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PRESS STATEMENT

SOLVE BORDER DISPUTE, H.E HON. SAMUEL MBAE RAGWA TELLS THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

Tharaka Nithi Governor, H.E Samuel Mbae Ragwa has urged the National Government to move with speed and end the incessant border dispute between the County and Meru County.

The Governor noted that the border issue has dragged for long thereby denying people along the common border the right to land ownership and economic production that goes with it.

“Tharaka Nithi County Assembly passed a Lands Bill, which has stipulated how border disputes and land ownership issues could be arbitrated and the onus is on the national Government to act on the matter,” the Governor said.

Governor Ragwa added that even Parliament is seized of the Bill recommendations and the only option left now is to petition the government, which his government will do on 17th December to expedite the issue of border dispute.

At the same time, Governor Ragwa has urged Tharaka Nithi Members of Parliament and the Leader of Majority in the Senate, Sen. Prof. Kithure Kindiki to

ensure that the County's share of revenue allocation is not reduced as stated in the new proposed allocation formula by the revenue allocation committee.

“The County stands to lose Ksh. 304 million which, would further contribute to underdevelopment and defeat the meaning of devolution for hitherto neglected areas of the country such as Tharaka Nithi,” said the Governor.

Governor Ragwa, amid, applause from Mukothima residents, petitioned the four leaders to vigorously lobby Parliament and the Senate to ensure the proposal was defeated in the two Houses.

Meanwhile, Governor Ragwa has reiterated his Government's commitment to development of health, road, water and education projects in Mukothima Ward in Tharaka North Sub County.

The Governor was speaking at Mukothima Catholic Church where together with his Deputy, H.E Eliud Mati, several MCAs, CECs and COs attended a Church Service.

The Governor handed over cheques for Ksh. 2.2 million, Ksh. 1m for Mukothima HealthCentres, Ksh. 400,000 each to Mukothima, Kioru and Kabuabua Primary Schools respectively.

The Governor urged the development committees of the recipient projects to ensure the funds are utilized for the intended purpose so that wananchi in Mukothima can have value for the money.

At the same time, Governor Ragwa assured residents of Mukothima that the County Government will factor in Ksh. 7 Million for repairing of Mukothima Bridgel and the damaged sections of Mukothima – Marimanti Road.

He also promised to send the CEC in-charge of Lands and her team to assist in arbitrating the land issue between the Mukothima Catholic Church and area residents. He regretted that the dispute had denied Mukothima community important projects, such as Chuka University Campus and a Medical Training School.

Also present was the Mukothima Ward MCA, Hon. Mwenda Gataya , his Chiakariga counterpart , Hon. Zachary Mpanda, Gatunga Ward, Hon. Peter

Mwabu, Mitheru Ward, Hon. Nevert Kinuthia and leader of Minority in Tharaka Nithi County Assembly. Hon. Albano Kiania.

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