

STATE VISIT | President ends week-long tour of Asian giant

Uhuru: China will aid fight against poachers

Head of State says Asian giant helping to keep Kenya secure

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President Uhuru Kenyatta ended his week-long tour of China and got a commitment from the Asian giant to help tackle the problem of poaching.

Mr Kenyatta is expected back in the country at the end of what is easily his most high profile tour of his young presidency.

The visit to China, in which agreements worth \$5 billion (Sh425 billion) were signed, was closely watched by regional and international media because of the uneasy relations the Jubilee administration has with the West due to the International Criminal Court (ICC) indictments facing President Kenyatta and Deputy President William Ruto.

The lavish welcome extended to the President - including a 21-gun salute and reception at the iconic Great Hall of China - might have been intended to serve as a signal by the Chinese that they are happy to work with the new administration.

But the Kenyan delegation also raised the awkward question of wildlife protection which has been a source of problems for Kenya with the rising cases of poaching blamed on the appetite for ivory in China.

According to a dispatch by the presidential press team, Mr Kenyatta said China had acknowledged that poaching was a problem and committed itself to work with Kenya

in solving it.

He said the Chinese Government offered to improve surveillance around national parks and game reserves. The President added that China will also help with capacity building to enable the Kenya Wildlife Service deal effectively with poachers.

The President addressed a wide range of issues, including bilateral relations, economic partnerships, food security and general security.

President Kenyatta said China was working with Kenya to ensure security agencies have the latest equipment and technology to effectively undertake their mandate. He said China and Kenya entered into a partnership to fight terrorism and piracy.

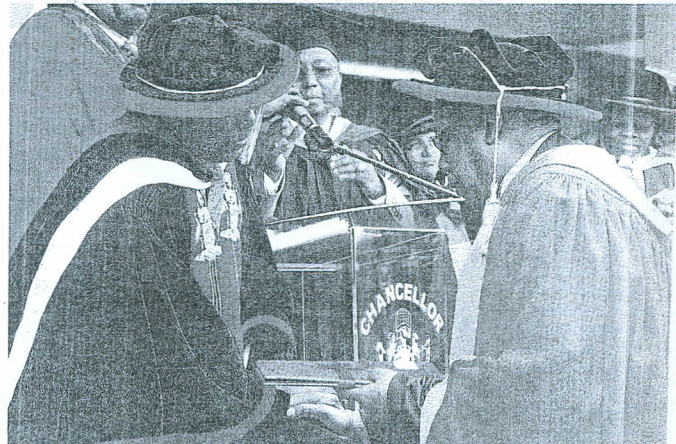
The President said an agreement was signed to finance geothermal power generation costing about \$1 billion. Together with other initiatives, this would raise power generation capacity to more than 5,000 megawatts from the current 1,600 megawatts.

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University of Nairobi Chancellor Joe Wanjui (left) confers a Doctor of Science degree on Pr Maloly Geoffrey during the university's 49th graduation ceremony on Friday.

Three killed in highway attack

BY NATION REPORTER

Three people have been killed in an inter-community conflict in Marsabit county.

Governor Ukur Yattani yesterday said the killings occurred near Moyale Town

after trucks ferrying goods were stopped and the occupants attacked on Friday. Two other people injured in the attack are admitted to a hospital in Moyale.

“The two trucks were diverted and are yet to be found,”

said Mr Yattani. He linked attack to a community he said was “controlling the use Moyale-Marsabit road”.

He appealed to the nation government to intervene end the skirmishes that he persisted for a month.

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