

## **Local 20 October 2010**

### **Africa resolves to reduce maternal and child deaths**

The Pan African Parliament (PAP) has resolved to mobilize budgetary allocations from African governments to finance the implementation of the recently adopted African Union Declaration on Maternal, Infant and Child Health and Development in Africa, and commitments by African governments at the just concluded UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) summit in New York. The resolution for improved health financing was presented for debate by the Chair of the PAP Committee of Monetary and Financial Affairs Musa Njigum Mbutoh. Mbutoh defined the resolution as a historical first by the Pan African Parliament working with national parliaments to improve domestic budgets and to put in operation an African Union Policy in record time, and a strong statement of commitment by African legislators to improve investment in the health of their constituents, notably women and children.

Kenya is among the countries which have pledged to honor the commitments by recruiting and deploying an additional 20,000 primary care health workers; establish and operationalize 210 primary health facility centers of excellence to provide maternal and child health services to an additional 1.5 million women and 1.5 million children; and expand community health care, and decentralize resources. The commitments were pledged at the launch of the United Nations' Secretary-General's Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health during the Millennium Development Goals Summit in New York on September 22.

### **Two arrested with fake Kenyan examination papers**

just a day before the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) exams kick off, two people have been arrested for being in possession of fake English paper I in Rachuonyo and Mombasa Counties. Education Permanent Secretary Professor James Ole Kiyapi confirmed the arrests today at Kisumu Day High School in Kisumu County where he officiated the distribution of KCSE examination papers to 30 District Education Officers (DEO's) from the Nyanza region. Prof. Kiyapi called for stern action against the two noting that those purporting to have examination papers for sale were "mockers of government" since the government had put in place tough measures to curb any exam leakage.

The examinations have in the past been dogged by cheating but the government this year instituted tougher measures to curb the vice including the superimposition of candidates' photos to ensure no impostors sat the exam. Prof Kiyapi appealed to the candidates not to involve themselves in any form of irregularities as police were on high alert to arrest anybody found cheating. 357,789 candidates are expected to sit for the examinations in 5,898 centers with the government deploying some 6000 security agents to monitor the exercise.

### **IDPs to be resettled by December this year**

All Internally Displaced Persons still living in IDP camps in Uasin Gishu, Keiyo-Marakwet and Nandi counties will be relocated to new houses by December this year. Speaking Wednesday during Heroes Day celebrations held at 64 stadiums in Eldoret, Rift Valley Deputy Provincial

Commissioner Wanyama Musyambo said that construction materials for the new houses are ready and construction work will begin next week. Musyambo revealed that the first phase of the project will see the government building 300 new housing units for the IDPs. The Internally Displaced Persons have been living in IDP camps across the region following the 2007 disputed post poll chaos. Meanwhile the Rift Valley Deputy Provincial Commissioner noted that they have laid down proper strategies to deal with the rise in cases of insecurity in Eldoret town.  
*END...MARY GOMBE*

### **Councilors in Uasin Gishu criticize the suspension of higher education minister**

The move to suspend the Higher Education minister William Ruto continues to elicit mixed reactions with councilors from the Uasin Gishu County terming it as political. The councilors led by Nominated councilor Kiplagat Talam, they claimed that the move is targeting to destroy the minister politically considering that he had announced of contesting for the presidential post come 2012. Higher Education Minister William Ruto was suspended by president Mwai Kibaki on Tuesday pending the determination of a criminal case against him over a controversial sale of a piece of land in Ngong forest.

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### **Kibaki hails heroes**

President Mwai Kibaki in his speech on Heroes day has saluted Kenya's heroes who displayed courage, bravery and made heroic contributions to set the country on a path to independence. Leading the nation during this year's Mashujaa day celebrations at Nyayo National Stadium Nairobi, the head of State's speech also hailed the post independence heroes whose service to Kenya contributed to the social and economic progress the country achieved as well as the greater democratic space enjoyed today.

The President further termed historic the promulgation of the new constitution which will for the first time devolve government substantial resources equitably among the 47 counties. He says the Grand Coalition Government is working hard to develop all parts of the country adding that Vision 2030 is being implemented as a development strategy to transform Kenya into a middle-income country with a high quality of life within the next 20 years. Noting that basic education was free, the head of state says university admissions have doubled while 13 university colleges were created to access university education accessible to many Kenyans. On food security, Kibaki says the Grand Coalition Government is implementing an ambitious policy to lessen the country's dependency on rain-fed agriculture. President Kibaki saluted all Kenyans on Mashujaa day saying it shall forever be embedded in Kenya's history as the first Mashujaa Day.

