- 2. Public Petition No. 063 of 2021 by Hon. Mishi Juma Mboko, MP, on behalf of the residents of Mwananguvuze Village in Timbwani ward of Likoni Constituency regarding securing land ownership rights of Mwananguvuze residents

Honourable Chair, I wish to respond as follows:

A response to the petition dated November 19, 2021 was submitted to the Committee on November 22, 2021. The response is contained in item no. 5 of the report marked annexure 2. We reported that the subject land L.R No. Ms/1/120 was initially Government land. The parcel has since been subdivided into Plots Nos. 1789, 1787, 1788, 1786, 1780, MS/1/1836 and MS/1/1837.

Ownership details regarding Plots Nos. 1789, 1787, 1788 and MS/1/1836 are indicated in the said report. Copies of the official searches in respect of these plots are annexed herewith marked annexures 3.

The Ministry requested additional time to provide information pertaining to Plots Nos. 1786, 1780 and MS/1/1837.

Honourable Chair,

We have not found records to show that Plots Nos. 1786, 1780 and MS/1/1837 have been allocated.

- 3. Complaint by the Hon. Owen Baya, MP on behalf of the family of Fundi Sudi regarding alleged irregular allocation of land parcel number 11/Kilifi/Mafumbini located in Mafumbini Mnarani, Kilifi North Constituency. In particular the Committee requested the Cabinet Secretary to provide:
- i) The original and copies of entries made by the Recorder of Titles in the Mombasa Land Registry for account number 948/58 (948/1958) dated January 11, 1972
- ii) A chronology of the ownership of the said land including information of its current registered owner

The Petition

Honourable Chair,

The petitioners claim land parcel Plot No. 11/Kilifi/Fumbini (Mnarani) indicated in Survey Plan FR 198/2 dated 1964 (L.R 11 in Topo Sheet 198/2) which they allege is their ancestral land. They claim that following the enactment of the Land Titles Act (Cap. 282) (now repealed) which was applied to parts of the coast province, the family patriarch namely Khamis Bin Fundi alias Khamis Bin Sudi made an application to the Recorder of Titles for registration of the land. The application is said to have been registered as reference 950/1828 and issued acknowledgment account number 984/58 dated January 11, 1972.

The Government issued Gazette Notice No. 4056 in October 1983 extending the period for the public to register their claims to the land before unclaimed land could be declared public land. According to the petitioners, the Recorder of Titles vide a letter dated January 31, 1986 requested them demarcate the land they claimed. In a letter dated March 7, 1986 the District Land Officer wrote to the Commissioner of Lands indicating that the said Mr. Khamisi Sudi had lodged a complaint that his land had been invaded.

They claim that in 1987, they were invited to appear before the Recorder of Titles alongside Kilifi Plantations Limited who were said to also lay claim to the land. They complain that they have not been able to obtain title to the land since then.

They presented their case to the National Land Commission in 2014. The Commission vide a letter dated November 3, 2016 invited Kilifi Plantation Limited to submit documents supporting their claim to the land but they failed to do so. The petitioners state that despite numerous visits to the Ministry and the National Land Commission, they have been unable to get a title to their land.

They therefore request the Committee to:

- i. Demand that the Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning produce all records pertaining to the claim made by the Sudi family and entered by the Recorder of Titles as Application No. 950/1828 and evidenced as Account No. 984/58
- ii. Demand the Ministry to confirm whether there were other documents required or process under the Land Titles Act that the Sudi Family did not acquire or follow other than those that they have
- iii. Require the Ministry to state why Plot no. 11 under Claim No. 984/58 cannot be titled to the Sudi family
- iv. On the other hand, since the family identifies Plot No. 11 in Survey Sheet No. 198/11, can the Ministry of Lands give a chronological background of the parcel of land since the enactment of the Land Titles Act

- v. Just in case the Ministry claims that the land is registered elsewhere, the Committee should demand from the Ministry evidence on how the registration was done, to whom, when and through which process
- vi. The Ministry also to be made to undertake a re-survey of Plot No. 11 to demarcate the boundaries.

Response

Honourable Chair, I wish to respond as follows:

- 1. Records held by the Ministry indicate that Kilifi Plantations Limited through their advocate Hamilton Harrison & Mathews applied for a Temporary Occupation Licence (TOL) over 6 acres out of the subject land Plot 11/Group V Kilifi as shown in the area edged red in the plan marked annexure 4. A copy of the application letter Ref. 10/22775/1 dated October 7, 1980. A copy of the application is marked annexure 5
- 2. The Commissioner of Lands sought the District Commissioner and the Clerk, County Council of Kilifi comments on the application vide a letter Ref. 49514/II/103 dated July 1, 1981 (annexure 6). They did not object to the application as demonstrated in their respective letters Ref. P&S.7/4/75 dated October 27, 1981 and KFI/LND/8/Vol. VI/116 dated December 28, 1981 respectively marked annexures 7 and 8. The District Forest Officer, Kilifi vide his letter Ref. K/5/7 dated February 8, 1983 gave permission for the removal of mangrove trees on the portion of land required by Kilifi Plantations Limited (annexure 9)
- 3. The Commissioner of Lands subsequently prepared the Temporary Occupation Licence and forwarded it to Kilifi Plantations Limited vide a letter dated March 22, 1985 for execution (annexure 10)
- 4. In a letter dated May 4, 1985 Kilifi Plantations Limited however informed the Commissioner of Lands that they were no longer interested in the entire 6 acres and only needed 0.5 acres citing disinterest in the kind of boats they intended to manufacture (annexure 11). This constituted a fresh application for a TOL. We have no records regarding processing of the new application

