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President leads Madaraka day celebrations.

President Mwai Kibaki in his speech to mark the 47th Madaraka day celebrations Tuesday appreciated the freedom fighters who sacrificed to have the country attain self rule. The head of state reminded Kenyans that it is their responsibility to develop the country, as they are given the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Noting that employment knits together the social fabric of the nation, Kibaki said his government is fully aware that Kenya needs more job opportunities.

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A call to love one another

Speaking during the celebrations Prime Minister Raila Odinga said that Kenyans are mature enough to rule themselves. Raila equated Kenya to Israel noting that the country has come along way since gaining independence from the British government. On his part, Vice president Kalonzo Musyoka urged Kenyans to live in unity loving one another especially now that the country is heading to the referendum.

Ends.....Jimmy Kitiro

Illicit brews victims will suffer with set law

The government has launched a rapid results initiative aimed at curbing brewing of illicit alcohol in the country. Speaking Tuesday at 64 stadium in Eldoret during Madaraka Day celebrations, deputy senior provincial commissioner rift valley province Wanyama Musyambo said, the vice has increased cases of insecurity in the region and in the country at large. Musyambo warned that those who will be caught taking part in the vice will be imprisoned and also fined.

Concerning the Internally displaced persons still in IDP camps in the north rift region, he said the government has donated to them 200 blankets and some money.

He at the same time called upon business people and other well-wishers in the region to come and invest in Eldoret saying, the town is currently listed among the fast developing towns in the

country.

END...JOHN CHIKAMAI.

Kenyan research institute in new partnership

The International Centre of Insect physiology and Ecology (Icipe) has entered into a partnership with the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World (TWAS) which is the world's pre-eminent academy of sciences dedicated to the promotion of science in the South. This alliance boosts the role of Icipe, the only institute in Africa working primarily on arthropods, in promoting insect science for food security and health in Africa, and in other developing regions. As part of the agreement, Icipe joins the TWAS-UNESCO Associateship Scheme, a network of over 100 scientific centres of excellence from developing countries. Started in 1994, the scheme aims to counteract brain drain by alleviating the isolation of scientists in the South, and to strengthen the research programmes of the collaborating centres. Under the initiative, Icipe will host associates - talented and promising researchers from developing countries, appointed through a highly competitive and merit-based process, for a fixed period of three years - at its facilities. The associates are entitled to visit the Centre twice during their appointment, for durations of two to three months each time, to pursue their own research interests and/or collaborate with the researchers at icipe in programmes of common interest.

Eldoret municipal council court to be operational in a month's time

Eldoret Municipal Council has established its own court to be operational in a month's time. Eldoret municipal council mayor, William Rono said the court will prosecute the increased number of municipal by-law offenders. Mayor Rono added that the court is targeting those who defy hawking regulations, improper disposal of garbage, licenses among others by-laws as stipulated within the Eldoret municipality. Rono added that plans are under way to ensure that magistrates are posted to operate in the courts adding that all non serious cases will be heard there.

The move is meant to decongest the Eldoret courts due to an influx of cases that forces them to

take long before being heard and being concluded.

Ends.....Stanley Magut.

Uasin Gishu ranked fourth in science congress in Rift valley

Uasin Gishu district has been ranked fourth in the just concluded provincials' science congress in Nanyuki high school in Laikipia district. Officer in charge in the District quality assurance office Stephen Mbuka says the district won five slots out of fifteen to represent Rift valley province at the national science congress which will be held in Mombasa later this term. The schools that put the district on the limelight are Loreto High school Matunda which won in the mathematics competition.

Kipsangui boys' high school won in the Physics class while Moi girls won in two classes. Immaculate heart high school carried the trophy in the Agricultural class. In the meantime the province has already sent five adjudicators for the regional's Music festivals that will be held in Uasin Gishu primary school and bishop Delaney primary school both for the primary and secondary school on the 8th and 9th for the primary and 10th and 11th for the secondary schools.

Ends.....Job Wesonga

Regional News

Rio Tinto 'eyes Zimbabwe diamond boost'

A diamond firm in Zimbabwe which is majorly owned by Rio Tinto says it hopes to raise output sharply at a mine in the south of the country. A \$300m (£207m) expansion of the 300,000-carat per year Murowa mine is being prepared. Rio Tinto owns 78% of Murowa, and Rio Zim, a Zimbabwean-owned unit separated from Rio Tinto in 2004, owns the rest. Now Murowa is talking to the government about its recent decision to ban all diamond sales from Zimbabwe. Human rights groups had accused Zimbabwe's security forces of abuses in the poorly secured Marange diamond fields in the eastern part of the country, and had been pushing for a ban on the stones from the nation.

Namibia HIV women sue over forced sterilisation

Three women in Namibia are suing the state for allegedly being sterilised without their informed consent after being diagnosed as HIV positive. The women say the doctors and nurses should have informed them properly about what was happening. The rights group representing them, the Legal Assistance Centre, says it has documented 15 cases of alleged HIV sterilisation in hospitals since 2008.

A march in their support is taking place in Windhoek as the case begins. There will also be a sit-in protest at one of the hospitals where the alleged sterilisations took place. The women want 1m Namibian dollars (\$130,000, £90,000) in compensation from the health ministry.

Global News

UN urges inquiry into Israel convoy raid

The UN Security Council has issued a statement calling for an impartial inquiry into Israel's raid on a flotilla of Gaza-bound aid ships. The statement said the investigation should be "prompt, impartial, credible and transparent". It also condemned the "acts" which led to the deaths of at least 10 civilian activists during the operation. The raid sparked strong international condemnation and calls for Israel to lift its three-year blockade of Gaza. The UN statement was reached after hours of discussion as the council deliberated through the night. In Turkey, Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan called Israel's raid a "bloody massacre" as he addressed parliament.

Sports News

Cricket Kenya names squad for WCL

Cricket Kenya has named a squad which will travel to the Netherlands for the World Cricket League Division 1 tournament which begins on July 1 this year. Kenya begins with a game against Ireland, the current title holders, on the opening day of the competition, which runs until 10 July this year.

The competition will allow the teams to continue their planning for the 2011 World Cup. With

Cricket Kenya's long term objectives for the team's development in mind; several junior players have been included in the touring party, which will also stop off in the United Kingdom to play in a series of warm-up games arranged by the group Friends of Kenya. David Obuya is missing from the squad due to his injury struggles, while Seren Waters is unavailable due to school commitments.

World Cup attacked for 'unhealthy sponsors'

FIFA has scored an "own goal" by agreeing sponsorship deals for the 2010 World Cup with companies that sell unhealthy products, campaigners say. The World Cancer Research Fund criticised the governing body for partnering with the likes of Coca Cola, McDonald's and Budweiser. It said the tournament should be an opportunity to promote active lifestyles. Advertisers denied the deals would negatively impact children's diets.

The three companies are partners or official sponsors for the World Cup giving them a visible presence inside the stadiums on advertising hoardings and digital displays. And the charity believes that with matches being watched by billions of people in more than 200 countries people across the world will be influenced

Nakamura earns Japan squad place

Former Celtic midfielder Shunsuke Nakamura has been named in Japan's 23-man squad for the World Cup finals after recovering from an ankle injury. Nakamura, 31, missed the friendly against England on Sunday but played all 90 minutes of a behind-closed-doors match on Monday. The Yokohama Marinos playmaker should feature in Japan's final warm-up game against Ivory Coast on Friday. Coach Takeshi Okada's named four European-based players in his squad. Japan are in Group E along with Cameroon, Denmark and the Netherlands - and coach Okada has targeted a place in the last four at the World Cup.