

LOCAL NEWS

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Church accused of ill doctrine.

A church in Eldoret is being accused of practicing non-Christian and demonic doctrines. Eldoret mayor William Rono said some Christians belonging to that church have raised concern that it is removing their children from public schools admitting them in its established schools. Some victims whose children have been taken away by the church told reporters that the ministers were urging spouses to divorce and shun children who resisted the teachings of the church.

They claimed that the church is indoctrinating children and removing them from their homes if their parents dare to object what they were being taught. Narrating their ordeal, the trio called upon the government to intervene and salvage the situation for the security of their children, who can easily be persuaded to join the denomination.

Retrenchment of tea farm workers affecting education in Nandi

Reports have shown that over 6,000 children in tea growing areas of Nandi have dropped out of school after their parents were re-trenched from tea farms. Nandi district Education Officer Jacob Onyego says enrolment in primary and secondary schools in the area has dropped drastically in the recent past due to the inability by parents to raise school fees. Kenya plantation and Agricultural workers union has in the meantime threatened to mobilize its members to go on strike to protest the use of tea plucking machines by the multi national tea farms. The retrenchment exercise has affected close to ten thousand workers in the region.

Crack down on un-road worthy vehicles

The crack down on un-road worthy vehicles going on across the country led to a scarcity of public traffic in Eldoret town Wednesday with most cars on the road being private vehicles. The move left many passengers stranded and the shuttles plying Nakuru and Nairobi roads were not spared either as most commuters from the rural areas failed to get the means to town. Despite the inconvenience caused to matatu operators, some drivers who spoke to Fish FM hailed the crackdown and urged the police to be consistent in the exercise to ensure that only roadworthy vehicles operate on the roads across the country.

They also called for fair treatment from the police on the vehicles that have met the so called Michuki rules. Eldoret OCPD Muinde Kioko stated that the crackdown will go on until all vehicles on roads meet the required traffic rules and regulations.

Hawkers back at Eldoret CBD

Eldoret town is once again flooded with hawkers in its busy central business district area. Eldoret mayor William Rono attributes this to failure by the police to put behind bars the suspected hawkers apprehended by the council askaris. Rono alleges that this move follows a dispute between them and the police department. However, in response to the allegations, Eldoret police boss Bernard Muinde Kioko refuted the claims saying the police force cannot apprehend suspects brought to them without following the law.

Regional News

SA rail and port strike snowballs

Thousands have joined a strike by South African transport workers, crippling rail and port services across the country. Unions want a 15% pay rise for staff at Transnet, the country's state-owned main transporter of freight. The United Transport and Allied Trade Union has joined the industrial action called on Monday by the South African Transport and Allied Workers Union. South Africa is preparing to host the World Cup, which starts on 11 June. Unions have rejected Transnet's offer of an 11% pay rise. Eighty-five per cent of Transnet's 54,000-strong workforce are now on strike, says Reuters news agency.

Sport News

French trio cleared for Algeria

Fifa has formally declared three former French junior internationals eligible to play for Algeria. A request for a change of nationality for Habib Belaid, Ryad Boudebouz and Mohamed Chakhouri was approved by world football's governing body on Tuesday. This means all three players will be available to play for the Desert Warriors at the World Cup in June. This will come as a boost for the Algerians as they are without a number of players through injury. The trio all played for France at junior level but, because they are dual nationals and have not been capped at senior level, they are eligible to represent Algeria.