

Kenya Domestic Media, October 6th 2010 (Covering Sept 30th – Oct 5th)
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KBC News Online Text Website, Nairobi, in English 05 Oct 2010

- Kenya's Attorney General denied accusations that the Kenyan security personnel and army were involved in human rights abuses during an anti-crime operation launched against the residents of Mt. Elgon in 2008. The operation aimed at arresting criminals and recovering all firearms detained illegally, and resulted in dozens of people killed and others tortured and mutilated.
- The Kenya Human Rights Commission (KHRC) said it supported Minister Esther Murugi's call for recognition of gay rights to healthcare and protection from stigmatization, under the new country's constitution aiming at ensuring equality to all Kenyans. The minister remains however against the legalization of homosexuality in the country.

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

- The International Center for Policy and Conflict (ICPC) has shown support to the International Criminal Court (ICC)'s importance in preventing possible future human rights violations in the light of the post-poll chaos. This support was expressed after the latest allegations by some politicians that the ICC was targeting a particular ethnic group. Kangundo MP Johnstone Muthama advocated for the establishment in the country of a local tribunal to deal with lesser crimes while the ICC would try crimes against humanity. In this violent post-election context, the government has guaranteed its will to collaborate with the ICC in order for justice to be ensured.
- Justice Minister Mutula Kilonzo has condemned the arrest and extradition of Kenyans for trial in Uganda on the basis that it violates Kenya's new constitution.

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Daily Nation, Nairobi, in English 05 Oct 2010

- German terror suspect Sascha Alessandro Bottcher was arrested in Kenya and deported to Germany, concluding three weeks of police manhunt. After the July 11, 2010 attacks in Kampala, Uganda, the US State Department had warned Kenya of the possible risk of terrorist bombings in the region. Recent intelligence reports show that the bombs used in Kampala were assembled and carried through Kenya. The Al-Shabaab terror network, associated with Al-Qaeda, has

claimed responsibility for the Kampala attack. The organization is currently fighting government forces in Somalia and said to have an active cell in Kenya.

- Eight people, believed to be Somalis with illegal Kenyan documents were arrested by the Police in Kwale. Recently, many illegal immigrants from Somalia, Ethiopia and Bangladesh have entered the country and been arrested in various parts of Coast Province. For the most part, the police said, they use Kenya as a transit point to South Africa.
- The Nairobi Provincial Security Team discusses the challenges expected in implementing the newly enacted Prevention of Organized Crime Act (2010), which aims at targeting organized criminal groups and guaranteeing the protection of witnesses who testify against them. The meeting comes after the police arrested six suspected Mungiki leaders in Nairobi, Central and parts of Rift Valley.

The Standard, Nairobi, in English 05 Oct 2010

- The International Criminal Court seeks to question three Kenyan ministers to shed the light over the 2007-2008 post-election violence. The officers hired private lawyers and appealed to the Rome Statute as they claimed that they would only be interviewed in the presence of individuals with the status of judge or registrar of the high court.

The East African, Nairobi, in English 04 Oct 2010

- The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) under the control of the US counter-terrorism operatives is now supervising Ugandan and Kenyan police to track all people suspected to be members of Al-Shabab, the East Africa's Al-Qa'idah branch. Security circles attest that the recent arrest of 13 Kenyans and their detention in Uganda is not linked with the operations undertaken against Al-Shabab. Kenya's lack of Anti-Terrorism Act, the source adds, makes it easier however, to arrest Kenyans and try them elsewhere.

KTN TV News, Nairobi, in English 02 Oct 2010

- Vice-President Kalonzo Musyoka said that the government will not permit the International Criminal Court to conduct biased investigations into the 2008 post-poll violence.

The Standard, Nairobi, in English 01 Oct 2010

- The Standard Group deputy chairman and chief strategist Paul Melly said that Kenyan media shall not allow itself to be pushed into stereotyping some religious groups or communities by the state or individuals trying to intimidate the press to prevent them from pursuing stories of national interests. He added that a Kenya's

Supreme Court should be created in the light of the newly enacted constitution in order to guarantee the rights of all Kenyans regardless of their ethnicity or religion.

K24, Nairobi, in English 30 Sept 2010

- More than 4,000 internally displaced persons living in Gatundu North's Kieni forest and victims of politically instigated violence have expressed concern at plans by the Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife to eject them from the camp they have lived in since the 2007-2008 post-poll violence. Area MP Clement Waiburu characterized the move as unfair and claimed that they should be given equal treatment when it comes to resettlement.