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## Microsoft Honour For Aga Khan Academy Mombasa

**The Aga Khan Academy in Mombasa has been honoured during a recent ceremony in Salvador, Brazil, by being invited to become part of the prestigious 'Mentor School' programme initiated by Microsoft Corp.**

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Microsoft Innovative Schools Programme which currently has 30 'Pathfinder' schools recognised for special achievement globally.

'Pathfinder' schools showing effective educational innovation are invited to apply for Mentor School status.

The 12 mentor schools were each presented with a new cutting edge technology smart screen computer.

According to a Microsoft spokesman: 'Mentor Schools will be honoured at the event because they have achieved a

level of change within their education systems and are viewed as leaders in their countries and regions.

"Their innovations have a global interest and are replicable models that other schools can follow."

The five day event in Salvador was attended by over 400 influential educators and teachers from around the world.

School heads were invited to discuss innovation in today's modern world especially the use of Information Technology in helping young people globally obtain the education they deserve.

The Aga Khan Academy is the only school in Africa to be recognised with this honour and it now will be working closely in partnership with Microsoft to design and implement educational innovations which will have a positive impact both locally, nationally and throughout the continent.

Other Mentor schools include exemplary institutions in Australia, the United States, France, Sweden, the United Kingdom and South America.

Notable schools worldwide include: Silverton Primary School, Australia; Literacy@School, Canada; Crescent Girls' School, Singapore; Hellerup School, Denmark; Huyton Arts and Sports Centre for Learning, England, U.K.

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The Academy becomes only the 12th school in the world to join the programme.

The honour is part of the



Head of Aga Khan Academy, Mombasa, Peter J McMurray (centre) is seen while being presented with a Microsoft 'Mentor School' recognition certificate by the Global Vice President of Microsoft's Innovative Schools Programme, Michael Golden.

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## Crossroads Christmas Concert

Hello Mombasa and coast residents!

We would like to announce Crossroads Christmas Worship Concert to take place on 17th December from 6:30 PM.

The Concert will be at the Crossroads Church between Mamba Village and Wild Waters.

There will be some bitings for sale and live music while people are mingling, then the concert will take place.

The evening will feature the Crossroads Fellowship Praise and Worship Team, Nyali Singers and Philippe Zimmerlin.

We shall look forward to seeing you there.

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Ladies Auxillary committee members distributing the donation at the Kibarani Dump Site Childrens Nursery School.

## Lions Club Mombasa Pwani Ladies Auxillary At Kibarani

Lions Club Of Mombasa Pwani Ladies Auxillary activity for the month of November was carried out at the Kibarani Dump Site Childrens Nursery School where there are 150 children of different age-groups, the youngest being one year and the eldest about 12 years old.

These children have actually been looking for food from the garbage which is dumped at Kibarani.

The team that started this organization tries to get some donations and from that they feed these children with two meals everyday.

Lions Club of Mombasa Pwani ladies auxillary donated some ration, cooking oil, biscuits, juices and bananas worth KShs 8,500.

The chairman of this organization, Mr. Omondi and the volunteer, Vibe Hanssen, were really appreciative towards this donation and thanked the organization for the kind gesture.

Fellow Lions and Lion ladies contributed towards this activity and most sincere appreciation to them all for their continued

support. A special *asante sana* to Lion Tony D'Silva for providing transport to and from the activity venue.

Everyone departed happily after completing this activity with the motto in their minds "*Serve to Flourish*" and looking forward to carrying out more of such activities.

It gave them lot of satisfaction to put a Smile on the faces of some of the less fortunate members of our society. God Bless us all.

## Contemporary Painters From Uganda And Kenya Host Exhibition At Fort Jesus Museum Mombasa

Fort Jesus Museum Mombasa is currently hosting an Art Exhibition by top contemporary painters from Uganda and Kenya.

There are a rich and diverse artworks for sale featuring everyday African subject.

All the participating artists are very talented with many years of experience. Their artworks cater for all tastes.

They are mostly oils on canvas, colourful, rich in vibrant colours and exciting textures evoking the spirit of Africa.

Visitors will not be disappointed because of the many and diverse artworks of realism, impressionism and abstract pieces.

This exhibition is the second annual exhibition at the Fort Jesus and is brainchild of one of the artists **Sohrab Tajadin**.

He intends to promote artists around East Africa and beyond by exhibiting at the fort regularly.

All tourists and local visitors are welcome.



## Emirates Cargo Managers Boost Regional Exports

In a move designed to boost its cargo capacity, Emirates Airlines have appointed Mr. Khalid Mohamed Al Hinai as the new Cargo Manager for the East African Region.

In a statement, Emirates Divisional Senior Vice President Cargo Ram Menen said: "Our decision to appoint a cargo manager for East Africa is informed by the growth in the horticultural sector and Small and Medium scale

business people who are travelling to our key destinations in China and India".

The appointment, he added, showed that Emirates valued the East African market and its growth prospects.

"As an airline, we always want to add value to all our partnerships by having key resources as close to the client as possible, these personal links are important in growing our business.

Currently Emirates carries 650 tonnes of cargo out of Kenya and 400 tonnes into Kenya.

The airline has re-focused its attention on the East African cargo market with the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport

as its regional hub for the greater East and Central Africa. Emirates operates four cargo flights in and out of

Nairobi weekly, the volume of cargo has also increased from 18,664 tonnes to 24,724 tonnes during the same period.


