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Committee formed to address cases of harassment of Kenyans in foreign nations

The government has formed a sub-committee spearheaded by the secretary in the ministry of foreign affairs Patrick Wamoto to investigate cases of harassment of Kenyan citizens living in foreign countries especially in Saudi Arabia. Speaking exclusively to Fish FM, Foreign affairs Minister Moses Wetangula has confirmed to Kenyan citizens living in foreign countries that the government through its ambassadors will ensure their security.

Ambassador Patrick Wamoto says the situation in Saudi Arabia is not only affecting Kenyans as it has been alleged but also citizens from other countries. The SUB-committee has already started negotiations with the ministry of foreign affairs in Saudi Arabia on the issue.

The government has no option other than to cooperate with the chief

prosecutor of the ICC Louis Moreno Ocampo as he begins his tour in the country this weekend. According to Grace Maingi, the director of the Kenyan women lawyers, the move by this country to allow ICC to conduct its work in the country has given them powers to investigate suspected masterminds of the 2007 post election violence Ocampo is expected to arrive in the country tomorrow for one week and during that period, he will will be meeting with different human rights groups so as to get information on what happened during the post poll violence period.

Mombasa Poly re-opens after an indefinite closure

After being away from school for over a month, students of Mombasa Polytechnic University College will resume learning from next week. The institution was closed on 30th March this year after students went on strike citing insecurity. The institution had seen a rise in cases of insecurity after two of their colleagues were killed in different occasions, and another two allegedly raped. Mombasa Polytechnic University College, which is one of the oldest institutions in the country with a population of over 8,000 students, is now set to re-open on Monday next week.

Kenyans urged to use the national library to access the draft constitution.

With the plea to Kenyans to read the proposed draft constitution by president Kibaki on Thursday, the Kenya National Library Chief Librarian Eldoret branch Rono Richard is now urging Kenyans to use the National Library to access copies of the draft constitution document. He said that the draft constitution will be available in the library shelves in a week's time adding that its highlights will be pinned on the notice board for the public to read. The chief librarian noted that many Kenyans would still miss copies of the draft constitution considering that the 5

million copies offered by the government is way below the total population of the country. He urged the library users to make use of the discussion forums arranged within the facility aimed at helping the public understand the contents of the document and to aid them in making informed judgment. Meanwhile, Rono requested the government to consider expanding the library's sitting capacity and resources to accommodate the increasing Kenyan population adding that schools, colleges and universities have increased in number and population since the facility was built in 1976.

Challenge to job Selective Youth.

The youth should avoid selecting jobs but strive to be flexible in the job market. This was the advice of traders in the informal sector when Fish FM set off to engage with them today. Those interviewed were opposed to jobless youth who claim the government ought to give them jobs and called on them to be creative instead.

The traders disclosed how much they have achieved through their jobs and urged their fellow youth to take advantage of the available opportunities in the sector. However they have called on the government to assist the young people acquire the capital to set up the businesses.

Agricultural experts warn of a shortage of extension officers in the country

As a way to curb the current shortage of extension officers in the country, farmers have been urged to team up and form groups that will help them be accessed easily for technical advice. Speaking in his office during an exclusive interview with Fish Fm, Wareng District Deputy Agricultural Officer Alfred Kisia Musia said that the present extension officer's have diverse duties thus cannot reach all individual farmers.

Kisia noted that farmers should employ modern methods of farming in order to achieve the goals envisaged in the vision 2030. He said the current traditional methods of farming resulted to low yields hence its costly to farmers compared to modern technology of farming. The officer further reiterated that Kenya should not depend on other countries for food relief as the country has potential for food productivity.

Kenya Christians Forum set to attend NCCK rally.

A Consultative meeting of Kenya Christians Forum from Eldoret has confirmed that they will be attending tomorrow's interdenominational rally by the National Council of Churches of Kenya at Uhuru Park Nairobi. Speaking Thursday at a processional meeting held at International Vision Center- Dr.Charles Jakait said that the meeting is meant to sensitize Christians on the draft constitution.

At the meeting attended by several pastors it was found that Christians were not only opposing the abortion and Kadhi clauses on draft constitution but there are other matters which are not clear like the clause on marriage which if not screened may pave the way for same sex marriage. Fish FM Managing Director Reuben Kigame maintained that the constitution's stage

management process was not fair since the draft was not printed to suit the deaf and the visually impaired Kenyans. Jakait revealed that God is going to fight for them and the church should not be intimidated because of its decision on the draft constitution.

