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DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND
NATIONAL SECURITY

REPORT ON THE
PUBLIC PETITION NO. 008 OF 2021 REGARDING LACK OF ACCESS
TO CITIZEN REGISTRATION SERVICES BY RESIDENTS OF GARISSA
AND WAJIR COUNTIES

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CHAIRPERSON'S FOREWORD

This report contains the Committee's proceedings on the consideration of the Public Petition regarding Lack of Access to Citizen Registration Services by Residents of Garissa and Wajir Counties. The Petition dated 23rd March, 2021 by Hon. Aden Duale, MP on behalf of the residents of Garissa and Wajir Counties was presented to the National Assembly on 23rd March, 2021 and subsequently committed to the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security for consideration and report to the House pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 227(1).

The Committee was required to respond to the Petitioner by way of a report addressed to the petitioner or petitioners and laid on the Table of the National Assembly not more than sixty (60) calendar days from the time of reading the prayer.

While considering the Petition, Hon. Aden Duale, MP and the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior and Co-ordination of National Government appeared before the Committee and made submissions.

The Committee is grateful to the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the National Assembly for the logistical and technical support accorded to it during the consideration of the Petition. Finally, I wish to express my appreciation to the Honourable Members of the Committee, the Committee secretariat and all the stakeholders who made submissions towards the preparation and production of this report.

On behalf of the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security and pursuant to provisions of Standing Order 227(2), it is my pleasant privilege and honor to present to this House the report of the Committee on its consideration of the Public Petition No. 008 of 2021 regarding Lack of Access to Citizen Registration Services by Residents of Garissa and Wajir Counties.


HON. PETER MWATHI, M.P
CHAIRPERSON

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Public Petition No. 008 of 2021 dated 23rd March, 2021 regarding Lack of Access to Citizen Registration Services by Residents of Garissa and Wajir Counties was submitted to the National Assembly on 23rd March, 2021 by Hon. Aden Duale, MP on behalf of the residents of Garissa and Wajir Counties. The Petition was subsequently committed to the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security for consideration and report to the House pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 227(1).

The Petitioners averred that despite the clear provisions of Article 1(1), 2(1) and 12 of the Constitution, many Kenyans residing in Garissa and Wajir Counties had been denied registration and identification documents which had in essence rendered them stateless.

On account of the denial of the critical registration documents, most Kenyan citizens residing in Garissa and Wajir Counties were unable to access government services including health and education services, and had further been denied their political and economic rights that include voting, access to banking services and formal employment.

Those who made submissions before the Committee on the petition were Hon. Aden Duale, MP on behalf of residents of Garissa and Wajir Counties and the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior and Co-ordination of National Government. Their submissions were key in determination of the Committee's recommendations.

The Committee therefore recommends as follows-

1. Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior and Co-ordination of National Government to facilitate persons who were registered or found to have attempted to register as refugees and are Kenyan citizen to access government services awaiting government regularization of the status.
2. The Ministry of Interior and Co-ordination of National Government should fast track the adoption of the report on the vetting of the double registered persons which was conducted through committees comprising of members drawn from Immigration Department, National Registration Bureau, National Government Administrative Officers and Elders and ensure regularization of the status of the persons that were vetted.

PART 1

PREFACE

1.0 ESTABLISHMENT AND MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE

Hon. Speaker,

1.1 Mandate of the Committee

1. The Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security is established in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 216 of the National Assembly. Its mandate as provided for in S.O. 216(5) is –

- (a) *investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned Ministries and departments;*
 - (b) *study the programme and policy objectives of Ministries and departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;*
 - (c) *study and review all legislation referred to it;*
 - (d) *study, assess and analyze the relative success of the Ministries and departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;*
 - ~~(e) *investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned Ministries and departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the House;*~~
 - (f) *to vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the National Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 204 (Committee on Appointments) ;*
 - (g) *examine treaties, agreements and conventions;*
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- (h) *make reports and recommendations to the House as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation;*
- (i) *consider reports of Commissions and Independent Offices submitted to the House, pursuant to the provisions of Article 254 of the Constitution; and*
- (j) *examine any questions raised by Members on matters within its mandate.*

2. The subjects under the Committee's jurisdiction are; national security, police services, home affairs, public administration, public service, prisons, management of natural disasters and community service orders.

