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About the NSC:

The NSC is a multi-agency institution mandated to co-ordination peace building and conflict management in Kenya. It brings together representatives from relevant government Ministries and Departments, umbrella Civil Society Organizations and development partners.

Since its establishment in 2001 NSC has provided coordination on matters related to peace and conflict.

About the Conflict Analysis Group (CAG):

This Group of stakeholders within the NSC is charged with the following;

- Conflict Analysis and research
- Mapping of Conflict Zones
- Coordinates timely response to conflict
- Encourages adoption of technology in Early warning and response
- Enhances collaboration with stakeholders

Conflict Incidents : May 2011

RURAL CLUSTER

Narok South

On 6th May 2011, it was reported that there were heavy indications of mobilization of Maasai Morans from Loita to fight the Ekidongi. The conflict is long running since the early 80s and pits two warring Massai clans; the Loita (dominant) and the Ekidongi (minority) settling in the area and involves land boundary demarcation and adjudication. The Divisional Peace Committee organized community dialogue between the two clans

Kwanza

On 9th May 2011, an ADC worker who was an ex-SLDF was shot and injured in the wee hours of the morning at Kokwo ADC at Cheptandan, Endebess location, as he was carrying out his duties as the night watchman. Three bullet cartridges were recovered at the scene which are believed to be from an AK47. The injured man was rushed to Cherangany Nursing Home in Kitale town. No arrest have been made however security in the area has been intensified.

Marakwet West

On 9th May 2011, a man was cut several times at Chepyos forest and died on the spot. He was heading to Kapyego cattle auction. The attackers stole about Ksh. 3,000 from the victim. Two people have been arrested in connection with the incident and are assist the police in their investigations.

Kimilili

On 11th May 2011, police were hurled with stones by some people when they tried to arrest suspected individuals who were believed to be in possession of firearms in Kimilili

Marakwet East

A woman was shot and she died on 13th May, 2011 in Marakwet East district. The motive of the shooter still remains unknown.

In another incident on 14th May 2011, a man believed to be from the Sagat clan was shot with an arrow following an argument with another man from the Kapchesum clan over a woman. As a result

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Houses belonging to the Sagat clan were set ablaze. Dialogue between the two clans has been initiated so as to bring about peace among the two clans.

Kuria Trans Mara West Border

On Sunday 15th May 2011, two middle aged men were murdered while on their way home to Anga'ta Village from the market. The two were found murdered on Monday morning yet they were at the market the previous day

URBAN CONFLICT

Kamukunji—Nairobi

On 15th May 2011, tension was high in Kamukunji constituency as the by elections were approaching. A team was set up to monitor the area and security agents were on high alert.

Nairobi

On 16th May 2011, a group of protesters from Fuata Nyayo slums led by the area MP demonstrations and stormed Jogoo House. The demonstrators were protesting an eviction notice given to the informal dwellers by the Nairobi City Council. There was property destruction and disruption of peace and order.

On 26th May 2011, conflict emerged between the Kirima family and squatter who had settled on their land. The land in question is said to stretch from the Eastern by-pass to Ruai area. It is also alleged that members of the Mungiki had grabbed the land and sold to the present settlers. The Kirima family got an eviction order from the High Court and it is alleged that they hired Administration Police and some youths to help in the demolition exercise. There was resistance and during the incident one man was killed. Tension is high in the area.

PASTORAL CLUSTER

Turkana North

On 2nd May 2011, at around 7 am four Dassanech tribesmen ambushed a group of Turkana fishermen in lake Turkana killing one person and injuring another in Turkana North district. The Turkana in retaliation shot 4 Dassanech tribesmen at Todonyang catholic compound. It is believed that one member of the Dassanech tribesmen escaped from the Turkana village and was heading towards Ethiopia. It is alleged that he met a group of Dassanech who were escorting a group of Turkana community members who had gone to Seeis village to purchase food. After they were informed that a Dassanech man was killed by the Turkana, they turned against the Turkana they were escorting

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killing 20 Turkanas, 10 of them being women. Security has been enhanced at the border points. The Kenyan government has since held talks with the Ethiopian government to find a solution to the re-occurring attacks between the communities

Isiolo

Two people were seriously injured at Gambella bridge on 7th May 2011, after they were shot at by unknown assailants as they were riding on a motor bike. The incident is still under investigation. Security has been beefed up in the area

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North Horr

There was a shoot out on 8th May 2011, between Gabra herders and suspected criminals from Dasanech. Three Gabra herder sustained injuries but no livestock were stolen. The security agents have been put on high alert of a possible attack.

