

## **LOCAL NEWS: 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2010**

### **Over 100 people with unroadworthy vehicles arrested**

Over one hundred people have been arrested and arraigned in court in the on going crackdown on public service vehicles. Eldoret OCPD Muinde Kioko says that at least 20 cars are nabbed daily and cautioned those who have removed their vehicles from the road saying that they will not escape the police dragnet. He noted with concern that many road accidents have been deliberately caused by ignoring the road rules as some vehicles are poorly maintained and overloaded.

Kioko called upon the passengers to be at the forefront fighting this by refusing to board already full vehicles even those without safety belts to reduce the chances of accidents on our roads. He then revealed that the crackdown will continue until the order is restored in the roads.

*Ends.....Stanley Magut*

### **Government urged to disburse FPE funds**

The Kenya National Union of teacher's secretary general North Rift region Sammy Bor has called on the government to disburse the free primary education fund. Speaking on Tuesday morning, Bor said the delay in releasing the funds will adversely affected the smooth learning in public schools. Bor added that the search for a new constitution should not disrupt other crucial government services such as education in the country.

*End .....James Gitaka*

### **Farmers in Wareng affected by the heavy rains,**

Following the heavy rains pounding many parts of the country many development projects especially roads have been rendered impassable. Wareng district has not been exempted either with various health facilities, schools and access roads projects being suspended until the heavy rains in the region ceases. Speaking to Fish FM this morning Wareng County council Clerk Richard Chepkonga said most of the crucial projects in the district such as upgrading of access roads in the interior areas have been stopped a move that's adversely affected many farmers in the district. Chepkonga has urged the residents to be patient as they'll embark on the projects as soon as the rains stop.

*End.....James Gitaka*

## **African News 18-5-10**

### **Nigeria politician in drugs probe**

A Nigerian politician has been arrested on suspicion of smuggling cocaine at Lagos airport. Nigerian drug enforcement officials say Eme Zuru Ayortor swallowed nearly two kilograms of cocaine in order to fund his election campaign. Police say body scanners revealed the contents of his stomach as he attempted to board a flight to Frankfurt. Mr Ayortor, aged 52, is running in the election to the local House of Assembly in Edo state.

### **International News 18-5-10**

#### **Mediation offer for Thai protests**

Leaders of Thailand's anti-government protesters say they will accept an offer by senators to mediate talks, amid growing pressure to end violence. Five days of street clashes between troops and protesters in Bangkok have left 37 people dead and scores more injured. A leader of the "red-shirt" protesters said the group would agree to the proposal to prevent more loss of life. But it is not yet clear whether the government will take part in the talks.

A spokesman for the government said it was "not rejecting or accepting the senators' offer yet". Correspondents there say pressure is growing on both sides to end the crisis, amid high tension in the capital.

### **Sport News**

#### **Woods poised to play in the Open**

Tiger Woods will play in the Open at St Andrews in July if he recovers from the neck injury that forced him to withdraw from the Players Championship in May. The world number one pulled out during the final round at Sawgrass and has not indicated when he will resume playing. However, he is scheduled to play in the US Open at Pebble Beach in June and defend his AT&T National title in July. Woods, 34, hopes to become the first man to win three Opens at St Andrews after victories there in 2000 and 2005. While Woods has not confirmed when he will return to competition, he is expected to make a full recovery from the inflamed facet joint injury which has troubled him since the Masters in April.