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**MAKING A worldwide release simultaneously at the NYALI CINEMAX this week is the Shimit Amin (Chak De India) direction and Aditya Chopra production (director Rab Ne Banadi Jodi), Rocket Singh - Salesman of the Year.**

An out-and-out comedy about a young Sikh who becomes a salesman by default.

When Harpreet Singh Bedi graduates from college, his marks are nothing to write home about.

When he fails to get a job - any job - he decides to become a salesman, because anyone can be a salesman and it is so hip, he and you meet all kinds of interesting people.

With the stars in his eyes, he applies, gets the job and thus begins his journey into the world of sales.

It is not long before the ideologies of his world come up against those of the 'professionals' and 'bosses' in his career.

In the lead role is none other than the hottest hunk in Bollywood, Ranbir Kapoor.

Sporting a beard and turban, he looks every bit the Sikh that he is depicting in the film.

The female lead is played by the gorgeous newcomer Shazahn Padamsee.

She is the daughter of India's most famous advertising guru (and thespian) Alyque Padamsee and the super singer of the eighties, Sharon Prabhakar.

Most of you will remember Sharon who held concerts here in Nairobi and Mombasa around that time.

The second new film at the

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In this world of make-believe, it is difficult to know who is real and who you can really trust.

See the action packed martial arts film *Ninja Assassin* running for the second week.

Raizo abandons the Ozunu Clan when his best friend is killed by them.

He joins Europol agent Mika Coretti to exact his revenge on this group that has raised him to be the best assassin in the world.

*Ninja Assassin* stars Rain, Naomie Harris, Ben Miles, Sho Kosugi and Rick Yune.

Still have not had enough of the Vince Vaughn written comedy *Couples' Retreat*?

You have another week to catch up with him and Jason Bateman, Jon Favreau, Faizon Love and Kristin Davis in the film that deals with matrimonial problems and finding the solutions on a beautiful beach hideout.

Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart, Taylor Lautner, Ashley Greene, Michael Sheen, Dakota Fanning and Nikki Reed star in the supernatural film, *The Twilight*

**Saga: New Moon.**

Yet another futuristic, but not too distant film is *2012* which has John Cusack, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Amanda Peet, Oliver Platt, Thandie Newton, Danny Glover and Woody Harrelson in the lead.

The Hindi fare carries on with the Amitabh Bachchan production *Paa*.

**RARE DISEASE**

Big B stars in the lead as the 13-year-old boy who has a rare disease.

His father in the film is played by real-life son Abhishek Bachchan and Vidya Balan as his mother, while Paresh Rawal is the grandfather.

Priyadarshan's *De Dana Dan* is still rocking the aisles with laughter as Akshay Kumar, Sunil Shetty, Katrina Kaif, Paresh Rawal, Neha Dhupia and Sameera Reddy all try to make some money in the shortest time possible.

Singapore could not have had such a riotous group together before.

Karan Johar's *Kurbaan* is a must-see with Saif Ali Khan playing a very different kind of role.

Even though he had a similar negative role in Omkara which was performed brilliantly, this role in *Kurbaan* is quite hatke. With Saifu are Kareena Kapoor, Vivek Oberoi, Diya Mirza and Kirron Kher.


## BRIDGE RESULTS

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**Capricorn** (Dec. 22 - Jan. 21) Your personal energy needs an outlet - in the form of one special person! That means romance, or possibly some other single-minded pursuit, but your ability to focus should help you in a big way.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 22 - Feb. 21) You are in efficiency mode today, though that may freak out your family if they aren't up to it. Try to tackle stuff on your own unless you know others are on the same wavelength - you won't be sorry!

**Pisces** (Feb. 22 - Mar. 21) You are seeing deeper and deeper into the mysteries of your mate or your spiritual struggle - so keep exploring! Your great sensitivity is making life easier for you, so make the most of it!

**Aries** (Mar. 22 - April 21) You're in transit in some way - maybe emotionally - and you need to find a way to reconnect with your roots. That could mean visiting your childhood home or just calling the folks.

**Taurus** (April 22 - May 21) Fix that car or transportation problem that has been on your mind for a while - you've reached the point at which something has to be done, even if it doesn't quite feel urgent yet.

**Gemini** (May 22 - June 21) Focus on your own needs today - your people are mostly doing the same, after all! Sometimes you've got to hunker down and just be selfish, as long as you can pull up out of it when the time is right.

**Cancer** (June 22 - July 21) All eyes are watching you - but it's not one of those nightmares! In fact, you think it's pretty awesome, because you've either scored a new achievement or have found a way to get people to see things your way.

**Leo** (July 22 - Aug. 21) You're feeling much more sensitive to slights today, so try to avoid those who mock for sport. If you have to deal with them, you may find it easier if you've got one good friend by your side.

**Virgo** (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21) Your efficiency is legendary, and today you need to make the most of it. People need organizing - probably, though not necessarily, around the house - and you're the one to do it.

**Libra** (Sept. 22 - Oct. 21) Help your friends see things in a more positive light - even if you aren't so sure yourself! You have a gift for lighting the darkness, and there may very well be a huge demand for that right now!

**Scorpio** (Oct. 22 - Nov. 21) Travel is totally on your mind today - and if you are actually out exploring the world, so much the better! Your great energy should help you see the best in the people and places you visit.



