

## **Local 21st Oct 2010**

### **Students told on the need of self governance**

Students have been urged to embrace self governance in their daily activities in order to succeed in their lives. Speaking today at the Kenya Institute of Management Eldoret branch, the Managing Director Fish Media and Word of Truth Ministries Reuben Kigame told the students to take control of themselves and make right choices that will empower them. Kigame revealed that many people have been employed in several institutions disregarding their self governance which eventually leads to failure in delivery. He said that poor governance leads to economic depreciation citing examples of leaders in Africa whom their countries are reeling under poverty due to bad governance.

At the same time, Humprey Simiyu a lecturer at the institute welcomed the idea saying that self governance will enable the students to interact and intermingle with the staff thus hastening service delivery and even strengthening the bond between them. On the other hand the students were grateful for having gotten the opportunity to learn such principles in life which are in line with the new constitution on the leadership and integrity clause.

*End.....James Gitaka*

### **Charge Iteere over renditions, Mutula says**

Police Commissioner Mathew Iteere risks facing prosecution for violating the new Constitution by ordering the arrest of Kenyan suspects who were illegally renditioned to Uganda where they are facing charges. Justice Minister Mutula Kilonzo told Muslim leaders on Thursday that the police action "amounted to a serious violation of the new law and has serious consequences." Kilonzo spoke after he held a meeting with Muslim leaders at Jamia Mosque where they demanded to know why the government was not bothered with the arrest and prosecution of some 13 Kenyans facing terror and murder charges in Uganda. The Minister said he was saddened that most Kenyans and even those holding higher offices had not familiarized themselves with the new Constitution. The Muslim leaders are demanding the intervention of the government to ensure the Kenyans are brought back to face justice at home.

### **Lawmakers approve nominees to JSC**

Parliament on Tuesday approved the names of two nominees to the Judicial Service Commission and set in motion the process of reforming the Judiciary. High Court judge Isaac Lenaola and Principal Magistrate Emily Ominde will now take up the positions at the commission to be constituted of seven other members. While moving for the adoption of the names, the vice chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs Njoroge Baiya urged other professional bodies to fast track the naming of their members. The Law Society of Kenya is set to meet next week where they are expected to nominate two members to sit on the Commission. MPs showered praise on the two nominees saying that they represented a renaissance of a youthful leadership as had been exhibited by the nomination of the two young

professionals.

### **Women and children bear brunt of conflict**

This year's United Nations report on State of World Population 2010 shows that women and children suffer most in conflict and disaster situations which make them most vulnerable to gender based violence. Speaking during the launch of the report, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Country Representative Fidelis Zama Chi asked governments to pay attention to sexual violence especially in countries affected by conflict. He further called on governments to bring justice to victims of sexual violence and protect other women and children from becoming preys of sexual violence. The report coincided with the 10th anniversary of the United Nations Security Council's landmark Resolution 1325 which aims to put a stop to sexual violence against women and girls in conflict. He further called for active involvement and encouragement of women to participate in peace building initiatives and appealed to countries to come up with action plans to address gender issues associated with conflict and disasters.

### **Kenyan MP to know fate Friday**

The fate of Kirinyaga Central Member of Parliament Ngata Kariuki will be known on Friday when the High Court will make a ruling in a petition filed by former MP Daniel Karaba. High court judge Mohamed Warsame is expected to deliver a judgment over the legality of the election of the MP. This will be the eighth judgment made by the High Court on election petitions filed since the 2007 general election. Other MPs who had their elections nullified in the tenth parliament include Matuga MP, Ali Chirau Mwakwere, and former assistant ministers, Joel Onyancha (Bomachoge), Margaret Wanjiru (Starehe) and Omingo Magara (South Mugirango), Dick Wathika (Makadara), George Thuo (Juja) and Abdirahman Ali Hassan (Wajir South). Mwakwere and Wanjiru managed to recapture their seats in subsequent by-elections but the others lost. Karaba moved to court challenging the election of Kariuki citing electoral malpractices.

The children of businessman Gerishon Kirima have filed a suit against their step mother Teresia Wairimu. The children argue that Wairimu was in contempt of court orders through her alleged continued running of their father's businesses and collecting rent. High court judge Fred Ochieng had ordered that the businesses be run by two trustees pending the hearing and determination of the case. The family is involved in a tussle over the control of the ailing tycoon's estate valued at over 750 million shillings.