Honourable Chair,

5. We note that the National Land Commission's letter dated November 3, 2016 referred to by the petitioners, which requested Kilifi Plantations Limited to submit their documents makes reference to L.R. MN/IV/151, CR 13079 said to measure approximately 478 Acres. The records in our possession regarding the parcel indicate that was it transferred from Mohamed Bin Omar to Salim Khamis Bin Salman vide a Memorandum of Registration of Transfer of land dated August 19, 1963 (annexure 12).

The land measures 100 Acres and not 478 Acres as indicated by the Commission. An application to transfer the land to John Paul Kambi was approved by the Kilifi Land Control Board on March 24, 1969. Annexure 13 is a copy of the letter of consent. The transfer was however not concluded by the registration of the transfer as the vendor, Salim Khamis Bin Salman departed the country and later on passed on. The purchaser also passed on afterwards. This is evidenced by a copy of a letter of Anil Suchak, Advocate dated October 22, 2009 marked annexure 14

Honourable Chair,

- 6. Our records indicate that a parallel title for the parcel was registered in favour of Kanamai Coconut Investment Limited on December 7, 2009. A copy of the title is marked annexure 15. Kanamai Coconut Investment Limited applied to subdivide the land and the proposal was approved by the County Council of Kilifi and the Ministry. Copies of the PPA2 and the final approval letter from the Ministry are marked annexures 16 and 17 respectively
- 7. The land is currently the subject of a historical injustice claim before the National Land Commission with Residents of Majengo-Kanamai Sub-Location on one part and Kanamai Coconut Investment Limited on the other (annexure 18). It is also the subject of Case No. 71 of 2014 before the Environment and Land Court at Malindi (annexure 19). The family of the late John Paul Kambi also lays a claim on the land.

Honourable Chair, we will continue to gather information on the original Plot. 11 of Group V as reflected in topo sheet 198/II.

Honourable Chair, I submit.

Farida Karoney, EGH CABINET SECRETARY

March 8, 2022





MINISTRY OF LANDS AND PHYSICAL PLANNING

RESPONSES TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE Leonard readura ON LANDS

Honourable Chair, Schlate Pursuant to a letter Ref. NA/DDC/LANDS/2021/ (149) dated October 21, 2021, the Committee invited the Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning to respond to the following petitions:

Public Petition No. 037 of 2021 by Hon. Sarah Korere, MP on behalf 1. of residents of Kirimun regarding restoration of Kirimun Community land

Public Petition No. 004 of 2021 by Hon. Michael Kingi, MP on behalf 2. of Magarini community land owners regarding irregular extension of

Galana Ranching boundary

Public Petition No. 004 by Hon. Joshua Kutuny, MP on behalf of the 3. family of the late Hon. Arthur Kinyanjui Magugu, MP regarding alleged fraudulent subdivision of land registered as L.R No. 12422/9

Public Petition No. 056 of 2021 by Hon. Khatib Mwashetani, Mp on 4. behalf of residents of Wasini island regarding appeal for land

adjudication in Wasini island

Public Petition No. 063 by Hon. Mishi Mboko, MP on behalf of 5. residents of Mwananguvuze village in Timgwani Ward, Likoni Constituency regarding securing land ownership rights Mwanangvuze residents

Public Petition No. 068 by Victor Mwaganda Gogo on behalf of 6. residents of Kwa Kadzengo village in Mtepeni Ward of Kilifi regarding

resolution of Kwea Kadzengo land dispute

Honourable Chair, I wish to respond as follows:

PUBLIC PETITION NO. 037 OF 2021 BY HON. SARAH KORERE, MP 1. ON BEHALF OF RESIDENTS OF KIRIMUN REGARDING RESTORATION OF KIRIMUN COMMUNITY LAND

Honourable Chair,

petitioners state that Kirimun community land measuring approximately 55,000 acres located along the Ewaso Nyiro river has since time immemorial been occupied by the Samburu Community.

In 1923, the British colonial government dispossessed the community of its land and handed it to a white settler known as Major Y. It is stated that the land was later transferred to Almo Company owned by a white settler.

The petitioners contend that the post-colonial government of Kenya took control of the land at independence and registered it as L.R No. 8036. It was then placed under the defunct Livestock Marketing Division. In the process, the community members were displaced and have since settled in Parkare area of Kirimun Sub-Location of Sosian Ward in Laikipia North Constituency and around Kirimun water springs.

