

### *10 arrested over Mavoko land scandal*

10 officials are in police custody awaiting court action today in line with the Mavoko cemetery scandal. Permanent Secretary in the ministry of Local Government Sammy Kirui, Former Nairobi town clerk John Gakuo are among the 8 arrested. The 10 were arrested by the Kenya Anti Corruption Commission-KACC- Wednesday and are being held in police custody. According to KACC Public relations officer Nicholas Simani, the 10 will appear in court tomorrow to face charges on several counts of corruption and abuse of office. The Commission said it was continuing with investigations which should be concluded within 30 days.

### *Vernacular stations told to avoid incitement.*

Ethnic based FM stations have been put on notice for airing programmes that stir up negative ethnicity at the expense of the country's tranquility. This is according to a report by PeaceNet Kenya on the content of Vernacular and community stations in relation to peace building efforts in Kenya. Based on the report, the ministry of information and communications is set to formulate media monitoring policies on content in broadcast stations with emphasis on peace building and conflict early warning and mitigation ahead of the referendum. Speaking at the launch of a media monitoring report targeting vernacular and community FM stations, Communications assistant minister Dhadho Godhana says the move is a proactive measure to control spread of harmful information that may jeopardize the country's stability during the referendum and ahead of 2012 elections.

### **Church launches NO campaign on draft constitution**

The church has officially launched its NO campaign on the draft constitution. This comes barely a day after the cabinet stated that no amendments whatsoever could be made on the document at this point in time.

National Council of Churches of Kenya general secretary, the Rev Peter Karanja, said it appeared the government wants to face off with the Church during the referendum campaign. Church leaders say there is no political will to address their concerns, and will be officially rallying their supporters against the proposed draft constitution.

The church leaders also announced that they are pulling out of the planned consensus building meeting with the government that was slated for this afternoon. It has maintained that it will not support the draft law unless clauses on abortion and Kadhis courts are deleted.

The cabinet meeting Tuesday turned down a proposal by the minister of higher education William Rutoh to have two drafts presented at the referendum to have a "Yes Yes" vote, with one draft containing the changes on the contested clauses.

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**Christians urged to hearken to the Lord's voice**

Christians should open their hearts to the Almighty God when faced with numerous challenges in the journey of their Christian faith. Angela Lynch, the executive director Focus on the Word Ministries, says only the Holy Spirit can guide the faithful, to understand the voice of the Lord out of the preaching's they get from church leaders.

At the same time she has called on parents to instill Christian teachings in their children in the process of bringing them up. Angela has also advised children to devote their lives to Christ as God can use them as instruments to bring others into salvation. Focus on the Word Ministries based in Hamilton, Canada focuses on bible teachings in churches, bible colleges as well as conferences and seminars to equip the faithful with a deeper understanding of the word of God.