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GARSEN

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The Prime Minister  
Treasury Building  
PO Box 74434 -00200  
Nairobi

Dear Sir,

**RE: UNLAWFUL EVICTION**

We write in reference to the letter we received from your office (Ref OPM1/08A) dated 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2010. This letter was a reply to our previous letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009, with the subject of intimidation and threats of eviction from our ancestral land by Tana and Athi River Development Authority (TARDA).

On replying to our grievance letter you promised to take up the matter with relevant ministries. It is now already one year ever since we received your letter, but now we write to inform you that due to your lack of action TARDA grabbed our land and forcefully evicted us from it. We are aware that TARDA obtained the title deed to the land in question illegally and un-procedurally in April 2009, this was followed by a legal action being taken against TARDA and the case is still in court.

Following the evictions TARDA forced us to settle in a remote and inhabitable area 4.5 km away from our original home. We feel that TARDA is depriving us of our rights of good health, shelter and education. Almost all our children have dropped out of school because the school we had actually participated in its establishment is now 7.5 km away, we had water wells and boreholes in our former village but now we are forced to consume stagnant water from the TARDA water outlet trench and we fear for our health as the water has chemicals from the agricultural fields.

These cruel actions have left us to wonder if Wardei's are not Kenyan's. How can we become evicted and become internally displaced people on our own ancestral land to pave way for investments to feed other Kenyans, while we are here languishing in inflicted hunger, poverty, sickness and illiteracy. We are not ready to see a vicious cycle of IDPs being created in Kenya.


There is no justification for such treatment of minority communities in Kenya, especially when we have a new constitution which has a voluminous chapter on human rights?

We are now suffering ever since we were evicted and we pray that you will consider us this time round and address our predicaments with urgency.

Thanking you in advance.

Yours truly,

  
Mr. Ibrahim Dolla

  
Mr. Bule Gedi

CC

- Minister for Lands
- UN Habitat
- MD TARDA
- MP Garsen
- Nature Kenya
- East Africa Wildlife Society
- Kenya National Commission of Human Rights
- MUHURI
- PC Coast
- DC Tana Delta