

Local News 29th-June-2010

PM Raila Odinga hospitalized

Prime Minister Raila Odinga is being hospitalized at the Nairobi hospital and his office says he is being treated for exhaustion. A statement says doctors have further recommended complete bed rest for a few days and they will confine him in hospital for that period. During that period, the hospital will restrict access to him to ensure he gets the rest that he needs. His office says staff had visited him on this morning and had a briefing session with the doctors. Doctors are assuring that the PM is in good condition to come to office and work as usual if he feels.

Ends...Patroba Ojwang

International News

Google in 'new approach' on China

Google has announced a "new approach" in China as it battles with Beijing over censorship. Until recently, the firm had been redirecting search inquiries in China to its unfiltered site in Hong Kong to get round censorship issues.

Google has said it will now stop this after Beijing warned it could lose its licence to operate in the country. Users will instead be directed to a page from which they can get a link to access the Hong Kong site. Google said it was hopeful that this would allow it to continue operating in China, where its licence to do business expires on Wednesday.

Mexican candidate shot dead on campaign trail

A Mexican politician who was expected to win a state election has been killed on the campaign trail. Rodolfo Torre Cantu, who was running for governor in the north-eastern state of Tamaulipas, was shot along with four of his supporters. Police say he was on his way to a series of campaign rallies when his convoy was ambushed by hooded gunmen. He was standing for the Todos Tamaulipas coalition in Sunday's gubernatorial elections. Mr Torre Cantu of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, was attacked near Ciudad Victoria, where he was going to catch a flight to Matamoros for an end-of-campaign event.

Sport News

Holland eliminate Slovakia

A fine strike from Arjen Robben and a late effort from Wesley Sneijder fired Holland into the quarter-finals of the 2010 World Cup as they claimed a routine 2-1 win over Slovakia in Durban. Robben scored a trademark goal in the 18th minute in what turned out to be a cruise for the

Dutch, who did what was required without over-exerting themselves, before Sneijder sealed the success while Robert Vittek grabbed an injury-time consolation for his nation.

The triumph means Holland will next face either Brazil or Chile in the last eight, with the South American pair to play on Monday evening. Robben handed the Dutch a boost by making his first start of the 2010 World Cup, replacing Rafael van der Vaart, while Gregory van der Wiel returned to the team. For Slovakia, head coach Vladimir Weiss selected his son of the same name, with the Manchester City youngster coming in for Zdeno Strba.