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**IAEA Agrees To Partner On Nuclear Energy**

**KENYA MAY DEVELOP NUCLEAR ENERGY AS AN ALTERNATIVE SOURCE OF POWER**

NAIROBI (Xinhua) -- The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has agreed to partner with Kenya in the country's quest to

develop nuclear energy as an alternative source of power.

During talks with Prime Minister Raila Odinga at the agency's headquarters in Vienna Tuesday,

the new Director General of the IAEA Yukiya Amano said he is keen to have the agency become a useful tool in addressing needs of developing nations that have little access to advanced technology.

A statement from the PM's office said Odinga held talks with the IAEA director after opening the 13th Session of the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization UNIDO, in Vienna.

The PM said he had instructed the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology to work closely with the atomic energy agency in areas like agricultural development, health, especially cancer treatment, and energy generation.

Odinga said energy is a basic need for a country's economic development.

He said reliance on hydro-electric power has however failed Kenya as it fluctuates, making the country's economy unable to compete with big and competing African economies like South Africa, Egypt and Nigeria.

"Unreliable rainfall patterns has affected our power generation and left us badly exposed.

"We have to look into alternative sources of power and nuclear looks a credible, long term alternative," Odinga said.

"We are exploring geothermal, wind, solar and biofuels.

"But we have decided as a government that we must pursue nuclear also for purposes of longer term needs," he added.

He asked the atomic energy agency to help Kenya build the capacity by training local scientists on development of nuclear power.

He also asked the agency to partner with the Ministry of Higher Education to educate Kenyans on the use of nuclear for peaceful purposes so as to dispel the stigma currently attached to nuclear science.

"When you talk about nuclear energy among laymen, people think of nuclear weapons.

"They think we are going to war.

"We must begin to educate our people that there are peaceful and productive uses for nuclear science.

"It is not just for weapons," the PM said.

He called on the atomic energy agency to set up a program that

will see Kenyans come for training with the agency in readiness for Kenya's pursuit of nuclear energy.

Speaking during the meeting, Amano said the use of nuclear power has been limited to the developed countries, which he said should not be the case.

He congratulated Kenya for considering nuclear energy to cushion the country from fluctuating effects of hydro power.

"You don't need to worry.

"Almost everyone in the developing world lacks expertise in this area and everyone else is just beginning to think of going nuclear. So you have begun at the right time," Amano said.

He said capacity building would be important as the country prepares to pursue nuclear energy, adding that his agency could help with funding and drafting of relevant legislation dealing with installation and use of nuclear energy.

He said Kenya would also have to commit to support a code of conduct and regulations governing use of nuclear power for peaceful means.

**THE TAMARIND THIS WEEK**

**Dinner Cruise Surprise**

A dinner cruise on board the Tamarind Dhov was the surprise birthday treat for Mr. Mohamed Virani [inset]. The trip was well organised by his wife and children and as the dhow sailed off leaving the traffic jams and all the hassle of Mombasa's city behind, the Resident Band's soothing soft music made them relax and enjoyed the serene magical moments of a four hour dinner cruise and as Mr. Mohamed commented, it was the most treasured birthday gift he could have asked for which made him more closer to his family than ever! - Faiza Ayub.



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**Breakdown In Aid Spells Further Crisis In Somalia**

UNITED NATIONS (Xinhua) -- Without immediate funding, Somalia faces a deadly humanitarian crisis, one of the worst since 1990s, UN officials said Tuesday.

Speaking to reporters at UN Headquarters, UN Humanitarian and Resident Coordinator for Somalia Mark Bowden made a short-term appeal of 12 million U.S. dollars for the first quarter of 2010 to mitigate chronically high rates of acute malnutrition.

With roughly four million people in need of food aid, the war-ravaged country is in the midst of one of the worst humanitarian crisis since the famine in the 1990s, Bowden said.

The UN has called for a total of 689 million U.S. dollars for 2010 but history suggests reaching that target will prove difficult.

Funding for Somalia in 2009 fell short by more than 50 per cent, said Bowden, creating an unpredictable environment for agencies to deliver humanitarian assistance.

He attributed shortfalls in funding primarily to the financial crisis and the fear that aid money is falling into the hands of extremist groups like Al-Shabaab.

"In Somalia, there is fatigue and concern as to whether assistance can get through," he told reporters. There are enough areas which aid can get through but there is an indiscriminate view of Somalia that all aid is hard to deliver."

Uncertain that aid will get into the hands of those who need it most, donor countries have been relatively slow to follow through on pledges.

The United States has delayed tens of millions of dollars for fear of the money falling into the hands of militant groups.

The U. S. traditionally donates the largest amount of food aid.

Bowden said the UN and the U.S. is working on a risk management system to monitor aid and its effectiveness but an agreement appears to be elusive.

"While I think the discussions are good... we still haven't reached a final conclusion and time is running out," he said.

Rozanne Chorlton, the United Nations Children's Fund representative to Somalia, said millions of lives depended on timely aid delivery.

"If we fail to get 12 million dollars in the first quarter of next year, children will die," she said.

"We are talking about an immediate and present crisis and we need some resolution."

To leave gaps in funding would destroy the progress already made, said Chorlton, who noted that Somalia is "definitely" on track to be measles free, a Millennium Development Goal.