### **Church told to understand God's leadership**

Now International Ministries pastor Mike Bitok is calling on all people who are aspiring to be leaders to have good morals and understand principles of God on leadership. Addressing a journalist this morning in Eldoret, Bitok said that a good leader should be principled and be able to influence positive changes in people's lives. Bitok told believers to reflect on God's kingdom through serving and showing people the way without discriminating them. The clergy said that Kenyans must always seek guidance from God's word which will enable them understand the

new laws of the country better.

*END...JOHN CHIKAMAI*

### **CDF misuse in Lugari**

Residents of Lugari constituency are lamenting about the alleged misuse of Constituency Development Fund CDF. Led by professionals and other developmental stakeholders in the area, the residents alleged that over 47 Million shillings can not be accounted for due to poor management of the kitty. They further said that education bursary fund aimed at aiding needy students from the constituency hardly reaches the intended beneficiaries. The allegations were echoed by immediate former area Member Of Parliament DR Enock Kibunguchy who said that issues raised by residents are so crucial and ought to be addressed with speed. DR Kibunguchy added that the residents are also demanding the area MP Cyrus Jirongo to account for 19 million shillings which was allocated for roads repair in the area from Rural roads development authority. The residents are now threatening to take a legal action against their area MP in the next 2 weeks if he won't give out a proper explanation to the issues raised by them.

*ENDS.....JOHN CHIKAMAI*

### **KCSE exams start under tight security**

The Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) exams started today morning amid stringent measures to curb cheating. 357,789 candidates are sitting the examinations in 5,898 centers with the government deploying some 6000 security agents to monitor the exercise. The exams are a culmination of 12 years of study for the students who then hope to attain grades to enable them join colleges and universities.

Education minister Sam Ongeri has asked the public to be on the lookout for cheats and fraudsters but added that measures had been taken to ensure success of the exercise.

The number of candidates sitting the exams that will take 19 days has risen from 336,156 last year to 357,789.

### **Students expected to perform better in K.C.S.E.**

Security is tight in Eldoret town following the kick off of the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Examination early today. Speaking a few hours before the examination started, Moi Girls Eldoret Deputy Principal Susan Tenai said that all preparations had been laid down as expected. Tenai has thanked the education ministry for dispatching enough personnel to administer the examination, saying that this will see the process go on effectively. Students are this year expected to perform better, following the decision by the ministry that all papers be done from morning to noon, to give students enough time to prepare for the next paper. A total of 2,950 candidates are sitting for this examination in over 55 examination centres in Eldoret County. So far no case of examination irregularity has been reported in the region.

*ENDS...Mariah*

### **Lack of civic Education a challenge in the implementation of the new constitution**

Lack of civic education remains a challenge in the implementation of the new constitution; this is according to Transparency International Kenya. Speaking during the training of North Rift Good Governance Coalition, Transparency International, Citizen Demand Programme co-coordinator Ruth Kihiu said that there is need for Kenyans to read and understand the new constitution so that they can actively engage in its implementation. At the same time Kihiu is urging the civil society to interrogate politicians' in order to help the public elect the right leaders ahead of the 2012 general elections. The North Rift Good Governance Coalition one day training aimed at enhancing the knowledge of its members so that they can educate Kenyans living in the grassroots on the new constitution. Transparency International Kenya will be holding a public forum on the new constitution Friday at Eldoret town hall.

*END.....MARY GOMBE*

### **Moi teaching and Referral hospital to train neurosurgeons**

Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital is set to train neurosurgeons and medical personnel to curb the current shortage of neurosurgeons in the country. Speaking today in Eldoret, the Assistant Deputy Director in charge of clinical services and training Dr Wilson Aruasa said as a way to achieve its goal of offering quality and affordable healthcare for all, they will train healthcare personnel and researchers adding that the hospital is also planning on performing plastic and reconstruction surgery in the near future. The hospital will from the 31st perform a five-day neurosurgery in collaboration with a team of 11 neurosurgeons from the John Hopkins Hospital in the US. Moi Teaching and Referral hospital has one neurosurgeon Dr Florencius Koech who said they have already lined up thirty cases which would be operated on. The hospital serves the Western Kenya, Uganda and even Eastern Congo. Kenya has about 10 neurosurgeons of which most of them are in Nairobi, and will also come on board to perform the surgeries.

