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#### GOVERNOR NANOK CALLS OFF THE WORK OF WILDLIFE CONSERVANCIES IN THE COUNTY

The governor of Turkana County H.E Josphat Nanok over weekend called off the work done by Northern Rangeland Trust in the establishment of the many wildlife conservancies in the county in the pretence of job creation.

The governor stressed that the move to establish the conservancies was ill advised with hidden agenda as either the community or his office was not consulted. This comes at backdrop as many complaints are raised by the community and political divide over the establishment of the wildlife conservancies in Turkana south constituency with major stakeholder being the Tullow Oil.

Nanok at the same time questioned the operations of the oil investor especially the transportation of oil to Mombasa by road for refining. He said the stages and the years that range between 2- 5 to be taken in this process before oil is confirmed real as reported by Northern Rangelands Trust is long and mischievous.

The community has in many occasions questioned the involvement of the Tullow oil in the conservancies yet the foreign investor was purely on oil exploration and extraction business. This has been further escalated by lack of openness since no Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or any community involvement has been cited for the establishment.

So far, Tullow Oil through NRT has trained rangers at KWS Manyani training school where the first lot was trained in December last year and the second one last month, through which was later stopped by the County government and no training took place.

The County Boss was addressing thousands of mourners, who had gathered at the late Isaac Longiti's residence in Lokichar, Turkana South when they paid their last tribute to him.

On the same note, Governor Nanok promised to pay school fees for Longiti Losike Abigael, daughter of the late, until she finishes her education in Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology, where she is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Business Information Systems.

“On my own, will undertake to pay school fees for Abigael Losike until she finishes her studies in Jaramogi University to let her dream come reality.” Nanok Promised.

The late Isaac Longiti, 59, has left behind Margaret Nakesio, a widow and a number of children.

Longiti passed on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2016, Saturday after battling with Diabetis Melitus for 20 years on the way as was referred to Lodwar County and Referral Hospital.

Among those who paid their last respect to the late Isaac Longiti were: Members of Parliament, Hon. James Lomenen (Turkana South), Hon. John Lodepe (Turkana Central), Hon. Joyce Emanikor (Women rep.) Hon. Raphael Loperito (Lokichar Ward), Hon. James Akuri (Kalapata Ward), Rebecca Arochangimoe-Nominated Lokichar Ward, among other leaders.

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