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RE: PETITION TO THE SENATE PURSUANT TO ARTICLES 119 OF THE CONSTITUTION AND PART XXV OF THE SENATE STANDING ORDERS CONCERNING THE LAND OWNED BY MULTINATIONALS IN KERICHO AND BOMET COUNTIES

We, the undersigned, Citizens of the Republic of Kenya, and residents of and residents of Kericho County and members representing residents of Kericho and Bomet Counties in the Rift Valley region;

DRAW the attention of the Senate to the following:

1. THAT, we are residents of Kericho and Bomet Counties;
2. THAT, we the aforementioned belong to the Kipsigis Community and reside in Ainamoi, Kipkelion East, Bureti, Belgut Sub-Counties and parts of Bomet County.
3. THAT, we suffered numerous historical injustices from back in 1907 under the hand of colonialists and continue to from the effects of such injustices. These injustices included-
 - 3.1 Systematic abuse of our fundamental human rights and civil rights by way of mass murder;
 - 3.2 Detention without trial;
 - 3.3 Economic crimes through unfair confiscation of property including cows, donkeys, goats, sheep and even dogs;
 - 3.4 Imposition of internal exile and travel restrictions;
 - 3.5 Forceful evictions from ancestral land approximating 25,000 acres to white settlement under soldier settlement scheme known as British East Disabled Officers' Colony (BEADOC) in 1919 (Duder, 1980) which was later allocated to tea companies including James Finlay (trading as African Highlands Produce Co Ltd) and Brooke Bond (now Unilever Tea), George Williamson, etc, and;


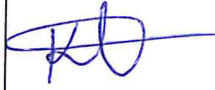
- 3.6 Forceful transfer of populations leading to loss of fertile prime ancestral lands.
4. THAT, we have made the best efforts to have this matter addressed by the Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission (TJRC), the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) and the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR) with no success.
5. THAT, none of these issues raised in this Petition is pending in any court of Law, Constitutional or any other legal body.

WHEREFORE, your humble petitioners pray that the Senate-

1. Recommends that the National Land Commission (NLC) and the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR) carry out investigations under which multinationals in Kericho and Bomet Counties acquired the land they own and consider the plight of the residents;
2. Calls for an investigation on whether any amount of money was paid for the land;
3. Calls for an audit of the land rates the multinationals pay to the counties and whether it is commensurate to the prevailing market rates;
4. Finds out when the land is set for renewal;
5. Establishes whether there exists a compensation plan for families that were evicted from their fertile lands to set up the tea estates.
6. Publishes a report pronouncing upon the serious and many breaches of human rights that the residents suffered;
7. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, recommends the allocation of a substantial portion of the resources from the funds established to settle issues of historical injustices to:
 - (a) Provide compensation for the residents;
 - (b) Enable the residents to pursue their complaints against the British Government.

Dated this 14th day of May 2018.

Petition to the Senate by residents of Kericho and Bomet Counties concerning the land owned by multinationals in Kericho and Bomet counties

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