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Malaria still an epidemic disease in the Nation

Malaria is the most killer disease in Kenya following long rain seasons experienced in the country. Speaking today during an anti Malaria Campaign day at Kapyemit dispensary, Eldoret Municipal Council Medical officer of health DR.David Koech said that the disease mostly affect mothers and children under 5 years by causing abortion to mothers and low weight to children. He appealed to the public to take health education on malaria seriously and go to hospital for treatment.

Councilors Isaac Samoei and Elisha Businenei called upon the government to assist them fully by providing health facilities in their areas. They stated that they would be carrying house to house indoor spraying to control malaria. Kapyemit chief Rukia Kibet also appealed to people of her location to maintain cleanliness and ensure they seek medical attention whenever they are sick.

END.....John chikamai

Probation services have helped rehabilitate offenders

Probation services have helped rehabilitate offenders to be the law abiding citizens by reducing re-offending and enabling them live harmoniously in their communities. Assistant Director of probation Uasin Gishu district, Eunice Wakoli told Fish Fm that apart from counseling, many probationers have been trained in different skills to equip them with entrepreneurial skills to help them earn a living. Wakoli revealed that they support some of the probationers who have finished serving their probation orders to start their businesses by giving them fertilizer, tailoring machines, carpentry tools and bicycles.

Meanwhile, the chief probation officer Jeremiah Morogo added that this non- custodial sentence has reduced the number of offenders in jail and also enables them to give back to the society by offering free services. Morogo noted that many of those who have served probation sentence have been successful in their lives and the community no longer view them as criminals.

Currently there are 742 offenders serving probation sentences in Uasin Gishu district.

End.....Stanley Magut.

Dates set for referendum campaigns

New dates have been given for the referendum campaigns to start from July 13 to August 2 this year. The Interim Independent Electoral Commission (IIEC) announced that it has also published referendum laws and regulations in a special gazette. Before the said dates, no group is allowed to campaign for or against the Proposed Constitution.

But both proponents and opponents of the document have already started traversing the country

holding public rallies under the guise of conducting civic education. The Committee of Experts has already launched civic education to empower Kenyans with information on the Proposed Constitution.

Call made to have only trained teachers on BOG

The quality assurance office Uasin Gishu District formerly the Education expectorate, is now asking school heads to hire only trained teachers on the B.O.G board. School heads have resorted to employing form four leavers who performed well in their K.C.S.E exams as a method of dealing with the shortage of teachers in schools. According to the quality assurance office school heads are now required to employ the many trained teachers that have not been employed by T.S.C. Speaking to Fish F.M. the senior quality assurance officer Silas Otieno said a person who doesn't have teaching skills is not to step in class.

The Officer further said that teaching is a profession unique to its ethics and requirements and that not anyone from another profession can teach. He also says private schools are not exceptional and are on the line of inspection as per the law which mandates the office to visit any school and ensure that quality education is being offered.

Ends.....Job Wesonga

Mombasa municipality offers to intervene in dumping menace

Barely a day after Mombasa residents registered their dissatisfaction with the trash dumping system in the city, the secretary to the Municipal Council of Mombasa Tabman Otieno has given them a shadow of hope. In an exclusive follow-up interview with 97.1 Fish fm in his office today, Ochieng pledged that private developers who have turned the VOK area in Kisauni district into a dumping site will face the law.

He noted that such people evade using the set-aside Mwakirunge dumpsite, in a bid to exempt themselves from the fee. The secretary further urged residents to embrace individual cleanliness measures at domestic level, adding that hygiene is a collective effort.

On other matters, Otieno promised residents and traders at the Kongowea public market that the facility will soon be expanded, as soon as the case relating to ownership of a five acre piece of land meant for that purpose is settled.

End...David Macharia

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stipulated period.

Meanwhile, the minister for justice and constitutional affairs Mutula Kilonzo has hinted that the 30 days civic education programme maybe delayed due to delay in the release of funds for the process. Kilonzo is now blaming the ministry of finance for interfering with the review process by failing to release the money in time.

