

CONFLICT ALERT

From the South Sudan side of the Karamoja Cluster

17 February 2012

On the evening of 16 February 2012, a large group of Toposa warriors crossed to Nakodo village, Nakodo boma, Narus Payam, Kapoeta East County heading for cattle raid against the Turkana kraals near Lokichogio town of Turkana West District-Kenya. According to the chief of Nakodo boma, The approximate number of these Toposa Warriors is about 200 youth and they are well armed with Ak 47 while having their water jerricans.

The warriors could not listen to the chief while he was telling them not to go and raid the Turkana. He reported this to the County authorities for any possible action to defuse the impending raid. Immediately the County authorities sent the police to disperse the warriors. But the warriors had already disappeared into the thick bushes heading towards the Turkana Kraals. Through the county intelligence at Nadapal-South Sudan, the message has been passed to the Kenya Police at Nadapal-Kenya side so as to alert their local population. If they are not intercepted today, possible cattle raid may take place on the Turkana.

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