According to the petitioners, the land is currently being utilised by the National Youth Service for low-scale livestock farming. They claim that they have been issued a notice to vacate the land and that efforts to address the historical injustice have been futile. They have petitioned the Committee to:

- i) Intervene to facilitate restoration of at least 75% of the irregularly occupied land back to members of the Kirimun community
- ii) Recommend the urgent suspension of the vacation notice pending stakeholder consultations
- iii) Make any further order (s) deemed fit in the circumstances of the petition

Response

Honourable Chair, I wish to respond as follows:

According to our records, Kirimun Ranch is located on L.R No. 8036 and measures 16,655 Hectares (41,276 Acres). **Annexure 1** is a copy of Deed Plan No. 325695.

Vide a letter Ref. 36661/59 dated December 22, 1954 (Annexure 2), the ranch was reserved for the Veterinary Department as a Livestock Holding ground for a term of 5 years – with effect from January 1, 1956.

In 1958, the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development applied to the Commissioner of Lands for a permanent reservation of the Holding Ground. This request was considered and approved by the Land Board at its meeting on February 25, 1959. A copy of the consent is marked **annexure** 3.

By a letter Ref. OP/CA.1/34A dated April 23, 1982 (annexure 4), the then Minister for Regional Development, Science and Technology wrote to the Minister for Lands and settlement to confirm that the National Youth Service was taking over the farm.

While the National Youth Service was taking over and settling on the farm, a delegation of leaders from Laikipia District also visited the then President of the Republic of Kenya (H. E. Daniel Arap Moi) on July 16, 1984, they petitioned the President to consider establishing a Game Reserve at Kirimun Holding Ground, a request which was assented to by the President. Annexure 5 is a copy of a letter from the then Laikipia County Council Ref. LCC/ADM/36/46 dated May 8, 1990 communicating the President's approval.

In 1991, the Laikipia National Reserve was established vide Legal Notice No. 526 of October 16, 1991 (annexure 6) to cover the area previously known as Kirimun Holding Ground. In 1999, the same land (L.R No. 8036) was formally allocated to the National Youth Service despite the fact that it had, in 1991 been Gazetted as a National Reserve. A copy of the Letter of Allotment Ref. 215338/8 dated July 9, 1999 is marked annexure 7.

Upon receipt of the Letter of Allotment, the NYS duly accepted the offer and made the requisite payments and an official receipt No. E.522453 dated March 15, 2000 was issued by the Commissioner of Lands (annexures 8a and 8b).

The decision to allocate the land to the NYS did not go down well with both the County Council of Laikipia and the Kenya Wildlife Service who protested the allocation stating that land was not available for alienation owing to the fact that it had earlier in 1991 been gazetted as a conservation area. Annexures 9a and 9b are copies of the protest letters.

In an effort to resolve the issue of ownership of the land, the Ministry mediated several meetings between the parties (County Council of Laikipia, Kenya Wildlife Service and the NYS) without any success. On April 14, 2004, the Permanent Secretary, Secretary to the Cabinet and Head of Public Service held a meeting in his office, Harambee House, where all the parties to the dispute were invited/present. Present in the meeting were:-

Amb. Francis K. Muthaura	~	Permanent Secretary, Secretary to the Cabinet and Head of the Public
		Service

Mr. Kiriinya Mukiira	~	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Lands	
Mr. Zachary O. Ogongo	~	Permanent Secretary,	

Ministry of Local Government

Mr. Sylvester M. Mwaliko - Permanent Secretary, Office of the

Vice-President and Ministry of Home

Affairs

Mr. Daniel M. Mule - Permanent Secretary, Ministry of

Livestock and Fisheries Development

Mrs. Judith Okungu - Commissioner of Lands

Mr. Japheth Mwania - Director, National Youth Service

Mr. H. K. Gitu - Clerk, Laikipia County Council

Mr. Daniel Omwemba - For Director, Kenya Wildlife Service

Mrs. Rosemarie Kigame - Cabinet Office

Mr. Stephen K. Kirogo - Recording

From the above meeting, it was resolved that:

(a) Laikipia County Council retains Kirimun ranch for the establishment of a Game Reserve

(b) National Youth Service retains the remainder of Marmar Ranch L.R No. 8052 (Now surveyed as L.R 25089) measuring 18,030.65 Hectares.

(c) Cadastral Survey for both ranches be carried out immediately to facilitate the preparation and issuance of Title Deeds.

Annexure 10 is a copy of minutes of the meeting.

On the basis of the above resolutions, a Letter of Allotment was formally issued to the County Council of Laikipia Ref. 36661/143 dated May 24, 2004 for L.R 8036 measuring 16,738 hectares (41,360 Acres). The letter superseded the Letter of Allotment Ref. 215338/8 dated July 9, 1999, which allocated the land to the NYS. The Letter of Allotment indicates that the land was allocated for Kirimun Game Reserve.

Upon receipt of the Letter of Allotment (annexure 11), Laikipia County Council accepted the offer and made the necessary payments and an official receipt No. F. 827364 dated June 25, 2004 was issued by the Commissioner of Lands. Annexures 12 a and 12 b are copies of the acceptance letter and payment receipt respectively.

Honourable Chair, the interest of the NYS on property was extinguished by the issuance of a letter of allotment to the Laikipia County Council. The gazettement of the land as a National Reserve has not been challenged or vacated through another Legal Notice.