Female genital mutilation is also declining, she said.

Fourteen communities have declared they abandoned the practice with another 21 communities to follow suit next year.

"It's an extraordinary development where 99 percent of girls are subjected to that practice," she said, "but progress depends on resource flows."

**Kenya Airways Resumes Kisumu Flights**

Kenya Airways has resumed flights to Kisumu, with a special one way fare of Kshs 710 starting from December 10, 2009.

The airline resumes the route with two daily flights, using its 72 seater Embraer E170 jet, one in the morning at 7.10 am and in the evening at 5.05pm from Nairobi.

Flights from Kisumu will depart at 8.30am and 6.20pm respectively.

"Kenya Airways is pleased to return to Kisumu; the special fare of Kenya Shillings seven hundred and ten, is a way of welcoming back and thanking the customers for their continued support," said Kenya Airways Commercial Director



Mohan Chandra. The special fare promotion of Kshs 710 will run up to the 20th of December 2009.

Kenya Airways will operate this route with its Embraer E170 jets offering special comfort and reduced flight time.

Kisumu Airport is the third busiest airport in the country after Moi International Airport, Mombasa and the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), Nairobi.

"Kenya Airways is glad to fly to Kisumu once again and especially around this festive season and that our special gesture will make a difference in your enjoyment with family and friends this festive season," said Mr. Chandra.

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# Can These Cops Who Cannot Drive Be Really Effective As Traffic Police

**Most professionals have had extensive training and understand the detail of their profession.**

Sometimes, the learning does not stop at the point of initial qualification.

One can continue to improve their skills over a long period of time if they so wish.

Lawyers typify the options.

One has to go through university and completes the basic education that allows one to understand the rudiments of the profession.

In most countries one then has to do further training in an approved institution before starting pupillage.

In this latter phase one starts to practice law under the supervision of a senior lawyer who will coach the graduate in the finer details of working.

As one gains experience in practicing law, one still has to learn from case to case and also through reading and further training.

It is almost a lifelong learning exercise keeping on top of the profession.

The same thing applies to other well-known professions such as accountants, doctors, dentists and so forth.

I was faced with a question from Kachumbari that I have not yet been able to resolve.

As drivers, we go through (or are expected to go through) fairly extensive theoretical training about driving techniques.

We also learn a lot of theory about the Highway code as well other legal requirements when driving.

We also have to know other statutes around safety, intoxication and so forth.

Once we have done that then we are taken onto the road to put the theoretical knowledge into practice.

We also have to learn how to control a car.

The first thing we learn when

taking driving lessons is how to control a vehicle not how to drive.

In fact when we get our driving license we are being rewarded for having qualified as good at controlling a vehicle.

It takes time for us to become adept at driving.

We have to add the knowledge of applying the Highway Code as well as the law to become competent drivers.

The riddle that Kachumbari posed was whether cops who cannot drive could be effective traffic police.

A large number of police officers who have been trained

Most traffic cops in Kenya cannot drive, yet they are deployed to apprehend people who are better versed in all aspects of driving.

Apart from clear facts like speeding offences which are measured by speed guns and issues such as the depth of tread on a tyre, a lot of offences can be disputed.

Some other aspects that a theoretical traffic cop can discern are whether one's insurance is still valid and whether the driving license that is held by the person in control of the car is valid.

As one gets away from the straightforward technical stuff, the easier it is to bamboozle a cop.

We would like to propose that all cops who are employed to do traffic work should be at the same level of competence as the drivers whom they are supposed to police.

They should be good drivers who can jump into a car and drive it to the police station if it is impounded for any reason.

Most of the times when a car is impounded by the cops, they summon a breakdown vehicle to tow the car to the required place.

This is notwithstanding that the vehicle can be driven.

It is only because the cop cannot drive.

The driver then has to pay tow charges as well as the ignominy of either walking to the cop shop

or finding other means of transport to get there.

If cops are able to drive then there will be less debate when they apprehend offenders.

One will also respect their judgement and be able to have an informed discussion about the offence.

The cops will also be better placed to exercise their discretion as they will be able to tell the difference between a deliberate offence and one where a driver

has had to do whatever infringement purely as a driving move that creates a safe situation.

Let us start to ensure that all the boys in blue are properly trained and equipped both physically and mentally to be able to handle the situation they have been trained for in an effective manner.

As Kachumbari says, how can a cop police traffic when they do not know how to drive?

## CoastDrive with Teti Kamugunda



in traffic duties in Kenya do not know how to drive.

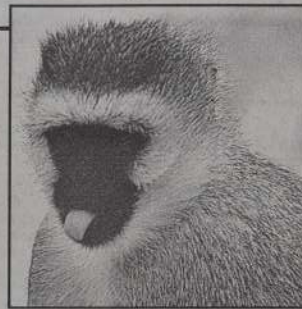
The government cannot afford to invest in that kind of training. Most are trained in the theoretical aspects of driving.

Some get the chance of learning how to drive and even fewer get to own vehicles.

It is also fact that due to the bureaucracy in the services, there is a strict division of duties.

Cops who are supposed to drive are the ones who are trained in cars over and above the theoretical.

## Who Is Going To Worry About Indian House Crow Pest?



**The Forgotten Crows: Bwana Editor, With a relentless drought, deforestation and massive die offs related to livestock and wildlife who is going to worry about an introduced pest like the Indian House Crow?**

Clearly this Vervet monkey is most vehemently telling us something with scorn and ridicule directed at the 'Angamiza Kurabu' gang!

