

Kenya Domestic Media, March 15<sup>th</sup> (covering March 8<sup>th</sup> – March 14<sup>th</sup> 2010)

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Kenyan privately-owned radio station Capital FM radio, Nairobi, in English 1000 gmt 8 Mar 10

- Travel ban issued to all cabinet ministers. President Mwai Kibaki issued the ban. According to government spokesman Alfred Mutua, the ban was issued to ensure the presence of all ministers needed to pass the new constitution in a timely manner. Debate over proposals made requires the presence of about 30 MPs. Members of parliament have 30 days to debate before the constitution can be presented for vote.

Kenyan privately-owned newspaper Daily Nation website, Nairobi, in English 8 Mar 10

- Reports that fugitive Felicien Kabuga could still be hiding in Kenya prompts government security forces to renew search. The Kenya government has continuously denied charges that Mr Kabuga, who is wanted for the 1994 Rwandan genocide, could be receiving protection by prominent people in former president Moi's government.
- Mr Kabuga has been on the run since the 1994 Rwandan genocide. An international arrest warrant has been issued with a 5 million dollars bounty for information leading to his arrest.

Kenyan privately-owned daily newspaper The Standard website, Nairobi, in English 13 Mar 10

- Seven police officers have been interdicted and arrested for killing seven taxi drivers in Kawangware (Nairobi). Internal Security Minister George Saitoti stated the killings occurred as police were forced to defend themselves after getting involved in a dispute between the taxi drivers and boda boda [bicycle taxi] drivers. Saitoti promised a fair investigation.
- Public Health minister and local MP Beth Mugo contradicted Saitoti's characterization of the event, suggesting the killings were cold-blooded and called for the men to be "charged in court."

Kenyan privately-owned TV station KTN TV, Nairobi, in English 1000 gmt  
13 Mar 10

- Stating that definitive action is needed to deter police killings, Prime Minister Raila Odinga ordered that the police officers suspected of killing seven taxi drivers in Nairobi be charged by March 15. Odinga's statement came after Dagoretti MP Beth Mugo publicly contradicted Internal Security Minister George Saitoti's characterization of the killings as self-defence. It was not enough, Odinga said, for the officers to be suspended or interdicted.
- Odinga stated he wished the case to be a test of his government's commitment to "police reforms and the rule of law." Odinga worried that the police were getting away with "too many murders" and stated Kenya must not revert to a "police state."

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- Suspected masterminds of the 2007 election violence moves to quash ICC prosecutor's case against them. The 20 suspects whose names were listed in a sealed envelope, handed over to Mr Ocampo by former UN secretary general, are stating their case to the African Union Peace and Security Council (PSC).