2. PUBLIC PETITION NO. 004 OF 2021 BY HON. MICHAEL KINGI, MP ON BEHALF OF MAGARINI COMMUNITY LAND OWNERS REGARDING IRREGULAR EXTENSION OF GALANA RANCHING BOUNDARY

Honourable Chair,

The petitioners state that Galana Game and Ranching community land in Kilifi and Tana River counties was indigenously settled on by the Waata and Giriama communities. They claim that the boundaries of the land were marked in 1961 jointly by Waata and Giriama communities together with representatives of the colonial government.

According to the petitioners, the original boundary points were Kisiki, Tanke, Kore and Didimabul with the upper western part boundary point being allocated to Galana Ranching and the lower eastern land being reserved for the community. In 1972, the Agricultural Development Corporation (ADC) took over the land.

The petitioners claim that in the year 2020, the ADC without due public participation undertook an illegal/irregular boundary extension exercise that resulted in new boundary points at Chain Barrier (Sameta), Kormotho, Dakabuko, Kalaluwe, Gurujo, Bisaadhi, Diririsa, Bibithole, Changoto and Dera which were then gazetted for adjudication.

They claim that efforts to adress the issue with the relevant authorities including the National Land Commission and the National Environment Management Authority have been futile. The petitioner thus requests the Committee to:

i) Inquire into the matter with a view to securing with the assistance of the National Land Commission, the restoration of the original boundary points of the Galana Game and Ranching land so as to safeguard the land originally allocated to the local community

ii) Cause the Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning to complete the adjudication process in the areas where it had begun and urgently commences the process in the remaining areas with a view to ensuring that members of the community are issued with title deeds

iii) Make any other order or direction that it deems fit in the circumstances of the matter.

Response

Honourable Chair, I wish to respond as follows:

The alleged "community land" falls within the declared adjudication sections of Adu Kamale and Adu Chamari bordering the ADC land. The adjudication sections were declared on April 11, 2017. 8,100 plots have been surveyed in Adu Kamale while 3,300 parcels have been surveyed in Adu Chamari. What remains is publication of the maps.

The petitioners claim that a portion of the ADC land (measuring approximately 237,643.05 Hectares) from Kisiki beacon through Koromodo, Dera Bure and Didima Bule Beacon shaded in the sketch map marked **annexure 13** has encroached on the "community land" which they seek to have it adjudicated

There are several villages within the contentious portion of the ADC land, which is settled by the local communities. The villages include Changoto, Gabo, Dhambela, Mambruk Mukale, Masa/Mchekenzi, Chanjalo, Kamale, Dera, Matharba, Kori, Kilulu, Ndharako, Kaloleni, Daririsa, Mbuuni 'B', Bihole, Chalalu, Bate, and Borani. The local community believe its boundary runs from Kisiki beacon to Didima Bule beacon as shown in the sketch plan, which is not the case.

3. PUBLIC PETITION NO. 004 BY HON. JOSHUA KUTUNY, MP ON BEHALF OF THE FAMILY OF THE LATE HON. ARTHUR KINYANJUI MAGUGU, MP REGARDING ALLEGED FRAUDULENT SUBDIVISION OF LAND REGISTERED AS L.R NO. 12422/9

Honourable Chair,

The petitioner claims that land parcel L.R No.12422/9 measuring approximately 41.133 Hectares was registered in the name of the late Hon. Arthur Kinyanjui. The certificate of title was issued on December 16, 1982. They state that on February 19, 1991, the deceased engaged the firm of Kamwere & Associates Surveyors to carry out subdivision of the land into two (2) parts. The subdivision was carried out to create L.R Nos. 12422/203 & 12422/204.

They claim that the surveyor subsequently fraudulently subdivided parcel L.R No. 12422/204 to create L.R Nos. 12422/318 & 12422/319 vide a Certificate of Subdivision given on October 25, 1993 by the Town Clerk, City Council of Nairobi approving the subdivision. Parcel L.R No. 12422/319 was transferred to Karura Investment Limited on the same day. The Petitioners claim that the subdivision of L.R No. 12422/204 was fraudulent for the following reasons:

i) The Certificate of Tile in respect of L.R No. 12422/204 was issued to the deceased

ii) The application for consent to transfer parcel L.R No. 12422/319 is

not dated nor signed

iii) The consent to transfer parcel L.R No. 12422/319 was made one (1) month before the parcel was created.

iv) The transfer document dated October 25, 1993 was only executed by the alleged vendor and not the purchaser.

The Petitioners therefore request the Committee to:

i) Inquire into the issues raised in the petition

- ii) Make recommendations requiring the Registrar of Titles to cancel the fraudulent entries of title registered under L.R 12422/319
- iii) Make any other recommendations, as it may deem appropriate.

Response

Honourable Chair, I wish to respond as follows:

The Ministry submitted its response to the petition vide the reports dated September 14, 2021 and September 22, 2021 (annexures 14 and 15). We appeared before the Committee on September 22, 2021 where we requested the Committee to allow the Ministry more time to summon the parties to the petition to provide documentation regarding subdivision of land parcel L.R No. 12422/204 and subsequent transfer of L.R No. 12422/19.

