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REPUBLIC OF KENYA
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (FIRST SESSION)

PUBLIC PETITION

No. 003 of 2022

**REGARDING DEGAZETTEMMENT OF HOLA IRRIGATION SCHEME LAND TO
ALLOW FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE COUNTY HEADQUARTERS OF TANA
RIVER**

I, the **UNDERSIGNED** on behalf of residents of Galole in Tana River County;

DRAW the attention of the House to the following: -

- 1. THAT**, Hola Irrigation Scheme in Tana River County was gazetted on 26th April 1963 and covers an area approximately 12,630 acres;
- 2. THAT**, the scheme was initially used as a settlement scheme to settle thousands of Mau Mau freedom fighters and residents of Tana River in general in the 1960s;
- 3. THAT**, the geographical location of Hola Irrigation Scheme at the heart of Hola town has over the years proven to be disadvantageous to area residents in view of the fact that it continues to block the much needed expansion of Hola Town, which is the headquarters of Tana River County;
- 4. THAT**, in a bid to address this long-standing challenge, officials of the National Government and the County Government of Tana River, National Irrigation Authority, Members of Parliament, the National Land Commission and other stakeholders met in Hola Town on 15th July 2021 and mutually agreed to degazette 2,000 acres in the southern and eastern parts of the Scheme to facilitate expansion of Hola Town;
- 5. THAT**, the meeting further proposed extension of the Scheme's northern borders by a similar acreage of 2,000 acres so as to compensate for the degazettement;



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6. **THAT**, the proposed degazettement and replacement of the south-eastern segment of the Scheme will secure the expansion of Hola Town and Tana River County in general through economic, social and infrastructural development that is presently hindered by the Scheme's current location;
7. **THAT**, efforts to have the matter by the relevant authorities have not yielded any fruit; and,
8. **THAT**, the issues in respect of which this Petition is made are not pending before any court of law, or other constitutional or legal body.

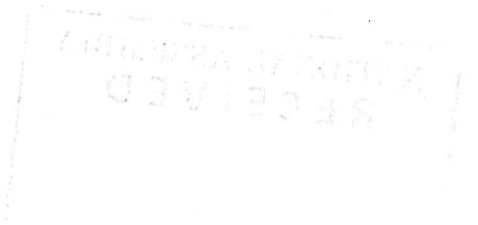
THEREFORE, your humble petitioners pray that the National Assembly, through the Public Petitions Committee;

- (i) intervenes to facilitate timely degazettement of 2,000 acres in the southern and eastern parts of Hola Irrigation Scheme to facilitate expansion of Hola Town, and to facilitate extension of the scheme's northern borders by a similar acreage of 2,000 acres; and,
- (ii) makes any further orders deemed fit in the circumstances of the Petition.

And your **PETITIONERS** will forever pray.

**PRESENTED BY:
THE HON. SAID BUYA HIRIBAE, MP
MEMBER FOR GALOLE CONSTITUENCY**

DATE:



REPUBLIC OF KENYA



THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (FOURTH SESSION)

PUBLIC PETITION

REGARDING THE EXPANSION OF HOLA TOWN COUNTY HEADQUARTERS OF TANA RIVER

I, the **UNDERSIGNED** on behalf of residents of Galole in Tana River County;

DRAW the attention of the House to the following: -

- 1. THAT**, the Ministry of Lands gazetted the Hola Irrigation Scheme covering approximately 12,630 Acres on the 26th day of 1963. The scheme is a settlement scheme, which settled Mau Mau freedom fighters in the 1960's and the residents of Tana River in general.
- 2. THAT** the scheme, as it is currently situated has blocked the expansion of Hola town which is the Tana River county headquarters.
- 3. THAT**, vide a stakeholder meeting held on 15th July, 2021 in Hola, involving National Government, County Government, National Irrigation Authority, Members of Parliament, National Land Commission and other stakeholders agreed that some portions of the scheme in the south and eastern parts of the scheme be degazetted by Parliament to allow for expansion of Hola town. It was further agreed that a team of experts be constituted to come up with a comprehensive report and recommendation regarding the same.

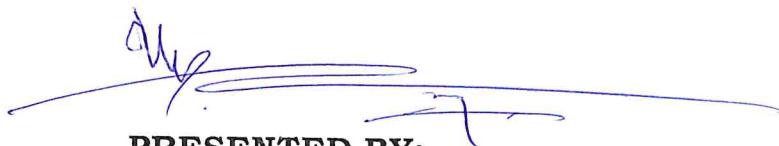
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- 4. **THAT**, efforts made by the Petitioners to have the matter addressed have not been successful; and
- 5. **THAT**, the matters raised in this Petition are not pending before any Court of law, Constitutional or any other legal body.

THEREFORE, your humble Petitioners pray that the National Assembly through the Departmental Committee on Lands:

- (i) Recommends that 2000 Acres of land be extracted from the Eastern and Southern parts of the scheme to enable for the expansion of Hola Town;
- (ii) The boundary of the scheme be extended northward to compensate for the loss of the portion carved out for the town expansion.
- (iii) Makes any other appropriate recommendations it deems fit in addressing the circumstances raised in this Petition.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.



**PRESENTED BY:
THE HON. SAID BUYA HIRIBAE, MP
MEMBER FOR GALOLE CONSTITUENCY**

DATE: 11 / 10 / 2022

