

**AN EXAMINATION OF THE ROLE OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN  
CURBING TERRORIST THREATS IN NORTH EASTERN KENYA: CASE  
STUDY OF MANDERA COUNTY**

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