

Kenya Domestic Media, November 30th 2010 (Covering Nov 24th – Nov 30th)
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KBC News Online Text Website, Nairobi, in English 30 Nov 2010

- In the light of the recent disclosure of US diplomatic reports by Wikileaks, the Kenyan government said it was “surprised and shocked” by the 1.427 US reports related to Kenya. Government spokesman Alfred Mutua added that the US low representation of the Kenyan nation as a swamp of corruption is a total misrepresentation of the state and of its leaders. The US Government apologized for the content of the leaked documents.

- Kenya and the African continent have expressed strong keenness in the possibility of achieving a peaceful post referendum Sudan regardless of the outcome of the January 2011 referendum, VP Kalonzo Musyoka said. The two actors also asked the European Union to play an active role to help the people of Somalia reconstruct their country.

Official State House Website, Nairobi, in English 30 Nov 2010

- Cabinet decided that there was a need for a political solution to the problem of the Independent Boundaries Review Commission. It was decided that the issue be resolved through consultations between the executive and parliament.

KBC News Online Text Website, Nairobi, in English 29 Nov 2010

- Although the Kenyan government has shown relatively successful in the implementation of the new constitution, donors remain concerned over the country’s reform agenda. Corruption, poor governance and slow pace of judicial reforms have indeed remained the top concerns among the development partners. In this context, World Bank Country Director Johannes Zutt urged the government, when speaking at the Third Development Partnership Forum in Nairobi on Monday, to stick to the Constitution implementation schedule.

KBC News Online Text Website, Nairobi, in English 24 Nov 2010

- The Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC) and the China Cable Television – CCTV will soon sign a memorandum of understanding, to exchange video news clips and programmes.

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Daily Nation, Nairobi, in English 30 Nov 2010

- US ambassador Michael Ranneberger urged the Kenyan government to step up the fight against corruption, and replace Chief Justice Evan Gicheru and Attorney General Amos Wako. He also added that US President Obama is currently watching Kenya’s reform agenda “with a sense of urgency” emphasizing once

more that the US represents Kenya's largest development partner contributing over 1bn dollars (80bn shillings) annually.

Capital FM website, Nairobi, in English 30 Nov 2010

- The Kenyan government said that the recent disclosure of WikiLeaks reports will not harm its relations with the United States as the two nations have always had "very strong historical foundations" and a "very good relationship".

Daily Nation, Nairobi, in English 29 Nov 2010

- Somali rebel group Al-Shabab is currently recruiting Kenyans to join its ranks. Police and Western intelligence agencies indicated that dozens of Kenyans were among foreigners who had joined Al-Shabab fighters after undergoing military training.

The Standard, Nairobi, in English 27 Nov 2010

- One of the two infamous Armenian Artur brothers who commandeered The Standard Group raid in 2006 has for the first time directly implicated President Kibaki. But in a quick response, Kenyan Presidency denied the claims.

Daily Nation, Nairobi, in English 26 Nov 2010

- The Kenyan population was warned against using social networks such as Facebook or Twitter to incite ethnic hatred. These internet sites, Chairman of the National Cohesion and Integration Commission Dr Mzalendo Kibunjia says, have proven to be a headache for the national cohesion team. The commission also expressed its need to be assisted by law enforcement agencies to curb the trend.
- A burglary took place at the offices of the Kenyan Law Reform Commission, as a means to sabotage the implementation of the new constitution. The Commission was working on key bills. The result has been a strong delay of the new constitutional bills.

The Standard, Nairobi, in English 25 Nov 2010

- Journalist Diof Mukoto working as a cameraman for the privately-owned TV channel K24 was beaten while attempting to film a confrontation between two groups in Mombasa over the alleged recruitment of youth to join Al-Shabab militia in Somalia.

Daily Nation, Nairobi, in English 24 Nov 2010

- Speaking in parliament Wednesday [24 November], Internal Security Assistant Minister Orwa Ojodeh has identified the security operation against Ethiopia's Oromo Liberation Front (OLF) rebels in Kenya's northeastern region as a success.