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Isiolo

A Borana boda boda driver's arm was chopped by a machete as he was taking a passenger to Gambella. The incident occurred at noon on 9th May 2011. the assailants are alleged to be Merus from Tigania East. The injured man was taken to Isiolo district hospital. Tension remains high in Gambella which puts Isiolo town in a volatile situation. Security personnel in the area are on high alert. Three men and 2 women have been arrested in relation to the incident.

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Moyale

On 14th May, 2011 in the afternoon, a young girl aged 14 years was raped by 6 men believed to be members of Burji community at about 2.00 pm. This angered the Boran community members and what followed was a series of violent protests. Several Shops were broken and properties looted, roads were blocked and all activities remained at a stand still. Schools remained closed during this time. Over 6 people were injured and properties lost. No deaths were reported. Security officers intervened and several protesters were outnumbered.

Turkana East

Suspected Pokot raiders from Pokot East ambushed Turkana herdsmen on 16th May 2011. two Turkana herdsmen were injured during the raid. The injured men were taken to hospital and some cattle was recovered however no arrests have been made.

Isiolo

A female Teacher at Lebshir Primary School was raped and food stuffs stolen from the school on 18th May 2011, after 7 armed men raided the school. One of the attackers was arrested by Isiolo Police in Rumuruti and is being held at Laikipia Police station as investigations are going on.

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Samburu Central

On 18 May 2011, at around 10 a.m., a group of Samburu women from different parts of the district held peaceful demonstrations against the area MP for allegedly misusing the groups' funds. The demonstration begun at Maralal livestock sales market and the demonstrators walked to the D.Cs offices where they were requested to be patient until the investigations were carried out.

Samburu Central

On 21st May 2011, at about 9.30 a, m, a lorry was stopped along Baragoi-Maralal main road, at a place called Parasoro by suspected Samburu bandits. The lorry was transporting Turkana cows from Baragoi to Isiolo when six armed men suspected to be Samburu forced the lorry driver to stop after which the passengers were commanded by the bandits to move the 18 cows out of the lorry and were driven into the nearby bush. The incident was reported at Morijo A.P Post and Maralal police station.

Baringo East

On 24th May 2011, at around midnight 12 shouts were stolen by five suspected Pokot raiders believed to be from Silale location, Mondri Division in East Pokot district. The stolen shouts belonged to the Tugen Community in Yaytia location, Bartabwa division in Baringo North District.

Baringo East

On 25th May 2011, at 2 pm aggressors believed to be Turkana estimated to be more than 100 raided Lomelo village in East Pokot District and made away with 600 herds of cattle. During the incident 5 turkana raiders were killed by Pokot herdsmen

Mandera East

On 25th May 2011, a Land Cruiser on its way from Mandera town to Maua in Meru was attacked by two unknown gunmen at Sheikh Barow grazing field. The gunmen opened fire at the vehicle smashing the windscreen and destroying the tires. The AK 47 –armed attackers had the motive to hijack. Fortunately though, the vehicle did not stop. The attackers are believed to be members of the Al-Shabaab, who managed to get away after being pursued into Somalia.

North Horr

On 27th May 2011, there was an attack that took place at Sibilo National Park and game reserve. The attackers are believed to be Dassanech from Ethiopia. Two people were seriously injured while two others are missing. Security agents have been mobilized to track the attackers. The area of the incident is said to be near the Ethiopian border which may hinder recovery as little can be done by local security agents once the livestock have crossed over onto Ethiopia territory.

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Loima

On 27th May 2011, five people were killed, 3 of them being women. It is believed that suspected Pokot raiders were behind the attacks.

Samburu East

On 27th May 2011 between 4-5 pm, five armed men stopped a vehicle headed to Merille on the Isiolo – Marsabit highway at gun point and robbed the passengers of money, mobile phones and other valuables. During the incident the passengers were manhandled but no one was hurt. One of the attackers was arrested at Sereolipi centre and was taken to Wamba Police station.

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Turkana Central

On 27th May 2011, suspected Pokot raiders attacked Kotaruk division in Turkana killing 6 people and made away with 250 camels, 200 donkey and 160 shoats. Tension is high in the area following the incident

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In another incident, suspected Tepeth attackers from Uganda attacked Turkana at Lobei killing 2 people during the incident

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Mandera

There is tension in the outskirts of Damasa Somalia. There are fears that the Al Shabaab may attack Damasa on the Kenya side. Damasa Somalia was a stronghold for the the Al Shabaab before they were ousted by the Transitional Federal Government

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