

## **Local News August 7th 2010**

### **Kenya blast victims wait on compensation**

Survivors and families of victims of the August 7, 1998 terror attack today gathered at Nairobi's memorial park where they accused the government of neglecting them. Speaking to the press during the 12th anniversary the victims were however hopeful that the US government would compensate them. This is after the U.S under the Obama administration said it was considering compensating victims of terrorist attacks not only in Kenya but world wide. Those who attended the low keyed ceremony lit candles and laid wreaths in memory of their loved ones who died in the blast. The absence of government officials was felt unlike past ceremonies where U.S and other foreign dignitaries had to make a stop at the park. The victims are now calling on the government to help those blinded, or maimed by the attack realize their dreams by exempting them from paying taxes.

The US government could pay 880 million Shillings to 6,000 victims, if a judge rules in their favour before the end of the year. Over 200 people were killed when suicide bomber drove a truck full of explosives into the former Ufundi Co-operative House that housed the American embassy on August 7 1998. A simultaneous blast in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania killed 12 people. The site has since been turned into a memorial park where relatives can converge to remember their loved ones.

### **World scout moot closes in Kenya**

Vice President Kalonzo Musyoka has lauded the role played by the scouting movement in the promotion of tourism as well as molding the country's youths. Speaking at the Rawallan camp during the official closing of the 13<sup>th</sup> World Scout Moot, the VP appealed to the participants to be ambassadors of goodwill. The moot brought together over 1,600 scouts from 66 countries across the world. He assured the scouts movements that the Government will support the movement in helping the youths bring a positive change in the society. The Vice President reminded the youth that as taught in the scout movement, through dedicated duty to God, to others and to oneself, they can succeed in building a better world for all. He also thanked the World Organization of Scout Movement for granting the Kenya Scouts Association the honor to host the important global event saying that this is the first time an African country has hosted the moot since its inception in 1931. During the 12 days of the scouting event, contemporary issues like peace, conflict resolution, environmental conservation and management, health and human rights were discussed. The VP who is also the Chief Commissioner of Scouts urged the youth to take education seriously, besides setting their priorities right and maintaining high standards of discipline. Youth Affairs and Sports assistant minister Wavinya Ndeti said there is need to explore ways and means of integrating and empowering young people so that society could achieve its development goals

### **Youth turned out to celebrate the peaceful referendum.**

Hundreds of youth Friday turned out in Burnt Forest to celebrate peaceful referendum exercise

that was conducted Wednesday this week. The youth in Burnt forest said it was not the YES or No side that won but the youth who maintained peace through out the exercise macros the country. Rev. Maritim Rirei of ACK Eldoret Diocese, the justice and peace programme and James Kimiso of the Catholic peace and justice programme all praised the youth and urged them to avoid engaging in unlawful vices and not to associate with inciting politicians and leaders. The ecumenical forum attracted over 500 youth from different communities in Burt Forest Town.

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### **Co-existence amongst communities residing in Cherangany strengthened.**

Peaceful referendum exercise witnessed in Cherangany constituency will boost co-existence among different ethnic groups residing in the area; this is according to Jesse Masai a leader from the region. Masai who was among those who vied for the legislators' seat in that region in the past election thanked the residents of Cherangany constituency for maintaining peace during and after the exercise. In his press release to newsrooms, Masai revealed that Cherangany people have an opportunity to elect focused leaders who will spearhead developments in the region under the new constitution. At the same time, he termed the swearing in of PLO Lumumba as the new chair of the Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission as a new dawn to the fight against corruption in the country.

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### **NCIC commend Kenyan for maintaining peace**

The Chairman National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) Mzalendo Kibunjia has commended Kenyans for maintaining peace before and after Wednesday's referendum vote. Addressing the press, Kibunjia revealed that the commission will soon embark on a nationwide peace rallies. This he said is in the spirit of sustaining harmony among Kenyans and prevent a recurrence of the 2007 post election violence. He explained that the peace drives would be an opportunity to create awareness among Kenyans on the importance of focusing on developmental politics.

