

## **Kenya Domestic Media, April 4<sup>th</sup> 2011 (Covering Mar 29<sup>th</sup> – Apr 4<sup>th</sup>)**

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#### **“Uhuru, Muthaura, Ali's date with ICC next Friday” by Margaret Kalekye**

The ICC confirmed that six Kenyans will appear before the court between April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Media will not be allowed to film, photograph or record proceedings in the court building, but live web streaming of the hearing will be available on the ICC website. According to the ICC web site, the appearance hearing will be held to verify the identity of the suspects and to ensure that they are aware of the crimes they are charged with. They will also be informed of their rights under the Rome Statute.

### **Private Media**

*Daily Nation website, Nairobi, in English 4 Apr 2011*

#### **“Ship with Kenya's arms docks in Mombasa” by Githua Kihara**

Maersk Constellation docked at the Mombasa port. Angolan authorities detained the ship when part of its cargo was in question.

#### **“Mugabe rivals invite Raila to party meeting” by Patrick Mayoyo**

Zimbabwe's opposition party, The Movement for Democratic Change (MDC), invited PM Odinga as a guest of honour at their annual conference. MDC party Spokesperson Nelson Chamisa is said to have told SW Radio Africa that Odinga was expected to attend and speak about democracy and social justice in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe's second largest city. Odinga's spokesman Dennis Onyango said that “In principle, the PM agreed to attend.”

#### **“Somalis swear in the president of Jubaland” by Aggrey Mutambo**

Prof. Mohamed Abdi Gandhi was sworn in as president of the semi-autonomous region of Jubaland. A former anthropology professor in France, Gandhi will be in charge of the area near the border between Kenya and Somalia. It's not clear if the Kenyan government supported the election, but recent WikiLeaks revelations showed that the country supported the creation of an autonomous region near its border with Somalia to prevent the flow of illegal arms. The meeting had been opposed by both Ethiopia and Djibouti.

#### **“ICC urged to reject Kalenjin trial plea”**

ICC Registrar Silvana Arbia urged Pre-Trial Chamber judges to reject a request by radio presenter Joshua Sang to have proceedings in his case conducted in Kalenjin. Arbia said that

although the Rome Statutes dictate that an accused has a right to be addressed in a language which the accused fully understands and speak, her office had found that Sang fully understands and speaks English.

*The Standard website, Nairobi, in English 4 Apr 2011*

**“ICC turns down Sang's financial plea” by Peter Mutai and Peter Atsiaya**

Kass FM radio presenter Joshua Sang said that the ICC declined his request for financial support needed to travel to The Hague. He said ICC wrote him a letter saying that his request couldn't be honoured because the Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) offered to hire lawyers for him and two other members. He said the court also stated that he was assisted by friends who organized a funds drive that raised more than 3m million shillings to enable him travel to The Hague this week. Sang underwent an operation on his arm after being involved in an accident. He was discharged yesterday in a stable condition.

*Daily Nation website, Nairobi, in English 3 Apr 2011*

**“Mau Mau case: Kenya sends UK protest note” by Lillian Onyango**

Kenya sent a protest note to the British Foreign Office for its attempt to stifle a case filed by Mau Mau veterans in London. The petition is against the attempt by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) to strike out or obtain a summary judgment with regards to a compensation claim brought by the veterans. Further, the government termed this action by the FCO as "inappropriate and contrary to the principal of International Comity" while reiterating its support for the Mau Mau.

*The Standard website, Nairobi, in English 3 Apr 2011*

**“UN chief asks Kenya to respect Rome Statute” by Alex Ndegwa**

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon told Kenya to respect the ICC process and told President Kibaki and PM Odinga to concentrate on "serious and genuine" judicial reforms. Ban said that plans for a mass pullout by African nations from the ICC are undesirable.

*The Standard website, Nairobi, in English 2 Apr 2011*

**“Somalia plans to create new state to keep off Al-Shabab” by John Oywa and Peter Orengo**

Kenya backs the proposed creation of a semi-autonomous Jubaland with the hope that it will help crush Al-Shabab insurgents operating along the Kenya-Somalia-Ethiopia border. Delegates at a meeting in Nairobi downplayed fears that Jubaland will create more security problems. There are concerns that Kenya's border with Somalia is a conduit for small arms with some countries in the region, such as Ethiopia, doubting Kenya's tactical capacity to carry out the plan. A seven day congress attended by MPs from Somali's Transitional Federal Government, the AU, IGAD and elders from the region are supposed to come up with a roadmap of how to defeat the terror group. Delegates at the Nairobi meeting adopted a regional constitution and elected Prof. Gandi as the new president of Jubaland.