Albino killings continue in TZ, Burundi

Three new albino killings have been reported in Tanzania and Burundi amid signs that the lucrative trade in their body parts has not waned despite international outrage, an NGO said Thursday.

In the same three month period from February to April, four attempted murders of albinos were reported. Canadian NGO Under the Same Sun reported the killing on May 2 of a 28 year-old albino woman and her four year-old son in Cendajuru, on Burundi's border with Tanzania.

The two had their limbs and organs hacked off by a gang of nine armed men, and the boy's non-albino grandfather who intervened to stop them was killed on the spot, the group said, citing Burundi's police chief Deogratias Ntahompagaze.

Under the Same Sun noted another murder and four attempted murders of albinos in Tanzania between February and April. The wave of albino killings started in 2007, fuelled by the sale of their highly-prized body parts to witch doctors across the region who use them to concoct wealth-enhancing charms.

Regional

World Cup trophy starts SA tour

The World Cup trophy is starting a month-long tour of South Africa before the start of the tournament on 11 June. Thousands of people will get the opportunity to have their photo taken with the solid gold trophy as it travels to 33 towns in South Africa. However, protocol dictates that only heads of state and tournament winners are allowed to actually touch it. On its arrival, the trophy was taken by Fifa head Jerome Valcke to Nelson Mandela in Johannesburg. The trophy has been on a 130,000km (81,000 mile) tour of 86 countries in the past year and begins the final South African leg in Khaletshuya township near Cape Town. It will end up in Soweto for the first game of the tournament between the hosts and Mexico. South Africa will be the first ever African nation to host the World Cup.

Sports

Hamilton sets the pace in Spain

Lewis Hamilton led team-mate Jenson Button in a McLaren one-two in first practice at the Spanish Grand Prix. Hamilton's fastest lap of one minute 21.134 seconds put him 0.538secs ahead of Button, who narrowly outpaced the Mercedes of Michael Schumacher. It was a promising start for the German, driving a modified Mercedes he hopes will improve his performance after a lacklustre comeback to date.

The Red Bulls of Mark Webber and Sebastian Vettel were fourth and fifth. All the teams have

brought major performance upgrades to their cars for this race, the first European grand prix of the season, but it is too early to judge whether they have changed the competitive order. Schumacher's team-mate Nico Rosberg was sixth fastest, ahead of the Renault of Robert Kubica and local hero Fernando Alonso's Ferrari.

Barry waits on injury diagnosis

Manchester City and England star Gareth Barry is awaiting a specialist's verdict on his injured right ankle amid concerns over his World Cup chances. Barry met the specialist on Thursday evening and will find out the full diagnosis later today. The 29-year-old midfielder suffered the injury falling over a team-mate in the second half of the 1-0 Premier League defeat by Tottenham on Wednesday. England boss Fabio Capello names his provisional 30-man squad on Tuesday.

Capello will then cut his selection down to 23 players after friendlies against Mexico and Japan, with England starting their campaign in South Africa against the United States on 12 June.

Barry, who has won 36 caps, has become an established part of Capello's midfield and played in eight of England's qualifying games. The midfielder has definitely been ruled out of City's final game of the season against West Ham on Sunday.

Bale signs new Tottenham contract

Gareth Bale has been rewarded for helping Tottenham qualify for the Champions League by being given a new four-year contract with the club. The 20-year-old signed a new deal which ties him to White Hart Lane until 2014. Bale was named Premier League player of the month in April after his form on the left wing inspired Spurs to victories over Chelsea and Arsenal.

The Welshman has featured 75 times for Spurs since joining from Southampton for £10m in May 2007. Spurs clinched their top-four place in the Premier League with a 1-0 win at Manchester City on Wednesday and have moved quickly to reward the supporter's young player of the year.

NBA star Gordon to make GB debut

NBA star Ben Gordon is to make a long-awaited Great Britain debut in this summer's European qualifying campaign. Detroit Pistons guard Gordon, 27, was born in London but moved to the United States when he was a baby. He will line-up alongside former Chicago Bulls team-mate Luol Deng for the eight-game campaign in August.

Gordon has been courted by GB for four years but made himself unavailable while securing a multi-million dollar move from Chicago to Detroit. Gordon was named in the GB squad for last year's EuroBasket tournament but withdrew, having just secured a contract with the Pistons,

worth about £34.2m over five years.