

Kenya Domestic Media, November 10th 2010 (Covering Nov 2nd – Nov 9th)
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KBC News Online Text Website, Nairobi, in English 09 Nov 2010

- Eldoret North MP William Ruto accuses a Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR) official, Hassan Omar, of bribing witnesses to give false evidence against him in connection with the post-poll violence. Claims were made that the commissioner visited Ruto long before the ICC investigations over the post-election chaos had started. Omar replied that the Commission holds no political interests and therefore would have no reason to pay and induce witnesses to implicate anyone in the post-poll violence.

KBC News Online Text Website, Nairobi, in English 06 Nov 2010

- Recently suspended Higher Education Minister Eldoret North MP William Ruto held talks with officials of the International Criminal Court ahead of his return to the country.

Official State House Website, Nairobi, in English 06 Nov 2010

- Accompanied by acting Kenyan ministers and officials, President Mwai Kibaki returned home from Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania where he joined other regional leaders at the swearing-in ceremony of President Jakaya Kikwete.

KBC News Online Text Website, Nairobi, in English 04 Nov 2010

- Kenya and Ethiopia have launched an operation in Moyale County (northeastern Kenya) to evict the Oromo Liberation Front militias following the killing of an administration Police officer on Tuesday. The attack took place at Bandarero area of Moyale District where a violent fire exchange between the bandits and the security personnel also injured two other security officers. They are currently undergoing treatment at the Forces Memorial Hospital in Nairobi.

KBC News Online Text Website, Nairobi, in English 03 Nov 2010

- An eight-member delegation from the Kenya Broadcasting Content Advisory Council paid a visit to the Ghana News Agency (GNA) to develop closer ties and share views, ideas and experiences on the media landscape.

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The Standard, Nairobi, in English 09 Nov 2010

- Kenyan police arrest local administrators Ingirir chief Abdikadir Omar and Buna assistant chief Abdulahi Yussuf in the operation aimed at flushing out Oromo Liberation Front (OLF) militants from the northeastern part of Kenya. Human rights groups condemned this arrest claiming that the chiefs were beaten and denied medication for declining to reveal the OLF hideouts.

Daily Nation, Nairobi, in English 09 Nov 2010

- Kenyan Justice Minister Mutula Kilonzo warned against delay in implementation of the constitution. He also mentioned that he would introduce a bill that will create all the remaining commissions at once. At present, commissions are being created one at a time and only the Parliament's Constitutional Oversight Commission has been created since the promulgation of the new constitution in August.

Sunday Nation, Nairobi, in English 07 Nov 2010

- The Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission is currently investigating up to 80 politicians and top government officials in the intensified war against corruption. The Sunday Nation presents a list detailing the nature of the charges the politicians and government officials are likely to face if the Attorney-General's Office decides to prosecute. The offences range from abuse of office to embezzlement of public funds, fraud, conflict of interest and outright theft. Corruption charges have recently been made against Mr Ruto, Mr Wetang'ula and Mr Thuita, Mr Majiwa as well as industrialization minister Henry Kosgey. Water minister Charity Ngilu is also in the eye of the storm over alleged flawed procurement in the construction of dams and price inflations at her ministry

Capital FM website, Nairobi, in English 07 Nov 2010

- A Kenyan police officer killed 10 people in a shooting storm in Siakago (eastern Kenya) Sunday morning before giving himself up for arrest. Cases of police officers going mad and opening fire at people represent a common phenomenon in Kenya. Last July, an Administration Police officer ran berserk and killed two people before shooting himself dead in Kericho.

The Standard, Nairobi, in English 06 Nov 2010

- Kenyan Prime Minister Raila Odinga condemned tribalism and said "negative ethnicity" has frustrated the war on corruption and denied the nation an opportunity to prosper. Raila added that it was worrying that tribalism had replaced nationhood as a source of identity. "Since independence, leaders have played the tribal card to deal with challenges making the country descend from the high pedestal of a beacon for hope to an example of how not to build a nation," said Raila. He warned however that political parties based on tribal strengths will become extinct with the coming of new laws.

Daily Nation, Nairobi, in English 04 Nov 2010

- Journalist, political activist and parliamentary candidate in the last election Philo Ikonya fled Kenya one year ago due to what she claimed was political persecution. She is currently living in exile in Oslo, Norway. Her political activeness and writing got her arrested several times in Kenya, states the website of The International Cities in Refuge Network.

NTV TV Station, Nairobi, in English 04 Nov 2010

- Senior Kenyan Ministry of Information official has dismissed the new media regulations launched by the National Cohesion and Integration Commission aiming at monitoring hate speech in electronic media. Information Permanent Secretary Bitange Ndemo claims

that the commission did not consult with the relevant stakeholders like the CKK, and the national media council before creating the guidelines.

The Star, Nairobi, in English 03 Nov 2010

- A civil rights body representing people living with HIV and AIDs accused an FM radio station presenter of discussing and exposing a person's HIV status on air. Citing the constitution and the HIV and AIDs Prevention and Control Act 2006 -which commenced on March, 30 2009- the NGO wants the Media Council Complaints Commission to investigate the complaint and make necessary recommendations to the attorney-general to institute criminal charges against the presenter and the station.

Capital FM Radio Station, Nairobi, in English 03 Nov 2010

- The Kenyan government is in the process of tightening media regulations and harmonizing the laws governing the media to adjust them to the dictates of the new constitution and ensure responsible journalism.

NTV TV Station, Nairobi, in English 02 Nov 2010

- In the light of more corruption exposures in the government, President Mwai Kibaki and Prime Minister Raila Odinga have come out to assure the public over their commitment to fight the vice.