

Dukana-Dillo-Maikona Declaration

Maikona, 19th July 2009

The communities at the Maikona meeting made the following declarations:

“The Borana of Kenya announce that it is peace for us without any conditions. We have accepted peace. The Gabra people accept peace too.”

“We have decided that from this meeting on, you Gabra have the right to use all our resources equally. [We will make] an inter-clan committee of Borana and Gabra that will oversee the rules of access to resources.”

“We propose an elder’s committee. We need a period that will be facilitated by this committee working on peace between these communities until things take off and we have engagement and interaction.”

“Animals from both communities have strayed. We should return these to their owners.”

“We should be people together, giving each other information – where lost animals are etc – all information”

“We hope to have another meeting in Walda in a week’s time that includes people of Moyale and Sololo so that issues we have discussed here can be handed over to the people there and implemented.”

“The issues of [district] boundaries is the preserve of the government. It is not for us to deal with.”

“We don’t have to run to the government to sort out our issues. We can use our own systems. We can sort out our daily life issues through our own traditional system.”

“After this meeting we should have a lot of other small events, small activities to talk to the people and mobilise them for peace.”

The gathering also agreed to adopt the Dillo and Dukana declaration [November 2008] which decrees that:

1. If a person is caught with a stolen animal, the fine is four animals per one animal stolen and the culprit has to pay the expense incurred for tracking that animal.
2. If anyone injures another person with intent the penalty is 15 cows.
3. If anyone kills a person, the penalty is 30 cows.
4. If someone is putting out lies and propaganda, inciting people to fight, this is very serious. It is worse than fighting itself. He is fined expenses and five cows.
5. For the man who conceals a culprit or information, both the concealer and the concealed are fined the same. E.g. a man who hides another man who has killed; both are fined 30 cows.

In all these cases the culprit also goes to court.

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