



DEPARTMENT OF REFUGEE AFFAIRS

PRESS STATEMENT

Kenya as a signatory to all conventions and laws relating to refugee protection has remained steadfast in receiving, hosting and protecting refugees in its borders. We now host refugees from nine (9) countries namely Somalia, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, Sudan and South Sudan.

Hosting large number of refugees in our boarders has not been without challenges. Among them, major challenge has been rampant insecurity in the refugee camps and urban areas.

It is in this public domain that many people have been killed and several more injured with grenade attacks in our streets, churches, buses and in business places. Due to this unbearable and uncontrollable threat to national security, the government has decided to put in place a structure encampment policy:

To ensure proper implementation of this policy, the government has decided that:-

- All asylum seekers and refugees from Somalia should move back to Dadaab refugee camps;
- All asylum seekers and refugees in the urban areas from other countries should move back to Kakuma refugee camp;
- Registration of asylum seekers and refugees in urban areas has been stopped and all registration centers closed; and
- UNHCR and other agencies serving asylum seekers and refugees stop providing all direct services to refugees with immediate effect.