

## **Local News 23th July 2010**

### **Lumumba to head Kenya anti graft body**

President Mwai Kibaki has appointed renowned constitutional lawyer PLO Lumumba as the Director of Kenya Anti Corruption Commission (KACC). In a gazette notice, the President also appointed Prof Jane Onsongo and lawyer Pravin Bowry as Assistant Directors. Each appointment is for five years. The three were recruited by the KACC Advisory Board and approved by Parliament in June.

Dr Lumumba takes the helm after the resignation of Justice Aaron Ringera in September last year. Deputy Director John Mutonyi has been the acting director since then. Ringera resigned as the KACC director due to public pressure for him to step down after his controversial re-appointment by the President. Parliament had voted to declare the re-appointment as illegal. Ringera's two assistants Fatuma Sichale and Smokin Wanjala who had been re-appointed alongside Justice Ringera also resigned.

### **Government criticized for using civil servants to drum up support for the proposed constitution.**

Politicians opposed to the proposed constitution have criticized government's move to use civil servants to campaign for the document. Speaking Friday in Eldoret town, the former Kibwezi Member of Parliament Kalembe Ndile said that the government was ill advised saying civil servants are not suppose to engage in politics. Kalembe claimed that the YES team had started panicking due to the massive number of Kenyans supporting the NO team which signifies their victory come August 4th referendum. Meanwhile Kalembe has said that Kenyans were not ready to accept international laws to be part of the laws governing this country adding that this will be contrary to the expectation of many citizens.

He told the politicians who are drumming up support for the document that they should not force Kenyans to pass the document that will negatively affect the future generations as he strongly called on Kenyans to reject the proposed draft constitution.

*End...Stanley Magut.*

### **No need for alarm over the maximum and minimum land clause**

The government will not take away any land that has been lawfully acquired by citizens, despite the various interpretations of the minimum and maximum land holding clause in the proposed constitution. Addressing the fears surrounding the minimum and maximum land holding clause, Yash Pal Ghai who was the chair of the Constitution of Kenya Review Commission said the land commission will advise parliament which will debate on the research from the commission before having the final decision. Ghai was addressing journalists and members of the public Thursday in Eldoret town during a civic

education exercise organized by the Centre for Human Rights and Democracy.

*End James Gitaka*

### **Kenya nabs SA teen with heroin**

A 17-year-old South African girl has been arrested at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) while allegedly trafficking heroin worth Sh1 million, police said. The girl was arrested at about 7.30 pm on Thursday night at the screening point moments after she landed from Dubai. Her passport showed the girl was traveling from India through Dubai and was headed to Lilongwe, Malawi and was traveling alone. Cases of drug trafficking have been on the increase in the country, with at least three people arrested while traveling through the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport every month.

### **Kenya beefs up security in Turkana**

Security has been beef up in Turkana following Thursday's bandit attack that left an administration police officer dead and four others seriously injured. The land rover in which the officer was traveling was ambushed by a group of more than 300 raiders at around 5.00pm as it sped to Lomelo center in Turkana South. Confirming the incident Samburu Deputy OCPD Masai Makau said the four officers who were seriously injured will be air lifted to Nairobi for further treatment adding that the government has deployed more security personnel to pursue the raiders who later fled to Suguta valley after the incident and also beef up security between the two warring communities. He said the officers were ambushed when they were heading to Lomelo where the Turkana and the Pokot are having dispute over watering points.

### **Kenya: Consumers to Wait Longer for Lower Internet Charges**

Internet users will have to wait for two years before they enjoy lower connection rates when competition between the three fibre optic cables gain steam. West Indian Ocean Cable Company chief executive officer, Chris Wood said the companies will balance between recouping their investment and competition in the short term. The other cables are Seacom and Teams which were completed last year. The entry of The Eastern Africa Submarine Cable System (Eassy), which has a direct connection to Europe and a lower cost structure (\$265 million) is expected to give it a competitive edge over the others. He was speaking during the handing over of Eassy cable to WIOCC by Alcatel submarine networks, the sub contractors. WIOCC is the single largest investor in Eassy cable with 29 per cent shareholding. Telkom -Orange is also a WIOCC shareholder.

### **Majority of African Countries Likely to Fail to Meet the 2015 Deadline for the Transition to Digital Broadcasting**

According to new research from Balancing Act, over half of Africa's 52 countries are

unlikely to make the 2015 deadline set by the ITU for the transition to digital broadcasting. 29 countries appear to have not yet even started the policy and implementation process and even though 2015 is four and half years away, the time remains tight to complete the process.

The reason for concerns about countries missing the ITU deadline is that the experience of the current countries involved shows that the policy process that comes before implementation can take 2-3 years, leaving only a relatively small amount of time to carry through the implementation. The challenge for African Government and regulators is that the digital transition seems to contain a number of negatives. In order to get digital transmissions, their citizens will either have to buy a set-top box (usually around US\$50) or a digital television (which can be upwards of US\$300 at the lower end).