*Daily Nation website, Nairobi, in English 1 Apr 2011*

**“Ocampo's appeal on police killings rejected”**

Ocampo's appeal to have police shootings and instances of forcible circumcision in Kisumu and Kibera reinstated as evidence was rejected.

**“Kibaki: Somalia instability a concern” by Kenyan Presidential Press Service**

President Kibaki said that the crisis in Somalia is a threat to regional peace and is a big impediment to maritime trade, thus being of “grave concern” to Kenya. Kibaki appealed for urgent UN and international assistance as over 500 000 Somali refugees are located in various camps across Kenya. The country expressed satisfaction regarding relations with the UN while Secretary General Ban Ki-moon praised Kenyans for the way they managed to resolve the post election violence.

**“Raila calls for Al-Qadhafi ouster” by Emeka-Mayaka Gekara**

PM Odinga called for the removal of Qadhafi as doing so will prevent further loss of lives and stop the gross violation of human rights. Odinga's position conflicts with that of VP Musyoka who called for a "negotiated deal" over the Libyan crisis.

**“Muthaura, Uhuru quit security jobs” by Peter Leftie**

Kenyatta announced his resignation from the Cabinet Sub-Committee on Security and Foreign Relations as well as the Witness Protection Advisory Board. Muthaura stepped down as chairman of the National Security Advisory Committee (NSAC). The men's decisions follow a letter from Ocampo to the government asking if Muthaura's position as Head of Public Service enables him to interfere with witnesses or the collection of evidence.

*The Star, Nairobi, in English 1 Apr 2011*

**“Uhuru's remarks in Muranga alarming” by Ngunjiri Wambugu, from the Kikuyus for Change lobby group**

Kikuyus for Change condemn a statement made by Kenyatta as dangerous, ethnically divisive and detrimental to national cohesiveness. They want to remind Kenyatta that Agikuyus still live in camps as IDPs and have not received justice or compensation. The Agikuyu have not been charged at The Hague. Kikuyus for Change made a statement because they're against the “ethnicization” of the ICC process, and take comments made by Kenyatta as a direct threat to Kikuyus.

*The Standard, Nairobi, in English 1 Apr 2011*

**“Information centre set up to fight piracy” by Patrick Beja**

A newly launched information center located in Mombasa port is being lauded as crucial to the fight against piracy. Information on the movement of pirates will be exchanged with the Sana'a centre in Yemen, Dar es Salaam centre in Tanzania as well as with the Eunavfor, Ukmto and the Nato maritime liaison office in Bahrain. Mitropoulos and the UN Office on Drugs and Crime will ensure that countries work together to prosecute pirates. Countries reporting to the centre include the Maldives, Seychelles, Mauritius, Kenya and Somalia.

#### **“New benchmark as UN opens green building in Nairobi” by James Ratemo**

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and President Kibaki opened the first solar powered UN offices, which will house the UN Environment Programme and the UN Human Settlements Programme. Kibaki thanked the UN for initiating the project in Kenya, terming it a show of support for the country and a boost for eco-friendly building designs.

#### **“Government warns Somalia's Al-Shabab militia to keep off Kenya” by Antony Gitonga and Cyrus Ombati**

The move by Al-Shabab militiamen to cross into Kenya and attack the Liboi Police Station was termed provocative by Internal Security PS Francis Kimemia. The government closed the main border while the PS said that there are enough security personnel in Liboi to ensure that the border is safe.

#### **“UK makes good its threat to kick Government out of FPE funding” by Augustine Oduor**

UK funds education in Kenya “outside government channels”. Head of the Department for International Development (DfID) Kenya and Somalia office, Alistair Fernie, said that the books being supplied are meant for independent, low-cost, slum schools. DfID senior education adviser Mark Waltham said they also commissioned a project aimed at promoting accountability and transparency in Kenya's education sector.