1.2 Composition of the Committee

3. The Committee was constituted on 14th December, 2017 and as at the time of considering the Petition and compiling this report comprised the following Members-

Chairperson

Hon. Peter Mwathi, MP
Limuru Constituency
Jubilee Party

Vice-Chairperson

Hon. Fatuma Gedi, MP
Wajir County
Jubilee Party

Hon. Jeremiah Ekamais Lomurukai, MP
Loima Constituency
ODM Party

Hon. (Dr.) Tecla Tum, MP
Nandi County
Jubilee Party

Hon. Kaluma, George Peter Joseph, MP
Homa Bay Town Constituency
ODM Party

Hon. William Chepkut, MP
Ainabkoi
Independent Party

Hon. (Dr.) Makali Mulu, MP
Kitui Central Constituency
Wiper Party

Hon. Nimrod Mbai, MP
Kitui East Constituency
Jubilee Party

Hon. Ngunjiri Wambugu, MP
Nyeri Town Constituency
Jubilee Party

Hon. Peter Masara, MP
Suna West Constituency
Independent Party

Hon. Aduma Owuor, MP
Nyakach Constituency
ODM Party

Hon. Abdi Shurie, MP
Balambala Constituency
Jubilee Party

Hon. Swarup Ranjan Mishra, MP
Kesses Constituency
Jubilee Party

Hon. Col. (Rtd) Geoffrey King'ang'i, MP
Mbeere South Constituency
Jubilee Party

Hon. Arbelle, Marselino Malimo, MP
Laisamis Constituency
Jubilee Party

Hon. Halima Mucheke, MP
Nominated Member
Jubilee Party

Hon. Oku Kaunya, MP
Teso North Constituency
ANC Party

Hon. Rozaah Buyu, MP
Kisumu County
ODM Party

1.3 Committee Secretariat

4. The Committee Secretariat comprises the following staff-

Mr. Adan Gindicha,
Senior Clerk Assistant
Lead Clerk

Mr. Joshua Ondari
Clerk Assistant

Ms. Jemimah Waiwa
Legal Counsel

Mr. Edison Odhiambo
Fiscal Analyst

Mr. Josphat Bundotich
Serjeant-at-Arms

Ms. Eva Kaare
Serjeant-at-Arms

Mr. Joseph Okong'o,
Media Officer

Rodgers Kilungya
Audio Recording Officer

PART 2

2.0 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Constitutional and Statutory provisions regarding Petitions

5. Standing Order 227 provides for the committal of public petitions to the House whereby every Petition presented or reported to the House shall be committed to the relevant Departmental Committee for consideration and report to the House and petitioner within sixty (60) days. Further, the Petition to Parliament (Procedure) Act, 2012 provides for the procedure to be followed in the submission, processing and consideration of a Petition.
6. The Public Petition No. 008 of 2021 regarding Lack of Access to Citizen Registration Services by Residents of Garissa and Wajir Counties is dated 23rd March 2021 and was presented to the National Assembly on same day by Hon. Aden Duale, MP on behalf of the residents Garissa and Wajir Counties. The Petition was subsequently committed to the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security for consideration and report to the House and petitioners pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 227(1);
7. Article 12 of the Constitution provides that every citizen is entitled to the rights, privileges and benefits of citizenship that include a Kenyan passport and any document of registration or identification issued by the State to its citizens.
8. Articles 94 as read together with Article 95 of the Constitution further provides for the role and by extension the authority of Parliament in general and the National Assembly in particular. Generally, the Houses of Parliament exercise the legislative mandate of the people, deliberate on matters of national interest and oversight the exercise of power by other arms of government.
9. The right to Petition Parliament is provided for under Article 119 of the Constitution and states as follows:-

“Every person has a right to Petition Parliament to consider any matter within its authority, including enacting, amending or repealing any legislation. Parliament shall make provision for the procedure for the exercise of this right.”

10. Despite efforts to have the matter resolved by the Director of Registration of Persons through the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government had not borne much fruit. This culminated in a Petition to the House by Hon. Aden Duale, MP.