Cahil Marduff, Mombasa. [cahilmarduff90@yahoo.com](mailto:cahilmarduff90@yahoo.com)

# Makueni Farmers Despair As Rains Fail Again

**NAIROBI (Xinhua) -- farmers and residents of parts of eastern province are a worried lot as crisis began to appear following failure of the much anticipated enhanced El nino rains in the region.**

The Kenya Meteorological department issued a warning of possible El-nino rains:

this was welcomed with delight by the residents of lower eastern province popularly known as Ukambani were abuzz with hope and expectation of recovery from a three-year devastating drought and famine.

Although equally disastrous effects usually accompany the El Nino rains, residents did not fear the impact preferring to focus on the positive aspects that usually result in a bumper harvest.

When the rains ravaged the country in 1997 leaving a trail of destruction marked by disease and damage to social and economic infrastructure, a bumper harvest that left a fond memory was witnessed in the entire region.

Now the hope and the upbeat mood have been replaced by a cloud of gloom over the area as the skies remain barren.

The rains began on October 15, 2009 and swept through the entire area raised hopes of recovery after the region's economic mainstay was destroyed when thousands of livestock died as rivers and dams dried leaving the entire population thirsty and hungry.

"The rain arrived early enough and our hopes for a bumper harvest that would bring famine to an end were rekindled.

"We had planted early enough and now the skies are empty and only God knows what will happen," said Titus Mutwiwa, a civil servant from Makueni who works in Machakos.

Rains fell only in October but ceased leaving November dry as crop began to wither.

A survey by Xinhua in Machakos, Makueni, Mwingi and Kitui indicates that the early-planted crop of maize, cowpeas, beans, millet and sorghum was above the knees but at the verge of withering due to lack of rains.

The survey showed that crops

planted a little later after the rains have withered leaving farmers desperate.

Chief Joshua Kimeu of Machakos Township who is also a farmer in Kimutwa location said many farmers had lost their seed after the crop dried for lack of rains.

"Farmers will have to replant again if the rains return.

"The future is grim," said chief Kimeu who has often had trouble as villagers fought for famine relief food during distribution in his office.

Seeds worth millions of shillings distributed free of charge by the government, aid agencies and other donors may go to waste.

The entire region received seeds worth Sh179 million (about 2.3 million U.S. dollars from the government and Sh 47 million (about 630,000 U.S dollars) from Kalonzo Foundation in conjunction with Equity bank.

Other donors including the Red Cross, members of parliament and churches among others gave out seeds to poor farmers hoping the rains would be good.

Machakos Deputy District Agricultural Officer Nicodemus Nzombe told Xinhua only 75.2 mm of rainfall were received in Machakos in the month of October while November remained generally dry.

Nzombe said farmers should not lose their patience as more rains were still expected.

He said a team of officers were dispatched to assess the situation and compile a report to be presented to the District Steering Group for appropriate counter action.

At the same time, Athi River district remained dry with little or

no crop cover as only sporadic and little rains was recorded.

Other areas that have not recorded rains include districts along Mombasa highway starting from Athi-River, Mukaa, Nzau, Makiundu, Kibwezi and Mutitu Andei zone.

To add more injury, armyworms were reported in many parts of the region but Nzombe said agricultural officers were monitoring the situation and had already sat up traps in Kalama and Central divisions of Machakos to monitor the insect threat.

The livestock sector was also under threat.

Makueni District Veterinary Officer Lawrence Musau said that many farmers were still buying hay from dealers who transport wheat and other grasses from Meru, Naivasha and Nakuru.

Musau said the situation was grim because of the scarcity of pasture and water noting that it could degenerate into a disaster if rains did not return.

Machakos District Livestock Production Officer Mrs Damaris Mativo said although the rainfall situation was bad, livestock keepers were still optimistic the rains would return and multiply pasture.

She said livestock keepers refused to sell their animals on November 07, 2009 when the Ministry of Livestock sought to purchase 100 cattle at Sh. 8,000 (about 120 U.S dollars) each to cushion farmers from loss resulting from drought.

Owing to the persistent drought, she asked farmers to diversify into other practices like bee keeping as well as sink wells and Dam Rivers for survival.

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# You Don't 'Fire' The Best Minister For Tourism In Africa

TOURISM MINISTER HON. NAJIB BALALA DESERVES OUR SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT WRITES MOHAMMED HERSI

I have followed with keen interest the recent and ongoing calls to fire Hon. Najib Balala from the position of Minister for tourism.

I do not hold brief for him but his docket is where I practice my profession as a hotelier.

From the outset I do not agree with anyone trying to stop the reclamation of the Mau and our minister knows very well that environment degradation is bad for our country and notably tourism industry.

We should also not be misled to support personal vendetta against differing voices.

The Minister for tourism has spent a lot of time including weekends and public holidays selling Kenya around the world.

He is one person who is on first name basis with the movers and shakers of international tourism mainly in Europe and America which happen to be a key source of our tourists.

He has been able to convince many agents to resume flying to Kenya after the mess of the post election violence, some are even making huge losses to this date but Hon. Minister is giving them hope and constant touch base.

He has been able to do this for

simple reason that he is an insider and a tourism player in his own right.