Dr Kibunjia who also commended the Interim Independent Electoral Commission for a job well done added that the commission would set an appropriate date for the works once it got the necessary financial resources. He also asked Kenyans to join arms in ensuring that the country's long term development plan was realized. He argued that the country ought to start crusading for Vision 2030 to help it achieve everything it had been clamoring for.

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### **Emirates flies into Beijing from Nairobi**

Emirates airlines has signaled its commitment to support the growing trade and tourism relationship between Kenya and China with the launch of the first scheduled Airbus A380

service to Chinese capital, Beijing. The world's largest commercial aircraft landed in the world's most populous country on August 1, turning a new page in the Chinese Aviation history. The bilateral relations between Kenya and China have grown strong in the last few years with a remarkable improvement in trade balance between the two countries. Kenya's major imports from China include textile, machinery, electronics and footwear. Exports include cut flowers, tin ores and concentrates. Kenya Tourism Board has a strong representation in Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong. Currently Emirates operates double-daily services each to Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong, and daily services to Guangzhou.

### **Rich Countries' Farm Subsidies Benefiting Royals**

A new study by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) has indicated that subsidies for agriculture in the industrialized countries of the world grew again in 2009, benefiting the largest companies and land owners. The latest increase came despite repeated and consistent evidence that such subsidies contribute to the destruction of the livelihoods of poor farmers in developing countries, especially in Africa, and that they distort international trade. According to the new study, subsidies for agriculture in industrialized countries rose to around 252.5 billion dollars, or 22 percent of total farmers' receipts in 2009 -- up from 21 percent in 2008. The study, "Agricultural Policies in OECD Countries at a Glance 2010", found that the European Union's subsidies for farmers rose from 22 to 24 percent. The OECD represents the 30 most industrialized countries of the world, including the U.S. and most members of the EU. This subsidies regime will only change in 2014.

### **Diabetes and literacy key to beat dementia, says study**

Preventing diabetes and depression could have a dramatic impact on cutting cases of dementia, a study suggests. The British Medical Journal says, boosting levels of education and upping fruit and vegetable consumption would also have a big effect. It comes as another study showed dementia patients are missing out on vital early treatments because GPs are being slow to diagnose them. It is estimated that one million people in the UK will have dementia by 2025. Several risk factors for the disease have been identified, including obesity, high blood pressure and high cholesterol.

### **Tongue piercings 'can cause damage to teeth'**

People with tongue piercings risk developing gaps between their front teeth as a result of playing with the stud, US researchers have found. The University of Buffalo team says that, as well as potentially requiring cosmetic work, people can develop infections and chipped teeth. It discusses a patient in the Journal of Clinical Orthodontics who needed braces to correct the gap in her teeth. UK experts advised people to "steer clear" of the adornment. The researchers said that people with tongue piercings were likely to push the metal stud up against their teeth and consequently cause gaps and other problems to arise.

### **No need to delay pregnancy after miscarriage**

Women who have had a miscarriage do not need to wait before trying to get pregnant again, say doctors. A study by the University of Aberdeen of 30,000 women found that conceiving within six months offered the best chance for a healthy pregnancy. The findings, published in the British Medical Journal, counter international guidelines that women should wait at least six months before trying again. Doctors said the study would help them reassure and advise patients. The researchers looked at data between 1981 and 2000 relating to women who had a miscarriage in their first pregnancy before going on to becoming pregnant again. Women who conceived within six months were less likely to have another miscarriage, termination or ectopic pregnancy, the figures showed.

### **Kibaki, Raila to retake oath in historic fete**

The government has set August 20 as a day for the country to transit into a new constitutional dispensation in style in an elaborate public function to be attended by foreign dignitaries. During the occasion, President Kibaki will promulgate the new constitution, radically altering governance and institutional face of the republic. The day will be declared a public holiday to allow Kenyans to witness the historic event. The Proposed Constitution was endorsed by 6.09 million votes against 2.7 million for those against its adoption.