Honourable Chair, we wish to report that we have received relevant documentation from the petitioners and Karura Investments Limited. The Ministry is currently undertaking scrutiny of the documents presented and will forward findings to the committee within one week from the date of this report.

4. PUBLIC PETITION NO. 056 OF 2021 BY HON. KHATIB MWASHETANI, MP ON BEHALF OF RESIDENTS OF WASINI ISLAND REGARDING APPEAL FOR LAND ADJUDICATION IN WASINI ISLAND

Honourable Chair,

The petitioners aver that they occupy land parcel registered as Provincial Plot No. PW33/Wasini Island (approximately 289 acres) located near Shimoni town in the coastal region. They claim that the island was declared an adjudication section on October 31, 1979. It was surveyed, adjudicated and titles issued.

In 1995, one Hassan Nassir and Ahmed Nassisr who had approximately 5 acres of land to their name challenged the adjudication process in court by suing one Mohamed Masoud and Hamadi Khalfan. In July 1995, the High Court issued an order directing the Chief Land Registrar to cancel the titles issued and called for the process to be undertaken afresh. This has not been done. The petitioners aver that efforts to have the matter resolved by the relevant authorities have borne no fruits. They therefore request the Committee to:

- i) Intervene to either secure the undertaking of a new adjudication process or to secure the declaration that all title deeds as initially issued remain valid and legal
- ii) Intervene to protect Wasini island which is an ancestral land to local communities from being grabbed or illegally acquired from them on account of the ongoing construction of Shimoni port
- iii) Causes the Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning to explain why it sent over 100 armed police officers to oversee and illegal and irregular surveying of the land without following due process and without meeting numerous legal requirements
- iv) Make any other recommendations it deems appropriate in the circumstances of the petition.

Honourable Chair, I wish to regoond as follows:

Wasini Island underwent a lan adjudication process in 1979 and a total of 428 titles covering 403.8 Hectares were issued under the Registered Land Act in 1984. Plot No. W/33 was among those adjudicated and titles issued.

The titles falling on Plot No. W/33 were challenged by one Sagaaf bin alawi (heir of Hassan Nassir, Mohammed Nassir and Ahmed Nassir) who claimed to have lodged a claim with the Recorder of titles Ref. No. V/590/20 over ownership of a portion of the plot in 1967.

In 1969, the Recorder of titles in the presence of all the disputing parties determined the case and awarded the land to Hassan Nassir, Mohammed Nassir and Ahmed Nassir (all deceased) under Section 7(1) of the Land Titles Act (Repealed). The Recorder of Titles clearly defined the extent of the four boundaries covering Plot No. W/33. Annexure 16 is a copy of the proceedings before the Recorder of Titles. The decision can only be challenged through a court of Law.

In 1981, Sagaaf alwy on his own behalf and on behalf of the other heirs Hassan, Mohammed and Ahmed (plaintiffs) filed Civil Suit No. 727 of 1981 at the High Court in Mombasa against the Attorney General, Mohamed Masoud and Hamadi Khalfan challenging the adjudication of land to third parties. He claimed that Plot No. W/33 belongs to the said heirs through the award by the Recorder of Titles.

During the adjudication process, Sagaaf alwy did not raise objection on the area he is raising claim (P/No. 33) as required in the Land Adjudication Act (Cap. 284).

On July 21, 1995, the High Court awarded the land to the plaintiffs and ordered the cancellation of the titles and rectification of the Register within 21 days. The judgment shows that the defendants, Mohamed Masood and did not adduce evidence in their defence although they participated in the suit throughout the hearing. Although the Attorney General was a defendant in the case, the proceedings did not show his participation on the matter. A copy of the judgement is marked annexure 17.

The court issued an order on January 15, 1997 (annexure 18) to nullify titles falling with Plot No. P.W. 33. It reiterated that the judgement of the Recorder of Titles was valid and therefore the purported adjudication and subsequent creation of plots on the aforesaid plot No. W/33 Wasini Island was null and void. Titles falling on Plot No. P.W. 33 were cancelled vide Gazette Notice No. 1948 of April, 11, 1997. A total of 68 parcels were affected covering approximately 124.7 Ha. Annexure 19 is a list of the affected titles.

On July 30, 1999, the Environment and Land Court in Mombasa issued an order to the OCPD Msambweni to provide security to enable the Government Surveyor to survey the land for issuance of title to the Plaintiffs in Civil Suit No. 727 of 1981. This was not possible due to hostility from the local community. A copy of the order of court is marked **annexure 20**.

On September 25, 2021, the County Surveyor Kwale managed to secure security and surveyed the land. The total area surveyed was about 124.7 Hactares covering the parcels falling on Plot No. V.33. However, during the Parliamentary Committee on Lands visit to Wasini on November 5, 2021, it was established that the 1999 court order used by the Surveyor and the Police to cause survey of the disputed land was expired. Section 4 (4) of the Limitation of Actions Act (Cap. 22) provides that an action may not be brought upon a judgment after the end of twelve years from the date on which the judgment was delivered.

