

Kenya Domestic Media, October 31st 2010 (Covering Oct 22nd – Oct 30th)
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KBC News Online Text Website, Nairobi, in English 30 Oct 2010

- Chaos reigned as two groups clashed over ownership of a piece of land in Kabete resulted in the destruction of a property worth millions of shillings.

Official State House Website, Nairobi in English 27 Oct 2010

- Kenya's Head of State Mwai Kibaki insisted that the Government will work hard to tackle corruption issues and safeguard public funds. The President also thanked members of the government and Kenyans generally for the dedication, work and national devotion they have shown which in turn have promoted the success of the current Government.

KBC News Online Text Website, Nairobi, in English 27 Oct 2010

- After Joseph Gathungu, a Kenyan businessman had moved to the High Court in Mombasa seeking orders to stop the ICC from investigating the 2008 post-poll chaos, the Court ruled that it has no jurisdiction to interfere with the ICC investigations.

KBC News Online Text Website, Nairobi, in English 26 Oct 2010

- The high court announced that the fraud case against former Higher Education Minister William Ruto will now be heard early next year before the lower court and Nairobi chief magistrate Gilbert Mutembei.

KBC Radio, Nairobi, in English 22 Oct 2010

- Kenyan legal experts discuss possible impending visit by Sudanese President Umar Al-Bashir and argue that the country's security comes first. The government is now yet to confirm whether the Sudanese President will attend the Intergovernmental Authority on Development, IGAD, which will take place later this month or early next month to discuss the January 2011 Referendum

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The People, Nairobi, in English 30 Oct 2010

- Plans are at an advanced stage between Kenya and Uganda to hold a joint disarmament exercise at the borders in order to improve security in the region. The goal would be to end the problem of the currently increased proliferation of arms.

The Star, Nairobi, in English 30 Oct 2010

- The Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission (KACC) revealed that the country has been exposed to serious threats by corrupt security, customs and clearing agents

at the Mombasa Port. It was added that the senior officials at the Kenya Revenue Authority work in cooperation with clearing agents at the port and clear imported containers without verifying the content. Six suspect containers imported from China and Dubai were seized on October 12th by the KACC and remain in its custody.

The Star, Nairobi, in English 28 Oct 2010

- Security forces have been deployed along the Kenya-Ethiopia border to remove agents of Oromo Liberation Front (OLF), a militia fighting the Ethiopian government. The rebels are suspect to be hiding in Marsabit County, reveals Easter provincial police boss and head of the operation Marcus Ochola. He also urged Kenyans who had not surrendered illegal weapons to do so adding that those found with fire arms will be arrested and taken to court.

Daily Nation, Nairobi, in English 28 Oct 2010

- Kenyan leaders gathered in a peace meeting in Watamu (coastal region) and condemned recent hate leaflets warning the Kikuyu, Kamba, Maasai and other upcountry people to leave the area within one week. The local MP and councillors asked the residents to ignore the leaflets, live in peace and help catch those behind the leaflets.

Daily Nation, Nairobi, in English 28 Oct 2010

- Kenyan Police warned assistant minister over “hate speech” calling for the eviction of “outsiders” from Bungoma County on Monday October 25th. His claim that “foreigners” have interfered with the splitting of Kanduyi and Bumula constituencies was described by Deputy Prime Minister Musalia Mudavadi as tribal and likely to arouse ethnic tensions.

Daily Nation, Nairobi, in English 27 Oct 10

- After strong public and media pressure, Kenyan Foreign Affairs Minister Moses Wetang'ula has resigned over a scandal involving the purchase of an embassy building in Japan. He has however maintained his innocence.

K24, Nairobi, in English 26 Oct 2010

- Kenya's place in position 154 out of 178 countries in the Transparency International Corruption Index Report reveals that corruption remains a severe problem in Kenya especially in the light of the recent corruption scandals plaguing the country. A problem that could be solved as the implementation of the new Constitution has given the country a window of opportunity to implement reforms and squash the vice.

NTV, Nairobi, in English 25 Oct 2010

- Mayor of the Kenyan capital, Nairobi, Geophrey Majiwa was arrested by anti-corruption agents over the controversial purchase of a piece of land for use as a cemetery. He will be charged by the Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission.

The Standard, Nairobi, in English 23 Oct 2010

- Security has been heightened at the Mandera (Kenyan-Somalia) border following clashes that have left 30 dead between Al-Shabab and a pro-government clan militia were recently trained by Ethiopian forces.