He climbed the ladder of political success from a tourism base when he became the mayor of Mombasa in the late nineties.

Kenya's all recall with nostalgia how he turned around the fortunes of Mombasa that at some point we could even host a Mombasa carnival.

His vision for tourism is clear and his commitment to its revival second to none no wonder he was voted best minister for tourism in 2009 beating seven others on the African continent and for coming tops in implementing government policy on tourism sustainability.

He has fought corruption in his political career; this time round he is the only minister who has held to account senior officials who misuse their office.

In the nineties he crossed swords with the corrupt in Mombasa which forced him to step down but this time round he is more wiser and is not about to do that.

He is one man who has appointed all board members on his ministry parastatals purely on qualification and fairness.

He has made key appointment from other tribes while at KTB the industry players lead it and not some political cronies who are being rewarded.

Show me how many 'Arabs' he has appointed to this positions unlike many of the other ministers who will fill up slots with their own.

From a paltry five charters he has been able to convince over

20 charters to resume flying to Mombasa helping the fortunes of the Kenya coast.

He has managed to cross the political divide and worked with both Minister of finance and Minister for foreign affairs to agree to a visa reduction by

that Kenya will be more attractive to family travel.

He has spent a lot of time transversing Kenya trying to prop domestic tourism, as a rally to castigate him was taking place in his Mvita backyard he was busy in North rift trying to help

promote bull fighting.

The days of castigating people in rallies and termination of political careers at a political rally is long gone.

If we don't agree with someone the field is huge and options are very many besides voters are

hoisted at the venue in Tononoka yet not a single speaker saw the need to castigate the holders of those placards.

It is ironic that some of the speakers at the venue went through the same thing during the Moi era yet they still want to subject others to it.

I am glad that the Right honorable minister Hon. Raila Odinga did not listen to speaker after speaker baying for the blood of Hon. Balala.

It is laughable when Coast MP's issue an ultimatum to the Hon. Minister besides you don't relieve a minister of his duties at a public rally as even Moi in his hey days never did that but allowed you to listen to it at the dreaded 1.00 p.m. news in the privacy of your car or office.

It will be very sad if Minister Balala is even moved let alone fired from the tourism docket as tourism sector needs continuity and we are not keen to baby-sit a new minister who is coming to learn how tourism works.

When Kenya was doing well in the 60's and 70's even good part of 80's cabinet reshuffles were very rare. School kids virtually knew who was in the cabinet and for our country to thrive we should allow cabinet ministers to shine in their respective docket and let us not mix party politics with national issues.

Tourism and the economy is far bigger than any party or a party leader.

Mohammed Hersi, Immediate past chairman Kenya Association of Hotelkeepers and Caterers, Mombasa.

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HAPPIER DAYS 2003 - Hon. Raila Odinga celebrating election success with Hon. Najib Balala.

slashing the fees visa by half and also accept to waive 'visa' fees for anyone below 16 years of age.

He has been able to convince his colleagues and they must both be applauded as they see the bigger picture which means

the Pokot region to open up and tap into the tourism dollars through the Northern circuit.

He is one man who will officiate a international hotel chain coming to Kenya coast and the next morning on a Saturday he is

in western Kenya trying to

more wiser hence we have 35 MPs from tiny parties that became home to many who were rejected through the dubious nomination during the count down to general election of 2007.

It is very sad that abusive placards were allowed to be

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# A Walk for Life 2009

**What a celebration it was for the inaugural A Walk for Life 2009, organised by the Aga Khan Council for Mombasa, created with the aim of assisting cancer sufferers who require financial support for medical care.**

This prestigious event was held on Sunday 29 November 2009 at Butterfly Pavilion, Forest trails, Bamburi.

Citizens from all over Mombasa, ranging from the youth to the aged, from various communities and backgrounds, all came together with one mind; one heart; one goal; and yes, two feet, to make this event a huge success.

Proceeds will be channeled through various organizations, such as Aga Khan Hospital Breast Cancer awareness group, PACK (Positive Action Committee for Kids) and other deserving organization related to this cause.

The walk was preceded by the Aga Khan Band, who played the National Anthem and entertained the crowd.

The President of the Aga Khan Council for Mombasa,



**The Aga Khan Band preceded the walk while playing the National Anthem and entertaining the Mombasa crowd.**

Mrs. Narmin Somji, emphasised the need to assist those suffering from this disease, and noted that programmes such as this could play a part in doing this.

A minute's silence was observed in remembrance for all those who had lost their lives to cancer.

The walk was opened with the official ribbon cutting ceremony by Mr. Kanubhai Babla, Michelle Hoareau representing Freight Forwarders, and Mr. Joseph Mathai, General Manager of Diamond Trust Bank Coast region, all generous donors and supporters of the event.

Hundreds of walkers then began their 5 kilometer walk in the quiet, pristine park.

The attendance was close to 800 participants with over 600 people completing the walk, while others simply attended to give their support and enjoy a fun day out with their families and friends.

Water for drinking throughout the event was donated by AQUELLE.

As initiators of change and awareness, students of all ages from various schools in Mombasa played a vast role in the collection of funds, including: Aga Khan High and Nursery Schools, Braeburn,

The Mombasa Academy, Loreto Convent, Little Star Light Academy, Al Madrasa, Brainsworth, Jaffrey Academy, Elite Academy, MSB Educational Institute, Small and Smart, and The Aga Khan Academy, which saw the highest participation of students, along with the highest funds collected for a very impressive total of Ksh 413,982/-.