### **Kenyan tea farmers get fertilizer**

The Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA) Ltd has imported 56,000 metric tonnes of fertilizer on behalf of small-scale tea farmers across the country. The NPK 26:5:5 chemically compounded fertilizer was procured from Azomures SA of Romania at a cost of \$366.45 per tonnes, bringing the total cost to \$20.5 million (Sh1.5 billion). The first consignment of 30,000 metric tonnes arrived at the Port of Mombasa last week and distribution to registered small-scale tea farmers across the country is underway. KTDA Head of Field Services Jackson Mugambi said the second consignment amounting to 26,000 metric tonnes was still in the high seas and was expected to dock at the port of Mombasa before the end of August. KTDA Head of Procurement Samson Miencha said the cost to the individual farmer will be calculated once the port charges, cost of warehousing and transport to the respective factories, as well as insurance, are factored.

### **Bharti to join EASSy system in Kenya**

The latest entrant into the Kenyan telecommunications scene, Bharti Airtel, plans to connect onto the Eastern Africa Submarine Cable System (EASSy). Bharti has over the last two years made major investments in the EASSy cable. The 40 billion Shillings investment is aimed at making the operator a major data services player on the continent. EASSy is the first East coast system to

connect a direct route to Europe thereby helping to deliver data traffic faster to key internet peering points in Europe and North America. This cable system is expected to prove a boon in proliferation of broadband connectivity to all parts of Africa, a prerequisite for the successful production of e-commerce, internet, and other broadband applications and projects on the continent. Bharti took over mobile operations in 15 African nations when it completed the acquisition of the African assets of Kuwait's Zain for \$10.7 billion. Countries in which Bharti has acquired operations include Burkina Faso, Chad, Congo Brazzaville, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon and Ghana. Others are Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Niger, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia.

## **Regional News**

### **Mandela charity official 'received Campbell diamonds'**

The former head of Nelson Mandela Children's Fund, Jeremy Ractliffe, has said he did receive uncut diamonds from the model Naomi Campbell. He issued a statement after her testimony at the war crimes trial of ex-Liberian leader Charles Taylor. It is alleged she received the gems from Taylor in 1997, which could link him to illegal "blood diamonds". Ractliffe said he was happy to testify in The Hague and had now handed the stones over to the authorities. South Africa's special Hawks police unit has since confirmed that they received the stones from Ractliffe on Thursday, who first made contact with them on Tuesday. It said the diamonds were now being tested to find out their origin.

### **South Africa recalls ambassador to Rwanda**

South Africa has recalled its ambassador to Rwanda following a diplomatic row over the shooting of an exiled Rwandan general in Johannesburg Gen Faustin Kayumba Nyamwasa, a critic of Rwandan President Paul Kagame, was shot and wounded in June. South Africa said it had not broken diplomatic ties and no connection was being made between the ambassador's withdrawal and the shooting. Rwanda denies any involvement in the shooting of the general. He said the two countries were in discussions.

### **Swazi minister resigns over 'royal affair'**

Swaziland's justice minister has resigned following allegations he was having an affair with one of King Mswati III's 13 wives. The prime minister said Ndumiso Mamba had resigned from his position as both cabinet minister and senator. He said it was because of "allegations circulating in the country". Mamba's alleged affair with Queen Nothando Dube was first reported in neighbouring South Africa's media. The king's 12th wife has reportedly denied the allegations and there has been no comment from Mamba. But Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini said Mamba had agreed to step down so the allegations could be investigated. Some Swazis are critical of King Mswati - an absolute monarch whose lavish lifestyle and many wives contrast with the poverty of many of his subjects

### **Pakistan issues flooding 'red alert' for Sindh province**

Pakistan has issued a red alert as floods that have devastated northern areas swept south into Sindh province. Authorities have evacuated more than half a million people living near the Indus river as hundreds of villages have been inundated by floodwaters. The worst floods in the region for 80 years have killed at least 1,600 people and affected about 12 million others. Meanwhile, President Asif Ali Zardari has rejected criticism that he should return from an extended foreign trip.

### **Foreign medical workers among 10 killed in Afghanistan**

Eight foreigners and two Afghans have been found shot dead next to abandoned, bullet-riddled vehicles in north-eastern Afghanistan, officials say. The dead are believed to be six Americans, one Briton and a German who worked for a charity providing eye care and medical help. Their four vehicles were discovered in Badakhshan province on Thursday. The local police chief says robbery may have been the motive for the attack. A spokesman for the charity, the international Assistance Mission, said he was still awaiting formal identification of the victims, but that their families had been informed.

