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COUNTY COMMISSIONER,
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REF:ST 1/35/16

DATE:19th may 2021.

CHIEF EXCECUTIVE OFFICER.
NRT.

**RE: COMPLAIN OVER CONSERVANCY ESTABLISHMENT AT MERTI CHERAB
WARD -MERTI.**

This office would wish to address your office concerning the underlined subject as follows:

- A) On 6th day of May 2021 a delegation of people comprising of
1. Abdirahman Osman
 2. Sheik hassan Duba
 3. Guracha Fugicha
 4. Godana Guyo
 5. Ismail huka
 6. Abdi adi
 7. Guyo Godana
 8. Gufu Kampicha
 9. Adan Tanu
 10. Halkano Diba
 11. Galgalo S. Matoye
 12. Mustafa G.Shunu.

Came to the office of the Deputy County Commissioner Merti Sub County to lodge their dissatisfaction about the proposed establishment of Cherab Conservancy citing several reasons including in proper public participation, wider consultation and land grabbing among the other issues.

- B) On 17th day of May 2020 the same group appeared before OCS Merti Police station requesting for permission for peaceful demonstration as an indication of their rejection to the establishment of Cherab Ward Conservancy. The permission was not granted on the ground that it may interfere with Covid 19 protocol.
- C) On 18th day of May 2019, the same people submitted a memorandum signed by more than 120 people (copy attached) to this office entailing reasons why they are not ready to own the proposed project as its presence in the areas will jeopardize their dominant economic activity. (pastoralism).

FINDINGS

- The office of the Deputy County Commissioner has established that two parallel groups have emerged i.e. The proposing group and opposing group which has led to high tension in Merti.
- Certain group of youths have been mobilized to attack and burn the NRT vehicles in the area whenever they are seen.
- The Chiefs in Merti are highly blamed for supporting the establishment of the Conservancy. Some have been threatened by the opposing group.

In view of the foregoing factors, and in consideration of unity of Merti people, peace and security of every one in the Sub County, in consultation with various stake holders, this office has resolve as follows:

- I. The NRT to revise their approach and come up with inclusive and participatory approach that can be accommodated by all in Merti.
- II. The Chiefs are hereby requested to withdraw their engagement with matters touching conservancy in order to avoid blames and division among the people.
- III. The conservancy establishment process in Cherab Ward be temporarily halted pending wider consultation between the NRT and the Borana Community.



ANDREW O. KOKO
FOR/DEPUTY COUNTY COMMISSIONER
MERTI SUB-COUNTY

Cc:

1. COUNTY COMMISSIONER
ISILOLO.
2. JAMIA MOSQUE.
3. ALL CHIEFS IN MERTI SUB COUNTY.