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**REPUBLIC OF KENYA
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT (SECOND SESSION)**

PUBLIC PETITION

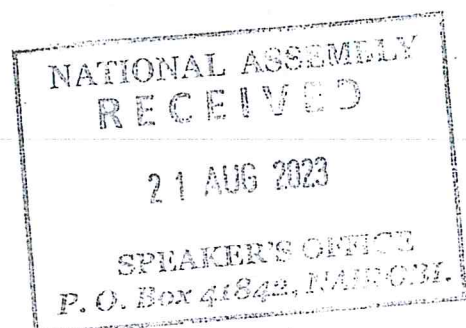
(No 49 of 2023)

**REGARDING 41 KENYANS COURT MARTIALED AND CONVICTED FOR
EIGHT TO TWENTY YEARS IMPRISONMENT IN UGANDA**

I, the **UNDERSIGNED** on behalf of concerned citizens in the Republic of Kenya;

DRAW the attention of the House to the following:

- 1. THAT**, forty one (41) Kenyans were arrested, detained and hurriedly convicted for between 8-40 years by a Moroto Third Division Military Court (MTDDC) after a cordon and search operation conducted by Uganda People Defence Force (UPDF);
- 2. THAT**, the Turkana Pastoralists were taken through a one-day court martial trial without any legal representation or right to appeal while the right to a fair trial is that every person should be presumed innocent until proven guilty;
- 3. THAT**, majority of those convicted are minors below the age of 18 years who were rounded up in their kraals and alleged to be in possession of illegal firearms and ammunition;



4.THAT, all these happenings were brought to the attention of the Kenya government but no action has been taken to secure the release of the unlawfully convicted Kenyans;

5.THAT, there is no clear information on which prison facilities the convicts are confined in or trace to prove they are still alive;

6.THAT, efforts made to the Kenyan Embassy in Uganda to address and follow up on the matter have not borne any fruits;

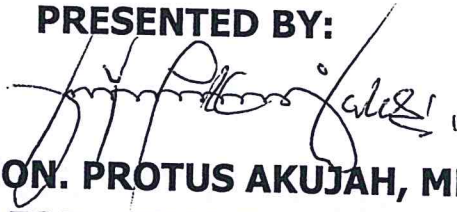
7.THAT, it is irrational and patently absurd for the Kenyan Government to give a deaf ear to the plight of its citizens who are suffering and mistreated in a foreign country.

THEREFORE, your humble petitioners pray that the National Assembly through the relevant committee makes an inquiry into all matters raised in this petition with a view to ensure that –

- i.** The Government of Kenya acts with speed to secure the release of 41 unlawfully convicted Kenyans whose whereabouts are unknown;
- ii.** The Ministry of Foreign & Diaspora Affairs through the High Commission in Uganda makes requests for the extradition and surrender of the accused persons to Kenyan authorities for trials; and,
- iii.** The Ministry of Foreign Affairs together with the Ministry of East Africa Community affairs should hold bilateral talks with the Governments of Uganda and Kenya to strengthen and foster the diminishing peaceful relations between the two states.

And your **PETITIONERS** will ever pray

PRESENTED BY:



THE HON. PROTUS AKUJAH, MP
MEMBER FOR LOIMA CONSTITUENCY

Date... 15/08/2023

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