### **Kenyans mark Mashujaa Day**

Kenyans turned up in large numbers at the Nyayo National stadium and other parts of the country to celebrate Mashujaa day in honor of heroes and heroines who contributed to the

nation's liberation struggle. The annual event that has replaced Kenyatta day will be celebrated every 20 October to honor Kenyan freedom fighters who sacrificed for the country's independence. The government, three years ago constituted a task force to carry out a countrywide data collection on the criteria for identifying, recognizing and honoring the heroes. Among the Mashujaa (heroes) who are recognized for their contribution to the independence of the country are the Kapenguria Six, who include Kenya's founding father Mzee Jomo Kenyatta, Paul Ngei, Bildad Kaggia, Achieng' Oneko, Kungu Karumba and Fred Kubai. A mausoleum for the late Kenyatta stands at the Kenyatta International Conference Centre in Nairobi while the heritage ministry has built mausoleums for Ngei, Kaggia and Oneko. Work is ongoing on Kubai's mausoleum and a monument in honor of Karumba is being built. The ministry has also developed a Draft National Heroes Bill, which is awaiting cabinet approval. The government is also recognizing some 100 other Kenyans who have contributed in other sectors of the society including ex-freedom fighters, environmentalists, sportspeople and others.

### **Preserve Kenya's history, says VP**

Vice President Kalonzo Musyoka has stressed the importance of preserving Kenya's history through proper documentation and research for the benefit of present and future generations. Musyoka encouraged citizens to acquaint themselves with the country's past through reading and visits to places of historical significance including the National Archives. The Vice President was addressing staff and wananchi outside the Kenya National Archives after making an extensive tour of the facility where he was conducted through various sections of the country's history. Some of the areas he visited included pictorial sections of former colonial Governors, past Presidents and Vice Presidents, Paramount Chiefs, freedom fighters the Joseph Murumbi books and stamps collections, different cultural attires of Kenya's communities, past government files among others. Musyoka paid glowing tributes to the country's heroes and wished Kenyans happy Mashujaa Day celebrations. The Vice President commended the National Archives staff for preserving the country's historical events and individual contribution to Kenya's past.

### **Continent Fails to Benefits From Foreign Trade**

Poor market access for African products in the international markets is one of the reasons for poverty crippling the continent. By selling unprocessed agricultural commodities and natural resources, many African countries have lost huge portion of their share in international trade. This was noted at the first general assembly of ACT Alliance, a global church network working for humanitarian issues, at the Corridor Spring Hotel in Arusha Tanzania. While the world trade and services has been increasing by 6.7 per cent between the 1970s and the late 1990s, Africa's share fell from about five to around 1.5per cent. The 48 least developed countries (LDCs), most of them in Africa, are even more affected losing about 80 per cent of their share of international trade in non-fuel commodities in the last 30 years and now account for only 0.5 per cent of world

trade.

### **Study Highlights Need for Better Post-Rape Care in Conflict**

Recent research into the effect of mass rape on HIV in conflict situations has highlighted the need for better post-rape care services for affected women and girls. Published in *AIDS*, the official journal of the International AIDS Society, the study, entitled *Assessing the Impact of Mass Rape on the Incidence of HIV in Conflict-affected Countries*, found that mass rape could cause about five new HIV infections per 100,000 females per year in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Sudan, Somalia and Sierra Leone, double that number in Burundi and Rwanda, and 20 new infections per 100,000 women per year in Uganda. According to Sally Blower, one of the authors of the new study, women and girls infected through mass rape could act as bridges for HIV into the general population by infecting their sexual partners or their children through mother-to-child transmission. The study found that under extreme conditions, mass rape could lead to as many as 10,000 women and girls becoming infected with HIV every year in the DRC, with that figure rising to up to 20,000 in Uganda.

### **World Bank Study Suggests Ways to Increase Farm Output**

The World Bank's Independent Evaluation Group (IEG) has released its report into world farming techniques and has suggested ways for African farmers to improve growth. The "Growth and Productivity in Agriculture and Agribusiness: Evaluative Lessons from World Bank Group Experience" report has drawn on the World Bank Group's experience in supporting agricultural growth in the past decade. The report points to areas where increased funding can translate into higher impact. Agricultural growth remains central to poverty reduction, as one billion people worldwide continue living in extreme poverty, many in rural areas. In addition, the challenges posed by the global food crisis are likely to grow due to the expected doubling of worldwide food demand by 2050. In the 1990s waning donor and government interest led to a decline in agriculture support by the WBG.

