



CABINET SECRETARY'S PRESS STATEMENT ON THE EARTHQUAKE TRAGEDY IN TÜRKIYE AND SYRIA

**Your Excellency Ambassador Subutay Yuksel, the
Ambassador of Türkiye to Kenya
Members of the Fourth Estate
Ladies and Gentlemen**

Good afternoon and thank you for coming to this press briefing.

1. As you are aware an earthquake tragedy occurred on 6th February, 2023 in the South Eastern Türkiye and Northern Syria that killed over **five thousand people** and thousands others injured and leaving a trail of immense destruction of property. It is for this reason, that we gather here to express our **heartfelt solidarity** with the governments and the **people of Türkiye and Syria** during this difficult moment.
2. We share the pain and the devastating loss that is coming in the backdrop of an immediate challenging period of COVID-19 and the resultant global economic slowdown.
3. We join the international community in praying and condoling with our brothers and sisters in the two countries.



4. I call upon Kenyans who are able to join hands in extending material support that would alleviate human suffering such as food stuffs, clothing, financial, medical stuff among others.
5. We will soon be communicating collection points. We are coordinating with other Government agencies to be able to send a search and rescue specialist teams to the two nations to assist in the ongoing operations.
6. We are also in touch with our Mission in Ankara for updates. So far no Kenyan has been affected by the earthquake. We have shared an emergency number for any Kenyan, who may be in distress following the earthquake. The number is: +905385020960.
7. Let me now invite **His Excellency Ambassador Subutay Yuksel, the Ambassador of Türkiye to Kenya** to make his remarks.
8. Thank you.

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