

## **LOCAL NEWS September 8, 2010**

### **Kibaki consoles Kenya ACK head**

President Mwai Kibaki Wednesday visited Archbishop Eliud wabukala and family at their Nairobi home to console them following the death of Mama Caren Nakhumicha Wabukala. President Kibaki, who was accompanied by Prime Minister Raila Odinga, Vice-President Kalonzo Musyoka and Deputy Prime Minister Musalia Mudavadi, prayed to God to grant the bereaved family solace, strength and fortitude to bear the tragic loss.

The President noted that the late Mama Caren was not only a loving wife and mother but also a devoted Christian who remained a strong pillar in the Anglican Church where she stood firmly in her faith and immensely contributed to the spread of the word of God. Others who accompanied the President to convey their condolences included Cabinet ministers Prof. George Saitoti, Moses Wetangula, Yusuf Haji, Soita Shitanda, Dr. Noah wekesa and senior Government officials including the Head of Public Service and Secretary to the Cabinet Amb. Francis Mutahura. Mama Caren Nakhumicha Wabukala is said to have collapsed in her house on Sunday evening and was rushed to Nairobi Hospital where she was pronounced dead

### **Kenya presidential escort moved in reshuffle**

Presidential Escort Commandant Benson Kibui Githinji has been moved in major police changes affecting 143 senior officers across the country. Githinji has been appointed PPO Western province taking over from Kingori Mwangi who will be based at the police headquarters as the Deputy Director police reforms.

A statement released Wednesday by the Police spokesman Eric Kiraithe on behalf of Commissioner of Police Matthew Iteere said the officers have been directed to report to their new stations by 17th of this month. The police boss said comprehensive reorganization will be made once the County's are operationalized in conformity with the new constitution. Nairobi CID boss John Mwachai has been appointed CID deputy director while James Aggrey Adoli is the new North Eastern police boss. He was until his new appointment the officer in charge of complaints at the CID headquarters

### **Kenya coalition committed to new law**

President Mwai Kibaki has assured that the Grand Coalition Government remains united and focused in the smooth implementation of the new constitution. Speaking at his Harambee House on Wednesday when he met the board of the U.S. based National Democratic Institute (NDI), the President said the Grand Coalition had prioritized the passage of new laws to anchor the new constitution.

The President noted that the constitution offered the country a great chance at entrenching far reaching reforms, and there was need to continue educating the public on their role and that of the government under the new structures in the new constitution. President Kibaki thanked the NDI for its offer to help Kenya in the implementation stages of the new constitution. The NDI

Chairperson, Ms Madeline Albright, congratulated the Kenyan people for the passage and promulgation of the new constitution and pledged her Institutes support in the implementation stages.

### **Uganda to partner with Kenya, ESSAR for refinery, pipeline**

Uganda will partner Kenya and an Indian multinational to construct a refinery and pipeline for its oil. president Yoweri Museveni's press secretary Tamale Mirundi said the president has given green light for the joint venture. Mirundi said that Kenya's Foreign Minister Moses Wetangula had led a team for talks with Museveni on Monday which were also attended by Prashant Ruia, the CEO of the Indian conglomerate ESSAR. Kenya has a pipeline running from its coastal town of Mombasa to Eldoret near the border with Uganda. Uganda has found oil in the Lake Albert region which holds roughly two billion barrels but is currently locked in a tax tussle with Anglo-Irish Tullow Oil and Canada's Heritage Oil.

### **Kenya's PCs, DCs and chiefs to remain**

The government says it will not scrap the Provincial Administration but will instead rename it to the National Administration System in order to accommodate Provincial Commissioners, District Commissioners, District Officers and chiefs in the devolved government under the new Constitution. Internal Security Permanent Secretary Francis Kimemia says the new outfit would help the President run the central and county government down to the grassroots. This, he said, does not mean scrapping the Provincial Administration but just restricting it.

With the introduction of 47 counties in the government structure, and the abolition of the provinces, Provincial Commissioner would be redeployed to the headquarters in Nairobi from where they will oversee operations of clusters of Counties. In the new arrangement, each of the eight PC will be given a specific cluster of counties to govern and will largely rely on the DCs, Dos and chiefs as is the case currently.