### **Stunted Children Threaten Economic Growth**

A presentation by the government and the UN Children's Fund titled, 'Nutrition for Human and Economic Development in Kenya - Investing Now for the Year 2030', asserts that if newborns are well nourished and cared for, the first five Millennium Development Goals that include eradication of extreme poverty and hunger, will be met. Alongside iodine, iron and vitamin A deficiencies, growth faltering is listed as the major nutritional problems affecting children, and which are blamed for mental retardation and poor performance in school. And when children fail to achieve full academic potential, they cannot be productive at the workplace. It is estimated that Kenya stands to lose Sh80 billion between 2007 and 2015 due to stunting. Faltered growth is directly linked to failure to breastfeed infants, which is a serious problem in the country. According to the Kenya government/Unicef report, exclusive breastfeeding for the first six

months of a child's life, which is the recommended minimum, is among the lowest in Africa - standing at 2.6 per cent.

## **Regional 20 October 2010**

### **UK aid worker's joy at release from captors in Somalia**

A British security consultant kidnapped six days ago by gunmen in Somalia has described his release as "marvellous", Save the Children says. Zimbabwean-born Frans Barnard was seized in the town of Adado last Thursday. A local colleague, who was also seized, was freed the next day. The charity said Barnard was safe and well, and in the hands of clan elders, who organized his release. Save the Children said there was no payment of a ransom. Frans Barnard had gone to the area to see if it was safe enough for Save the Children to set up a new base to help malnourished and sick children, along with their families.

### **Guinea moves to halt deadly poll clashes**

Guinea has replaced its election chief five days before a presidential run-off, in a move seen as aiming to quell rising violence linked to the vote. Two supporters of presidential hopeful Cellou Dalein Diallo were killed earlier as police opened fire on crowds demanding the removal of election commission head Lounceny Camara. The country's military rulers later said a soldier would replace Camara. Guinea hope the vote will draw a line under decades of authoritarian rule. But the first round in June failed to give anyone a clear majority, and the run-off has been delayed several times because of violence between rival activists, and widespread claims of fraud.

### **S Africa's The New Age aborts launch after staff quit**

The launch of a new South African newspaper has been put on hold after five of its editors resigned at the last minute. The senior staff at The New Age, which promises "more positive" news, have not given their reasons for standing down. It is alleged that disagreement over editorial content may be behind the move. The paper's backers have close links to the governing African National Congress (ANC) and President Jacob Zuma. The five senior employees who gave notice on Tuesday include the editor-in-chief, deputy editor and news editor.

### **South Africa's public sector unions agree pay offer**

South Africa's public sector unions have accepted a government pay offer, bringing an end to a long-running dispute that saw strikes close schools and hospitals in August and September. The deal secures for workers a 7.5% wage rise backdated to 1 July, and an 800 rand (\$115; £73) housing allowance. Both major labour unions have now accepted the deal. The deal "effectively ends" the dispute, said Chris Klopper of the Independent Labour Caucus union. The larger Cosatu union had already signed up to the deal. The unions had been demanding a pay offer of

8.6% and a 1000 rand housing allowance. Members staged a three-week nationwide strike that had a big impact on public services, especially on hospitals where army medics and volunteers were brought in to care for patients

## **Global 20 October 2010**

### **Paul Gascoigne admits drink-driving charge**

Former footballer Paul Gascoigne has been warned he could be jailed after admitting driving while more than four times the legal alcohol limit. The 43-year-old Teesside-born former England midfielder appeared at Newcastle Magistrates Court. Gascoigne was stopped by police in Newcastle on 8 October. He is due to stand trial next month for allegedly drinking and driving in North Yorkshire in February. At Newcastle Magistrates Court on Wednesday, District Judge Stephen Erl was told Gascoigne had 142mg of alcohol in 100ml of breath when he was stopped in Jesmond, Newcastle, on 8 October.

### **Saudi prince jailed for life for murder of servant**

A Saudi prince has been jailed for life for murdering his servant at a hotel in central London. Bandar Abdul-Aziz, 32, was found beaten and strangled in the Landmark Hotel, Marylebone, on 15 February 2010. The Old Bailey was told the assault by Saud Abdul-Aziz bin Nasser al Saud had a "sexual element" and he had attacked Abdul-Aziz many times before. Al Saud, 34, who had admitted manslaughter but denied murder, was given a minimum jail term of 20 years. The Saudi prince was also found guilty of causing grievous bodily harm with intent in relation to an earlier attack in a hotel lift, a charge which he had denied.