To appreciate the outstanding performance by their students, the heads of The Aga Khan Academy were presented with a crystal trophy as a memento.

Trophies were also presented to children who collected the most donations:

Hafsa Parpia (age 17) from The Aga Khan Academy raised Ksh 30,850/-.

Fatima Sugra Shura (age 10) from MSB Educational Institute raised Ksh 26,700/-.

Priya Sandu (age 9) from The Aga Khan Academy raised Ksh 19,700/-.

Chaza Ikuu (age 10) from The Aga Khan Academy raised Ksh 17,450/-.

The organisers would like to share their deepest gratitude to all the donors for their true selflessness and generosity that will touch the lives of many needy cancer sufferers.



**Looking on [from left] President of the Aga Khan Council Mrs Narmin Hanif Somji, Michelle Hoareau representing Freight Forwarders, Kanubhai Babla seen cutting the ribbon, Joseph Mathai General Manager of Diamond trust coast region.**



**The 5 km walk begins led by resident of the Aga Khan Council Mrs. Narmin Hanif Somji, Kanubhai Babla and General Manager of Diamond trust coast region Joseph Mathai.**



**Hundreds of walkers begin the 5 kilometer walk in the pristin park of Butterfly pavilion, Forest Trails, Bamburi, for a noble cause of assisting cancer sufferers.**



**A well deserved break. The walkers treat themselves to a sumptuous lunch after the 5 km walk.**



**Kanubhai Babla and Eliza Alarakhia presenting trophy to the heads of The Aga Khan Academy for outstanding performance by the children.**



# FLY540 INTRODUCE SERVICES BETWEEN NAIROBI AND BUJUMBURA

Fly540 has announced the introduction of three direct weekly services between Nairobi and Bujumbura from January 11th, 2010.

These flights will be operated on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays using the recently acquired 50 seater CRJ-100 jet.

Passengers will pay a one way fare of 150 dollars plus taxes.

The Fly540 CRJ-100 aircraft will depart from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport at 10.40 a.m. on each of the three days and arrive at Bujumbura Airport at 11.55 a.m.

Flights will leave Bujumbura at 12.25 p.m. and arrive at JKIA at 3.20 p.m.

Nixon Ooko, the Operations Director of Fly540, said:

"Since Burundi became a member country of the East African Community, there has been a growing demand for

business travel on this route.

"The introduction of our flights between Nairobi and Bujumbura is another step in our regional expansion programme."

"Fly540 operates services to Entebbe, Zanzibar and Kilimanjaro, Manyara and Serengeti in Tanzania.

"These destinations illustrate the growing need of value for money air travel throughout East African region."

"During this year, Fly540 has increased daily return flights from Nairobi to Mombasa, Malindi and Kisumu.

"The airline has also pioneered the opening up of new routes such as Kitale and



Fly540 Operations Director Nixon Ooko announcing the airline's introduction direct weekly services between Nairobi and Bujumbura.

Lodwar."

"The recently acquired CRJ jet will be followed by additional jets and turbo prop aircraft supporting further expansions.

"Our focus remains on course and we forecast our business to double in 2010."

Fly540 commenced operations in November 2006 with a daily flight between Nairobi and Mombasa for local and overseas business and holiday travellers.

"The airline's value for money flights won instant popularity and Fly540 now has nine destinations in Kenya with regional services to Entebbe, Zanzibar and Kilimanjaro."

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Kassim Gulam Khaku

## TRAINING TRIP TO EUROPE

Technical Director of Weldwell Limited Kassim Gulam Khaku has just returned from an extensive training trip to Europe.

Mr. Khaku attended the UTP Academy in Germany.

UTP and Fontargen are part of the Boehler Welding Group who specialize in manufacturing of special welding alloys for repair and maintenance.

He has also attended the IBEDA Certified Safety Worldwide Company training on flame spraying with safety and certification. Ibeda is the world market leader in gas safety engineering.

Kassim Khaku also attended Telwin Training Lab Learning Centre to familiarize himself with MMA, MIG, TIG, Plasma welding machines.

Telwin is Europe's top machine manufacturer and has been in this field for over 45 years.

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Kassim Khaku will be conducting training courses, seminars and workshops for UTP, IBEDA, Telwin and Fontargen in Mombasa.

## Car And General Sign Contract With Electrolux

Listed Company Car and General has renewed its contract with Electrolux, a leading supplier of large scale laundry equipment made in Sweden.

The agreement covers the distribution of Electrolux washing machines in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.

The contract was signed in Nairobi by David Chesoni, the General Manager of Car and General and Timothy J. Bacon, the Electrolux Area Manager for Middle East and Africa.

David Chesoni explained: "The dealership provides for sales, installation, maintenance and provision of spares. Electrolux equipment available at Car and General outlets includes washer extractors (washing machines), tumble dryers and ironers."



Samuel Ngugi is over the moon at receiving his cheque for Kshs. 250,000 which he won in the Grand Draw of the just concluded Safaricom Raffle Dazzle promotion. Raffle Dazzle saw thousands of lucky Safaricom subscribers in Mombasa walk-away with hundreds of thousands of shillings worth of prizes.