*The People, Nairobi, in English 31 Mar 2011*

#### **“Terror group plot to hit key installations” by Anthony Mwangi**

Internal Security Minister Prof George Saitoti revealed to parliament that Kenya is on a 24-hour terror watch after reports emerged that terrorists linked to Al-Shabab laid out elaborate plans targeting key installations in the country. The minister said surveillance and patrols have been improved along the Somali border in the wake of intelligence reports, but didn't specify which key installations the terrorists were targeting. Saitoti disparaged MP Martha Karua over her claims that much of the 10.1bn shillings set aside for enhanced security was actually meant to assist the "Ocampo six". MPs also protested the 900m shillings allocated to the National Security Intelligence Services (NSIS), saying the security minister had failed to explain how the money will be spent.

*The Star, Nairobi, in English 31 Mar 2011*

#### **“10 youths killed in Somalia, says CIPK” by Maureen Mudi**

The Council of Imams and Preachers of Kenya said that 10 youths recruited to the Al-Shabab militia were killed in Somalia. The council dispatched a team to investigate the claims and asked the government to act tough on leaders suspected of convincing youth to join the group.

*The Standard website, Nairobi, in English 31 Mar 2011*

**“ICC: Ocampo six to shed fancy life at Dutch airport” by Martin Mutua**

The government of the Netherlands insists on treating the Ocampo six as “high risk personalities” issuing them “special passes” instead of normal visas. The government threatened to block the six from travelling to The Netherlands unless they receive visas. The six suspects were to be treated as guests of Ambassador Ruthie C Rono at the Kenyan embassy. However, one of the suspects claims that the Dutch government said they will be picked from the airport under armed guard and taken straight to their hotel. The ICC said that it’s not aware of plans to restrict the movement of the six when they arrive. With regards to one of the suspects, ICC Associate Legal Outreach Officer Jelena Vukasinovic said that if radio presenter Joshua arap Sang is deemed indigent, legal and other fees connected with his initial appearance will be covered. It has come to light that MPs filed their applications for visas at the last minute, causing a delay. The First Secretary (Political) at the Dutch embassy, Camilla Veerman confirmed receipt of the request by the 35 MPs yesterday, as well as another travel request for 43 people from the Kenya embassy at The Hague.

*Daily Nation website, Nairobi, in English 31 Mar 2011*

**“Raila denies hate speech claims” by Peter Leftie**

In a letter to the National Cohesion and Integration Commission, PM Odinga denied accusations of hate speech, calling such claims “erroneous”.

*The Standard, Nairobi, in English 30 Mar 2011*

**“Two arrested over Al-Shabab links” by Cyrus Ombati**

Anti-terror police arrested Steven Mwanzi Osaka alias Duda Brown and Jeremiah Okumu also known as Duba Black or Mohamed in a sting operation in Nairobi. The two were charged in a Kibera court with membership in an outlawed group and for killing two police officers. They were remanded for three days to enable police to carry out further investigations. Deputy Police Spokesman Charles Owino Wahongo said police are pursuing other suspects who are still at large.

**“Youth warned not to join Al-Shabab” by Sandra Chao**

CIPK treasurer Hassan Omar said those who were supporting the recruitment of the youth were well known, but the government has not taken any action against them. CIPK Chairman Sheikh Mohamed Idriss warned that Al-Shabab was entering Kenya through Lamu County because of its porous border. CIPK Organizing Secretary Sheikh Mohammed Khalifa claims that many youth in both Kwale and Lamu counties moved to Somalia to be trained as Al-Shabab fighters.

*Daily Nation website, Nairobi, in English 30 Mar 2011*

### **“Drug ship 'in Kenya waters for 10 days” by Patrick Mayoyo and Fred Mukinda**

A ship carrying over three tonnes of heroin anchored in Kenya where local and international drug traffickers purchased the drug before police intercepted the consignment. Anti-narcotics police officers said that buyers included a suspected Nigerian international drug baron based in Nairobi, Somalis linked to piracy and a Mombasa-based businessman. Two of the six suspects, Hassan Ibrahim and Yusuf Hassan, who were separately charged with possessing firearms and ammunition without licences, provided valid firearm certificates issued by the Chief Firearms Licensing Officer. Seizure of the heroin came at a time when WikiLeaks revealed that Kenya is among African countries that have been turned into playgrounds for international drug traffickers.