*ENDS...Carolyn Koech*

### **Suspended Ruto maintains he is innocent**

Suspended Minister William Ruto today maintained his innocence over the 96 million shillings fraud claims as he vacated his docket. The Eldoret North MP however said his suspension by President Mwai Kibaki and Prime Minister Raila Odinga from the cabinet was not unreasonable given the circumstances. He dismissed all the corruption allegations ever levelled against him terming them a fabrication. Ruto spoke during a handing over ceremony to his successor Prof Hellen Sambili, expressing confidence that he will be cleared of any wrong doing. Public opinion is split over his suspension with a section of cabinet ministers and Members of Parliament lauding it while those sympathetic to him opposing it.

### **TJRC battles far from over**

The Truth Justice and Reconciliation Commission today faced a fresh bottleneck with the quitting of Prof Ron Slye an American commissioner. The American professor pointed an accusing finger at the government, saying it had failed to support the commission. His resignation came amid a worsening cash crisis at the Commission which was only allocated Sh190 million by the Treasury against its budget Sh2 billion. Moments before he sent his statement indicating his decision, members of the TJRC were desperately seeking an appointment with Justice Minister Mutula Kilonzo to push for further funding. There is indication that from November, the Commission will be operating on a deficit. Prof Slye was one of the three foreigners who were appointed into the nine-member Commission to spearhead reconciliation and national healing for historical injustices in various parts of the country. Prof Slye was one of the vocal commissioners who had earlier in the year pushed the setting up of a tribunal to assess allegations that have been raised against our Chairman.

### **Somalia aid worker Barnard to be reunited with family**

A British man released by kidnapers in Somalia is preparing to be reunited with his family in Nairobi. Frans Barnard, a security consultant with the UK-based charity Save the Children, had been seized by gunmen in Adado last Thursday. He has thanked local elders, who negotiated with the kidnapers to secure his release. Adado leader Mohamed Aden said Barnard had now left for Kenya. On Wednesday, Save the Children said Barnard was being looked after well in Somalia and was "in good spirits". Save the Children said no ransom had been paid to his kidnapers and praised Somali clan elders for securing his safe release.

### **UN drops award sponsored by Equatorial Guinea's Obiang**

A United Nations agency has suspended plans to grant a prize sponsored by Equatorial Guinea President Teodor Obiang Nguema after lobbying by human rights groups. Obiang is accused of rights abuses, rigging elections and corruption. He has previously denied such charges. The UN scientific and cultural agency, Unesco, said its executive board agreed to suspend the life sciences prize. It said it would continue consultations on the award's future. The decision was welcomed by campaigners opposed to the \$3m (£2m) prize.

## **Regional 21 October 2010**

### **China 'trying to block publication of UN Darfur report'**

Beijing is trying to prevent the release of a report, which says Chinese bullets have been used against Darfur peacekeepers, unnamed UN diplomats say. The report is being discussed by a United Nations committee which monitors sanctions against Sudan, including an arms embargo on Darfur. Beijing says it is vaguely worded and full of flaws. Ceasefires and peace negotiations have failed to end the conflict in the volatile western Sudanese region. The report says that a

dozen different brands of Chinese bullet casings have been found in Darfur, some at sites where attacks on UN troops took place. Sudan and China are close allies - Beijing has played a key role in developing Sudan's oil industry. The report, prepared by a panel of experts, was intended to be published after being formally presented to the UN Security Council.

## **Global 21 October 2010**

### **US soldier charged with killing two comrades in Iraq**

A US soldier has been charged with murdering two comrades and wounding a third after an argument in Iraq. Army Specialist Neftaly Platero of Texas is accused of shooting the three in Falluja, a one-time insurgent stronghold 40 miles (65km) west of Baghdad, on 23 September. The soldier was charged with two counts of premeditated murder and one count of attempted premeditated murder. Specialist Platero, 32, is being held in pre-trial confinement in Kuwait. Those killed were identified by the Pentagon as Specialist John Carrillo and Pte First Class Gebrah Noonan. Another soldier, who has not been identified, was wounded in the shooting, but no details were given about the extent of his injuries. The US Army said a criminal inquiry into the incident was ongoing.

### **Cuba dissident Farinas awarded Sakharov Prize by EU**

The European Parliament has awarded its Sakharov human rights prize to Cuban dissident Guillermo Farinas. In July Farinas, 48, ended a hunger strike after Cuba's communist government announced it was freeing 52 political prisoners. During his campaign for human rights he has staged more than 20 hunger strikes and spent more than 11 years in prison. An Israeli human rights watchdog and an Ethiopian opposition activist had also been nominated for the prize. Farinas, a psychologist, journalist and former soldier, had been near death while on hunger strike this year, doctors said. The MEPs who nominated him for the prestigious award called him "a beacon of hope for dozens of journalists and activists who are currently in prison".

