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Dear *Mr. Sialai,*

RE: REPORTS TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON THE KENYA DEFENCE FORCES DEPLOYMENT TO THE SOLAI DAM DISASTER AND THE GIKOMBA FIRE INCIDENT

Pursuant to Article 241(3)(b) of the Constitution, Sections 31(1)(a) and (8(3)) of the Kenya Defence Forces Act, we forward herewith Reports to the National Assembly on the deployment of the Kenya Defence Forces to the Solai Dam Disaster and the Gikomba Fire Incident.

Yours *sincerely*

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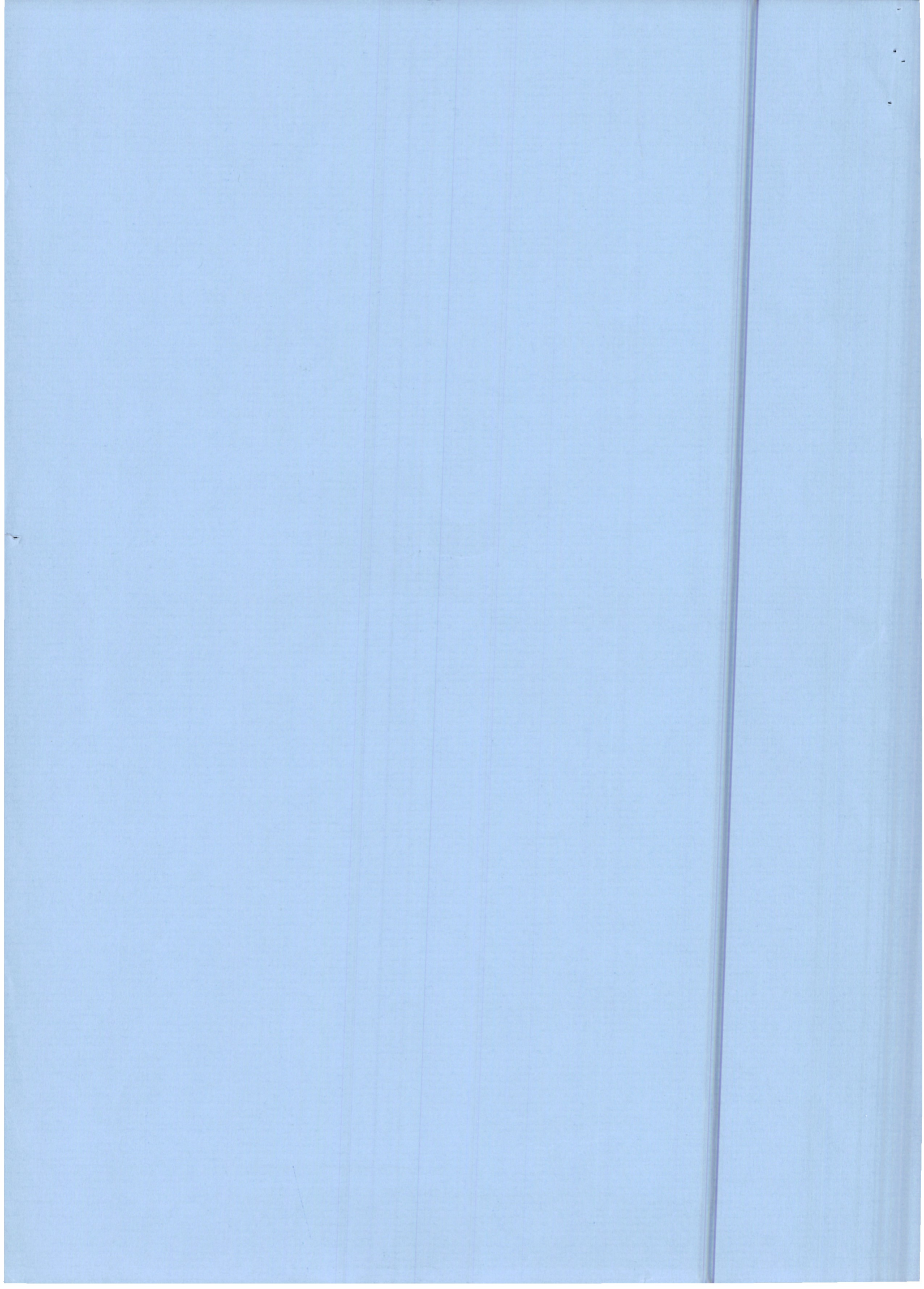
REPORT ON THE