Honourable Chair, despite the survey being undertaken, the Registry Index Map has not been prepared for registration and issuance of title since the survey was undertaken on the basis of expired court order.



NATIONAL LAND COMMISSION

RESPONSES TO PETITIONS AND COMPLAINT REFERRED TO THE LANDS COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

REPORT BY:

GERSHOM OTACHI BW'OMANWA CHAIRMAN

23RD MARCH, 2022

RESPONSES TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON LANDS

Honourable Chair

Pursuant to a letter Ref: NA/DDC/LANDS/2021 153 dated October 26 2021, the Committee invited the National Land Commission to respond to the following petitions:

- 1. Public Petition No.056 of 2021 by Hon. Khatib Mwashetani, MP on behalf of residents of Wasini Island regarding appeal for land adjudication in Wasini Island.
- Public Petition No.063 of 2021 by Hon. Mishi Mboko, MP on behalf of residents of Mwananguvuze Village in Timbwani Ward, Likoni Constituency regarding securing land ownership rights of Mwananguvuze residents.
- 3. Supplementary response Inquiry to the issues raised in a complaint by the Hon. Owen Yaa Baya, MP on behalf of the family of Fundi Sudi regarding alleged irregular allocation of land parcel Plot No. 11/Kilifi/Mafumbini (claim account no. 984/1958) located in Mafumbini Mnarani, Kilifi North Constituency.

1. PUBLIC PETITION NO. 056 OF 2021 BY HON. KHATIB MWASHETANI, MP ON BEHALF OF RESIDENTS OF WASINI ISLAND REGARDING APPEAL FOR LAND ADJUDICATION IN WASINI ISLAND.

Petition

The petitioners aver that they occupy land parcel registered as Provincial Plot No. PW33/Wasini Island (approximately 289 acres) located near Shimoni town in the Coastal region. They claim that the island was declared an adjudication section on October 31, 1979. It was surveyed, adjudicated and titles issued.

In 1995, one Hassan Nassir and Ahmed Nassir who have approximately 5 acres of land in their names challenged the adjudication process in Court by suing one Mohammed Masoud and Hamadi Khalfan, in July 1995. The High Court issued an order directing the Chief Land Registrar to cancel the titles issued and called for the process to be undertaken afresh. This has not been done. The petitioners further aver that efforts to have the matter resolved by the relevant authorities have borne no fruits. They therefore sought the Committee's intervention to:

- 1. Either secure the undertaking of a new adjudication process or to secure the declaration that all title deeds as initially issued remain valid and legal.
- 2. Protect Wasini island which is an ancestral land to local communities from being grabbed or illegally acquired from them on account of the ongoing construction of Shimoni Port
- 3. Cause the Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning to explain why it sent over 100 armed police officers to oversee an illegal and irregular surveying of the land without following due process and without meeting numerous legal requirements.
 - a. Make any other recommendations it deems appropriate in the circumstances of the petition.

court nullified only 68 parcels that overlapped on petitioner's land. The Court Decision was effected by cancellation of the titles.

From the aforementioned, NLC observes that submits that a new comprehensive adjudication exercise for Wasini Island may not be legally feasible without a Court process seeking reversal of the whole of the initial adjudication and cancellation of the existing titles.

2. On the claim to Protect Wasini island as an ancestral land to local communities from being grabbed or illegally acquired from them on account of the ongoing construction of Shimoni Port, the Commission wishes to respond as follows; Wasini island being part Coastal land was deemed to be Government land except those areas that were reserved for the Kayas. Upon promulgation of the new constitution, these lands reverted to respective County Government. Essentially, ancestral lands are found in trust land areas where land adjudication has not taken place.

Further, the Commission avers that the ongoing construction of Shimoni port where it will affect private land, land acquisition process will be undertaken as per law.

- Cause the Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning to explain why it sent over 100 armed police officers to oversee an illegal and irregular surveying of the land without following due process and without meeting numerous legal requirements;
 - This question is best addressed by the MoLPP as it acted to implement a court order.
- 4. Make any other recommendations it deems appropriate in the circumstances of the petition.
 - The Commission proposes consideration to settle locals who have settled on part of Plot No. W/33 through the Settlement Fund Trustee Board.

Honourable Chair, I submit.

2. PUBLIC PETITION NO. 063 BY HON. MISHI MBOKO, ONBEHALF OF RESIDENTS OF MWANANGUVUZE VILLAGE IN TIMBWANI WARD, LIKONI CONSTITUENCY REGARDING SECURING LAND OWNERSHIP RIGHTS OF MANANGUVUZE RESIDENTS

Petition,

The petitioners claim that land registered as Plot No. 120 located in Mwananguvuze Village in Timbwani Ward, Likoni Constituency has been their ancestral land for over 150 years as exemplified by ancient gravesites and the Mwananguvuze Mosque whose foundation stone was laid by Hon. Shariff Nassir in 1980.