### **Bomb kills nine on Philippine bus**

A bomb attack on a bus in the southern Philippine island of Mindanao has killed nine people, officials say. Several more were hurt when the bomb, hidden in an overhead compartment, went off as the bus travelled through Matalam in Cotabato province. More than 50 passengers were on board at the time of the blast. Police said it was not clear who was behind the blast, but parts of Mindanao are home to kidnapers, extortion gangs and Muslim insurgent groups. The bus company had previously received extortion letters from armed groups in the region, one official said. Armed gangs have tried to extort money from bus companies and been blamed for attacks on vehicles and bus terminals in the past.

### **Last two trapped Ecuadorean miners are found dead**

Rescuers in Ecuador have found the bodies of two missing miners caught by a cave-in at a gold mine. The bodies of two other miners were recovered at the weekend. The four men were trapped about 150m (490ft) underground on Friday. The collapse at the Casa Negra gold, silver and copper mine, near the southern town of Portovelo, is thought to have been caused by a water leak which eroded structural supports. There had been no signs of life since the accident happened. The dangerous nature of mining work worldwide has received renewed attention in the wake of the successful rescue of the 33 trapped miners in Chile

### **Settlers start 600 new homes after ban ends: watchdog**

Jewish settlers have started building more than 600 homes in the West Bank since a building freeze expired last month, an Israeli pressure group says. The pace of building is four times faster than before the ban was put in place, Peace Now says. Recently re-launched Middle East peace talks could collapse over Jewish settlement building on occupied land. Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas has vowed to leave the talks unless Israel renews its partial construction freeze. Yariv Oppenheimer, a spokesman for Peace Now, told the press that more details on the 600-plus new homes being built by Jewish settlers would be released in a report on Monday.

## **Sports 21 October 2010**

### **Marathon deadline extended**

Organizers of the upcoming Standard Chartered Nairobi marathon have extended the registration exercise to October 26. Deadline for registration had earlier been set for Mashujaa day but due to public demand, this has now been pushed further to allow all willing participants a chance to register. According to the organizers, more than 9,000 participants had registered by close of business on 20th October but there was need to allow in more participants who did not hit the deadline to register. Registration continues at all Standard Chartered Bank branches countrywide, selected malls and health clubs in Nairobi. This year's event is expected to attract 15,000 participants as well as unearth new talent. Over the last five years, budding athletes have launched their careers in the Nairobi Marathon, offering an excellent opportunity for runners to not only run one race of their own but to experience an international meet on their home soil.

### **Kenya take 2-0 lead**

Collins Obuya hit 69 to help Kenya beat the United Arab Emirates by nine runs on Tuesday in Mombasa. Shem Ngoche destroyed the visitor's batting order to secure victory at the Mombasa Sports Club ground and an unassailable 2-0 lead. Kenya lost five wickets for nine runs to stumble to 175 for 8, 39-year-old left-arm spinner Mohammad Tauqir doing most of the damage. They were eventually bowled out for 204, with Tauqir taking 5 for 45, his best List A figures. UAE lost opener Amjad Ali for 8, but Arshad Ali and Swapnil Patil steered them to a strong 82 for 1. Then it was time for UAE to wobble, losing four quick wickets, before Arfan Haider (36)

helped them claw back to 133 for 5. The third of the four one-dayers is on today.

### **Zimbabwe match-fixing angers Fifa**

Football's world governing body Fifa has asked the Zimbabwe Football Association (Zifa) to take urgent action on the match-fixing scandal that has rocked the country. An investigation by Zifa has concluded that national team players were paid to lose matches by an Asian betting syndicate in December 2009. And now, Fifa has directed Zifa to sanction anyone involved. Officials and players could face lengthy bans following the outcome of the report. The allegations of match fixing centre on a tour where Zimbabwe lost 3-0 to Thailand and 6-0 to Syria. The report also said money was sent from the betting syndicate to Zifa chief executive Henrietta Rushwaya. Zifa programmes officer Jonathan Musavengana is also accused of receiving "a bunch of US dollars" from a representative of the syndicate. A decision on the matter will be taken by Zifa when it meets at a later date

### **Fifa suspends Nigerian over vote claim**

Fifa has provisionally suspended officials Amos Adamu and Reynald Temarii over 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. They were secretly filmed by Sunday Times reporters, who posed as lobbyists for a consortium of American companies that wanted the event to go to the US. Fifa will meet again in mid-November to make a final decision. At that meeting Fifa will also study alleged agreements between member associations and their bid committees in relation to the 2018 and 2022 World Cup bidding process. The world governing body did not specify which countries could be under scrutiny. Rumours of collusion between a 2018 bidder and a 2022 hopeful surfaced in September, prompting Fifa secretary general Jerome Valcke to warn all countries that mutual voting deals are against Fifa rules.