KDF DEPLOYMENT

TO THE

SOLAI DAM

DISASTER





REPORT TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE KENYA DEFENCE FORCES (KDF) TO THE SOLAI DAM DISASTER PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 241(3)(b) OF THE CONSTITUTION, SECTIONS 31(1)(a) AND 8(3) OF THE KENYA DEFENCE FORCES ACT.

REASONS FOR DEPLOYMENT

1. On 10 May 18 at around 5:30am, the Rift Valley Multi-Agency Coordination Committee (MACC) contacted the General Officer Commanding Western Command requesting KDF's assistance in the Solai Dam disaster.

PLACE WHERE THE KDF WERE DEPLOYED

2. Mobilization of military personnel and equipment commenced immediately and by 6:00am the first group had left Lanet for the site. The troops were tasked from the nearby Lanet and Gilgil based Units to respond to the disaster. The KDF Specialized Disaster Response Unit (DRU) was mobilized from Embakasi, Nairobi arrived at the scene at 11:00am.

NUMBER OF PERSONNEL INVOLVED

3. **Personnel.** The total number of personnel mobilized was 26 Officers and 337 Service Members.

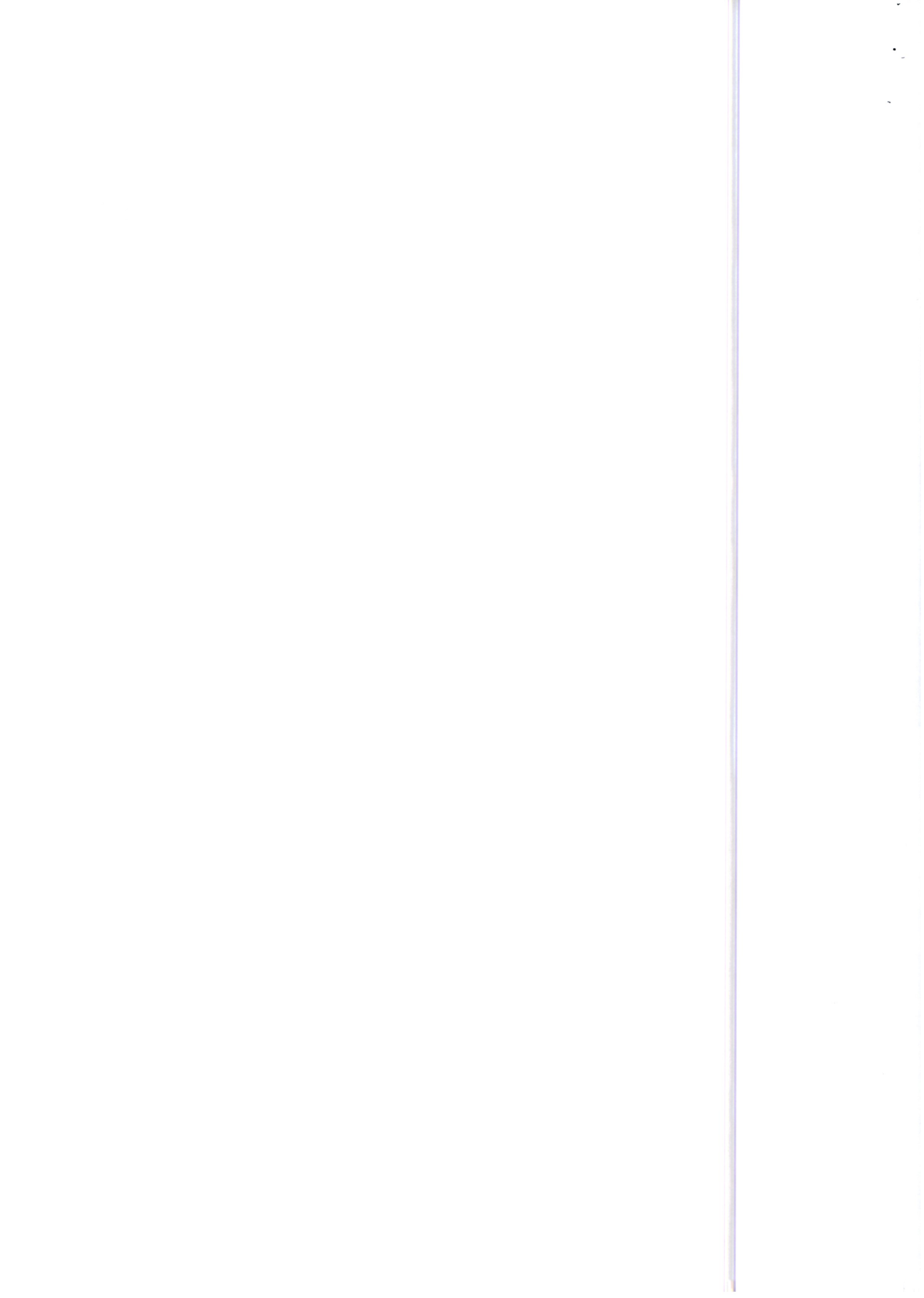
4. **Equipment** The following equipment was deployed to support the operation:

