

Karamoja & Somali, Kenya

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Conflict Situation Brief

Current Hot Spot Areas

POKOT NORTH

On 14th June 2009 the Turkana attacked and raided livestock in Ombolion area North Pokot, a Pokot herd's boy was killed in that attack. Pokots warriors from Kasei, Kaptolomwo, Lopet and Korpu areas have regrouped to attack the Turkana around Nakwamoru in Turkana south. The attack may take place any time from today. (**Revenge Attack**)

On 17th June 2009 the UPDF confiscated 150 Pokot livestock in Alale division, Kasitet. Tension is high in the area. This is a follow-up on the incident that happened last month when the Pokots in Uganda attacked and killed 3 UPDF soldiers. They then drove the animals to the Kenyan side.

TURKANA NORTH EAST (KIBISH)

Following the attacks and counter attacks between the Turkana and Nyangatom tension is high in the area the Turkana have regrouped in Kibish area to attack the Nyangatom any time from today.

TURKANA SOUTH

There is high tension in Kainuk division, Pokots raided Katilu location Kalomwae area today morning and took unknown number of livestock with them. Security personnel have been deployed in the area.

SAMBURU NORTH-Following last month's incidents in Baragoi area between the Turkana and Samburu there is renewed tension after a Samburu man was injured and 3 of his camels taken away last week by Turkana warriors. At the moment tension is very high in the area the two communities are not trading together. The DC called for a meeting yesterday 17th June 2009 with all the chiefs in Samburu north. The DPC seems to be very weak and reports from the area indicated that the DPC is not all inclusive.

The Turkana in the area feel that Samburu North should be predominantly Turkana and so the whole question of land comes in. The politicians and the elites have also played a major role in the conflict.

SAMBURU EAST - After the military operation that took place in Isiolo and Samburu livestock were confiscated and given to the Somali, Borana and Meru the Turkana in Isiolo formed an alliance with the Samburu North to protect their animals and raid the communities mentioned above.

Presence of the OLF in Merti Division Isiolo District prompted the Turkana and Samburu to form an alliance. They felt that the Somali and Borana had called for reinforcement from the OLF to raid them.

ISIOLO- There is a possibility of renewed conflict in Isiolo Merti division after the Gabra from Chalbi renovated water well (Yamicha) that had been drilled by oil explorers in 1998 but it never worked. The Gabra from Marsabit asked for assistance from the water cooperation and they facilitated the renovation of that well. The communities' around the

area feel that the well is in their area (Wajir, Marsabit North, and Isiolo North). The convergence of many communities around the water well and the claims that the well is theirs might lead to conflict. The situation is tense.

NOTE: A Major Peace Meeting is scheduled for Fri 19-June-2009 between Chalbi, Marsabit, Isiolo and Wajir. Chalbi District was carved out of Larger Marsabit.

WAJIR- Reports from the field indicate that AL-SHABABAABs are still patrolling the KENYA-SOMALIA border and have taken charge of security on the towns of Diff, Doble, Gerille, Aus-Qurun and Daru-Salaam within Somalia. It is feared that they crossed over to the locations of Diff, Gerille and Dadaja-Bulla within Kenya and recruited Kenyan youths as forces into their group.