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UPDATE ON GIRAFFES DEATH IN SOYSAMBU CONSERVANCY

The Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) hereby informs the public that Kenya Power and Lighting Company is currently assessing the situation in Soysambu Conservancy in Nakuru, after reports that two giraffes were electrocuted to death. The company is expected to replace the electricity poles to prevent electrocution of giraffes within the area.

At the same time, Tourism and Wildlife Cabinet Secretary Hon. Najib Balala is engaging the Energy Cabinet Secretary Hon. Charles Keter on the same for a lasting solution.

This comes after KWS representatives visited the conservancy following the death reports. Preliminary reports indicate that the height of electricity poles crossing Soysambu Conservancy are low, below giraffe's height.

There are a total of 28,850 giraffes in the country: 12, 717 are Maasai giraffe, 15,524 are Reticulated giraffe and 609 are Rothchild's giraffe.

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