a. **Lanet based Units.** Five (5) Troop Carrying Vehicles (TCVs) and five (5) Land Rovers.

b. **DRU.** One (1) Rapid Response Vehicle with complete Search and Rescue equipment, two (2) Land Cruisers (Hazardous Material-HAZMAT) and one (1) Minibus.

c. **Medical Section.** Four (4) Ambulances and Emergency Medicine/First Aid kits.

d. **Other logistics.** Seven (7) tents (utilized for Command Coordination Centre) and fuel.





DURATION FOR WHICH KDF WAS DEPLOYED

5. The operation involved search, rescue and recovery of the missing persons which stretched approximately 15Km took eight (8) days from 9 to 17 May 18. KDF coordinated the operations alongside other State Agencies and Non-State Agencies.


6. The Disaster Response Unit pumped out water from a second Dam of 180 million litre capacity that was on the verge of collapsing. This took five (5) days to reduce the water level to 40%. The decision to drain the Dam was arrived at to avert similar incident.

7. KDF used 5 trucks to ferry 450 bags of maize from National Cereals and Produce Board (NCPB) stores in Nakuru to the Incident Command Post (Solai Division Administration Police Commander's Office) for distribution to the affected people. KDF also provided a platoon of 40 personnel to provide security in the area throughout the operation.

