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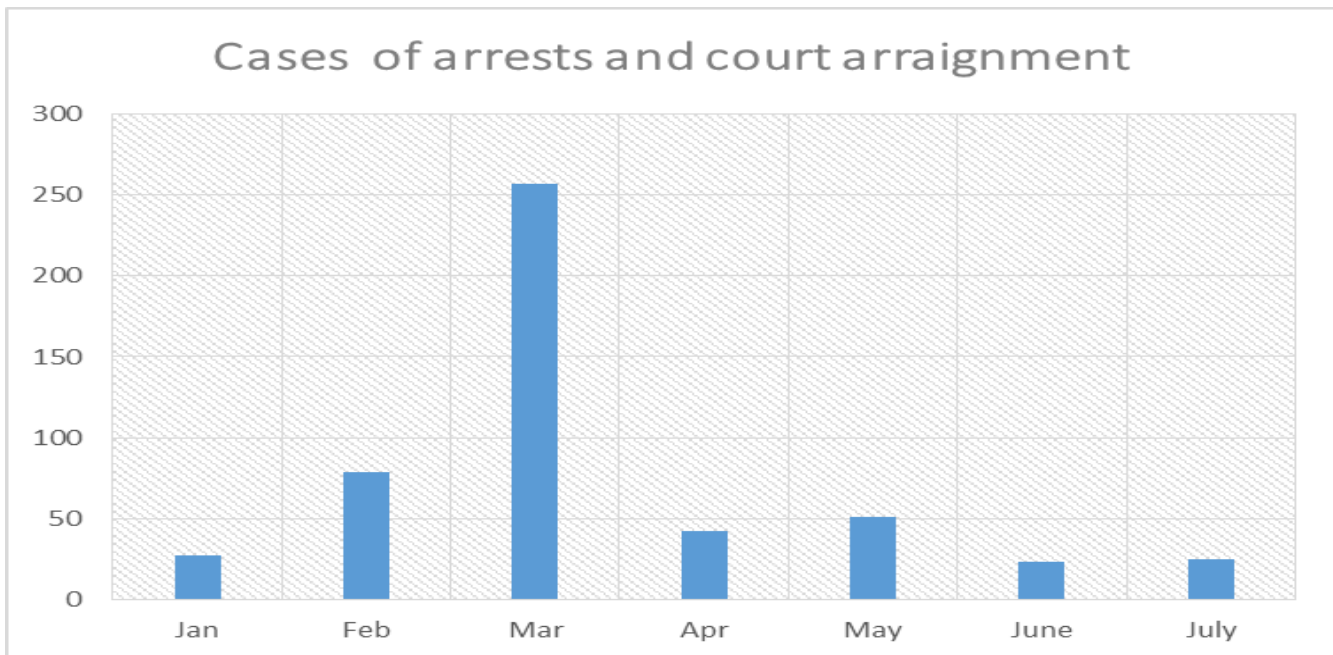
Refugee Protection Situation Report (No.7/2017)

Period: 1st July – 31st July

Date: 25th August, 2017

Operational Context

Observation of refugee protection concerns was done in the context of elections in Kenya. There was apprehension among refugees and asylum seekers that violence would erupt following the elections. There was also anxiety of police swoops especially in urban areas in the event of election related protests.



Graph 1: Number of arrest and court arraignment cases recorded since January 2017

There was no significant increase in the number of cases that were recorded in the period under review as depicted in graph 1 above.



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Below is a summary of police arrests and court arraignment of refugees in the period under review.

Reports of arraignment/arrests/harassment

Place of Incident	Incident	Characteristics of PoCs	Status of Situation
Nairobi	Arrest	2 male south Sudanese	The two were held in the police station for more than 24 hours with no asylum offence charges. They were later released upon the intervention of RCK advocate and monitor
	Arraignment; Unlawful presence	1 Female, Somali	The individual pleaded not guilty and matter withdrawn under s.87(a); client released
Garissa	Arraignment: Unlawful presence	8 boys, 1 girl-minors, and 1 Male, All Somali.	7 boys were discharged by the court following the Children's Officer's report of having traced their parents in Somalia and recommending they are reunified with their parents. The girl and the man were discharged by the court under S. 35 of the Penal Code. Ordered to be taken to Dadaab. 1 boy was committed to Mathari Hospital for 2 months and his case to be mentioned on 19/9/17.



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	Arraignment; Residing outside designated area	2 women, and 2 men. All Somali	Both women were discharged by the court under S. 35 of the Penal Code. Ordered to be taken back to Dadaab. The two men pleaded guilty and were fined each Kshs. 15,000 or 3 months imprisonment in default. The court ordered one of the men was to be escorted to Kakuma upon completion. The other was to be escorted to Ifo camp upon completion.
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Kakuma

There were no major incidences affecting PoCs other than those indicated in the summary findings.

