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Kenyans urged to tolerate each other

Peace building stakeholders in Marakwet drawn from government and Non Governmental Organization's have called on residents to tolerate each others' views to avoid cases of hate speech. Marakwet district peace committee secretary general senior chief Patrick Yano called on residents to be wary of incitement from politicians and to observe calmness and sobriety in the campaigns for or against the draft adding that they have done a lot of peace activities which are still ongoing. Marakwet East District commissioner Joseph Ondego warned against those issuing threats over other peoples voting patterns saying stern action will be taken against them.

Accompanied by Kapcheron district officer Benjamin Too he urged locals not to fight each other over referendum saying Kenya will still be there regardless of the outcome of the referendum. They were speaking at Cheborowa during celebrations to mark peace achievements made so far since 2007.

Ends... Carolyn Koech

Kenyans accuse MPs for reluctance at work

Kenyans are now a bitter lot over MPs move to increase their allowances yet their efforts are not felt by the voters who are their stepping stones to success. This appeared clearly today as our reporter run into a number of commuters along the Eldoret Ziwa road complaining of the deplorable condition of the road which they said has been in a bad shape for many years. The road between Kabenes and Ziwa is filled with potholes that has made traveling a nightmare to the road users who are mostly farmers transporting their farm produce to the market.

Some commuters were very bitter with this condition citing that they are now loosing confidence with the Kenyan leaders who are now drifting from responsibility to being individualistic. They are afraid that if immediate measure is not taken then development in the area will go down and emergency cases may not be arrested on time.

Ends.....Gladys Kimaiyo

Morale to Work among Kenyans Still High

Even as the country experiences hard economic times, the drive to work among Kenyans remains stable. This is even after members of parliament adopted a bill to have their salaries raised by 45% to 1.2 million shillings per month, regardless of the millions of Kenyans who live below the poverty line of a dollar a day. Despite experiencing occasional hardships in their areas of specialization, traders in Eldoret town remain upbeat in pursuit of their daily bread, and are proud of their jobs.

Ends...Macharia

Kenya exam body completes registration

Registration for this year's KCPE and KCSE examination candidates has been completed. The Kenya National Examinations Council says nominal rolls containing the registration data for the candidates have been sent to schools for verification. Jimmy Kitiro reports, 741,507 pupils have registered for KCPE of which 385,863 are male and 353,705 are female. Last year 727,054 pupils were registered. 356,015 students consisting 197,099 male and 158,448 female have been enlisted for the KCSE examination. Last year 330,000 students sat for the exam.

In a statement, KNEC's Head of Corporate Affairs Ken Ramani says the above figures also include 4,984 foreign candidates mainly from South Sudan. Ramani is calling on head teachers to involve parents and guardians in verifying the registration data, which include names, index number and schools of choice for KCPE candidates. He says KCSE candidates are free to change the names used during KCPE to match the ones in their birth certificates.

Brazilian President meets with President Kibaki

Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva is in Kenya on the third leg of his tour of Africa, which is meant to promote trade and investment in the continent. Lula, who is the first Latin American president to visit East Africa, met Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki this morning for talks. The two leaders discussed issues on Trade and investment, water and irrigation, pharmaceutical industry, agriculture and agro processing among others. Climate change, United Nations reform, peace and security issues, and issues related to the East African Community were top on the agenda. Trade ties between the two countries have improved since Kenya opened an embassy in Brazil in 2008. On the first leg of his African tour, President Lula attended a summit of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) in Santa Maria, Cape Verde on Saturday.

IGAD leaders outline measures to support Somalia

The two day Summit of the 15th Extraordinary Session of the IGAD Assembly of Heads of State and Government on Somalia ended on Monday with several concrete actions to chart the way forward in solving political and security crisis in the country. In his remarks during the Summit that was Chaired by the current IGAD Chairperson Meles Zenawi, President Kibaki noted that the situation in Somalia has reached a defining moment and concrete actions must now be taken in order to turn the country around. President Kibaki further underscored the need to elevate the Somali problem and place it right at the centre of global concern for international peace and security in order to facilitate the participation of the international community in the Somali crisis. The President further noted that a resolute and decisive African Union position on the

stabilization of Somalia will help elevate the Somali problem into a matter of great international peace and security concern, away from the existing benign neglect by the international community. President Kibaki noted that the crisis in Somalia has resulted in large movements of people of Somalia into neighboring countries observing that Kenya today hosts about 400,000 Somali refugees at tremendous financial and social cost to the country.

