



aries team ignored, says Mwakwere

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CALLING: Mwakwere with his supporters at Mwaluphamba Primary School in Matuga.

sa county, whose population stands at 939,370 has only six.”

“My colleagues and I believe had their reasons for not questioning the discrepancies, but the truth is that Coast region, which has been marginalised for over 40 years, risks being marginalised even more for the next 10 years if we let go, what

is being taken away from us,” he said. Mwakwere said the law ought to have guided the Ligale team, to do what is right “instead of deliberately plotting to make some communities dominate others”.

“Baringo, with a population of 555,561 has six constituencies and yet Mombasa county has the same

number of constituencies, with a total population of 939,370,”

Kilifi county, whose population stands at 1, 109,735 has been allocated seven constituencies while Machakos and Kitui counties, each got eight constituencies with a population of 1,098,584 people and 1,12,719 respectively.

American misses flight over bribe

BY NOBERT ALLAN

AN American was stopped from boarding a flight home after he allegedly refused to bribe Moi International Airport immigration officials.

Endale Mitiku, an ICT firm executive was stunned when immigration officials at the airport stopped him from taking his flight to Addis Ababa on Wednesday morning.

Mitiku, an American citizen of Ethiopian origin was going back home after a holiday at the Kenyan Coast when he was asked for a bribe by the immigration officials.

The officials claimed the man had refused to answer questions and he was rude to them. Mitiku missed his flight to Addis from where he was to get a connecting flight to the US.

NGO gives Sh10 million scholarships

BY ALPHONCE GARI

AN NGO has given Sh10 million worth of scholarships to 220 needy students in Malindi.

Aiducation International Kenya said the scholarship programme is meant to help bright secondary school students from poor families.

The organisations CEO Jeremiah Kambi said in average, every student gets Sh160, 000 per year and the ratio of boys to girls is 60 percent to 40 percent respectively. Kambi said they are targeting to give 350 scholarships in January.

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Council employee charged with drug trade denied bond



Kibaki, Raila and VP rally for Yes vote in Tononoka

PRESIDENT Kibaki, PM Raila Odinga and VP Kalonzo Musyoka teamed up to drum up support for the proposed constitution in Tononoka, Mombasa.

Raila said the new constitution has been long overdue and it has taken a huge sacrifice including torture, death and humiliation for it to be realised.

The three called on Coast residents to vote Yes in the August 4 referendum.

This was their third Yes campaign meeting after Uhuru Park and Embakasi rallies in Nairobi.

The three expressed confidence that the Green team will emerge victorious in the referendum.

Tononoka grounds was painted green as supporters showed up in large numbers.

Raila reiterated his stance that the Yes campaign is a government project. He said the government has a duty to execute what Parliament has passed.

The PM criticised MPs

opposed to the proposed constitution, saying no one opposed the document when it was tabled in Parliament.

"When the draft constitution was in Parliament, everyone including those who are now opposing it passed it as a good document. What has now occasioned the change of heart?" he posed.

VP Kalonzo assured Kenyan sportsmen and women that the draft constitution will greatly benefit them.

"This proposed constitution will ensure that you sportsmen and women get better recognition from the government and consequently better pay," he said.

He also made good a promise he made back in 2007 at the same grounds when he spotted a boy in a jersey up a tree.

Kalonzo promised that he would ensure that the boy, Cosmas Makau, goes to South Africa to watch the World Cup live. He said



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GREEN MARCH: PM Raila, President Kibaki, and VP Kalonzo arrive at Tononoka.

the boy's passport and air ticket are already in place.

Kibaki said contentious sections of the proposed constitution will be amended after it is passed.

Reacting to complaints that some countries will be

smaller than others, Raila said there is no way all the 47 countries will be equal.

He said even in the US, some states like Texas are bigger than others like Delaware.

"There is no way that all the countries can be equal.

We are talking of equity not equality," he insisted.

The three leaders released three doves in a show of peace. The doves were given to them by one of the Mijikenda Kaya leaders, Simba Wanje.

170 Malindi students get Sh7 million scholarship

BY ALPHONCE GARI

MORE than 170 bright and needy students from Malindi district have benefited from a scholarship worth Sh7 million.

The scholarship has been given by AIDUCation, a local NGO that partners with donors from Europe to help needy students. AIDUCation boss Jeremiah Kiponda said the students were awarded full scholarships for their secondary school education. Speaking during the scholarship award ceremony at Waramu chaired by DC Arthur Mugira, Kiponda said the programme will uplift the standards of education in the district.

He said most bright children are unable to pursue their education because their parents are poor.

"We support bright children whom we know can make it big through their performances in schools," he said.

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