EXPENDITURE INCURRED

8. The expenditure incurred was within the Ministry's budgeted allocation for operations.

Dated at Nairobi this 23rd day of July 2018


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CABINET SECRETARY MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND
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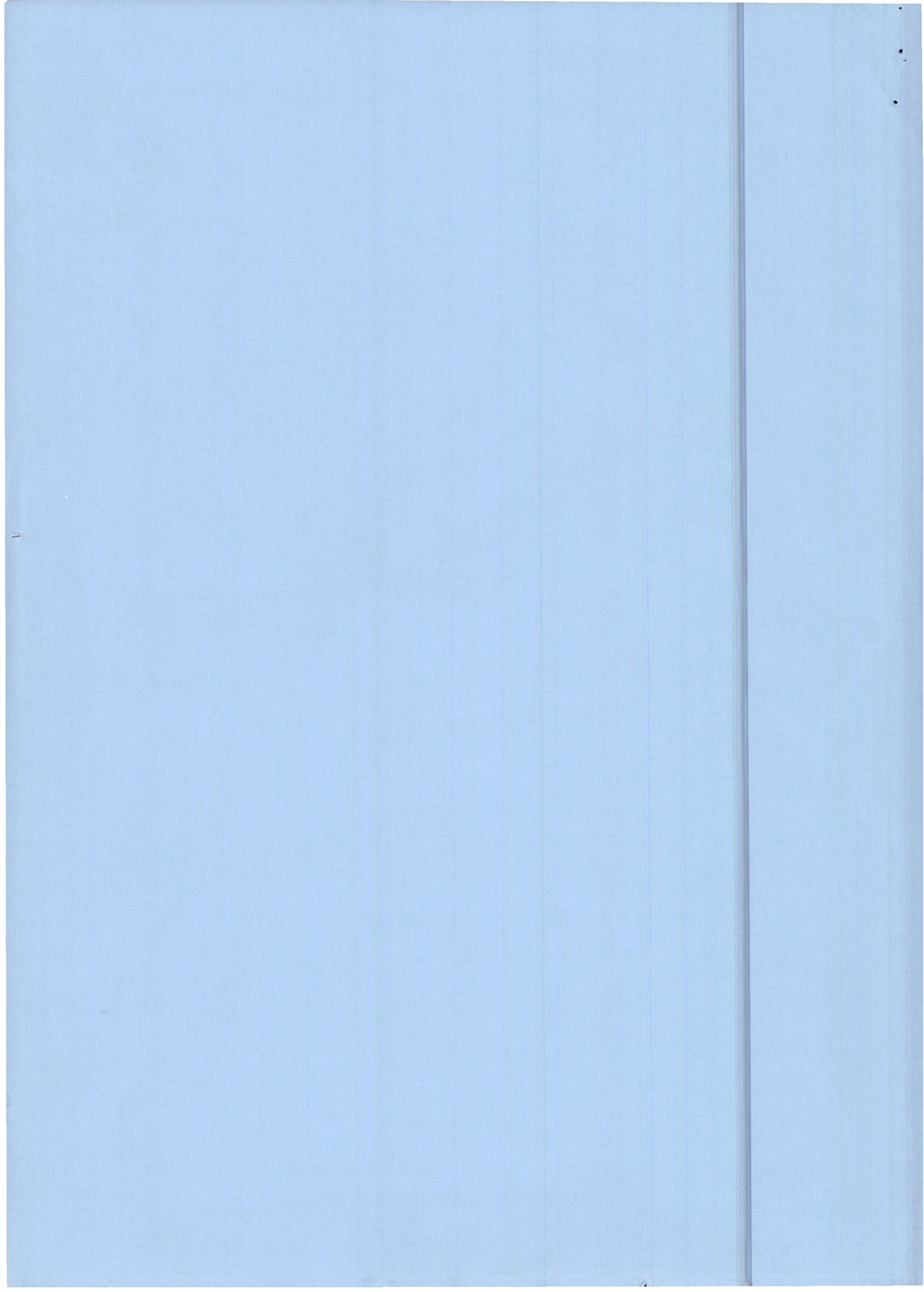
REPORT ON THE

KDF DEPLOYMENT

TO THE

GIKOMBA

FIRE INCIDENT





REPORT TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE KENYA DEFENCE FORCES (KDF) TO THE GIKOMBA MARKET FIRE INCIDENT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 241(3)(b) OF THE CONSTITUTION, SECTIONS 31(1)(a) AND 8(3) OF THE KENYA DEFENCE FORCES ACT.