### **President's Forum With Young African Leaders set for August 3-5**

In 2010, seventeen countries across sub-Saharan Africa celebrate fifty years of independence. In honor of this important historic moment President Barack Obama will host a forum in Washington, D.C., from August 3-5 with approximately 120 young leaders from civil society and the private sector representing more than forty countries in sub-Saharan Africa. Together with American counterparts and U.S. government officials, the participants will share their insights on key themes of youth empowerment, good governance, and economic opportunity.

President Obama will host a town hall meeting at the White House with these young leaders to discuss their vision for transforming their societies over the next fifty years. The President's Forum with Young African Leaders presents the U.S. government and American friends of Africa with an opportunity to deepen and broaden understanding of the trajectories of African societies, and to reflect on how the next generation are building their communities' and their nations' futures - just as their predecessors did in the era of independence from colonial rule.

### **Africa: Better Prevention Needed for HIV-Exposed Babies**

About half the babies exposed to HIV may not be getting the antiretroviral (ARV) drugs they need to be born HIV-free and stay that way. This is according to the findings of a four-country study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA). The study, conducted in Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, South Africa and Zambia, found that only 51 percent of HIV-exposed infants had received a single dose of nevirapine before and after birth, the basic tool in prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission (PMTCT).

The major problem was non-adherence among expecting mothers – more than a quarter did not take the nevirapine tablet at the onset of labour, and health workers also sometimes failed to dispense the drug or check that mothers had taken it. According to UNAIDS, using nevirapine as part of PMTCT services can lower a baby's chances of

contracting HIV by more than 40 percent. The study, partly based on data collected from umbilical cord blood samples, also found that many women did not make use of PMTCT services because they or health workers did not know their HIV status – either due to a failure to test or collect the results.

## **Global News**

### **China 'may review execution policy changes'**

China is considering reviewing the number of crimes which attract the death penalty, a report suggests. The country's highest law-making body will debate a draft amendment to the criminal law next month, a report in a liberal newspaper said. There are currently 68 crimes which carry the death penalty in China. The South Weekend newspaper quotes a law professor at Beijing University as saying this was unnecessary and hurt China's global image.

The report has been widely republished in China's online media. The newspaper, based in the southern city of Guangzhou, says the draft amendment will be debated by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress.

### **Obama 'regrets' sacking of official Shirley Sherrod**

President Barack Obama has called agriculture official Shirley Sherrod to express his "regret" over her recent sacking. Sherrod was fired after a blogger posted a video of her apparently suggesting she had not fully helped a farmer because he was white. It was revealed afterwards that the comments, at an equality group event, had been taken out of context.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has already apologised for the dismissal. In the edited video clip, Sherrod appears to say that in 1986 she did not give a Georgia farmer all the assistance she could to save his farm because black farmers were losing their land and he was white. Sherrod said the video, first posted on a conservative website, lacked context and was part of a larger story about learning from her mistakes and racial reconciliation, not racism.

### **North Korea vows 'physical response' to US exercise**

North Korea has promised a "physical response" to joint US-South Korean military exercises this weekend. The comments came as Asian foreign ministers met in Vietnam for a regional security forum. The forum has been dominated by the crisis resulting from North Korea's alleged sinking of a South Korean warship in March. The US has accused Pyongyang of engaging in "provocative" behavior and has announced new sanctions against it.

North Korea's delegation spokesman at the Association of South East Asian Nations (Asean) Regional Forum (ARF) in Hanoi said the military exercises - which begin on

Sunday - were against the sovereignty and security of his country.

## **Sports News**

### **Fish united play Kapchorwa this Sunday**

A week after Fish United celebrated their second anniversary, its time to walk the talk although late in the Football Kenya Limited league North Rift Region. Sunday the 25th of July at Kapsoya Chiefs grounds from 3pm, Fish United will be playing their first competitive match this season, against Kapchorwa FC. According to Fish United technical bench lead by head coach Lucas Lusigi, its all system go on Sunday to dismantle their opponents to claim all three points, bearing in mind they are 14 points adrift the league leaders.

After playing six games FC 105 is leading the race with 14 points, Kapsabet United comes in second with 13 points while Kapchorwa FC is placed third with 10 points. In other fixtures to be played on Sunday Kapsabet all stars will host Kapsowar FC at Kipchoge stadium, while Iten FC travels to Huruma grounds to entertain Huruma United. Chele FC will play host to league leaders FC 105 in Kapsowar as Gardens FC wraps it all with a visit to Elgon View FC at Race Course Primary. All matches kick off at 3pm East African point in time.