### **Maralal road to be tarmacked**

The Government intends to spend over Sh8 billion to tarmac the Nyahururu-Maralal-Baragoi-Longilani road which has in the past been rendered impassable by heavy rains. Roads Minister Franklin Bett said the government was still sourcing for the financiers of the project and was still negotiating with the Iranian government to source the funds. However, as a temporary measure the government will spend over Sh33 million to put murram on the road linking Rumuruti and Maralal before the tarmacking work begins. Speaking while on an inspection tour of the road, Bett said the improvement of the crucial project would help in accelerating developments and open up the areas served by the road.

### **Kenyan lawyers back Jaoko**

Lawyers have differed with commissioners at the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights

over their decision to oust embattled chairperson Florence Jaoko on claims of credibility test. The Law Society of Kenya, the International Commission of Jurists and the Federation of Women Lawyers FIDA in a joint press conference said the commissioners do not have powers to remove their chairperson. In their statement the associations challenged the commissioners to justify their actions with a legal provision. ICJ Executive Director George Kegoro said being State body commissioners have an obligation to explain their action to Kenyans and safeguard the reputation of the Commission.

On Monday commissioners met and endorsed a proposal to oust Jaoko and install a three member committee as a caretaker team. They claimed that the Commission has lost its credibility and prominence owing to the wanting leadership of Jaoko.

### **Justice ministry intervenes in KNCHR row**

Justice and Constitutional Affairs minister Mutula Kilonzo Wednesday called for a meeting with the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights to square out the leadership row at the state body. The minister's step follows the move by commissioners to oust the chair Florence Jaoko Simbiri on claims that she didn't raise the commission's profile like her predecessor. Jaoko however maintains that all is well at the commission despite commissioners holding different views on various issues. She said that the proper procedure should be followed in removing her from office. meanwhile the Federation of women lawyers have offered to mediate in the ongoing crisis to save the KNCHR from undergoing further problems.

### **Kalonzo meets Albright team**

Vice President Kalonzo Musyoka has assured that Parliament will take up the Constitutional Implementation Oversight Committee immediately MPs return from recess to fast track the implementation process. He at the same time urged the international community to partner with Kenya in the implementation process saying the exercise will require huge amounts of resources particularly the establishment of county governments. Musyoka spoke during a breakfast meeting with the Global Board of the National Democratic Institute (NDI) led by the Chair, former US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and former Senate majority leader Tom Daschle at Serena Hotel, Nairobi.

The Vice President implementing the constitution is of essence since the government does not want to let down Kenyans who are enthusiastic to see the new laws in operation. Ms Albright advised Kenyans to come up with quick wins in the implementation process by passing a few crucial enabling laws immediately to encourage Kenyans that the process has begun. She paid tribute to Kenyans for conducting a peaceful and successful constitution referendum which was applauded the world over.

### **Africa cautioned against weather related disasters**

Africa must find ways of sustainable crop production and shield itself from the effects of extreme weather. According to Alliance for Commodity Trade in Eastern and Southern

Africa, the continent whose economy is Agriculture-driven relies on weather conditions but suffers greatly when extreme weather occurs. The institute's CEO Dr Chris Muyunda said development of irrigation infrastructure, has remained slow while risks in agriculture have continued to rise by the day.

He said whenever African farmers are able to produce they are again faced by unstable prices which fluctuate causing economic and social dislocations adversely affecting the African families that do not have the coping mechanisms to enable them handle the risks. The ACTESA Chief Executive said whereas the private sector cannot compete with the public sector an alternative like public-private partnerships should emerge to help farmers.

### **Science and Technology stressed**

There is need for African Universities to contribute meaningfully to science and technology if African nations are to be economically empowered. Moi University Vice Chancellor Professor Richard Mibey says universities form the bedrock on which sustainable future can be built. He says information and knowledge transferred to society is the driving force towards development. Food security and applied science and technology are high on the agenda of the world priorities of setting development goals according to the VC. However he notes that government should create space and recruit talent as is the case in China and India who are scouting for globally competitive talented workforce. Currently 80 per cent of scientific and technological potential is still being held by Northern countries and over 50,000 African PHD holders are working in industrialized countries. Professor Mibey said this during the opening of the university's 6<sup>th</sup> conference on technology and the vision 2030.

