

Kenya Domestic Media, July 12<sup>th</sup> (Covering July 5<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>)  
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State-owned media

Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC) Radio, Nairobi, In Somali, 1700 GMT, 9 July 10

- Callers to Kenyan state radio's Somali language talk show voiced mixed views on piracy in the Indian Ocean. Some claimed Pirates caused problems, not only to Somalia but to the world as a whole. Some stated they should be wiped out and that they were thieves, while others claimed they were defending their country and that they were the armed forces for Somalia. Some listeners blamed the existence of piracy on unemployment and claimed international economic investment would solve the issue.

Privately-owned media

The Standard Website, Nairobi, in English, 11 July 10

- Police headquarters has warned that individuals attempting to sabotage police operations in Nairobi over the recently announced salary increment will be sacked. Spokesman Eric Kirathe said investigations into a police communication jam in Nairobi are ongoing.
- The junior officers started jamming the system on Wednesday night when the government announced it had given them a 28 percent pay increment.

KTN TV, Nairobi, in Swahili, 1600 GMT 10 July 10

- Two people died and seven were injured on July 4 after unknown people attacked a church with petrol bombs in the Mukuru Nairobi slum. The attack happened around 1500 gmt when the worshipers were in prayer. The two victims killed were the wife and daughter of the pastor. The pastor told KTN news that although the police were notified none came to the scene.
- This has been one of several attacks on Christian clerics in the past few weeks. On the same day unknown assailants shot a bishop belonging to an evangelical church church in Ongata Rongai Nairobi, and on June 13 six people were killed and hundreds more injured after an attack on a Christian rally at Uruhu Park. Both the attacks are suspected to be political and related to the constitutional referendum

The Daily Nation Website, Nairobi, in English 10 July 10

- Police recovered 300 bomb detonators in Nairobi on Saturday, shooting and killing one man in the process. He defied police orders to stop, was chased and

then shot, according to an eyewitness. The police were said to be acting on a tip off.

The Standard Website, Nairobi, in English 10 July 10

- Higher Education Minister William Ruto took ‘No’ campaigns on the proposed constitution to Webuye [western Kenya] where he criticized US Ambassador to Kenya Micael Wanneberger for alleged Meddling in the law review. He accused the US diplomat of attempting to force the new constitution on Kenyans. He further accused Wanneberger of bribing voters to support the draft laws.

The Star, daily newspaper, Nairobi, in English 9 July 10

- The NCIC is handling 20 new cases of hate speech. The team has completed investigation into most of the cases and will hand over prosecution files to the Attorney General for action. The NCIC are also investigating several other cases including some vernacular stations. The commission is monitoring radio stations to ensure that they are not used to propagate hate speech.

The Daily Nation Website, Nairobi, in English 9 July 10

- The National Cohesion and Integration Commission has been warned against taking some measures that might sow seeds of hatred among Kenyans rather than uniting them. The Council of Imams and Preachers of Kenya (CIPK) organizing secretary Sheikh Mohammed Khalifa took issue with the recent summoning of nominated MP Sheikh Mohamed Dor on suspicion of hate speech, claiming it was done without adequate evidence. He was later asked not to appear before the commission.

The Daily Nation Website, Nairobi, English 8 July 10

- Fearful Kenyans have begun to migrate away from areas perceived to be strongholds of those opposing the proposed constitution as the referendum nears.
- The Kofi Annan team which monitors progress in the coalition government sectioned a report stating that campaigns for or against the constitution could pose a threat to peace. The report also discussed the immense political mistrust forming in areas where politicians are campaigning against the proposed constitution, in which leaflets warning people to leave by the referendum day have been circulated. This has led to migration in the Rift Valley, especially Molo and Kuresoi districts. The report claims that regional analysis shows that ethnic relations have deteriorated in areas where politicians are campaigning against the draft.
- The report points out the non-prosecution of 2007 post-poll violence perpetrators as a major factor fueling the tension leading to a culture of impunity. The ICC

efforts to prosecute those responsible, however, have created anxiety, eroding cohesion in the grand coalition government. The report stated that the ICC needs to pay attention to regional dynamics.

#### The People, Nairobi, in English 8 July 10

- Five people have been arrested in connection with the circulation of threatening leaflets warning members of certain communities to leave the Rift Valley province. The district commissioner, Jacob Namulen Narengo said that the leaflets were being circulated in his area by the suspects. The crime has been attributed to the group known as the “Tindret Home Boys”. The leaflets targeted 17 people in specific villages where the residents are composed of particular community groups. Other leaflets have been circulated at the Owiro Scheme, where the infamous land clashes occurred in 1990/92.
- Security has been increased at hotspots including Meteitei, Songhor, Owiro and Kamelili. Monitors who will collect daily information will go around highly volatile areas including the Rift Valley. Monitors have also been placed in areas like Mt Elgon, Turbo and Teso District.

#### Capital FM radio, Nairobi, in English 1500 GMT 7 July 10

- The Speaker of the National Assembly has termed the public outcry over the proposed pay increases for MPs is premature given that the proposals are yet to be legalized. Before the report can be turned into practice, there must be requisite legislation passed by parliament and if found appropriate it must be assented to by the president.

#### Capital FM radio, Nairobi, in English 0700 GMT 7 July 10

- The government increased the salary of police and prison warders by 28 percent. This is the first phase of a review of their basic salaries. The second and third phase are also expected to increase salaries and benefits. The second phase is set to be implemented July 2011, and the third in July 2012.

#### The Daily Nation Website, Nairobi, in English 6 July 10

- Former Mungiki sect leader Maina Njenga has been put on a police watch list in connection with the group’s activities. He allegedly met with members on June 16 in Nairobi and funded demonstrations planned against the police. The report called for security vigilance and a sustained crackdown on the sect. The report also stated that the members were concerned about police harassment. After Njenga was released from prison last October when the state dropped murder charges against him, he converted to Christianity and criticized the group.

The Star, daily newspaper, Nairobi, in English 5 July 10

- Artists have been discouraged from engaging in entertainment that might incite the public while the referendum campaign is going on. This will be monitored by the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) in vernacular radio stations. The fear is that politicians will use the musicians to send inciting messages through song. The NCIC is currently investigating one radio station in the rift valley province.