

**PRESS STATEMENT BY CABINET SECRETARY FOR INTERIOR
& COORDINATION OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT ON
REFUGEES AND NATIONAL SECURITY ISSUES ON 26TH
MARCH 2014**

Owing to the emerging security challenges in our urban centres and the need to streamline the management of refugees, drawing the powers conferred under Section 16 (2) of the Refugees Act 2006, I as the Cabinet Secretary responsible for Security and refugee affairs, informs the public of the following decisions by the Government:

1. All refugees residing outside the designated refugee camps of **Kakuma** and **Dadaab** are hereby directed to return to their respective camps with immediate effect. There are no other designated refugee camps outside these areas. Any refugee found flouting this directive will be dealt with in accordance with the law. Consequently, all refugee registration centres in urban areas— Nairobi, Mombasa, Malindi, Isiolo and Nakuru are hereby closed.
2. All Kenyans are requested to report to the Police any refugee and/or illegal immigrants found outside the designated refugee camps.
3. Furthermore, an additional **500 police officers** will be deployed with immediate effect in Nairobi, Mombasa and their environs to enhance security and surveillance. Other Security organs will support the exercise.

Regarding security in Mombasa, the operation by security agencies to track and arrest suspects of the Likoni Church attack continues and so far **109 suspects** have been arrested.

Once again, I appeal to Kenyans to always remember security is a shared responsibility and citizens should cooperate with law enforcement agencies at all times.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Ole Lenku', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Joseph Ole Lenku

Cabinet Secretary

Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government

25th March 2014