



PS leads tree planting exercise in Karura to boost forest cover

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Earlier the PS together with 5 more Principal Secretaries were at Kibiko forest in Ngong where 2000 trees were planted.

Kenya Forest Service has not been left out either with the National enforcement Commandant Alex Lemarkoko leading a multi-agency security team, as well as community leaders and university students in a tree planting exercise at Porro area in Samburu County.

More than 1000 tree seedlings were planted in an exercise that will see 15000 tree seedlings planted in forests, public institutions and people's residences to increase forest cover during the ongoing rainy season.

Mr Lemarkoko also warned residents who have encroached in Kirisia forest to move out on their own or risk eviction.

"The community itself agreed to move out of the forest voluntarily, majority have already left but those still living there must move out immediately." He said.

After everyone has vacated, Mr Lemarkoko said the forest will be conserved to directly or indirectly benefit future generations with forest resources.

Naramat community forest association chairman Douglass Leboiyare and the region's university students' association chairperson Jacob Lemeteki asked communities to plant trees and conserve forests in the County.

"I appeal to the community to conserve our forests, let us make sure that we continue planting trees to increase forest cover in our County." Lemeteki said.

Mr Leboiyare lauded politicians from the region for supporting the Government's eviction directive saying Kirisia forest must be conserved.

Lemeteki asked the Kenya Forest Service to enforce the eviction of illegal settlers from the forest but urged its officers to do it in a humane manner.

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