PART 3

3.0 HEARING ON THE PETITION

3.1 HON. ADEN DUALE, MP

11. Hon. Aden Duale, MP on behalf of the residents of Garissa and Wajir Counties appeared before the Committee on Wednesday 14th April, 2021 and submitted as follows-
- (i) After nearly sixty years of Independence, many residents of Garissa and Wajir Counties still did not possess identification documents;
 - (ii) Article 1(1) and 2(1) of the Constitution provides that sovereign power belongs to the people of Kenya, and further stipulates that the Constitution is the supreme law that binds all persons and state organs at both levels of government;
 - (iii) Article 12 of the Constitution provides that every citizen is entitled to the rights and privileges and benefits of citizenship that include a Kenyan passport and any documents of registration or identification issued by the State to its citizens;

- (iv) Despite the clear provisions of Article 1(1), 2(1) and 12 of the Constitution many Kenyans residing in Garissa and Wajir Counties had been denied registration and identification documents which had in essence rendered them stateless;
- (v) Failure by the State to issue registration and identification documents to specific areas of the country amounts to fundamental denial and infringement of the fundamental human rights and freedoms guaranteed under the Bill of rights;
- (vi) On account of the denial of the critical documents, most Kenyans citizens residing in Garisa and Wajir Counties were unable to access government services including health and education services, and further been denied their political and economic rights that include voting, access to banking services and formal employment;
- (vii) Lack of registration and identification documents had been attributed to double registration where Kenyans residing in Wajir and Garissa Counties were registered in the Refugees Data Base mainly at Dadaab and Kakuma Refugees Camps in order to access services such as medical and education opportunities and who were fated to a stateless life without dignity in their own country;
- (viii) Over 11,000 Kenyan Somalis in Garissa and Wajir Counties were registered as refugees which was the only alternative they had in securing relief food occasioned by the massive drought experienced in the 1990s; and
- (ix) Efforts to have the matter resolved by the Director of Registration of Persons through the Ministry of Interior and Co-ordination of National Government had not borne much fruit as exemplified by the fact that despite verification of a few thousand youths in Garissa Township, Lagdera, Ijara, Fafi, Dadaab and Wajir South through a Government Taskforce in 2019, the youths had to-date not been de-registered as refugees which was a prerequisite for issuance of relevant identification and registration documents.

3.2 MINISTRY OF INTERIOR & COORDINATION OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

12. Dr. Fred Matiang'i, Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government appeared before the Committee on Wednesday, 21st April, 2021 and submitted as follows-

- a) Kenya hosts a total of 515,466 refugees from Somalia, South Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Burundi, Sudan, Uganda, Eritrea and Rwanda;
- b) Double registration refers to a state in which persons were registered or found to have attempted to register both as a Kenyan and as a refugee for the purposes of acquiring a national and a refugee identity cards;
- c) the estimated number of persons in multiple registration is 40,000 according to UNHCR records, out of whom 19,272 had applied for regularization of their registration status;
- d) the population was spread across Garissa, Turkana, Wajir, Mandera, Mombasa, Malindi, Isiolo, Nakuru, Eldoret and Nairobi counties. Some Kenyans were registered as refugees to benefit from free food, increase food rations by increasing the family size, education, resettlement to third countries and free health services, among other reasons;
- e) Their fingerprints were captured in the Refugee database, a situation that has made it difficult for them to acquire national identity cards. On the other hand, some refugees registered as Kenyans for free movement, business and jobs opportunity, access to education outside the camps, acquire citizenship, while others wanted voting rights after being lured by local politicians, among other reasons;
- f) The vetting of the double registered persons was conducted through committees comprising of members drawn from Immigration Department, National Registration Bureau, National Government Administrative Officers and Elders in the following sub counties: Wajir South, Habaswen, Wajir East, Buna, Garissa, Ijara and Fafi. A total of 19,272 people were vetted. However, the emergence of COVID-19 pandemic

slowed down the adoption of the report and regularization of the status of the persons that were vetted.

- g) The Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government undertook to facilitate persons who were registered or found to had attempted to register as refugees and are Kenyan citizens to access government services awaiting the regularization of their status as Kenyan citizens.

