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**STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTION BY  
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR WAJIR WEST  
CONSTITUENCY ON THE ESTABLISHMENT THE  
NAIROBI METROPOLITAN COMMAND OF THE KENYA  
DEFENCE FORCES**

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**1. The terms of reference and command structure of  
the Nairobi Metropolitan Command**

Pursuant to Section 7 (2) of the Kenya Defence Forces Act, preliminary plans are underway to establish the Nairobi Metropolitan Command. The proposed functions of the Nairobi Metropolitan Command shall be to effectively discharge the constitutional mandate of the Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) as set out in Article 241 (3) and in this regard to:

- a. Establish response capability to crises and disasters;
- b. Act as a focal point to cyber defence operations;
- c. Conduct information operations;
- d. Co-ordinate KDF's efforts in Counter terrorism operations;
- e. Ensure comprehensive protection of military vital installations; and
- f. Strengthen relationships between KDF and other agencies and authorities involved in emergency and disaster management operations.

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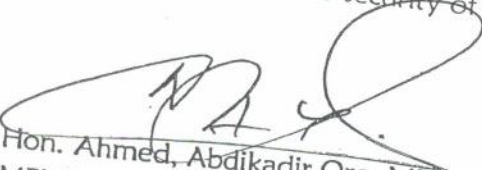
REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS

Hon. Speaker,

Pursuant to Standing Order 44(2) (c), I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security regarding the recent establishment of the Nairobi Metropolitan command of Kenya Defense Forces, created to address current terrorist threats in the country.

Hon. Speaker, in the statement, the Chairperson should inquire into and report on:

- i. The terms of references and the command structure of this force; and
- ii. Clarify whether the force is linked to the Kenya Police Service and the value it will add to security of this nation.

  
Hon. Ahmed, Abdikadir Ore, MP  
MEMBER FOR WAJIR WEST

Date .. 11/3/2014 .....

**2. Whether the Nairobi Metropolitan Command is linked to the National Police Service and the value it will add to the security of the nation**

Nairobi Metropolitan Command, currently under formation, is an organizational concept intended to leverage the competencies of KDF in the accomplishment of its constitutional obligations. It will operate in a manner similar to the Eastern and Western Commands of KDF within the proposed Area of Responsibility (AOR) in the Nairobi Metropolitan Area and its environs. This AOR contributes approximately 60% of Kenya's GDP and is the location of a number of vital strategic installations.

The creation of the Command is expected to facilitate the acquisition of specialized capability on standby for the purposes of rapid response and preventive posturing to counter emerging threats ranging from international or domestic terrorism, natural and man-made disasters, hostage taking, cyber threats and biological/chemical threats. The Command will improve coordination of efforts between KDF and other agencies and authorities in the circumstances envisaged by Article 241 (3) (b) of the Constitution.

The Nairobi Metropolitan Command is being established under the Kenya Defence Forces Act and may pursuant to

Article 241 (3) (b) of the Constitution as read with sections 8 (1), 31 (c) 33 (1) and 34 (1) of the Kenya Defence Forces Act, engage in joint operations with the National Police Service. The Command will not and is not intended to usurp the role of the National Police Service in any respect.

  
**Ambassador Raychelle Omamo, SC**  
**Cabinet Secretary for Defence**

**Wednesday, June 18, 2014**