### **Afghanistan rules 1.3m parliamentary votes are invalid**

Afghanistan's election authorities have cancelled 1.3 million votes in last month's parliamentary election because of fraud or other irregularities. The number of void votes amounts to almost a quarter of nearly 5.6 million ballots cast in the 18 September poll. More than 220 candidates are being investigated for fraud in the election, turnout for which was around 40%. Final results are not expected before the end of the month once poll investigators finish their work. Despite the throwing out of 1.3 million votes, there will probably be no rush by the international community to condemn the election. Ultimately, the poll's measure of success will be how it affects the stability of the country.

### **French police break blockades at three oil depots**

The French government has used the security forces to lift blockades by strikers at three fuel depots serving the west of the country. President Nicolas Sarkozy has authorized police to break all remaining blockades at fuel depots. French workers are taking their rolling strike against planned pension reforms into its seventh day. Student leaders have also called for more protests

ahead of a Senate vote on the retirement age later this week.

## **Sport 20-10-10**

### **Passions run high as Gor Mahia looks forward to big payday**

PREMIERSHIP action continues on Friday but the big clash is anticipated on Saturday when Gor Mahia counters AFC Leopards at the National Stadium. Leaders Ulinzi Stars [52] will be the team hungrier to win the Friday clash kick-off time, 7pm and “live” on Super Sport 9. On Saturday, No. 2 Gor Mahia [46 points] will be even keener on victory. Their chances of the title hang on their winning all their remaining four matches while hoping that Ulinzi falter [lose] in at least two remaining encounters. The title chase is one incentive for Gor Mahia to come out with all their guns blazing against Leopards, the other being there is no other match that ignites as much passion among both Gor Mahia and AFC Leopards supporters as this one.

### **Wales & Scotland fall in rankings**

Wales have plummeted 20 places to 104th in October's Fifa world rankings, with Scotland falling 10 positions to 57th. Wales, who have lost their first three Euro 2012 qualifiers, find themselves below the Gambia and Kuwait, while Scotland are level with Venezuela. England remain sixth but Northern Ireland have moved up four places to 41st and the Republic of Ireland have risen one spot to 32nd. Italy are down three places to 16th, their lowest ranking. Scotland, who have kicked off their qualifying campaign with a win, a draw and two defeats, stooped to 86th in 2004.

### **Fifa duo face vote-selling probe**

Fifa officials Amos Adamu and Reynald Temarii are appearing before the body's ethics committee in Zurich today to answer allegations of corruption. The Fifa executive committee members are accused of offering to sell their votes in the contest to host the 2018 World Cup ahead of December's ballot. Fifa is also examining suspicions of collusion between unnamed bidding nations in the race for 2018 and 2022. The ethics committee will address the media after the meeting. The hearing, which got underway today morning, was called after an English newspaper accused Nigerian Adamu and Tahitian Temarii, who is the Oceania Football Confederation (OFC) president, of asking for payments for votes. Adamu and Temarii were secretly filmed by reporters from the Sunday Times, who posed as lobbyists for a consortium of American companies that wanted to bring the tournament to the US.

### **Serena Williams announces end of her season**

Serena Williams has confirmed she will not compete again in 2010 as injury has forced her to withdraw from the WTA Championships and Fed Cup final. A cut to her foot has meant the American has not played since winning her 13th Grand Slam title on 3 July. Having announced last week that she had strained her foot in training, Williams said on Tuesday she had "re-torn"

the tendon and undergone a "procedure". The end-of-season WTA Championships begin in Doha on 26 October. They are followed by the Fed Cup final between the United States and Italy in San Diego next month. Williams, 29, lost her world number one ranking to 20-year-old Dane Caroline Wozniacki earlier this month.

### **No contact with Rooney says Mancini**

Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini has said the club has had no contact with want-away Manchester United striker Wayne Rooney. Speculation is rife after United boss Sir Alex Ferguson revealed the 24-year-old wants to leave Old Trafford. United's close rivals City have been linked with the England international. The big-spending Eastland's club have already signed one former United striker recently, with Carlos Tevez joining City in July 2009 after his Red Devils contract expired. Mancini's side have been installed as favorites to sign Rooney after Tuesday's revelation that the striker - whose current deal expires at the end of the 2011/12 season - wishes to leave United. But in the press conference ahead of his team's Europa League home match against Polish side Lech Poznan on Thursday, Mancini echoed the comments of Jose Mourinho - whose Real Madrid side have also been linked with the player - when he said he expected Rooney to stay at United.