

Country/entity	Kenya
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Al-Fatah Peace Declaration
Date	29 Sep 1993
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict
	Kenya pre-2007 intercommunal violence
	Kenya's northern and western border regions have been sites of instability and intercommunal violence exacerbated by the inflow of large amounts of illegal weapons, primarily small arms and light weapons. These instances of intense armed violence have been linked to cattle-raiding, banditry, conflict over pasture, and have affected areas in the northeast, such as Marsabit and Wajir, parts of the North Rift, and the length of the border with Uganda.
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	Kenya pre-2007 intercommunal violence
Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Inter-group
Peace process	Kenya Local Agreements
Parties	Find appended a list of signatories to the declaration. CC. District Commissioner, Wajir Provincial Commissioner, North Eastern Province, Garissa Permanent Secretary in the Office of the President -In charge of Internal Security United Nations -UNICEF & WFP GTZ All NGOs All MPs -Northern Kenya Parliamentary Group The Mass Media
Third parties	-
Description	Agreement between major clans in the Wajir district to bring inter-clan fighting, and banditry to an end.

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Local agreement properties

Process type	Informal but persistent process
Rationale	The Wajir process leading to the Al Fatah declaration took place in a context of a persistent practice of signing local agreements but it was not supported by a formal structured process. The process was initiated and driven by local community activists, even though later there was buy-in from the Red Cross, and then the government.
Is there a documented link to a national peace process?	No
Link to national process: articulated rationale	The agreement relates specifically to local incidences of cross-border violence and insecurity, and makes no reference to a national peace process. Nor do accounts of the process by peacebuilders involved in the Wajir peace process.
Name of Locale	Wajir
Nature of Locale	Region
GPS Lat/Long (DD)	1.750391, 40.057224
Participant type	Central state actor Local state actor Local armed group International or transnational actor Domestic religious organisation/leader or other elder Local community/civilian group(s)/civil society organisations Regional state actor
Mediator, facilitator or similar	Mediator or similar referred to
Mediator (references)	Not mentioned in the agreement, but according to Abdi and Mason (2019) the process was mediated firstly by an informal women's group, then local, non-aligned tribes, and finally the state became involved as a third party.
Type of mediator/facilitator/similar	Central state actor Domestic religious organisation/leader or other elder Local community/civilian group(s)/civil society organisations

Local issues

Ritual/prayer and process (including use of scripture) No specific mention.

Grievance List Page 1, Untitled preamble
(a) Taking stock of the increasing intensity of inter-clan fighting between the major clans in Wajir district and especially between Degodia and the Ajuran clans which have continued to claim lives of tens of people, many of them children, women, and innocent;
(b) Considering one increasing insecurity in the district in which violent robberies, looting of property and highway robberies affecting the major roads connecting Wajir and Nairobi have continued to take place with alarming frequencies;
(c) Dismayed with the recent callous murder of the late Jeff Buttler and the serious injury of Bob McCarthy both working with UNICEF and the subsequent suspension of NGO activities in the district;
(d) apprehensive of the imminent danger posed for the entire district the banditry menace and clan clashes.

Cattle rustling/ banditry Page 1,
2. That during this cease fire, livestock stolen from Ogaden clans by Degodia and vice versa be mutually returned within 7 days effective from 1st October 1993.

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4. That Wajir people without distinction will work as a united people to eliminate the banditry menace in the district. To realize this, the government is urged to work closely with the various panel of peace committees from the district headquarters to the sub-location level, who will monitor the implementation of this peace agreement and advise the authorities in the best method of eliminating the banditry menace.

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7. That from the date of this ceasefire, the traditional law pertaining to blood feud will apply to those who commit murder namely the payment of hundred camels for a man and fifty camels for a woman. In the case of stock theft, the rule of collective punishment involving a whole group of people will be applied.

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10. That the Provincial Administration being the executive [illegible] of the government, should instill discipline and sense of duty in the Security personnel as well as Chiefs and District Officers, so that officer working in areas where banditry menace will appear to increase instead of decrease after the implementation of this peace agreement will be responsible.

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12. That the government considers the formation of a specific force to be deployed specifically for the purpose of fighting the banditry menace. It is recommended that task force comprise mainly local officers from administration and police force.

Social cover No specific mention.