### **Regional News**

#### **Ban urges Rwanda not to withdraw UN peacekeepers**

The UN's secretary general has urged Rwanda not to withdraw its peacekeepers from Sudan over a leaked report saying its troops may have committed genocide. Ban Ki-moon said he was "disappointed" the draft had been released, after he held talks with President Paul Kagame in Kigali in a bid to ease tensions. The report accuses Rwandan soldiers of massacring civilians in the Democratic Republic of Congo in the 1990s. Rwanda says the document is "malicious" and "ridiculous" and wants it amended. The UN last week delayed publication of the document until 1 October, to give countries more time to comment on its contents.

### **Global News**

#### **BP spreads blame over oil spill**

Eleven people were killed and 17 people were injured in the explosion A "sequence of failures involving a number of different parties" was to blame for the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, BP says. An investigation carried out by BP said it was responsible in part for the disaster, but it also blamed other companies working on the well. BP faces billions of dollars worth of legal claims for compensation over the spill, the worst in recent US history. An

estimated 4.9 million barrels of oil leaked into the Gulf after the blast. The well was capped on 15 July, and an operation to permanently seal it is due to take place in the next few weeks.

### **Six die in Pakistan drone strike**

Six people have died in a US missile strike targeting militants in Pakistan's tribal district on the Afghan border, security officials say. The raid took place in Dande Darpakhel village, 5km (3 miles) north-west of Miranshah, the main town in North Waziristan. Officials said all the dead were with the Haqqani network, a branch of the Afghan Taliban operating in Pakistan. It is the fourth suspected US drone attack in the region this month. Witnesses said that three aircraft were involved in the raid.

### **Sri Lanka MPs vote in sweeping powers for president**

Sri Lankan MPs have approved proposals to let President Mahinda Rajapaksa seek an unlimited number of terms, in a move critics say could lead to dictatorship. The constitutional amendment also hugely boosts the president's powers. Amid protest and counter-protest in the capital Colombo, MPs in the 225-member parliament voted for the proposals by 161 to 17 against. The main opposition United National Party boycotted the vote, but many of its MPs voted with the government. The lifting of the two-term presidential limit allows Rajapaksa to stand again in 2016.

## **Sports News**

### **Kenya Inter-Bank Games kick off**

24 Institutions are taking part in the 26th edition of the Inter-Bank sports competition that got underway on Tuesday with football matches at the Kenya school of monetary Studies (KSMS) Ruaraka. The games will be official opened on Saturday at the same venue by the chairman of the Kenya Institute of Bankers Council John Waka while the closing ceremony will be presided over by the Governor of Central Bank of Kenya Prof. Njuguna Ndungu who is also the Patron of Kenya Institute of Bankers.

Kenya Premier League (KPL) side Kenya Commercial Bank might also feature in the tournament though club Vice Chairman Ali Agil said they are not even aware of the the tournament. The games are expected to end on September 18. Sylvester Obuon who is the Chairman of the organising committee told the press that they are expecting a big turn out and called upon members of the public to turn up for the annual event whose entrance is free of charge. Most events, he added, will be held at the Kenya School of Monetary studies, the KCB Sports Club ,Utalli Grounds, and Barclays Sports Club.

The golf tournament, which usually attracts the top executives in the banking industry, will be held at Vet Lab Golf Course on Friday September 17th. The overall defending Champions are Equity Bank who were followed in second and third place last year by Central Bank of Kenya(CBK) and Post Bank respectively.

Teams have have been asked to collect the sports fixtures from Kenya Institute of Bankers

offices on 6th floor Lyric House and to ensure their teams are in time for respective events. The organisers have thanked Nairobi Sports House, and other Banks who have in the past given support to the games by way of trophies and tokens for winners.

