

## **Local news September 9, 2010**

### **Fish Fm marks 4 years of on air ministry**

The day is finally here. Your good news radio 97.1 fish fm will this Friday the 10th of September 2010 be marking its 4th anniversary of God's faithfulness of on air ministry. According to the Word of Truth Ministry coordinator Gideon Banda, the ceremony that will be bringing together the entire Fish fm family to meet with it's listeners and other invited guest will be a time for thanks giving to God for His faithfulness this far. Banda took time to invite all listeners to join the fish family in marking this day that will begin with a road show to be held this Friday 10th of September 2010 in different estates within Eldoret town before the main event set for the day in the evening at the New Eldoret Gardens hotel located at the Bargetny plaza ground floor At the same time, Banda was quick to explain the future plans for your good news radio 97.1 Fish Fm in the new year of on air ministry. Incase of any information concerning the event or if you want to get the tickets, you can get in touch with Fish fm on 0710 384 384 or visit our offices at Bargetny plaza ground floor room number 9

*Ends..... Grace Muhonja Kirwaye*

### **YOUTH URGED TO REGISTER**

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has begun calling out on the youth to register with the government in a bid to source for funds that will help them kick start their own businesses. Addressing the youth from Uasin Gishu County at a peace rally in Eldoret on Thursday, Youth officer Urbanus Mutua said it was important to involve the youth in the implementation of the new constitution which requires the government to provide job opportunities. Meanwhile national cohesion chief officer Amrose Biketi said the youth should be involved extensively in promoting National Cohesion to evade divisions such as experienced in the latter years in a bid to successfully implement the new constitution. The Youth peace sensitization rally will next be held in Kuresoi in Molo among other parts of the country, a head of the National Youth Week set for 20th of September.

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### **Shun ethnic and retrogressive politics. Youth told.**

Youth have been challenged to shun ethnic and retrogressive politics and embrace peace in the society. Addressing the youth, Eldoret West district officer Christopher Wanjau said that such politics leads to ethnicity hence propagating violence due to their differences. Wanjau said that the government has established initiatives like the youth enterprise fund and Kazi kwa Vijana initiative in a bid to address unemployment amongst the youth in the country. He therefore urged them to make use of the youth enterprise fund to establish businesses that will benefit their lives and shun engaging in acts of violence. Wanjau added that the youth should be the major forces of cohesion in the society and yearn to build it. He was speaking Thursday in Eldoret town during a peace campaign organized by the ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in conjunction with ministry of Justice, national cohesion and constitutional affairs which targets youth.

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### **Bid to arm Kenyan security guards opposed**

Stakeholders in the security industry are opposed to the arming of private security guards as contained in two bills lined up for tabling by the government. The Kenya Security Industry Association has called on parliament to consult further before passing the bills which are aimed at reforming the police force and boosting the security of Kenyans. Addressing the press Thursday in Nairobi, the association Chairman Caxton Muniyoki said security firms do not have the capacity to train the private guards on firearm usage. Security expert Simiyu Werunga said clear guidelines should be put in place to ensure that security firms that merit are allowed to arm their guards. He allayed fears that the move to arm security guards would increase crime levels. The National Police Service Bill 2010 and the Independent Policing Oversight Authority Bill 2010 would also give powers to junior police officers to challenge orders from their bosses.

### **Kenya cabinet meets over judicial reform bills**

The Cabinet met Thursday morning to discuss and refine the Judicial Service Bill that seeks to implement some of the judicial reforms as outlined in the new Constitution. The bill is set to make provisions to provide for the creation of a new Judicial Service Commission which will be completely free from the Executive, in terms of power relations and finances.

The cabinet was also expected to endorse the vetting of Judges and Magistrates Bill 2010 ahead of reopening of parliament for debate. The coalition government was holding its second meeting since the promulgation of the new constitution in an effort to ratify two Bills that are critical to reforms in the judiciary, before parliament resumes its sitting to commence legislation on the implementation of the new law. A Cabinet sub-committee was formed to fast-track the formulation of laws aimed at implementing the new constitution.

### **Uganda attacks: Kenyan Police deny arresting journalist**

The government Thursday denied having arrested a Mombasa based radio journalist over the Kampala bombings. Police told the court that they were not aware of the suspect's detention or deportation as alleged by the family members noting that they only learnt of his arrest from the media. The journalist, Habib Suleiman Njoroge is alleged to have participated in the twin bombings in Kampala, Uganda. Through state counsel Edward Okello, the court was told that Suleiman is not in the hands of Kenyan police. However, it was confirmed that the other suspect Yahya Suleiman is out of the court's jurisdiction. In the application the family of the Mombasa-based journalist is demanding his production in court. Njoroge was allegedly arrested in Mombasa last Saturday and later transferred to Nairobi. Also in custody is his brother, Yahya Suleiman Mbutia. A total of 32 people have been charged in Uganda for carrying out the July 11 suicide attacks on two bar-restaurants in Kampala which were crowded with people watching World Cup final. Ten of those charged are Kenyans.