### **Paraguay President Fernando Lugo diagnosed with cancer**

Paraguayan President Fernando Lugo has been diagnosed with a malignant tumour. Doctors for Lugo, 59, said the cancer, which appears to be in the early stages, was treatable with chemotherapy. They discovered the lymphoma after carrying out a biopsy on a gland they had removed from Lugo's groin during minor surgery on Wednesday. Lugo, a leftist former Catholic bishop, was elected two years ago, ending 61 years of conservative rule. He served as a Roman Catholic bishop in one of Paraguay's poorest areas until stepping down in December 2006, saying he felt powerless to help the country's poor. Lugo shocked Paraguay last year when he admitted fathering a child while he was still a bishop

## **Sports News**

### **Gay powers past Bolt in Stockholm**

Tyson Gay handed Usain Bolt only his second professional 100m defeat as the American stormed to victory at the Diamond League meeting in Stockholm. Gay clocked 9.84 seconds to beat the fit-again 23-year-old Jamaican by 0.13s and record his first ever win over the World and Olympic champion over 100m. In a race missing injured Asafa Powell, Richard Thompson was third in 10.10s. Britain's Michael Rimmer impressed in the 800m but was again edged out by European champion Marcin Lewandowski. Rimmer's defeat came just a week after being agonisingly denied European gold following a late dip by the Pole in Barcelona. With perfect conditions in Sweden for sprinting, Bolt and Gay – the world's two fastest 100m runners in history - exchanged a touch of hands as they prepared to face each other over this distance for only the third time. Despite the Jamaican having struggled this season with an Achilles tendon injury, few would have expected the manner in which the 27-year-old from Kentucky cruised

through in Sweden's 1912 Olympic stadium. Bolt's last defeat came at the same Stockholm track in 2008 when Jamaican compatriot Powell took victory.

### **England dominate hapless Pakistan**

Pakistan's decision to bat first backfired spectacularly as they were bowled out for 72 by England on day one of the second Test at Edgbaston. It was their lowest Test score against England and equalled their fourth worst ever as James Anderson (4-20) and Stuart Broad (4-38) did the damage. On an overcast day, Pakistan's fielders gave their bowlers no help by spilling three fairly straightforward chances. Kevin Pietersen, dropped twice, was unbeaten on 36 as England made 112-2. The third-wicket stand between him and Jonathan Trott (31 not out) was worth 68 when bad light brought the players off shortly before the scheduled close. Pakistan had already endured two batting disasters on their tour of England, with a total of 148 against Australia at Lord's and another of only 88 in the first Test defeat by England at Trent Bridge.

### **I'm staying at Arsenal - Fabregas**

Arsenal captain Cesc Fabregas has declared he will stay at the club despite admitting a move to Barcelona was an attractive proposition. The 23-year-old has been linked with Barca all summer, with the Gunners rejecting two bids from the Catalans. Fabregas apologised to fans for the delay in committing his future but said he is now "100% focused on Arsenal". World Cup-winning midfielder Fabregas joined the north Londoners from home-town club Barcelona in 2003 as a 16-year-old and he admitted that the lure of returning to the Spanish champions was an attractive one. Wenger has remained adamant throughout the summer that the playmaker was not for sale at any price, but the Spanish champions were not distracted by Arsenal's obstinacy.

### **Sunderland close to Mensah return**

Sunderland are close to a deal for Lyon centre-half John Mensah on a season-long loan, subject to a work permit. The 27-year-old impressed boss Steve Bruce during last season's loan spell, although calf and back injuries restricted him to only 17 games. The defender captained Ghana at the 2010 World Cup, making four appearances as the African nation reached the quarter-finals. Meanwhile, defender Matt Kilgallon is expected to join Middlesbrough on loan. Kilgallon joined Sunderland from Sheffield United on a three-year deal in January, but has made just seven appearances in that time. However Bruce is adamant the deal is just a temporary measure for the York-born centre-back.