REASONS FOR DEPLOYMENT

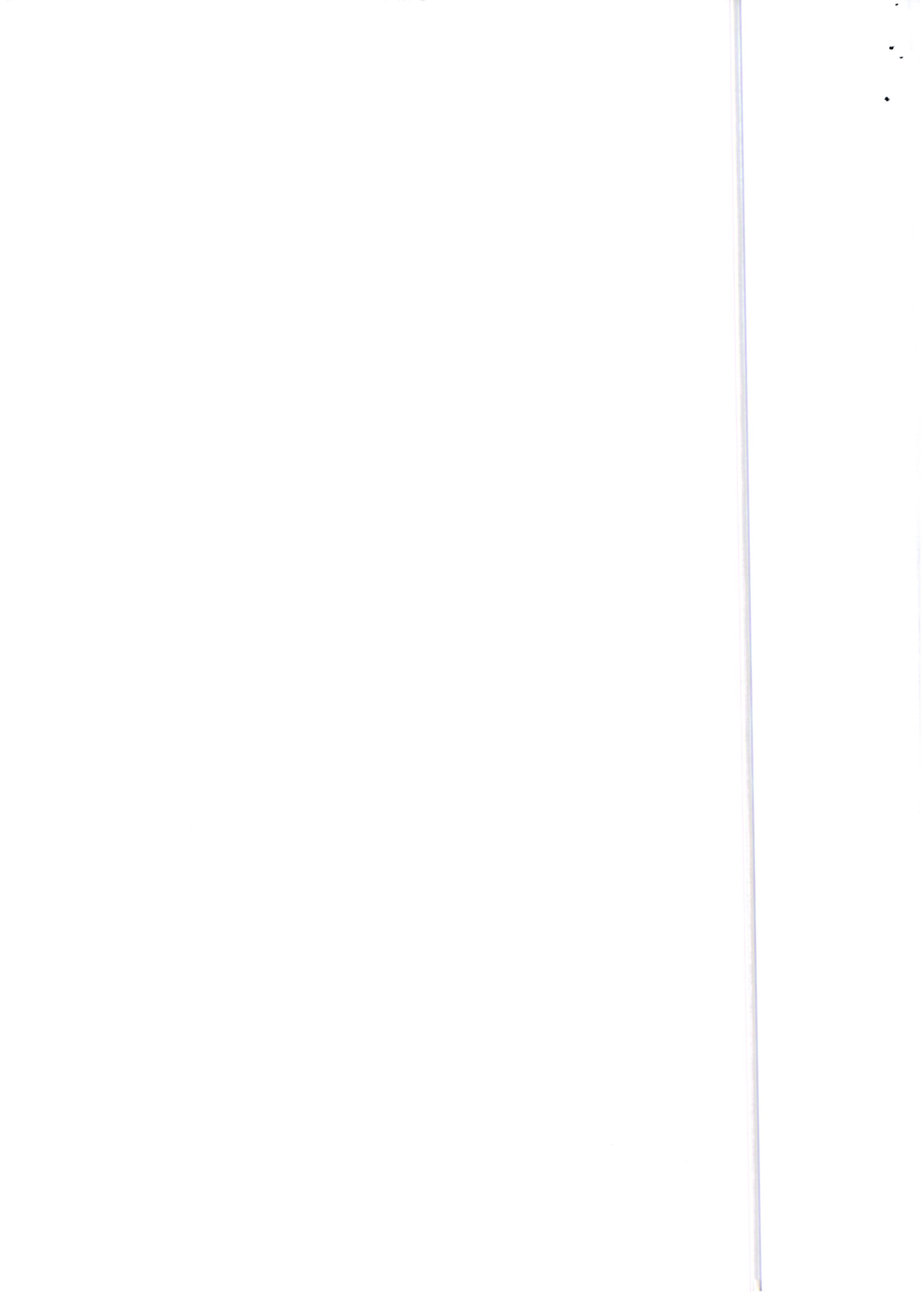
1. On 28 Jun 18 at about 2.30am fire broke out at Gikomba market burning traders' stores and residential buildings.
2. An activation order was received from Defence Headquarters (DHQ) at 3.10am for the Disaster Response Unit (DRU) to respond and conduct quick assessment in order to trigger fire response teams from Defence Forces Constabulary (DFC) and Moi Air Base (MAB).

PLACE WHERE THE KDF WERE DEPLOYED

3. Upon receipt of the tasking order, DRU prepared a team comprised of 1 Officer and 11 Service Members to undertake the task.

NUMBER OF PERSONNEL INVOLVED

4. The following personnel took part in the operation:
 - a. KDF Personnel and resources:
 - (1) MAB
 - (a) 8 Fire fighters
 - (b) 1 x Fire engine
 - (2) DRU
 - (a) 1 Officer and 11 Service Members Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) Team
 - (b) Chemical detection equipment
 - (3) DFC (KAHAWA)
 - (c) 6 Fire fighters
 - (d) 1 x Fire Engine





DURATION FOR WHICH KDF WAS DEPLOYED


5. Upon arrival, the HAZMAT Team embarked on reconnaissance to ascertain whether chemicals might have been involved in the fire. The Incident Commander was provided by the Nairobi County Fire Brigade, while police provided security and crowd control.

6. The team left Embakasi on at 3.40am and arrived at Gikomba Market incident site at 4.20am. The mission was accomplished at 8.00am.

EXPENDITURE INCURRED

7. The expenditure incurred was within the Ministry's budgeted allocation for operations.

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