4.0 COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

Arising from the submissions by the Petitioner and stakeholders, the Committee observed that;

- a) Based on the submissions of the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government, Kenya hosts a total of 515,466 refugees from various countries including Somalia and South Sudan and the estimated number of persons in multiple registration is 40,000 according to UNHCR records, out of whom 19,272 had applied for regularization of their registration status.
 - b) The double and multiple registration of refugees arose as a result of registration of some refugees spread across various counties including Garissa, Turkana, Wajir and Mandera as Kenyans for ease of free movement, business and jobs opportunities, access to education, acquisition of citizenship and voting rights among other reasons.
 - c) The double and multiple registration has hindered Kenyans whose details appear in the Refugees data base from being registered and issued with identification documents including national identity cards.
 - d) That the lack of registration and identification documents have hindered Kenyan citizens from accessing government services including education services, health facilities and employment opportunities among others.
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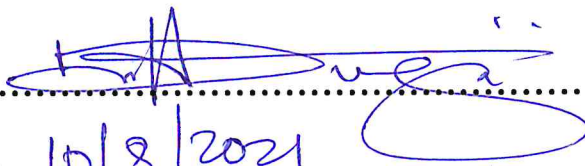
e) That although the vetting of the double registered persons was conducted through committees comprising of members drawn from Immigration Department, National Registration Bureau, National Government Administrative Officers and Elders from various sub counties including Wajir South out of which 19,272 people were vetted, the exercise is yet to be concluded due to the COVID-19 Pandemic which has delayed the regularization of the status of the persons that were vetted.


5.0 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

13. Arising from the observations, the Committee recommends as follows–
- (i) **THAT, the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government to expedite the vetting and registration of citizens living along the Kenyan borders to enable them access government services.**

 - (ii) **THAT the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior and Co-ordination of National Government does expedite the adoption of the report on the vetting of the double registered persons which was conducted through committees comprising of members drawn from Immigration Department, National Registration Bureau, National Government Administrative Officers and Elders and ensure regularization of the status of the vetted persons.**

 - (iii) **THAT upon the conclusion of the regularization process, the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior and Co-ordination of National Government does facilitate the registration of persons who have been vetted and determined to be Kenyan citizens in accordance with the requirements of the Registration of Persons Act, Cap 107.**

Sign 

Date 10/8/2021 

HON. PETER MWATHI, MP

**CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION
AND NATIONAL SECURITY**

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE


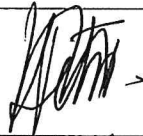

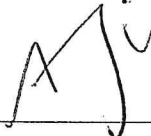

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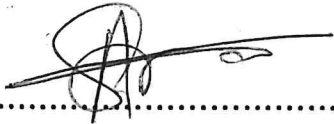
TIME: 10:30am

VENUE: Committee Room on 1st Floor, Real-Cross Building

AGENDA: Adoption of the Report on the Public Petition No. 08/2021 regarding lack of access to citizen registration services by residents of Garissa and Wajir Counties.

NO.	NAME	SIGNATURE
1.	Hon. Peter Mwathi, MP - Chairperson	
2.	Hon. Fatuma Gedi, CBS, MP - Vice Chairperson	
3.	Hon. George Peter Kaluma, MP	
4.	Hon. Dr. Makali Mulu, MP	
5.	Hon. Aduma Owuor, MP	
6.	Hon. Dr. Tecla Chebet Tum, MP	
7.	Hon. Halima Mucheke, MP	
8.	Hon. Marselino Malimo Arbelle, MP	
9.	Hon. Nimrod Mbithuka Mbai, MP	

10.	Hon. Ngunjiri Wambugu, MP	
11.	Hon. Abdi Omar Shurie, MP	
12.	Hon. Col (Rtd) Geoffrey Kingangi, MP	
13.	Hon. Peter Masara, MP	
14.	Hon. Oku Kaunya, MP	
15.	Hon. Rozaah Buyu, MP	
16.	Hon. Jeremiah Lomurukai, MP	
17.	Hon. William Chepkut, MP	
18.	Hon. Swarup Mishra, MP	

Signed..........Date.....
Adan Gindicha,
Senior Clerk Assistant,
Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security.