### **Man claims to own M-Kesho**

A man has filed a case claiming ownership of M-Kesho, the recently launched Equity Bank mobile banking product. Hoswel Mbugua Njuguna told the court that Equity bank has taken over and implemented his idea on M-Kesho without informing or compensating him.

Njuguna, who describes himself as a concept developer, says he proposed the idea to the bank on 10th August 2006. He further avers that the information was communicated to Equity Bank in good faith for the sole purpose of negotiating an agreement with the bank for the creation and marketing of the proposed new product. He says that in August 2009 the bank terminated the negotiations only to later learn that M-Kesho was launched in partnership with mobile phone operator Safaricom. Njuguna is seeking orders to restrain Equity bank from using the confidential information it is purported to have been taken from him, and from using and marketing M-Kesho

### **MPs happy with new Kenya PM offices**

The Parliamentary Committee on Administration and National Security has given a thumbs up to the 329 million Shillings refurbishment of the Office of the Prime Minister. Speaking after touring the new office complex, Committee Vice Chairman Peter Kiilu termed the workmanship as excellent and said future government projects should aim to replicate it. Since he became Prime Minister in 2008, Raila Odinga who moved into his new office this month had been working from the Treasury Building. The PM and senior staff occupy the second floor, while other staff will occupy the other floors which have transparent glass partitions in line with a recent directive by the Head of Public Service to create open plan government offices.

The Permanent Secretary at the PM's office, Mohammed Isahakia said that they expect to house all departments in the building once the leases of two other tenants expire by the end of next year. The renovation of the former Shell and BP House was carried out by the Public Works Ministry and Buildmore Construction Company.

### **Kenyan NGOs revive anti Kiplagat battle**

Civil Society Organizations on Thursday petitioned Chief Justice Evan Gicheru to appoint a tribunal to investigate the embattled Chairman of the Truth Justice and Reconciliation Commission (TJRC) Bethuel Kiplagat. Under the banner of Kenya Transitional Justice Network, the civil society groups want a judicial tribunal formed to investigate Ambassador Kiplagat over allegations of involvement in the cover-ups of the assassination of the late Foreign Affairs Minister Robert Ouko, alleged complicity in the Wagalla massacre by the military in Northern Kenya and grabbing of public property. Tom Kagwe, Senior Programme Officer at the Kenya Human Rights Commission said that the allegations make Amb Kiplagat morally and legally incompetent to lead a reconciliation process. Kagwe also said that the allegations had exposed the TJRC to further operational, legal and administrative bottlenecks.

### **Kenya TJRC boss dismisses resignation calls**

The Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission (TJRC) chair Ambassador Bethuel Kiplagat has rubbished the latest attempt by civil societies to push for creation of a tribunal to investigate him. Kiplagat says such attempts will not deter him from carrying out the commission's work adding that those opposed to his leadership have a right to express their opinion. He was speaking to the press in Nairobi on Thursday shortly after launching the National Statement taking exercise. The exercise was launched after the swearing in of 30 Nairobi statement takers at Kenya College of Accountancy.

Meanwhile, The Truth, Justice and Reconciliation commission (TJRC) will begin its public hearings in November. Ambassador Kiplagat says the exercise will go on until mid 2011 adding that the commission will carry out community dialogue sessions countrywide to foster healing and reconciliation.

The TJRC chair called on Kenyans to cooperate with the statement takers who were sworn in Thursday to ensure perpetrators of gross human rights violations are brought to book. The officers are expected to complete their work in the next five months

### **Kenya sets aside Ksh 2.9bn for IDPs resettlement**

The Kenyan Government has set aside Ksh 2.9 billion to be used in the resettlement of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in the country. The Minister for Special Programmes Esther Murugi Mathenge said the resettlement programme targeted 6,812 IDPs around the country who will be resettled by December this year. Mathenge who was speaking when she visited IDPs camps in Maai-Mahiu and Kikopey areas in Naivasha Thursday said the Government through the ministry of lands has identified land where survey work was on going before some of the IDPs could be resettled. The minister noted that the Government would continue supplying food to the IDPs and any other support they needed and urged them not to sell the relief food they got from the Government. The Government will also pay hundreds of IDPs who have been waiting for their compensation of Ksh 10, 000 and Ksh 25,000 for building materials soon after the resettlement exercise was over.

