

Kenya Domestic Media, October 21st 2010 (Covering Oct 13th – Oct 21st)
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KBC News Online Text Website, Nairobi, in English 21 Oct 2010

- Suspended Higher Education Minister William Ruto continued pleading innocent to corruption allegations involving him in a KES96 million fraud case. Ruto and four other people face charges over the alleged sale of a piece of land in Ngong forest to Kenya Pipeline Company Ltd.

Official State House Website, Nairobi in English 20 Oct 2010

- President Kibaki led the nation in celebrating the first Mashujaa day after the promulgation of the new Constitution, paying tribute to the country's "heroes" and founding fathers. He then discussed the main issues of economic development, urbanization and education. He reassured once again Kenyans that the Grand Coalition Government is working on implementing Vision Twenty Thirty as a development strategy to increase Kenya's quality of life within the next 20 years.

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The Star, Nairobi, in English 20 Oct 2010

- The International Criminal Court rejected more than 150 witnesses who wanted to testify against suspects of the post-poll violence at The Hague, arguing that they could not meet the standards. Ocampo added last week that all possible witnesses required for the trials at The Hague had been taken out of Kenya. It was revealed that one witness already under protection by the ICC outside Kenya had been offered 50m shillings by a powerful minister to withdraw his evidence.

Daily Nation, Nairobi, in English 19 Oct 2010

- Thirty illegal Somali immigrants were arrested in a forest in Msambweni District (Coast Province) raising security concerns over the flood of foreigners in the country. Residents are questioning the work of security agents and their ability to notice and seize these groups of illegal immigrants. Most of these groups use Kenya as a transit point to reach other African countries such as Mozambique, Tanzania and South Africa.

K24, Nairobi, in English 19 Oct 2010

- Transparency International-Kenya and a section of the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ Kenya) have questioned the law being used to appoint commissioners to the Commission of the Implementation of the Constitution (CIC). They added that according to section 8 (14) of the CIC, the law empowers

the President and the Prime Minister to send their own list of nominees to the National Assembly.

K24, Nairobi, in English 18 Oct 2010

- An agreement was reached between the Turkana and Pokot communities putting an end to a long-lasting conflict. Both parties agreed to cease war, maintain peace and engage in the development of the area. Leaders from the two communities also urged the government to support them by taking action against rebels as well as improve security in the area. A special focus was made on women, considered central in the peace building process.
- Naivasha residents took the streets last Sunday reclaiming public land. A private land developer had grabbed a piece of land belonging to the Naivasha Primary Boarding School. Elsewhere, at least 10 people were left injured after two groups clashed in Karagita estate over a wall built near Lake Naivasha.

Daily Nation, Nairobi, in English 17 Oct 2010

- As the Islamist group Al-Shabab continues to put Somalia's Transitional Federal Government (TFG) under siege, speaker of Kenyan parliament Mr Maalim and strong supporter of the Islamic Courts Union (ICU) accused the USA of perpetrating a genocide in that country. According to the MP, the ICU provided the best opportunity to secure lasting peace in Somalia because they were "an integration of traditional democracy and modern secularism". He added that it is in the interest of the USA for Somalia to remain "unstable, weak and destitute" for they feel uncomfortable with the heritage and historical pride of the Somali people. This, he added, explains why they are executing genocide in the country.
- The Kenya chapter of the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) seeks arrest warrant against Sudanese President Umar Hasan al-Bashir should he set foot in Kenya again. If successful, ICJ—Kenya's Executive Director George Kegoro stated, the suit will remind the political class that gross violations of human rights shall be redressed. An invitation to a person accused of war crimes and crimes against humanity by the ICC would send highly dangerous signals on the fights against impunity to the public particularly in the light of the 2012 general election, the ICJ-Kenya document warns.

The Standard, Nairobi, in English 15 Oct 2010

- Kenyan Kipsigis community is planning to sue the British government over unresolved historical land injustices committed by the colonial government. Community leaders said thousands of people were forcibly evicted by the colonial government from their ancestral land in Kericho to pave way for tea plantations. James Finaly and Unilver Tea companies represent some of the largest tea firms in Kericho.

The Standard, Nairobi, in English 13 Oct 2010

- Kenyan government was warned against human rights violations in war on terror. Commentator Ndungu Wainaina stated that counter-terrorism efforts against Al-

Qaeda should not be used as a licence to governments to commit abuses, secure in the knowledge that other governments will turn a blind eye in the interests of a global fight against terrorism. In such a context, east African governments have a duty to ensure protection of the fundamental human rights, including the right to human dignity and civil liberty. A particular emphasis was made on the governments of Kenya and Uganda, accused of committing human rights crimes against civil liberties of citizens. They are struggling for safety, food, clean water, and medical attention and persecuted by the police because of their ethnicity or sexual identity.