Teams participating in this years event include African Banking Corp. Ltd, Bank of India, Central Bank of Kenya, CFC Stanbic Bank Ltd, Commercial Bank of Africa, Consolidated Bank of Kenya, Co-operative Bank of Kenya, Development Bank of Kenya,, Diamond Trust Bank of Kenya, Eco Bank, Equatorial Commercial Bank and Family Bank Ltd. Other teams include Habib Bank Ltd, Housing Finance, Imperial Bank, Investments & Mortgages Bank, KCB, Post Bank, NBK, Equity Bank, AFC, Barclay bank, University of Nairobi, and NSSF. Sports disciplines that will be up for grabs include Football, Basketball , Squash Badminton, Volleyball, Netball, Tug-of-War, Lawn Tennis, Darts, Snooker, and Draughts. Others are Scrabble, Athletics, Swimming, Golf, and Chess

### **Grand reception for Kenya's Rudisha**

It was song and dance at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport when the new world 800 metres record holder David Lekuta Rudisha arrived home today morning from Split Croatia where he participated in the IAAF Continental Cup. The athlete jetted into the country for the first time since breaking Wilson Kipketer's 13 year world record twice in two weeks. Rudisha who was promptly crowned a Masai hero due to his new status is non committal about participating in next month's Commonwealth Games in India adding that he needs at least two months rest before resuming training. His target is to improve his world record of 1 minute 41.01 seconds next year during the World Championships in South Korea and even at the 2012 Olympic Games in London. A grand welcome party awaits Rudisha at his home in Kilgoris on the 17th of this month where he is expected to be installed as a Maasai elder.

### **Football: I won't quit, says Kenya coach**

The national soccer team Harambee Stars jetted back today morning to cold a reception after their dismal performance in their first 2012 Africa Cup of Nations qualifier which saw them lose 1-0 to the lowly ranked Guinea Bissau. And now Football Kenya Vice-chairman Titus Kasuve says heads must roll over the poor performance of the national team which might see dramatic changes in the technical bench. Stars' loss to the country ranked 188th by Fifa has provoked heated debate among local football fans, with many calling for the overhaul of the technical bench and disbandment of the entire FKL top management. Kenya Football Federation chairman Sam Nyamweya called on the government to compel the FKL executive to resign for a new start in Kenyan football. There have also been reports of player discontent over the team management-instigated appointment of Dennis Oliech as captain against the players' choice of Robert Mambo, as well as coach Twahir Muhiddin's selection of players during matches. Muhiddin admitted that they lost many scoring chances and said he will not resign unless the players decide so.

### **Capello praises display by Rooney**

England manager Fabio Capello praised Wayne Rooney's display in the Euro 2012 qualifying win over Switzerland. Rooney, who is the subject of newspaper allegations about his private life, scored the first England goal in a 3-1 win in Basle on Tuesday night. Rooney scored the opener after 10 minutes, a lead that England held until half-time, with Capello describing it as the best first-half performance of his time in charge of the national side. Adam Johnson made it 2-0 and, despite Xherdan Shaqiri pulling one back for the Swiss, Darren Bent's late effort wrapped up the win Rooney was taken off in the 79th minute but had done enough to justify his selection after a difficult few days off the pitch.

### **Business News**

#### **Kenya's KenGen to add 20 MW from wind by end-2012**

Kenya's KenGen will add 20.4 megawatts of electricity from wind turbines at a single site in a move to add renewable power sources to help stabilise supplies by 2013, Energy minister Kiraitu Murungi has said. Kenya has a low power generation capacity and is heavily dependent on good rainfall to fill its dams. He said that would include an extra 500 megawatts from renewable sources. Kiraitu spoke after commissioning a 5.1 megawatt wind power project on the Ngong Hills, at the edge of the capital on Wednesday. Owned by the Kenya Electricity Generating Company (KenGen), the main power producer, the wind farm is the first commercially viable wind project in the country, funded by Belgium.

#### **Kenya to issue 2-yr bond, launch new auction rules**

Kenya's central bank will auction a two-year government bond worth 13 billion shillings (\$160 million) in an auction process concluding on Sept. 22, traders said on Wednesday. Details of bond tenders in Kenya often break through the market first before the central bank makes an official statement. The sale period will be Sept 10-21 and the auction will conclude on Sept 22, traders said. Mweni said the central bank planned to introduce new auction rules including one that allows it to take any money at the cut off yield, whether or not commercial banks had bid at a higher yield.