

Local News 28-6-10

No campaign taken to Nakuru

The no team comprising church leaders and political leaders were in Nakuru Sunday to drum up support to shoot down the proposed law come the August 4 referendum. Information minister Samuel Poghiso said the country cannot do without the church as the church has authority in matters that affect the governing of the nation. Addressing the rally, Retired President Daniel Moi said the government should listen to the voices of Kenyans and the church. On his part Higher Education Minister William Ruto denied claims that his team was being funded by foreign churches. He described the document as divisive and controversial. Ruto says those supporting the proposed law want to see a divided Country once the document is enacted on August 4th.

The No rally convened by the church at Afraha Stadium in Nakuru ended without a scene as tight security was beefed up at the meeting that also saw politicians attend. Meanwhile, the Anglican Church of Kenya has urged Christians to dedicate the month of July to pray for the nation. ACK Archbishop Eliud Wabukhala called for divine intervention saying it was important that Kenyans remain united even after the outcome of the referendum.

Patroba Ojwang/ Sources.

Kibaki calls for hiring of intern teachers.

President Mwai Kibaki has assured that the government will hire intern teachers to curb the shortage being experienced in the country. The trainee teachers will be absorbed through the school's board of governors and the district education boards. Speaking in Embu, the head of state noted that there was urgent need to take in 43,000 teachers in primary schools and 23,000 teachers in secondary schools.

He is however asking the teachers not to waste more time using tact as it is painful to the students to keep missing classes because the teachers are not there.

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Isiolo residents want government to address cattle rustling.

Residents of Isiolo blocked a 5 kilometer stretch of tarmac to protest against increased incidences of cattle rustling there. It took police intervention to calm the situation down as motorists who were travelling to Nairobi and other destinations got stranded. A resident, David Mwaniki said the cattle rustlers terrorized residents despite the presence of police in the area. Following the protests that took eight hours, the residents now want the government to provide a permanent solution to the menace failure to which they will resort to the action.

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Regional News

Eleven Senegal football fans killed in terrace collapse

At least 11 people have died in Senegal after the terrace where they were watching a World Cup football match collapsed, police say. A large group of people had gathered at the home of the local head of the national electricity company to see the game on TV, Senegalese radio said. The collapse happened as the fans watched the Uruguay-South Korea match on Saturday in Matam, northern Senegal. Police said on Sunday some people may still be trapped in the rubble

International News

Mexican singer El Shaka killed after denying his murder

Mexican singer Sergio Vega, 40, has been shot dead only hours after he had denied reports he had been murdered. The singer, known as El Shaka, told an internet site he had increased security measures after a growing number of Mexican musicians were killed. Musicians performing narcocorridos, songs celebrating the lives of drug barons, often become the targets of rival drug gangs.

Gunmen opened fire on Mr Vega on his way to a concert in Sinaloa state. Mexican media reported Mr Vega was driving his red Cadillac on Saturday night when a truck started following him. Shortly afterwards, shots were fired at the car, injuring Mr Vega and making him lose control of the vehicle and crashing it, his passenger told El Debate newspaper.

Sports News

Argentina 3-Mexico 1

Argentina disposed of Mexico to seal a quarter-final tie against Germany - but Diego Maradona's side were aided by another terrible decision on a day of controversy at the World Cup. Just as England had been incensed earlier on Sunday when a Frank Lampard shot that clearly crossed the goal-line was not awarded in their match against Germany, so Mexico had the right to feel aggrieved by another example of awful officiating.

Javier Aguirre's side probably edged an engrossing opening phase to the contest, but they never recovered after Carlos Tevez headed Argentina in front despite being yards offside when the ball was played to him by Lionel Messi. It was a decision that prompted the Mexican side to surround the linesman in the aftermath of the goal being awarded and led to a melee as the referee tried to leave the field at the break. Mexico's prospects of clawing their way back into the contest faded after Ricardo Osorio gifted possession to Gonzalo Higuain, who slotted home his fourth goal of the competition to give Argentina breathing space by the break.