UNHCR calls for more resettlements

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) estimates that over the next three to five years more than 805,000 refugees will need resettling in third countries, as there will neither be a possibility for them to return to their homes nor there will there be integration options in countries presently sheltering them.

For many refugees, resettlement in a third country is the only way to find lasting safety and a new and permanent home. While voluntary repatriation remains the preferred solution among most of the world's refugees, persistent conflict or fear of persecution often prevent people from returning to their countries of origin. Over 80 percent of the world's refugees live in developing countries where many cannot remain safely and have no possibility of integration.

Currently, only a small number of nations take part in UNHCR resettlement programmes, accepting refugees in quotas on an annual basis.

Kenya in Sh36.3 Billion Credit Deal

Kenya on Monday signed three credit agreements with the World Bank amounting to Sh36.3 billion for the health and energy sectors. The first two agreements target the health sector with an allocation of Sh9.9 billion while a third and the largest by far a Sh26.4 billion will go towards supporting the energy sector under the Kenya Electricity Expansion Project.

Speaking at the ceremony, Finance minister Uhuru Kenyatta said the deals signified the cordial relations between Kenya and the bank. World Bank approved Sh8 billion for Kenya to go towards service delivery in the health sector and purchase of pharmaceuticals and medical supplies under the health sector support project. The Kenya health sector support project, approved by the bank's board of executive directors will finance 4,000 health centres and dispensaries to improve the quality of services provided and governance. The World Bank said this would also help the country attain the health-related Millennium Development Goals and the Vision 2030 social pillar.

African leaders urge UN to provide Somalia force

East African leaders have renewed their calls to the UN to replace the beleaguered African Union (AU) peacekeeping mission in Somalia. At a meeting in Addis Ababa,

Ethiopia, Somalia's president said a radical strategy to end almost two decades of crisis in the country was needed. The leaders of the regional grouping Igad also agreed to deploy 2,000 more AU peacekeepers to Somalia.

AU troops have been fighting Islamists who control most of southern Somalia. The UN-backed government only runs a few parts of the capital, Mogadishu. It is under constant attack from hardline Islamist groups who control much of southern Somalia. Speaking at the hastily-convened meeting in Addis Ababa, Somali President Sheikh Shariff Sheikh Ahmed said that his country was in the hands of al-Qaeda and extremist groups.

Global News

Thailand extends state of emergency in Bangkok

The Thai government has extended a state of emergency in 19 provinces, including the capital Bangkok, because of fears of renewed violence. The emergency decree was revoked in five other provinces, after a three-month deadline expired. The law was imposed during mass anti-government protests earlier this year in which 90 people were killed. Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva told the press Monday that there would be a gradual lifting of emergency law.

Under emergency rule, public gatherings of more than five people are banned and security forces have the right to detain suspects for 30 days without charge. There have been calls by human rights organisations to lift what they describe as a "draconian" law, saying it risks driving opposition underground.

Iran rejects claim that planes were denied fuel

Iran's foreign ministry has denied claims that the country's planes are being prevented from refuelling at some foreign airports. On Monday an Iranian aviation official accused the UK, Germany and the United Arab Emirates of refusing to supply fuel for Iranian airliners. But a foreign ministry spokesman said on Tuesday that "no such limitation has been imposed". Last week the US approved new sanctions on Iran over its nuclear programme. Tehran says its nuclear industry is for peaceful purposes but Western powers fear it is trying to develop a bomb. Iranian foreign ministry spokesman Ramin Mehmanparast says the false report had been part of a "psychological war" against Tehran.

Fire causes Toronto blackouts and disrupts royal dinner

A fire at a transformer station in Toronto has plunged parts of the Canadian city into darkness. Some 250,000 people were left without electricity for more than an hour during a heat wave, officials say. The underground system was affected and there was chaos on the roads during the evening rush hour as traffic lights went out. The blackout also briefly disrupted preparations for a state dinner for Queen Elizabeth II in the city.

However, the dinner, which was to be hosted by Canadian Prime Minister Stephen

Harper at the Royal York Hotel, went ahead after a short delay. The fire that caused the blackout happened at Manby transformer station, western Toronto, at about 2045 GMT, officials say.

Sports News

Heroes welcome for Black Stars

Thousands of football fans thronged Ghana's main airport Monday to welcome back home the national team who gallantly and narrowly lost to Uruguay in quarter finals at the World Cup in South Africa. Kotoka international airport was choked with fans who started gathering as early as six hours before the team's expected arrival. Even a two hours delay in arrival from 9:30 pm (2130 GMT) would not deter the drumming and dancing fans who eagerly awaited the heroes' return.