*End...Jimmy Kitiro*

### **KPL battle resumes this weekend**

The Kenya Premier League continues this weekend with a total of seven matches lined up in different venues across the country. The first three matches will be staged on Saturday when Tusker takes on Posta Rangers at the City Stadium before Mathare United faces-off with Nairobi City Stars at the same venue. Ulinzi Stars will invite Chemelil Sugar in Nakuru at the Afraha Stadium. The remaining four matches will be settled on Sunday with defending champions Sofapaka inviting Karuturi Sports at the City Stadium before AFC Leopards square's off with KCB at the same venue. In Thika, Thika United will be at home against Red Berets at the Thika Municipal Stadium while Sony Sugar will get the honors of wrapping the weekends fixture's by taking on Mahakama in Awendo. After 17 matches Ulinzi Stars is at the helm of the league standings with 32 points one ahead of second placed Tusker.

Gor Mahia who are off-duty this weekend wraps up the top three places on 27 points. The bottom three places are occupied by Chemelil Sugar, Red Berets and Mahakama on 18, 16 and 12 points respectively.

### **Maradona backed to stay as coach**

Diego Maradona should carry on as Argentina boss, says the president of the country's football association. Despite suggestions he would be offered a new deal, running until

the 2014 World Cup, by the middle of this week, Maradona's future remains uncertain. Maradona has hinted he could quit but Julio Grondona told Radio Mitre: "He finished fifth, better than other World Cups - that should be valued.

"It seems to me to be only correct that he stay on, I don't see why not." Grondona was due to meet the 49-year-old legend on 21 July but details of any discussions between the pair are still to be confirmed. Argentina crashed out of the World Cup in the last eight as they were thrashed 4-0 by Germany, drawing criticism from some fans. But Grondona, the president of the Argentine Football Association, said he was pleased with Maradona's time as coach, including their fraught qualification for the tournament after Maradona replaced Alfio Basile.

Following the defeat by the Germans, Maradona, who led Argentina to World Cup glory in 1986 as a player, said he was seriously considering his future as manager and would talk to his family and players.

### **Business news July 23, 2010**

#### **ACBF boosts East African private sector**

The African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) will on Friday sign two Grant Agreements with the East African Business Council (EABC) and with the Tanzania Global Development Learning Centre (TGDLC). The USD 1.8 million four-year Grant to EABC will support the Council in delivering its ambitious work program, envisaged to help build the capacities of the private sector in the East Africa region.

The project, entitled, "Deepening Private Sector Participation in East Africa's Economic Integration" will augment the on-going regional economic integration efforts and the role this plays in fostering stronger growth and alleviating poverty. The \$500,000 three-year grant to TGDLC is for the implementation of the Tanzania Country Level Knowledge Network (TZ CLK-NET) project.

The signing of the EABC Grant comes at an opportune time when the East Africa Community (EAC) Common Market has been launched. The free movement of capital, labour, goods and services will create a heavier demand on the private sector to produce quality goods and services. Regional integration is one of Africa's priorities in overcoming fragmentation across the Continent and reducing Africa's economic marginalization.

#### **Windows 7 boosts Microsoft profit**

Microsoft has reported profits of \$4.52bn (£2.96bn) for the three months between April and June - up 48% on the same period last year. The software giant said strong sales of its Windows 7 operating system helped to boost profits. The company said 175 million Windows 7 licenses had now been sold since its launch last year. Total revenues hit \$16bn with strong sales from the Bing search engine and the Xbox games console. Profits for the year to the end of June were \$18.76bn, a 29% increase on the previous 12 months.

As well as the launch of new products, including Office 2010 earlier this year, Microsoft has benefited from a rebound in technology spending.

### **Finland's Nokia profits slump 40%**

Profits at Finnish mobile phone handset company Nokia slumped by 40% in the second quarter compared with the previous year. The firm announced profits of mere 227m euros (\$291m; £191m) for the three months ending in June. Nokia warned last month that it expected its sales and profits figures to fall short of earlier forecasts. The company has struggled to compete since Apple and Google entered the market with their new smart phones.

The results saw the company's share price swing violently in a 10% range, first down and then up. Analysts said the second quarter numbers - and Nokia's decision to leave its full-year forecast unchanged - were largely in line with expectations.

### **Dell pays \$100m over fraud charge**

Dell has agreed to pay \$100m to settle charges that the computer maker used accounting fraud to make it appear it was meeting analysts' profit forecasts. Under the settlement with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Dell's chairman Michael Dell will pay a separate \$4m civil penalty.

The SEC alleged that Dell did not disclose large payments received from Intel to not use chips made by a rival. Dell and its executives have not admitted or denied the charges. Under the settlement, former Dell chief executive Kevin Rollins will pay \$4m, and former chief financial officer James Schneider \$3m. According to the SEC, Intel's exclusivity payments to Dell grew considerably over the years, peaking at 76% of Dell's operating income in the first quarter of fiscal 2007. Without the Intel payments, Dell would have missed analysts' earnings-per-share estimate in every quarter from 2002 to the end of 2006.