### **Regional News**

#### **Air Zimbabwe pilot pay strike grounds airline's flights**

Striking pilots at Air Zimbabwe began talks with management on Thursday demanding to be paid their full wage. The pilots started a strike on Wednesday, abandoning two planes on the runway at Harare International Airport. The boycott has led to the national carrier cancelling all its flights. Air Zimbabwe chairman Jonathan Kadzura told state television that pilots were being paid at least \$1,200 a month, but the airline could not afford to pay them the full \$2,500 salary. The carrier's local and international flights have been affected, leading to passengers milling around the country's main airport, according to the state-run Herald newspaper. Declining passenger numbers, debt and the country's economic crisis have all contributed to the airline's losses

### **South Africa murder rate shows sharp fall**

Greater police visibility has helped reduce crime, that's according to the South African government. The murder rate has fallen by 8.6% over the past year in South Africa, latest statistics show. Police Minister Nathi Mthethwa said the total number of murders was now about a third lower than 14 years ago. He also said that 46 of South Africa's 50 most wanted criminals had been arrested. South Africa has long been seen as one of the world's most violent countries but hosted the World Cup this year with few major incidents.

### **Global News**

#### **Iran to release one of three US hikers - report**

Iran is to release on Saturday one of three detained American hikers accused of espionage, reports say. The comments were made by an unnamed government official, who did not provide any further details. Shane Bauer, 27, Sarah Shourd, 31, and Josh Fattal, 27 were seized last July after entering Iran from Iraq. Tehran accuses the Americans of entering Iran illegally and having links to US intelligence.

Their relatives say they were hiking in northern Iraq's Kurdistan region and unintentionally crossed an unmarked border. The three have been held in Tehran's Evin prison. They have not been publicly charged. In December, Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said they would stand trial, but he did not specify on what charges. US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has called on Tehran to free the hikers, and said that any charges would be unfounded. In May, the hikers' mothers were allowed to meet them in prison.

#### **Erdogan criticises opponents ahead of Turkey referendum**

Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan has criticised the tactics of his political opponents ahead of a referendum on constitutional reform. Erdogan accused his political opponents of using "dis-information and black propaganda". The proposed reforms include controversial changes to the judiciary. The present constitution was introduced in 1982 by the military. The EU has said it sees the vote as a significant step for Turkey's democratisation and modernisation. Opposition parties say the changes will give the government more control over the appointment of senior judges.

### **Sports News**

#### **Dasani Gala heads to Nyeri**

The Dasani Golf Gala heads to the slopes of Mt. Kenya for what is the 12th event on the Gala this Saturday. The Nyeri Club, home to the famous Kerio Valley hole, the par five sixth hole that enjoys magnificent views of Mt. Kenya, will play host to members from Nanyuki Sports Club, Nyahururu Golf Club, hosts Nyeri Club and guests from the host bottler, Mt. Kenya Bottlers. Speaking from Nyeri, the Mt. Kenya Bottlers CEO, Joyce Macharia said golfers would be treated to a real "Gala" at Nyeri.

In addition to action on the golf course, non-golfers will be treated to golf lessons from professional golfers at what is now popularly known as the Dasani Cool Zone. Action on the nine-hole golf course at the Nyeri Club will tee off from 7.30am and the last teams will tee off just before 2pm. According to the Nyeri Club Captain, over 100 golfers are expected to participate, making this one of the largest golf events at the club in recent times. They include 16 golfers from Nyahururu Golf Club and 34 golfers from Nanyuki.

Guests from Coca-Cola East and Central Africa office as well as guests from Mt. Kenya Bottlers will also participate in the day long Gala. The top team from Nyeri will book an automatic berth in the Dasani Golf Gala Grand Finale that will be held at the Muthaiga Golf Club on the 22nd of October 2010. The ultimate prize in the Gala is a fully paid trip for four golfers to the Gary Player Invitational to be held in Fancourt Golf Resort, George, South Africa in November

### **Tweaks to Stanchart Marathon route**

Minor alterations have been made to the route for next month's Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon. Race director John Velzian said that the move is in line to raising the standard of the marathon as well as avoiding a clash between the different race categories. Velzian believes that the time has come to introduce an entry cut off time for both the full and half marathons so as to improve the quality of participants.

This year's route will see the participants start at Nyayo National Stadium, tackle Uhuru Highway and turn at the University Way roundabout into Kenyatta, Harambee and Haile Sellasie Avenues then back to Mombasa Road where participants will experience the changes for the first time.

The marathon will take place on October 31 and will start and end at Nyayo National Stadium. Last year, Moses Kigen set a course record of 2:10.12 to win the men's race while in the women's race Irene Jerotich became the first athlete in the event's history to win the marathon for the second time. All proceeds from the marathon go towards the Seeing is Believing charity aimed at eradicating avoidable blindness.

### **FIFA may abolish extra time at World Cup**

FIFA may abolish extra time at the World Cup with drawn knockout matches going straight to penalties, the federation's president Sepp Blatter said Thursday. Blatter said in an interview with FIFA's web site ([www.fifa.com](http://www.fifa.com)) that too many teams had played defensively at the World Cup in South Africa and soccer's governing body would look at ways of encouraging more attacking tactics.