EU to support Kenya in implementation of institutional reforms

The European Union (EU) has assured the Kenya Government of support in its efforts to implement institutional reforms. Speaking when she met President Mwai Kibaki at Harambee House, the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy of the European Union, Baroness Catherine Ashton encouraged the Government to remain steadfast on the reform agenda. On piracy in the Indian Ocean, the visiting European Union official commended Kenya for the role it has continued to play in alleviating the menace. Lauding the good relations between Kenya and the European Union, President Kibaki urged the European Union to provide leadership to the international community towards supporting peace initiatives in Somalia. The President, particularly, said that the problem of piracy in the Indian Ocean required a more coordinated and holistic approach which should be informed by the principle of fairness and shared international responsibility.

President Kibaki thanked the European Union for supporting Kenya's development efforts, noting that the Kenya Government and the European Union signed an agreement last month that will see Kenya receive 15.4 billion shillings for infrastructure development.

Kenya signs Nile basin pact

Kenya has joined the list of countries that have signed the Nile Basin Cooperative Framework Agreement, ignoring protests from Egypt and Sudan which have had the lion's share of the Nile waters since colonial times.

The new treaty is to replace the 1929 accord signed by Egypt, Sudan and Kenya's colonial master Britain, giving the two countries in the upper Nile basin control of more than ninety percent of the waters. Water and Irrigation Minister Charity Ngilu says 81 year-old accord is obsolete and unfair as Kenya and other countries in the lower basin were not involved in the negotiations.

Ngilu also said the 1929 treaty was non-binding as Egypt and Sudan failed to have it registered under international treaties after Kenya got independence. The new agreement will allow Kenya, Burundi, DRC, Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania and Ethiopia to use the Nile waters equitably.

Global News

Afghan insurgents attack Bagram air base

Suspected Taliban militants have attacked one of the largest and most-heavily fortified US bases

in Afghanistan. Ten insurgents were killed and seven US troops injured in the battle at Bagram air base that raged for several hours, a US official said. The Taliban used machine guns and grenades in the pre-dawn attack. It comes a day after a suicide bomb attack in Kabul on a Nato convoy killed 18 people, including five US soldiers. It was the deadliest Taliban attack this year on foreign troops in the Afghan capital.

Non-crew in cockpit in Polish president's plane crash

Non-crew members were present in the cockpit of a plane that crashed killing the Polish president and more than 90 others, an investigation has found. One of the non-crew members has been identified, though he or she was not named by officials. The plane crashed as it tried to land in western Russia on 10 April, killing President Lech Kaczynski and dozens of senior Poles. The investigation confirmed crew were repeatedly warned about poor weather. The investigation, which was carried out by the inter-state air committee for the former Soviet Union, ruled out any terrorist attack, explosion, or fire on board the aircraft.

International News

Thai protest leaders surrender, as troops storm camp

Leaders of the anti-government protests that have paralysed the heart of Bangkok for weeks have surrendered, after troops stormed their barricades. At least five people have been killed in the latest gun battles in the Thai capital and the protest leaders said they did not want anyone else to die. But some of the red-shirts vowed to fight on. Clashes and fires were reported at several locations, including a blaze at a major shopping complex. The Thai defence minister said a night-time curfew would be imposed across the capital. Meanwhile, in the north-east of the country, protesters reportedly attacked city halls in Udon and Khon Kaen.

Sports

Govt asked to support upcoming clubs

The government has been asked to support upcoming football clubs in their endeavor to nurture young talents across the country, Daniel Indusa who is the team coach Rolex FC has said. Indusa said that such upcoming clubs like Rolex FC are faced by many challenges including lack of proper playing field, scarcity of uniforms and balls among others. He is now asking the government to provide them with affordable loans for the club to support itself rather than rely on aid from well wishers which is hardly available.

Rolex FC is a youth football club in Eldoret that was formed to reform the youth by making them occupied as their talents are being nurtured. It consists of the male and female categories that train under 14, 25 and 30 year olds.

Rolex FC is expected to perform well in future tournaments as they have been on the pitch for

just six months. The club is set to play Kamukunji FC in a friendly match this coming Sunday at Uasin Gishu high school grounds.

End....Gladys Kimaiyo.