Signed.....Date.....
Peter Chemweno,
Director, Directorate of Departmental Committee Services

MINUTES OF THE 24TH SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY HELD ON THURSDAY, 5TH AUGUST, 2021 AT 10.00 A.M. IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM ON 1ST FLOOR RED CROSS BUILDING, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

PRESENT-

1. Hon. Peter Mwathi, MP *Chairperson*
2. Hon. Aduma Owuor, MP
3. Hon. Dr. Makali Mulu, MP
4. Hon. Peter George Kaluma, MP
5. Hon. Dr. Tecla Chebet Tum, MP
6. Hon. Halima Mucheke, MP
7. Hon. Peter Masara, MP
8. Hon. Oku Kaunya, MP
9. Hon. Marselino Arbelle, MP
10. Hon. Ngunjiri Wambugu, MP
11. Hon. Jeremiah Ekamais Lomurukai, MP
12. Hon. Nimrod Mbithuka Mbai, MP
13. Hon. Abdi Omar Shurie, MP
14. Hon. Rozaah Buyu, MP

ABSENT WITH APOLOGIES

1. Hon. Fatuma Gedi, CBS, MP *Vice chairperson*
2. Hon. Col (Rtd) Geoffrey King'ang'i, MP
3. Hon. William Kamuren Chirchir Chepkut, MP
4. Hon. Swarup Mishra, MP

IN ATTENDANCE-

COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT-

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| 1. Mr. Adan Gindicha | - | Senior Clerk Assistant |
| 2. Mr. Joshua Ondari | - | Clerk Assistant |
| 3. Ms. Jemimah Waiwa | - | Senior Legal Counsel |
| 4. Mr. Edison Odhiambo | - | Fiscal Analyst |
| 5. Ms. Delvin Onyancha | - | Research Assistant Officer |

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| 6. Mr. Rodgers Kilungya | - | Audio Recording Officer |
| 7. Ms. Eva Kaare | - | Serjeant-At-Arms |
| 8. Mr. James Oloo | - | Office Attendant |

MIN No. 88/2021:-

**PRELIMINARIES AND COMMUNICATION
FROM THE CHAIRPERSON**

The Chairperson officially welcomed Members to the meeting at 10.30 am with a word of prayer.

MIN No. 89/2021:-

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the 23rd sitting held on Wednesday, 28th July, 20221 at 2.30 pm were confirmed as a true record of deliberations after having been proposed and seconded by Hon. Oku Kaunya, MP and Hon. Aduma Owour, MP respectively.

MIN No. 90/2021:-

MATTERS ARISING

The following matters arose-

Under Min No. 85/2021

The Chairperson informed the meeting that he had a meeting with the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government and agreed to schedule the meeting with the Committee. In the said meeting the said Cabinet Secretary would be appraising the Committee on the status of security in the Country. He would also address the issues of insecurity in Baringo South Constituency.

MIN No. 91/2021:-

**ADOPTION OF THE REPORTS ON
PETITIONS**

**Report on the Public Petition No. 008 of 2021 regarding lack of Access to
Citizen Registration Services by residents of Garissa and Wajir Counties**

The report was unanimously adopted after having been proposed and seconded by Hon. Dr. Makali Mulu, MP and Hon. Oku Kaunya, MP respectively.

Report on the Public Petition No. 41 of 2020 regarding recognition of the Pemba People of Kenya as Citizens of the Republic of Kenya

The report was unanimously adopted after having been proposed and seconded by Hon. Oku Kaunya, MP and Hon. Aduma Owour, MP respectively.

Report on the Public Petition No. 11 of 2021 regarding Amendment of the Firearms Act, Cap 114

The report was unanimously adopted after having been proposed and seconded by Hon. Oku Kaunya, MP and Hon. Jeremiah Ekamais Lomurukai, MP respectively.

Report on *Public* Petition No. 30 of 2020 regarding insecurity in Saku Constituency and the Larger Marsabit County

The report was unanimously adopted after having been proposed and seconded by Hon. Dr. Makali Mulu, MP and Hon. Aduma Owour, MP respectively. **It is noted that Hon. Marcelino Arballe recused himself from the adoption of the report having been a witness during the fact finding visits to Marsabit County.**

MIN No. 92/2021:-

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairperson informed the meeting that the Committee had received an invitation letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs inviting 10 Members of the Committee to attend U.S Embassy sponsored conference in Mombasa from 12th to 15th August, 2021 to deliberate on the Strategic Goods Control (SGC), Bill. He requested Members to confirm the attendance.