Blatter did not discuss penalty shootouts themselves, which many feel are a lottery and devalue the sport, leaving a lasting stigma on the player who misses the decisive kick. FIFA has so far declined to consider alternatives to shootouts, such as using the corner count to decide drawn matches and reducing the number of players on the field in extra time to open up the game.

### **Defoe out for at least six week**

Tottenham striker Jermain Defoe has been ruled out for at least six weeks because of an ankle problem. The 27-year-old suffered the injury in England's 3-1 win over Switzerland on Tuesday and was carried off. Defoe will miss Spurs' Champions League group games and England's Euro 2012 match against Montenegro in October. The timing of the injury is a real blow for the forward, who has been in impressive form and scored a hat-trick in England's 4-0 victory against Bulgaria in the opening qualifier last Friday. Defoe was seen using crutches and wearing a protective boot on his right foot at Spurs' training ground on Thursday. He is likely to miss a number of Premier League matches and the Champions League ties against Werder Bremen and FC Twente.

## **Business News**

### **Kenol-Kobil woes deepen**

The Energy Regulatory Commission has maintained that Kenol-Kobil's importation license remains suspended. According to commission the court injunction by the oil company was filed late after ERC had already taken action. The new turn of events might see Kenol Kobil out of petroleum business losing its market share and fuel prices skyrocketing. The industry regulator had cancelled the company's licences after failing to resolve a dispute over non-payment of processing fees with the Kenya petroleum oil refineries.

The move had effectively locked out Kenol-Kobil from importing products for local use giving it leeway to import products to service its regional markets only. Kenol-Kobil has an elaborate retail network in Kenya, with over 180 service stations and commanding a market share of over 20% and listed at the Nairobi Stock Exchange. The company, has been active in the mid-stream - bulk trading – fuel business in East Africa, Sudan, Malawi and Zimbabwe, claiming over one-fifth of the market share.

### **Kenya's Safaricom, Quintica enter data services partnership**

Safaricom CEO Michael Joseph said the company's corporate data clients would enjoy enhanced services Kenya's telecoms operator Safaricom has entered into a partnership with data services company, Quintica that will see it advance affordable communication solutions for all its corporate clients. Under the deal, Safaricom's data clients ranging from big corporates, Small Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to Small Office and Homes (SOHOs) will benefit from a huge menu of hosted and managed services from Quintica. Safaricom CEO Michael Joseph said under the deal Safaricom's growing portfolio of corporate data customers would enjoy uninterrupted and secure communication solutions. With the partnership, Quintica will provide a number of services including hosted Microsoft Exchange E-mail targeted at small businesses without a dedicated technical staff. These will enjoy all the features and functionalities in one package at a small fee. The company will also provide hosted Applications (utilizing virtual machines) which will target SMEs that do not wish to invest in servers and data centres for their various IT needs.

### **AccessKenya to lay metro fibre cables**

AccessKenya already has 140km of metro fibre network covering over 250 buildings in Nairobi.

AccessKenya has announced that it will dig and lay its own fibre optic infrastructure in Mombasa in its ongoing plans to build what will be the largest Internet Protocol (IP) based fibre network in Kenya. In a press statement, the Group Managing Director Jonathan Somen said AccessKenya was starting work on its Mombasa metro fibre network which will cover a large number of the biggest buildings in the town.

He said that AccessKenya Group Offices at TSS Building in Mombasa would be connected to Seacom and BEAMS fibre optic cables before the network is rolled out to other buildings. In ring topology, the network is build in form of a ring which ensures that if one part of the network gets a cut, traffic is re-routed to the opposite side of the ring meaning no downtime for clients. Once the broken part is repaired, traffic is brought back to the original side of the ring. Ring topology ensures 100% uptime for all clients on the network.

### **DRC committed to creating better business environment**

The DRC government is committed to creating a better business environment in "one of the most exciting emerging economies on the African continent". Soren Du Preez, the director of the upcoming annual Infrastructure Partnerships for African Development (iPAD) investment conference in Kinshasa says this year, in which the DRC is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, there is a buoyant and positive outlook in the country. The conference Du Preez says has always enjoyed a high-level government support and participation and this year is no exception.

So far, the ministers of Mines, Hydrocarbons and Planning, the vice-prime minister of Reconstruction in charge of post, telephones, and telecommunications and the Central Bank governor, among others are expected to attend the meeting. Already in its sixth year, the iPAD DRC conference and exhibition will this year once again focus on the mining industry and the industrial development in the country. Taking place from 25-27 October, conference sessions will also provide practical insight into the financial, logistical and energy requirements necessary to support industrial operations and economic development.