### **Ferguson plans talks over Rooney**

Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson is eager to stop the Wayne Rooney issue from becoming a "saga". Striker Rooney, 24, says he wants to leave the Premier League club because of their lack of ambition. Ferguson is to meet chief executive David Gill to discuss the club's next move. Ferguson revealed in an emotional news conference on Tuesday that Rooney had told club officials on 14 August that he intended to leave Old Trafford. That prompted a statement from the player himself on Wednesday, shortly before the club took on Bursaspor in a Champions League tie at Old Trafford.

## **Business 21 October 2010**

### **Toyota to recall over a million cars in US and Japan**

Toyota has announced a recall of more than 1.5 million cars worldwide over brake and fuel pump defects. The carmaker said the decision affected certain Avalon, Highlander and Lexus cars, including 740,000 cars in the US, 600,000 in Japan and 17,000 in the UK. It wants to ensure that fluid does not leak from the brake master cylinder, causing the warning light to turn on. The fault could cause the brake pedal to feel spongy, and braking performance to "gradually decline". Toyota says that if the brake warning light is triggered, drivers still have another 200 miles to drive to find help before the brake performance deteriorates. Toyota is not aware of any accidents because of the issue.

### **China's rapid growth rate slows**

China says its economy has maintained robust growth in the third quarter of 2010, but at a slightly lower rate. Official figures show a drop from just over 10% growth to 9.6%. This leaves China still far ahead of any major economy, but experts fear the slowdown will reduce the contribution China can make to a global recovery. The Chinese government has recently taken measures to cool a credit boom in order to achieve more sustainable growth levels. But the slowdown will lower China's demand for oil, iron ore, factory machinery and other imports. Official data also showed that consumer prices rose at the fastest pace in nearly two years in September.

## **MONEY MARKET**

### **Money report.**

The US dollar was today buying at 76 shillings and 80 cents and selling at 85 shillings.

The Sterling pound was buying at 123 shillings and 16 cents and selling at 132 shillings and 51 cents.

The Euro was buying at 107 shillings and 95 cents and sold at 117 shillings and 24 cents.

The South African Rand traded at eight shillings and eight cents and 15 shillings and 18 cents buying and selling respectively.

The Tanzanian shilling was buying at 20 shillings and 95 cents and selling at 16 shillings and 45 cents.

The Ugandan shilling was buying at 30 shillings and 58 cents and selling at 26 shillings and 8 cents.

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### **Govt to release funds for tax refunds**

Treasury is set to release six billion shillings to help the Kenya Revenue Authority expedite tax refunds. Commissioner General Michael Waweru says the refunds are to be released by the end

of the year once the consolidation of all claims is complete. The announcement comes amidst complains by the business fraternity that the refund exercise was taking long and inhibiting business growth. Year after year the issue of tax refunds has been coming up with investors crying foul due to the overwhelming delays by the Kenya Revenue Authority in processing the refunds. But the taxman has been on the defensive saying the high turn-out of fake claims has been the cause for the delay. This has in turn resulted in unwarranted lengthy, tedious and time consuming tax refund processes impacting negatively on the operations of businesses.

### **Zain Kenya, Pesapoint in money transfer partnership**

Mobile phone provider Zain Kenya has entered into a partnership with the Paynet Group, the proprietors of the Pesapoint ATM network that will allow Zain customers to withdraw money from their zap accounts at any Pesa point ATMs country wide without the use of ATM cards.

Zain Kenya Managing Director Rene Meza said Thursday the partnership will give Zap a stronger presence across the country, a move that will contribute immensely in the journey towards achieving market leadership in Kenya. To access funds from Pesapoint ATMs, Zap customers will request an authorization code by transferring Zap value to the 'nickname' Pesapoint. The code will act as a special Personal Identification Number to be keyed in at the ATMs. Paynet Group Managing Director, Bernard Matthewman, lauded the partnership saying it would strengthen the penetration of the money transfer service in Kenya.