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Ruto calls for opponents to respect their view.

Higher education Minister William Ruto has called on those supporting the proposed constitution to respect views of those in the no camp. The minister who spoke during a series of no campaigns in the North Rift region together with Minister Samuel Pogishio said the rejection of the draft shouldn't be seen as a rift valley issue saying other Kenyans in other regions have understood serious faults in the draft. They exuded confidence that the draft will be defeated come the referendum time. Speaking on the land issue the leaders noted that it would allow government to take over land from people who fail to pay taxes.

They are now calling on government to stop the rush in the constitutional making process saying there was no need to just because the country needs a constitution. In the meantime, National Council of Churches of Kenya today said that the committee of experts should take responsibility for writing the document and inserting clauses that are contentious.

Ends... Caroline Koech

Trash Challenge at Municipal Market

Traders at the Eldoret Municipal Market are operating under stressing conditions, following the failure by the council to collect trash that has now taken most of the selling space. Those who spoke to Fish FM early Monday reported that the trash has been piling everyday, consequently displacing green maize sellers, with some being forced to lay their goods on top of the rubbish. A section of buyers on the other hand confessed that the situation is frightening, adding that cleanliness standards at the market have greatly gone down.

On his side market manager David Maiyo said the breakdown of a council tractor has caused a delay in refuse collection, but promised that the mess will be rectified with speed as the council hires a ministry of works tractor to ferry away the trash. He promised the agitated sellers that the trash will be collected on a daily basis from now on, as a measure to provide better trading conditions, besides securing the market from risks of possible disease outbreaks.

Ends ...David Macharia

Eldoret Municipality embarks on street lighting

Following an increase in cases of insecurity along major streets of Eldoret, the Eldoret municipal council has taken a step and reinstalled the street lights. As our reporter Gladys Kimaiyo sought to find out views of a select few in Eldoret, it has been noted that it's now safe to walk at night in most of the streets. Voxpop: Pedestrians applaud light installation. However they are urging the government to ensure good maintenance of the street lights and installation of more in other streets that lack the facility.

Ends...Gladys Kimaiyo

African News

Ivory Coast probes Trafigura waste fund theft

An investigation has been ordered into allegations a minister in the Ivory Coast embezzled money meant for victims of waste dumping. The investigation into Interior Minister Desire Tagro comes after accusations in the media. Oil shipping firm Trafigura made a \$198m (£134m) out-of-court settlement with the government after the 2006 dumping of waste in Abidjan. Mr Tagro will not be suspended during the inquiry, it was reported. He is seen as a key ally of President Laurent Gbagbo, who ordered the investigation.

Gulf of Mexico oil spill claims to be 'paid quickly'

The man running the \$20bn fund to compensate victims of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill says he is determined to speed up the payment of claims. Kenneth Feinberg said President Barack Obama wanted to "get these claims paid. Get them paid quickly". He also said he would "err on the side of the claimant" in assessing emergency claims from fishermen and businesses. Oil giant BP agreed to bankroll the \$20bn fund, under pressure from Mr Obama following the sinking of the rig.

Sport News

Rolex FC thrashes Puma FC at A-step tournament

Rolex FC out washed Puma FC one goal to nil during the A-step tournament that was played at pipeline grounds on Sunday. The lone goal for Rolex FC was scored in the 68th minute by "The star" Allan Lutuli. Job Wesonga is our man in the field. Andrew Omondi and the goal keeper David Omondi of Rolex FC ensured that the Puma FC'S striking force ended outside their box. Rolex Coach Daniel Induswe said he was proud of his boys and at the same time acknowledged that it was a hard game.

Meanwhile, The Peace tournament that was to kick off last weekend was postponed. The tournament that is now set to take place this weekend is geared towards building peace and reconciliation among different communities in Eldoret town.

Ends... Wesonga Job.

Portugal crush North Korea 7-0

Portugal captain Cristiano Ronaldo ended his two-year wait for an international goal as his side ripped North Korea apart to claim their first win of this World Cup in style. The two sides were only separated by Raul Meireles' goal at half-time but Portugal produced a scintillating attacking display after the break to score six goals and spark their tournament into life. Simao, Hugo Almeida and Tiago found the net in the space of seven minutes to end any hopes of a North Korean comeback, before Liedson, Ronaldo and a second from Tiago completed a similar quick-fire salvo at the end of the game.