### **“ICC pledge on arrest of six Hague suspects” by Peter Leftie and Caroline Wafula**

The ICC clarified that the Ocampo Six will not be arrested when they appear at the Hague. ICC Registrar Silvana Arbia said they will remain free so long as they obey the conditions imposed by the judges. Arbia said the Pre-trial Chamber will use next week's sessions to tell the suspects the dates it will start determining whether or not to confirm the charges facing each of them. Commissioner for the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights, Hassan Omar, accused Kenyatta and Ruto of using political rallies to whip up emotions against the ICC.

### **“Mau Mau veterans meet envoy”**

The Mau Mau Original Trust officials led by Chairman Ngacha Karani were pleased that British High Commissioner Rob Macaire met and listened to them. The meeting comes days before the High Court in London starts hearing claims against the British Government on 6 April.

*The Star, Nairobi, in English 30 Mar 2011*

### **“Cops summoned over weight of heroin haul” by Pamela Chepkemei and Maxwell Masava**

Kenyan police chiefs summon detectives over weight discrepancy in seized heroin. Weight variation came in the wake of reports that police might've intercepted only a small fraction of the consignment. Two lawyers, Kiraithe Wandungi and Cliff Ombeta, who are representing the six suspects, have received death threats.

*Capital FM radio, Nairobi, in English 1000 gmt 29 Mar 2011*

### **“Kenyan police arrest two terror suspects in capital”**

Anti-Terrorism Police Unit officers arrested two suspected terrorists. Deputy police spokesman Charles Owino told journalists that the two suspects were involved in an attack at a prayer meeting at Uhuru Park in June last year.

*The Star, Nairobi, in English 29 Mar 2011*

### **“Al-Shabab invasion in Liboi raises anxiety” by Stephen Astariko**

Kenyan police and Al-Shabab militia were engaged in a shoot-out in Liboi town leaving one policeman injured. Al-Shabab militia were escorting illegal Somali immigrants. Separate reports

indicate that the militia crossed into Kenya on a revenge attack. However, Northeastern Provincial Commissioner James Serian said it was not clear what the intentions of the militia group were. Serian verified that all security officers in Liboi are safe and ready for any eventuality.

*The Standard website, Nairobi, in English 29 Mar 2011*

**“High alert as four-billion-shilling drugs escape net”**

Police seized only a small fraction of heroin. Highly-placed sources within the police revealed that most of the drug consignment was offloaded at other locations along Kenya's northern coast, before police captured the six suspects in Mombasa. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) said Kenya and the east African region was becoming a new route for traffickers following tighter controls in Asian countries. UNODC executive director Yury Fedotov said the UN's ready to help Kenya combat traffickers if the government plays its role effectively. Police Commissioner Mathew Iteere revealed that contingents of police have been deployed in Lamu and Malindi to trace the rest of the consignment of the heroin. The police commissioner denied that their investigations were being hampered by interference from other arms of government. Suspects include three Kenyans, two Iranians and a Pakistani. The officers who conducted the sting operation also recovered two cars, a Nissan saloon and a sport utility Toyota RAV4, two pistols and 59 bullets and a satellite phone.

*Daily Nation website, Nairobi, in English 29 Mar 2011*

**“China dismisses US claims over Africa” by Walter Menya**

Leaked US diplomatic cables described Chinese firms as using bribes, cut-throat pricing strategies and coercion through senior government officials to win lucrative deals in the sector. In a hard-hitting speech that's being interpreted as a response to the US, Chinese ambassador to Kenya Liu Guangyuan denied China was “recolonising” Africa. He maintained that Sino-Africa relations were of mutual benefit. Medical Services Minister Anyang Nyong'o, urged African governments to emulate China in implementing urban renewal and rural development, infrastructure, medicine and social discipline. Prof Nyong'o said Kenya had a lot to learn from China on devolution.

**“Court cases derail issue of TV licences” by Mazera Ndurya**

Communications Commission of Kenya [CCK] Director-General Charles Njoroge said that investors seeking radio and TV licences will have to wait until a string of court cases challenging its new regulations are determined. Information Minister Samuel Poghio said that critical legal framework would be required for the new constitution. Similarly, the process of shifting from analogue to digital television has made the commission stop issuing fresh licences until the infrastructure is in place.