

## **Local News: 1<sup>st</sup> May 2010.**

### ***Groove awards ceremony held in Nairobi.***

Exodus is Uganda's artiste of the year as are The Sisters of Rwanda, in the same category of this year's biggest gospel awards Groove Awards happening in Nairobi. Other winners include Fabrice Nzeyimana of Burundi and Rose Muhando of Tanzania. Legendary composer Japheth Kassanga from Kenya was honored with an outstanding contributor award. Worship song of the year went to Alice Kamande for the song Wewe Pekee. Kiriro, collaboration between Daddy Owen and Allan Aaron won 3 times in different categories. Song of the year went to Kiriro as well. The ceremony continues.

### ***Pay rise for Kenyan worker.***

The ministry of labor has been asked to implement a pay rise minimum pay of 10 per cent for workers effective this year, according to Prime Minister Raila Odinga. The premier who gave a keynote address Saturday during this year's Labor Day celebrations at Uhuru Park Nairobi said that the Kenyan worker deserved to be awarded for their hard work. Raila noted that 750,000 Kenyans seek employment every year and called for the strengthening of small enterprise sectors to create jobs and reduce poverty levels. COTU secretary General Francis Atwoli urged the government to include workers on regional forums noting that trading blocks in the region would boost the worker. He thanked the government for registering Tom Mboya Labor College which he notes will enhance the capacity of workers. On workers plight, Atwoli says workers lacked representation, despite there being labour laws.

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### ***Labor Day Celebration in Eldoret***

Labor Day celebrations were held Saturday at 64 stadium Eldoret with focus on protecting workers right. Deputy Provincial Commissioner North rift region, Musyambo Wanyama explained that the day is meant to mobilize labor and employers together to hear each other's point of view. Wanyama urged union leaders to set a forum for the workers and try to introduce a new law that will champion for workers rights. He also said that government has put in place strategies to assist labor unions of Kenya.

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### ***Parents urged to vet schools before enrolling children.***

Parents have been advised to take precaution before registering their children in different institutions of learning in the country. Professor Chacha Nyaigoti Chacha an educationist says parents have been finding it a challenge to tell institutions that are certified from those that are not. He is urging the parents to consult with the ministry of education on the right approach to take when looking for the right schools. Professor Chacha notes that many parents have been conned millions of shillings from enrolling with unregistered schools and called for the enactment of a law by parliament that will protect parents from the unscrupulous business people. He made the comments during a one on one interview with Fish FM News in Nairobi.

### ***Police impound 600 liters of changa in Lugari district,***

Administration police in Lugari district yesterday impounded more than 600 liters of illegal brew in Sokomoko Village. The operation which was headed by the area District commissioner Titus Murugu led to an arrest of five local brewers believed to be the distributors of changaa liquor in the larger Lugari district. Murugu said the government will not relent in its fight against illegal brews which have led to an increase in poverty levels in the area. This comes amidst government's efforts to fight illegal brewing around the country following a chain of arrests and destruction of the illicit drink.