They sadly aver that when land adjudication commenced in the Constituency, they were assured of securing their land rights but unknown to them, titles were issued to strangers under unclear circumstances. They claim that they are aware that one Mr. Mahesh Jayantialal Haria plans to occupy the entire land and intends to evict them. They claim that efforts to address their concern with the relevant authorities have been futile. The petitioners have therefore filed the petition to request the Committee to:

- i) Conduct a fact-finding mission to Mwananguvuze village to ascertain the situation on the ground
- ii) Urgently intervene to forestall the impending eviction of residents of Mwananguvuze Village
- iii) Investigate the circumstances in which the said Mr. Mahesh Jayantialal Haria seeks to assume ownership of the parcel of land.
- iv) Secure the issuance of title deeds of Plot No. 120 Mwananguvuze/Timbwani to the residents who are the *bonafide* owners of the land, and
- v) Make any other recommendation it deems appropriate in circumstances of the petition.

Honourable Chair, I wish to respond as follows: -

According to available records, the subject land LR. NO. MS/1/120 was initially Government land (GL) measuring approximately 21.992 HA. The following excisions have been effected on MS/1/120 and ownership is as per attached copies of searches marked (annexure 8a).

S/NO	PLOT NO	AREA	OWNERS	TERM
1	MS/1/1789	0.1034 HA	Nova	99 years from
			Holdings Ltd	1/9/1996
2	MS/1/1787	0.0233 HA	Abdalla Chuo	99 years from
			Ali	1/9/1994
3.	MS/1/1788	0.0534HA	Abdalla Chuo	99 years from
			Ali	1/9/1994
4.	MS/1/1786	No	-	-
	/	information		
5.	MS/1/1780	No	-	-
		information		
6.	MS/1/1836	0.400 HA	Mahesh	99 years from
			Jayantialal	1/7/1997

Mwananguvuze Villages occupy all the above parcels of land and the remainder of Parcel No. 120. This area is densely populated with over 400 permanent structures as per the attached google map (annexure 8). On the ground, there are shops, residential houses, mosque, churches, schools and madrassa.

The alleged eviction is on plot No. MS/1/1836 measuring 0.400 hectares owned by Mahesh Jayantialal on a leasehold of 99 years from 1st July 1997. The land heavily squatted and it is evident that Mr. Mahesh Jayantialal Haria seeks ownership by dint of being a bona fide registered owner of the parcel although he has never taken possession of the portion of land

In NLC opinion, the residents can appeal against eviction order although during the hearing conducted during field visit, the NLC was not presented with any proof of eviction order. The petitioners can seek redress in a court of law if the alleged order contravenes eviction procedures as stipulated under the Land Act.

Hon Chair, the current occupiers of the un-alienated part of the original LR. NO. MS/1/120 which is equally heavily squatted as depicted by google image as per annexure 8 can petition for regularization of their settlements through County Government of Mombasa upon planning, survey and subsequent allocation as per sec 14 of the Land Act in collaboration with NLC and Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning.

Honourable Chair, I submit.

3. INQUIRY INTO A COMPLAINT BY HON. OWEN BAYA MP ON BEHALF OF THE FAMILY OF FUNDI SUDI REGARDING ALLEGED IRREGULAR ALLOCATION OF LAND PARCEL NO.11/KILIFI/MAFUMBINI **ACCOUNT** (CLAIM NO. 984/1958) LOCATED IN **MAFUMBINI** MNARANI, KILIFI **NORTH** CONSTITUENCY.

Petition.

The Committee has received a complaint from the Hon. Owen Yaa Baya MP on behalf of the family of Fundi Sudi regarding alleged irregular allocation of land plot No. Group V/11/Kilifi/Mafumbini also referred to as claim account No. 984/1958 (under the repealed Land Titles Act CAP 282) in Survey Map FR198/2 located in Mnarani, Kilifi North Constituency (copy attached).

The complaints state that the family of the late Fundi Sudi owned the said parcel of land since 1928. However, the proprietors of Kilifi Plantation Limited claim to hold a Temporary Occupation License for part of land since 1985.

The family of Fundi Sudi has not been able to have the land registered to them, despite the Commission issuing a notice of intention to allocate the said land, plot number 984/1958 Mafumbini Mnarani to the family on 8th February, 2019.

In this regard, the Commission is expected to provide information on the following: -

- 1) The status of the Temporary Occupation License held by Kilifi Plantation Limited indicating the acreage of the land under the said license.
- 2) The implementation status of the notice of intention to allocate plot number 984/58 Mafumbini Mnarani to the family of Fundi Sudi made by the Commission on 8th February, 2019.

Honourable Chair, I wish to respond to respond as follows: -

Land being claimed by Fundi Sudi family at Mnarani Mafumbini in Kilifi North Constituency has a history dating back to 1912 when the first Certificate of Indenture No. 167 dated 15th May 1912 was registered at Malindi in register Vol. 4 folio 313.

The said parcel of land is surveyed as Group V/11 and it measures 478.47 acres.

According to Indenture dated 2nd September, 1926 the said parcel of land was sold by the proprietor Esmail Jeevanjee and Company to Kilifi Plantation at Kenya Shs. 3,492/20. This transfer was entered on 2nd September 1926 and was registered by Registrar of Coast Land Titles on 10th September, 1949 in day Book No. 76 Vol. IV folio 314/4 file No. 150. See (annexure 9).

