

## **Local News 25th June 2010**

### **Home at last, Victims of 2007 unrest**

More than 100 Kenyans who fled to Uganda after the 2007 post election violence returned to the country Thursday. More than 53 families were received by the District Officer, Teso North division Louis Rono and other officials from the ministry for special programmes at the Malaba border, where each family received 35,000 shillings as aid to start off their lives afresh. Up to now, over 500 people have returned from Uganda where they sought refuge following the 2007 skirmishes.

Meanwhile, Over 900 orphaned children in Busia have received 2.8 million shillings from the ministry of gender and children affairs in conjunction with UNICEF. Area children officer Aston Maungu said the money will help raise the livelihood of the children through education and provision of medical care.

*Ends...Macharia.*

### **Kenya launches new mortality tables**

The Association of Kenya Insurers (AKI) has released its first-ever tables on Kenyan individual assured lives mortality and morbidity to replace outdated UK 1949-1952 mortality tables that are presently in use. Speaking to participants at the launch, AKI said it would engage the Insurance Regulatory Authority to push for the adoption of the new Mortality Tables in statutory valuations. The association said it will also rally its members to establish a data collection centre at the secretariat to enhance compilation of data for future updates on the mortality tables.

Popularly known as life tables in actuarial science, mortality and morbidity tables are charts that indicate, for each age, what the likelihood is that an individual of that age will die before their next birthday.

A number of other pertinent statistics are then anchored on this premise. Over the years, premium prices of various insurance products have been on a steady decline, reflecting an inverse relationship with the ever burgeoning risk exposure.

### **No Mau evictions yet says Secretariat**

The Mau interim coordinating secretariat has allayed fears of any eviction said to be taking place in the coming weeks. The secretariat however said it will remain on course on matters of rehabilitation of the forest as the forest boundary is on going. A statement from the Hassan Noor-led secretariat on Thursday said to date, the Secretariat has completed the profiling of the settlers residing inside the Maasai Mau Trust land Forest and the collected data is being analyzed and that the establishment of the arrangements for compensation is likely to take several months.

The statements also said the entire process will be undertaken within the laws of Kenya, with regard to the rights of the affected settlers and in accordance with Mau Task Force Report recommendations as approved by the Cabinet and Parliament.

### **Eldoret Municipal council to improve infrastructure**

The World Bank has donated 2 billion shillings to the Eldoret Municipal council to be used in infrastructure development. Eldoret Mayor William Rono said that the program will also see roads and street lights undergoing some renovation in a bid to bolster security in the town. The council has already bought a lorry that is being used for garbage collection and 5 other Lorries are expected to be purchased come next month. At the same time, mayor Rono revealed that the bus park that is within the central business district will be relocated to another area in a bid to decongest the town. The move is aimed at attracting investors to develop the town.

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### **The Umoja in Christ youth rally set for this Sunday**

All roads will be leading to the International Vision centre - (IVC Church) Eldoret this Sunday for The Umoja in Christ youth rally. The rally targeting the youth will be giving them a platform to interact and showcase their various God's given talents. According to one of the organizers, Melvin Baraza, the event will be used to empower young people on different matters affecting their lives noting that they are the future leaders of this nation. Baraza confirmed that the event is open to the public adding that it will be held monthly in Eldoret town and other areas. The event will also see participants take part in different activities. The Umoja in Christ youth rally is set for this Sunday the 27th of June 2010 at the IVC mega tent church in Eldoret from 2 pm to 6pm The rally has been organised by Pastor Innocent Anyonyi in partnership with your good news radio 97.1 Fish Fm, IVC, Eldoret pastors' fellowship, Kenya Youth for Christ and street pulpit ministries.

*Ends.....Muhonja Kirwaye*

### **Regional News**

#### **Diamond body divided on Zimbabwe**

The organization that controls the international diamond trade has failed to agree whether Zimbabwe should be allowed to resume diamond sales. Following talks in Israel, members of the Kimberley Process said discussions had been "clouded" by the arrest in Zimbabwe of a human rights activist. Farai Maguwu had alleged that forced labour was being used to develop Zimbabwe's new Marange diamond field. Zimbabwe has accused the West of trying to hold back its economic development. The diamonds from the Marange field could see the country become one of the world's top six exporters and generate \$1.7bn a year. But human rights groups want Zimbabwe to remain banned from selling "blood diamonds" - those which are used to fuel a conflict.

#### **French cannibal killer Cocaign jailed for 30 years**

A French man accused of killing a fellow prison inmate and then eating part of his body has been sentenced to 30 years in jail. Nicolas Cocaign was convicted of murder accompanied by acts of

torture and brutality at a court in Rouen. Coccagn admitted beating and stabbing Thierry Baudry before smothering him with a rubbish bag in a Rouen jail in 2007. His lawyers had argued that he should be declared criminally insane. The court heard that Coccagn killed Baudry after an argument over the state of the toilets.

### **Jamaican alleged drug lord 'Dudus' extradited to US**

Suspected drug lord Christopher "Dudus" Coke has arrived in New York to face drug and gun-trafficking charges after being extradited from Jamaica. Coke was flown from Kingston after waiving his rights to challenge the extradition. He faces life in prison if convicted on charges filed against him in New York. Attempts to capture him in May led to clashes in which scores of people died. He was finally detained on Tuesday.

### **Stalin statue removed in Georgian town of Gori**

Authorities in Georgia have taken down a statue of Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin that stood in the central square of Gori, his home town. The six metre (20ft) bronze statue was removed unexpectedly in the middle of the night, reports said. The statue will be moved to a museum in Gori dedicated to Stalin, said the head of the city council, Zviad Khmaladze. It will be replaced by a monument for the victims of Georgia's 2008 war with Russia. The statue of Stalin had stood in central Gori since the early 1950s.

## **Business News**

### **Kenya 182-day T-bill sale yield slides to 2.45 pct**

The cut-off interest rate on Kenya's 182-day Treasury bill dropped to 2.45 percent at this week's auction from 3.30 percent previously, the central bank said on Thursday. The bank said it received bids worth 8.637 billion shillings (\$106.6 million), a 288 percent subscription rate for 3 billion shillings offered. It accepted 3.162.41 billion shillings. The Central bank will offer 4 billion shillings worth of 91-day bills at next Thursday's sale.

Yields on Kenyan government paper have been falling this year. An introductory 25-year Treasury bond auction on Wednesday had a yield of 10.458 percent while the coupon rate was 11.25 percent.