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## PRESS STATEMENT

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### STOP ETHNIC CLEANSING IN KERICHO KISUMU BORDER

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1. We condemn in the strongest terms possible the ongoing ethnic clashes along Kericho and Kisumu border in particular Sondu border. Since the inter-ethnic skirmishes began in July 12th 2023, a total of **EIGHT (8)** people have died and **18 others** seriously injured .
2. We are calling upon political leadership of both Kisumu and Kericho counties to appeal to their followers and cease hostilities. We also call upon the residents of the two counties to exercise tolerance, and use the relevant channels to air their grievances. We request the Ministry of Interior and National Administration, to enhance security to avert loss of more lives and destruction of property and return of calm.
3. As a Commission, we have put an elaborate program to address the emerging issues bordering on resource sharing, ethnic animosity and political alignments. We request for calm and tolerance through relevant law enforcement agencies to enable dialogue and mediations .
4. As a Commission, we are cognizant to the fact that there are situations where protracted conflicts are being resolved peacefully. For instance, the ethnic clashes that had prevailed in Mandera County has now been

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deescalated. This is as a result of continuous engagement with different stakeholders.

5. Further, it has come to our attention that there is a section of Kenyans who have called for national demonstrations against some emerging groups in Kenya. Indeed, we know that our Constitution 2010 defends the rights of every Kenyan, irrespective of their gender affiliations or preferences. Every Kenyan has multiple identities and singling out one identity for attack is ill advised. Such demonstrations could lead to violence and divide the country further.
6. We therefore, call on all leaders across to put the interest of the country at heart, work together to restore peace within their counties and the country at large.



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