Land reference No. Group V/II has been subdivided into several portions, including Group V/117, 118, 122, 119, 120, 121 among others, that were done in 1985.

List all subdivisions as per annexures (see annexure 10).

The Temporary Occupation License held by Kilifi Plantation Ltd is for the portion of land fronting the creek in front of Land Reference Group V/11, meaning it is not part of land Ref. Group V/11. It measures 6 acres and was issued on 22nd March 1985. See annexure 11 (T.O.L Land). The T.O.L has not been upgraded to a lease as applied for as it falls within mangrove/wetland that is fragile and ecologically sensitive and hence un-allocatable.

However, in records there is a likely misrepresentation of a T.O.L (note that the inscription is handwritten hence cannot be authenticated) through a land rent demand note on plot No. 122 as indicated in receipt of payment see (annexure 12). There are no records of registration of Group V/122 which is supposedly a subdivision from original land Group V/11.

The Sudi family made a claim of land under Land Titles Act to recorder of tittles for No. Ac. 984/58 dated 5th October 1986 and allocated claim No. 950/1828 which they claim relate to land No. Group V/11 (annexure 13).

Hon Chair, the NLC observes that should the recorder of title action be implemented as sought by Fundi Sudi family (assuming the claim by Fundi Sudi family relates directly to LR No Group V/11), it will result in overlap in allocation because of existence of a prior title in favour of Kilifi Plantations limited for LR No group V/11 in Kilifi/ Mafumbuni through an indenture (title) dating back to 1928- **Refer to Annex 9**

Hon Chair, regarding the intention by NLC to allocate land as advertised in February 2019, the NLC wishes to state that the intention to allocate land as advertised in February 2019 appears faulty due to the following reasons;

I. the land referred to in the advertisement does not appear to exist in Survey records and

II. the subject land referred was apparently private land by time of advertisement, in which case as per the law NLC does not have the mandate to allocate.

The above facts notwithstanding, the Commission notes that Fundi Sudi family have submitted records of follow up of the title without success from the Ministry of Lands, Provincial Administration and the National Land Commission leading to a demarcation notice by recorder of titles, calling for deed plan from the Registrar of Titles land and public notice by the **Commission**. See (annexure 14,15 and 16).

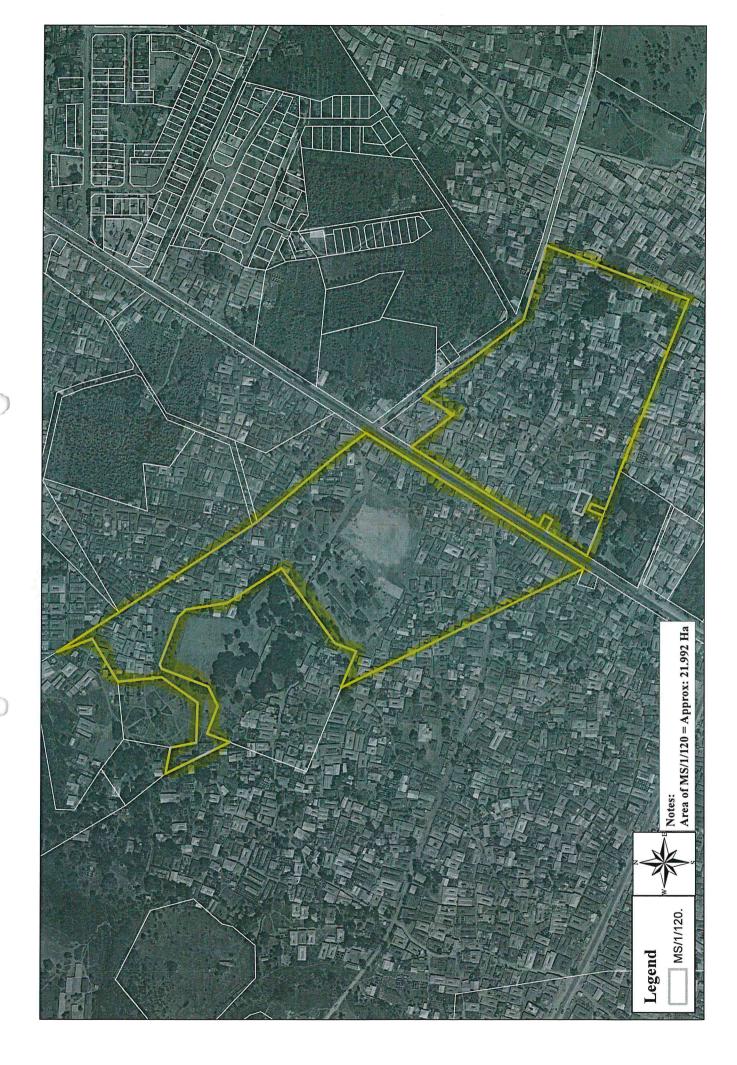
NLC proposes that a Clear history on subdivision of LR. No Group V/11 should be provided by the Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning as the subdivision and other records mentioned by the land owners are confusing.

Honourable Chair, I submit.

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