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Press brief

KMA LAUNCHES SEARCH AND RESCUE BOAT IN LAMU COUNTY

The Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA) has acquired 3 search and rescue boats which will be dispatched in Lamu, Kisumu and Mombasa counties. One of the said rescue boats will be launched formally in Lamu on 24th February, 2016, at the new jetty in the presence of Lamu County officials, KMA Board of Directors and stakeholders.

The boats will aid in search and rescue missions in the entire Lamu region and adjacent islands as well as boost the Authority's collaborative efforts in maritime safety and security matters in the community. The acquisition of the said boats is timely for the Authority considering its crucial role as a regulator in the maritime industry and the need to set practical relevant examples on water safety issues.

The boats will also play a vital role in enhancing the Authority's collaborative efforts with other agencies like the Maritime Police and Kenya Wildlife Service's in responding to distress calls at sea.

In terms of enhancing maritime safety and security the boats will make a difference in the community by enhancing safety of life at sea. The boats will also aid in security patrols on water. The Authority will also have the chance to experience the challenges Kenyan boat operators face daily on the nation's waters and thus enable it to address boat operators concerns more effectively.

The Authority will also boost its experience and strategies in the operation of search and rescue boats and reinforce its maritime safety and security role, and improve the quality of its services to the public.

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