Nairobi

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Dadaab

New arrivals recorded in July were 2,190 against 1,408 recorded in June, which represents a 55.54% increase. The monitors attributed the increase to drought in Somalia which is still prevalent in some regions in particular, Baidoa and Kismayu. The reduced security incidents along the migration routes of Liboi and Mandera also led to the increase in border movements.



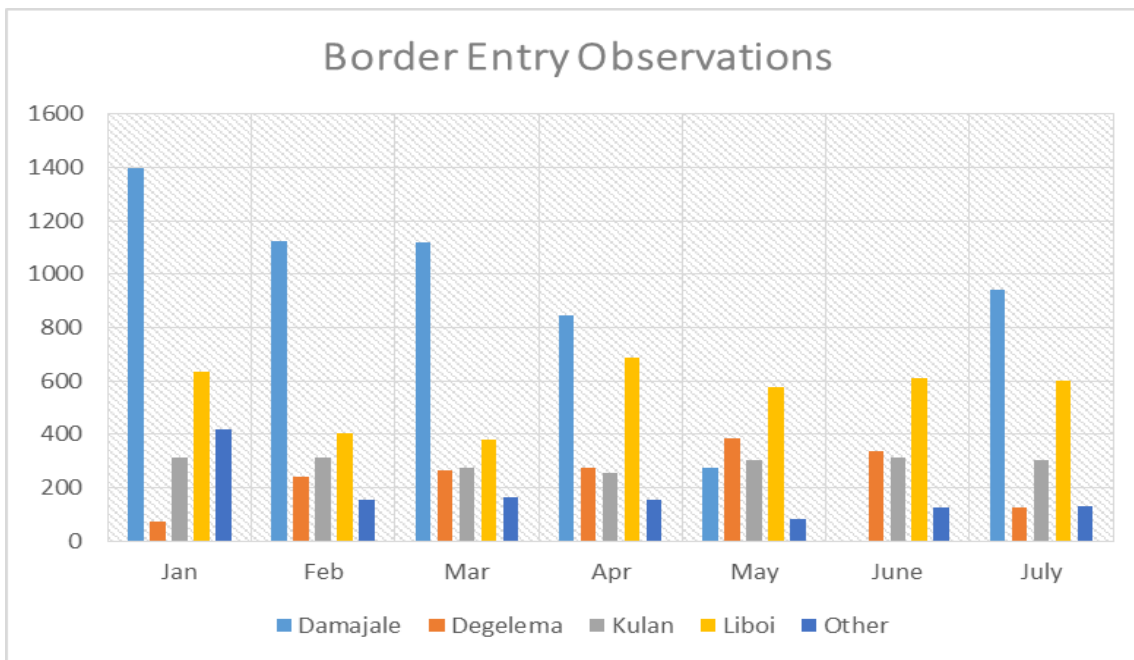
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The number of returnees recorded in July was 84, compared to 80 in June which represents 5% increase. This could be attributed to the increased accessibility of the roads leading to Somalia following reduced rainfall and reduced insecurity incidents during the reporting period.

The graph 2 below shows the cross border movements for new arrivals and returnees by PoCs during the month July 2017 at Liboi, Abdisugow, Damajale, Degelema and Diif.



Graph 2: Graph depicting the number of Somali nationals crossing into Kenya since January 2017 from different border entry points.



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Distribution of Entry Points

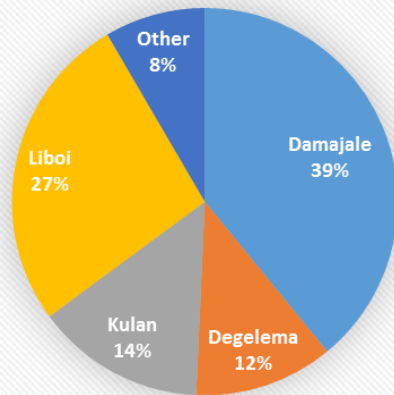


Chart 1: Distribution of border entry observation per entry point

Conclusion

With the upcoming elections on 8th August, RCK with the help of her field monitors will be keen to monitor how this will affect refugees. RCK will be vigilant in monitoring the number of arrests of persons of concern and any unusual trends that may compromise refugee protection.

There has been an increase of border movement as anticipated in June due to worsening drought situation in Somalia. With the lack of registration of new entries in Dadaab, it continues to be an area of concern for RCK and other stakeholders. Genuine asylum seekers may be exposed to protection concerns if they are not registered. RCK will continue to lobby the government to reconsider its position.

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