

Kenya Domestic Media, August 19 (Covering August 16th - 19th)

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(KBC Online text website, Nairobi, in English 17 Aug 10)

- The National Cohesion and Integration Commission wants Trade minister Chirau Ali Mwakwere prosecuted over hate speech. The commission says he committed the offence while campaigning in recent bi-elections. The commission has also said that Attorney-General Amos Wako and the police frustrated their efforts to have the Minister arrested.

(KBC Online text website, Nairobi, in English 17 Aug 10)

- The Kenyan Cabinet formed a committee to oversee implementation of the new Kenyan constitution. The committee is made up of 16-members and is headed by President Mwai Kibaki and Prime Minister Raila Odinga. A technical committee has also been established to review the budget and facilitate approval by the relevant cabinet committee.

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(KTN TV, Nairobi, in English 1800 GMT 18 Aug 10)

- Video report claims the Kenyan government is applying double standards in prosecuting MPs over hate speech after the police failed to prosecute Minister Mwakwere. Mwakwere is being accused of hate speech by the National Cohesion and Integration Commission.

(Daily Nation, Nairobi, in English 18 Aug 10)

- Former Baringo Central MP Gideon Moi is also being investigated for hate speech.

(KTN TV, Nairobi, in English 1800 gmt 17 Aug 10)

- Several MPs accuse Prime Minister Raila Odinga of scheming to divide communities in Rift Valley Province through cabinet appointments.

(Daily Nation website, Nairobi, in English 17 Aug 10)

- Kenya wants a clear plan of action to address instability in Somalia. Foreign Affairs Minister Moses Wetang'ula met with the United Nations Special Representative for Somalia, Ambassador Augustine Mahiga. Wetang'ula said that there was consensus that

the Somali Transitional Government requires considerable support to enable it to secure a larger portion of the country and provide basic services. He urged stakeholders, including the UN, to provide the necessary equipment and facilities. He also emphasized the need for dialogue and said that Intergovernmental Authority for Development (IGAD) will continue to try and forge a consensus between the transitional government and opposing forces.

(KTN TV, Nairobi, in English 1800 gmt 16 Aug 10)

- MPs who voted against the constitution will be included in the implementation oversight committee.

(AllPuntland.com website in Somali 16 Aug 10)

- The Somali embassy in Nairobi has said that Kenya will reopen its border to Somalia soon.