

KENYA DEFENCE FORCES INTERVENTIONS IN CIVIL STRIFE IN KENYA: A CASE STUDY OF POST GENERAL ELECTION VIOLENCE OF 2007-2008 IN KENYA

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ABSTRACT

There have been several cases of Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) interventions in civil strife in Kenya since independence, for example, the Sabaot Land Defence Force (SLDF) war in Mount Elgon region in Trans Nzoia county, post election violence in 2008 and prevalent clashes in Garissa, Wajir, Mandera, Marsabit, Isiolo, Baringo, Mombasa, Kwale, Kilifi, Tana River, Lamu, Turkana, West Pokot and Samburu counties. The objective of our research was to examine the roles that (KDF) played during the post general election violence of late December 2007- early 2008. Survey method was used to collect the data. The respondents were Kenya Defence Forces personnel and civilian populations within Lanet and Mount Elgon area. Interviews and questionnaires were used to collect primary data while secondary data was gathered from library and internet sources. Data is presented using tables and graphs. The role played by of Kenya Defence Forces were; disarmament and security, rehabilitation of infrastructures, provision of medical services, provision of food and water, Traffic control and patrols.

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