

Kenya Domestic Media, May 24th (Covering May 17th -23rd)
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NTV, Nairobi, in Swahili 1600 gmt 22 May 10

- Anti-terrorism police arrested five people from one family in Maganyakulo area in Mombassa on suspicion of terrorist activities. One of the family members was a 75-year-old woman who was later released. Family and friends did not have any information by late afternoon

The Daily Nation Website, Nairobi, in English 20 May 10

- Hassan Omar, the Vice-chairman of Kenya's national rights body resigned. He claims that his resignation is to free himself to serve Kenyans in a wider role. He has been in conflict with chairperson Florence Simbiri-Jako over an alleged leak of vital witness protection information on post election violence.

The Daily Nation Website, Nairobi, in English 19 May 10

- The International Day Against Homophobia was celebrated Monday and participants demanded more recognition for LBGTI (lesbian, bisexual, gay, transsexual and intersex) individuals. The event itself was a testament to the progress of human rights in Kenya according to Muthoni Wanyeki director of Kenya Human Rights Commission. Violence and discrimination against sexual minorities still continues, they are denied medical services and housing. The day was meant to discourage intolerance that begets violence.

The Daily Nation website, Nairobi, in English 19 May 10

- A member of a religious sect who claimed to have spoken to god killed his first-born child as a sacrifice in Kitale. The man was a member of Ingrafted Fellowship church. He is currently being held at the Kitale Police Station.

The Standard website, Nairobi, in English 18 May 10

- According to statements made by Prime Minister Ralia Odinga, the new constitution is a government project that is in line with the coalition reforms that they had promised. He claimed that it is the collective responsibility of the coalition government to encourage voters to vote yes. The government has created a "yes" secretariat to organize rallies in order to ensure a new constitution

The Star, daily newspaper, Nairobi, in English 18 May 10

- Six suspected Somali pirates may be released on bond. This is a break from the norm, which dictates that suspects are always sent to custody.

The Daily Nation website, Nairobi, in English 17 May 10

- Key post-election violence witnesses are going to be moved to foreign countries under the witness protection program including individuals who were assigned key roles in the post-election chaos, those who handled some victims and are privy to sensitive information, and those who have direct information on the atrocities and how they were executed. There are also those who found themselves on the wrong side of key suspects after the chaos. Moreno-Ocampo will be pursuing crimes committed by sponsored militias and those committed by state agencies. Reports to the Kenya National commission on of threats against potential witnesses have been on the increase. Many of those who masterminded the killings are still in key government positions