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Official figures of registered voters to be released

The Interim Independent Electoral Commission is today expected to release the official figures of the registered voters in the country. Initial report had indicated that the commission had registered 14.5 million voters during the voter registration exercise that ended last month. The figure is 4.5 million more voters than the target that had been set at the beginning of the process and half a million more than the voters at the last general elections

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Biden begins his Kenyan tour

United States vice president Joe Biden is in Kenya for a three-day visit. Biden who is on a week-long trip to Africa spent a better part of Monday in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt. He's accompanied by his wife Dr Jill Biden and other senior officials from Washington. Biden is set to hold talks with key leaders in Kenya, including President Mwai Kibaki, Prime Minister Raila Odinga and house speaker Kenneth Marende. While in the country, Biden will give a speech at the KICC in Nairobi before jeting off to South Africa for the opening ceremony of FIFA world cup set for this Friday

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Parliament resume sitting

After close to two months recess, Parliament resumes its sittings this afternoon after being on recess. And as the house goes back to business, all eyes will be on Finance minister Uhuru Kenyatta who is expected to read this financial year's budget on Thursday.

Wananchi and leaders are expressing optimism that during the reading of this year's budget, the minister will reduce tax on oil products a move that will greatly contribute towards the lowering

of prices of basic commodities in the country

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Speaker hits out at Kenyan State agencies

The State Law Office and Police Department have been put on the spot for failing to prosecute 'small crimes' committed during the post election violence despite a Cabinet resolution made a year ago. Speaker of the National Assembly Kenneth Marende re-ignited the debate on the prosecutions and accused the Executive of perpetuating impunity by failing to institute charges over crimes he claims have evidence.

He regretted that over two years after the bloody violence, the government had failed to act despite the fact that those crimes are covered under the penal code. Marende spoke when he hosted the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Navanethem Pillay at Parliament Buildings. He said the rejection of the Special Tribunal Bill by Members of Parliament was due to the fear of a corrupt non-committed justice system