MIN No. 93/2021:-

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson adjourned the sitting at noon.

Signed.....

Chairperson

Date.....

10/8/2021



REPUBLIC OF KENYA
TWELFTH PARLIAMENT (FIFTH SESSION)

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Approved,
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23/3/2021

PUBLIC PETITION

(No.008 of 2021)

REGARDING LACK OF ACCESS TO CITIZEN REGISTRATION SERVICES BY
RESIDENTS OF GARISSA AND WAJIR COUNTIES

I, the **UNDERSIGNED**, on behalf of residents of Garissa and Wajir Counties;

DRAW the attention of the House to the following: -

1. **THAT**, after nearly sixty years of Independence, many residents of Garissa and Wajir Counties still do not possess identification documents;
2. **THAT**, Articles 1(1) and 2(1) of the Constitution provides that sovereign power belongs to the people of Kenya, and further stipulates that the Constitution is the supreme law that binds all persons and state organs at both levels of government;
3. **THAT**, Article 12 of the Constitution provides that every citizen is entitled to the rights, privileges and benefits of citizenship that include a Kenyan passport and any document of registration or identification issued by the State to its citizens;
4. **THAT**, despite the clear provisions of Articles 1(1), 2(1) and 12 of the Constitution, many Kenyans residing in Garissa and Wajir Counties have been denied registration and identification documents which have in essence rendered them stateless;
5. **THAT**, failure by the State to issue registration and identification documents to specific areas of the country amounts to fundamental denial and infringement of the fundamental human rights and freedoms guaranteed under the Bill of Rights;
6. **THAT**, on account of this denial of these critical documents, most Kenyan citizens residing in Garissa and Wajir Counties are unable to access government services including health and education services, and have further been denied their political and economic rights that include voting, access to banking services and formal employment;
7. **THAT**, the situation has been further compounded by the recently-launched National Integrated Identity Management System which requires one to possess an identification card in order to obtain a Huduma Card which is linked to numerous services including medical services, mobile phone services, registration of businesses, access to public utilities, voter registration and several other services;

0748 ✓
 109 020 ✓
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PUBLIC PETITION

**REGARDING LACK OF ACCESS TO CITIZEN REGISTRATION SERVICES BY
RESIDENTS OF GARISSA AND WAJIR COUNTIES**


8. **THAT**, lack of registration and identification documents has been attributed to double registration where Kenyans residing in Wajir and Garissa Counties were registered in the Refugees Data Base mainly at Dadaab and Kakuma Refugee Camps in order to access services such as medical and education opportunities, and who are now fated to a stateless life without dignity in their own country;
9. **THAT**, over 20,000 Kenyan Somalis in Garissa and Wajir Counties are presently registered as refugees which was the only alternative they had in securing relief food occasioned by the massive drought experienced in the 1990s;
10. **THAT**, efforts to have the matter resolved by the Director of Registration of Persons through the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government have not borne much fruit as exemplified by the fact that despite verification of a few thousand youths in Garissa Township, Lagdera, Ijara, Fafi, Dadaab and Wajir South through a Government Taskforce in 2019, the youths have to-date not been de-registered as refugees which is a prerequisite for issuance of relevant identification and registration documents;
11. **AND THAT** the matters raised in this Petition are not pending in any court of law in Kenya.

NOW THEREFORE, your humble petitioners pray that the National Assembly through the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security:

- (i) investigates the matter with a view to recommending to the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government to de-register as refugees all persons that were vetted and confirmed as citizens, to guarantee issuance of relevant identification and registration documents to all vetted persons, and to recommend for vetting and de-registration as refugees of any other persons that were left out in the vetting process, and
- (ii) makes any other recommendation that it deems fit in the circumstances of the Petition.

And your **PETITIONERS** will ever pray.

PRESENTED BY


HON. ADEN DUALE, EGH, MP
MEMBER FOR GARISSA TOWNSHIP CONSTITUENCY

Date: