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By BRIGID CHEMWENO and ELEANOR NANDWA

The Marsabit Conflict Mediation Committee led by former House Speaker, Francis ole Kaparo (pictured), has announced that peace has been restored in Marsabit County.

Addressing the Press in Nairobi, Kaparo pointed out that major interventions undertaken by the national and county governments have led to the relative peace in the county.

"Now that peace has been restored, we would like the residents to work with the Government in maintaining it," said Kaparo.

In February 2014, the national government approved and consequently released Sh397,122,472 for peace, security and humanitarian intervention in the Marsabit conflict. These funds were channelled to the Interior ministry.

Some major interventions included the Government increasing security forces on the ground to ensure that residents went on with their lives uninterrupted.

The officers stationed use vehicle and aerial surveillance and security has been beefed up at the border.

He said the Devolution ministry has spent Sh68,702,466 on procurement and distribution of food and non-food items adding that, the Health ministry, through the Kenya Medical Supplies Agency has so far



distributed drugs worth Sh6,088,170 to Moyale, Isiolo and Marsabit subcounty hospitals.

"A number of dispensaries that had been looted, vandalised and burnt down have been rehabilitated and are now operational. These include, Mansile, Kinisa, Odda, Butiye, Arosa and Heilu," said the former Speaker.

During the inter-agency mission to Moyale conducted on March 29-30, the Interior Cabinet Secretary directed that all health Institutions be opened.

Kaparo announced that all the health workers are back to work and rendering services without interruptions.

The team's co-chairman andMarsabit Senator Mohamed Yusuf Haji said mediators remain committed to the Marsabit peace process and would endeavour to include all stakeholders.

Varsity reassures parents on missing affiliate colleges

By PROTUS ONYANGO

The University of Nairobi has asked parents not to be alarmed over a number of affiliate colleges missing in the Commission for University Education (CUE) list.

The institution's Public Relations Manager Charles Sikulu said the public should not be worried over the list published in the local dailies.

"University constituent colleges are those that accredited universities are babysitting before they become fully fledged universities," Sikulu said:

He added: "They are different from campuses which are part of a main university and do not need registration to operate. Examples are our campuses in Kikuyu, Kisumu and Mombasa."

His Maseno counterpart Jasper Otieno supported his sentiments, noting that students learning in Kisumu city's Maseno campus which was not listed should not be worried.

"Maseno was a constituent college of Moi University before it became a fully chartered university. Constituent colleges are different from campuses and are semi-autonomous and affiliated to fully fledged universities. With time, they become fully chartered universities," Otieno said.

Some students and their parents were alarmed that some of the universities have not been listed by CUE.

They were reacting to information appearing in a section of the Press yesterday in which CUE listed accredited universities in the country.

According to the advert, there are 22 public chartered universities, nine public university constituent colleges, 17 private chartered universities, five private university constituent colleges and 11 institutions with letter of interim authority.

Parents who called the newsroom expressed shock that some of the institutions had not been listed.



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