There were spontaneous shouts of joy when the South African Airways jet the Black Stars flew in touched down at 11:30 pm (2330 GMT). National flags were waved at the players as they stepped out of the plane amid a deafening sound of vuvuzelas. Ghana's Black Eagles made it to the quarter finals of the World Cup for the first time equalling the feat chalked up by Senegal and Cameroon, and became the only African team to make that far at the tournament in South Africa.

Kenya's soccer body could go to polls in September

Kenyan national football elections may come as early as September, according to the Football Kenya limited (FKL) secretary general and chief executive officer, Joseph Mailu. The elections are expected to bring together the FIFA- recognized FKL led by chairman Mohammed Hatimy and Kenya Football Federation (KFF) chaired by Sam Nyamweya.

Both factions have been claiming legitimacy to run football in the country amid confusion and poor results in the circles. Kenyan soccer has been entangled in political wrangles for over a decade now and a lot is left to be desired in the management of the most popular sport with FKL officials constantly under fire from critics for their alleged mismanagement of the sport.

As the elections draw closer, critics have constantly complained of the module employed in the polls of FKL officials with most football stakeholders suggesting the exercise has been reduced to an affair of a few tycoons who buy off delegates.

Prime Minister Raila Odinga has called for the national football

federation to be disbanded and fresh elections done. The PM, who was discharged from hospital on Sunday after a six-night stay for a head operation, said he would hold talks with FIFA to discuss the possibility of holding fresh elections. In April, the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) upheld FIFA's ruling to recognise Football Kenya Limited (FKL) as the legitimate body in a petition filed by its rival, the Kenya Football Federation

(KFF). The PM also proposed a team of "experts" to be brought into the management of football to prepare the country adequately in its bid to qualify for the 2014 World Cup finals in Brazil

Afghans scrape past Kenya

Afghanistan secured an exciting last-ball victory over Kenya in the ICC World Cricket League on Monday. The Kenyans suffered two heavy defeats in their opening two encounters but posted a competitive total of 233. Some aggressive bowling from Shapoor Zadran (2-54) reduced them to 14-2 after five overs but Maurice Ouma (40) and Collins Obuya (60) steadied the ship. Rakep Patel (34) and Thomas Odoyo, who hit a rapid-fire 52 off just 33 deliveries, also contributed but the total fell agonizingly short. Samiullah Shenwari made 82 but was given precious little support as Mohammad Shahzad's men failed to capitalise on the platform he provided.

A quick 47 from Mohammad Nabi seemed to have secured the win for Afghanistan as they needed only six runs off the final over and two wickets in hand. But Kenya fought it out until the end, with Zadran (one) forced to score a single from the final ball to round out the victory.

Rain affect Uasin Gishu KPL tournament

Many Games in the Uasin Gishu Football Kenya Limited (FKL) mini league Tournament did not kick off last weekend due to heavy rains. According to Rolex FC Coach Daniel Induswe the matches that did not take place are yet to be rescheduled but noted that the teams are optimistic that the organisation will give them another chance to contest in the tournament. However some matches did go on as planned with Rolex FC defaced Nyenyo FC to a one nil win, a goal scored in the 46th minute by winger Miyeso. Almisri FC got a walk over victory after Young Rovers FC withdrew from the tournament. Elsewhere in the Super league, 105 FC held a 2-1 victory over Elgon View FC in 64 stadium while Kapsabet United proved their home advantage over Huruma United by bringing them down to a 3-2 win. In the same league LC FC failed to out tackle Kapchorwa FC at Kapchorwa grounds in a 2-3 defeat.

Ends... Job Wesonga

Business News

African Development Bank bullish on continent

Africa is making a "spectacular" recovery from the global recession thanks to decades of market reform and strong trade ties with China, the chief economist for the African Development Bank has said. Mthuli Ncube, presenting the annual economic forecast of the multilateral bank dedicated to alleviating poverty and boosting growth in Africa, predicted a 4.5 percent growth rate for the continent's economies this year. The bank looks ahead to more than 5 percent growth next year, and soon back to the average of

about 6 percent Africa enjoyed between 2006 and 2008. Growth was just 2.5 percent last year.

But Ncube says recovery could be threatened if Europe - to which many African economies are closely linked - fails to bounce back. Other threats include the possibility of political or social tension and problems created by years of poor investment in infrastructure. Ncube's assessment is one of several to take note of how a continent usually associated with poverty and economic collapse has weathered the international crisis.