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Church urged to stand by its position.

Following Monday's meeting between government and church, Fish FM MD Reuben Kigame called on the church to pull out of the talks. He notes that the position the government has taken is a hardliner one and will not allow for consensus on talks. Kigame says the church is the only group in the talks that is thinking towards posterity.

He is calling on the church to stand by its position as it is an option that shouldn't affect those opposed to it.

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Eldoret North Constituency registers highest number of voters in the North Rift

With a few days remaining before the close of the voter registration exercise, the Interim Independent Electoral Commission North Rift coordinator Bilha is urging locals who have not done so to turn up and register. Speaking at her office this morning, Bilha said they are hopeful of meeting the 1.1 million target within the region besides the existing challenges they are experiencing in different areas.

The number of registered voters in North Rift region currently stands at 761,823 voters with Eldoret North constituency recording the highest number of registered voters at 79,006. The voter registration exercise is expected to conclude on the 5th May 2010 which means there are only 9 days left before the conclusion of the countrywide manual voter registration process.

Govt to re-afforest idle land in Uasin Gishu district

The government will use the kazi kwa vijana programme, the community forest association and the forest staffs to re-afforest 300 hectares of land within Uasin Gishu district this season. The Uasin Gishu district forest zonal manager Paul Karanja said, six forests within the region will be replanted at a labour cost of 4.8 billion shillings.

This exercise is aimed at increasing forest cover which is below the minimum. Karanja added that his office will donate 20,000 seedlings to the Kenya ordinance Factory which intends to afforest 50 hectares of its idle land for economic purposes and stop the encroachment by settlers.

The launch of the tree planting exercise will take place on 6th of May at the Kenya Ordinance Factory and will be spearheaded by the senior deputy Rift valley PC Wanyama Musiambo.