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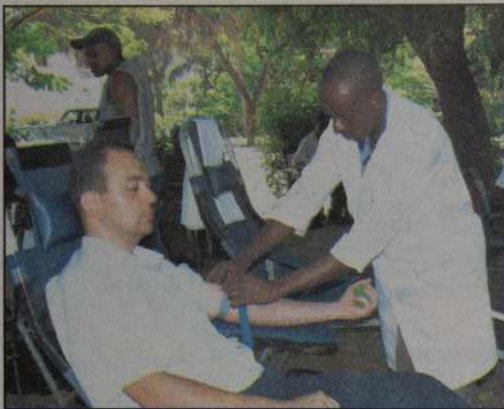


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The Kenya Blood Transfusion Services Mombasa Branch Employee Justus Mwakio prepares food and beverage Manager of Jacarandah Indian Ocean Beach Resort James Dand for blood donation and HIV Testing during a free blood donation exercise held at the Hotel. Over Fifty employees of the Hotel took part.



Kenya Airways Group Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer itus Naikuni and CFC Stanbic Bank Managing Director Mike du Toit display the KQ-Msafiri Gold Credit Cards during the launch. This is the first credit card in Kenya that earns points every time a customer uses the card. The cardholder can redeem the points for free tickets to any Kenya Airways destination across the world.



Car and General has renewed its contract with Electrolux for the distribution of laundry machines in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. The dealership agreement was signed by the General Manager of C&G David Chesoni (left), and the Electrolux Kenya Manager for Middle East and Africa Timothy J. Bacon (right). Electrolux Technical Area Manager for Middle East and Africa Phil Dawe (second left) and C&G Electrolux Assistant Manager Jerry Midiwo witnessed the signing of the document.

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# Chris Diaz Honoured As 'Warrior Of Marketing Society Of Kenya'

**Mombasa born Chris Diaz has been honoured as 'Warrior of the Marketing Society of Kenya' at the MSK gala dinner awards ceremony hosted at Carnivore Restaurant Nairobi.**

Chris Diaz who is the President of the Chartered Institute of Marketing and Board member of CIM UK and a well known marketing 'Guru' in the region was recognized for his 20 years of top marketing professional development in the country.

Chris both a fellow and chartered marketer of CIM UK has been instrumental in crafting and shaping marketing as a career for top marketers in many industries, and Brand Managers in the Region.

He served CMC Motors for 16 years winning the Chairman's award over several years and was made a Director for the motor group.

Chris was appointed to the prestigious BIDCO East and Central Africa as Group Director for Marketing and Business Development for the Africa markets.

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BIDCO is a multi-award winner, Company of the year in East Africa, and one of the fastest growing corporate in Africa, Chris supports 30 top brands in over 16 countries.

The diversified Group is one of the largest respected manufacturer and marketing group in the region.

With high level experience in the new marketing strategies,

Chris, went to school at Allidina Visram Mombasa and was the top student and completed his B.com before pursuing International Marketing in his master's program from Wales.

He has specialized in sales and new Marketing strategies and is a mentor and public speaker at many business functions across Africa.

Chris is invited annually to the European Marketing conference to speak on marketing and business development.

Chris has just returned from Zambia where he was a Key speaker on Real Business growth from innovation and marketing presenting to 500 delegates from various countries in Africa and also joined the Minister of Tourism Zambia to give awards to outstanding marketers in the southern regions. This week on 11th Decem-

ber, The Chartered Institute of Marketing which has over 60,000 members worldwide will be giving awards to qualified marketers, with the gala theme Marketing going green.

Special guest Mugo Kibati CEO VISION 2039 Kenya will be making a special presentation plus The British High Commission and among many CEOs and Directors will attend at the National Museum of Kenya-Annual 2009, CIM gala and Dinner.

Chris Diaz who has encouraged marketers to take their career to the next level as top companies are looking for the best Sales and Marketing Directors to drive expansion and increase revenues.

Marketers are Known in the Region as a 'Rain Maker' strategist in the tough economic conditions, in real business, Chris is a humble person, and looks forward to making Marketing

contribute successfully but more widely in the private and government sectors.

Aggressive Marketing will drive the national economy and growth in East Africa.

Marketing is a well rewarded career where the best creativity, innovation, strategic communication, PR and leading edge in business, is the success to large global organizations.

*Chris Diaz is seen while being honored as 'Warrior of the Marketing society of Kenya' at the MSK gala dinner awards ceremony at Carnivore Nairobi.*



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# KQ Launches Credit Card Loyalty Program

**Kenya Airways and CFC Stanbic Bank have launched the KQ-Msafiri Gold Credit Card, in association with MasterCard Worldwide.**

This is the first credit card in Kenya that earns points every time a customer uses the card.

The cardholder can redeem the points for free tickets to any KQ destination across the world.

"Kenya Airways recognizes the need to offer value addition to its customers and this partnership with CFC Stanbic Bank will ensure that our passengers enjoy the opportunities that this new

partnership," said Titus Naikuni, Kenya Airways Group Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer.

"Through our partnership, we will reward our customers by ensuring they make the very most out of their everyday purchases to earn Kenya Airways miles for reward flights or upgrades in way that connects with their individual lifestyles."

With the new credit card, the airline's customers will earn KQ-miles on everyday spending in return they will enjoy class of travel upgrades and reward flights to any destination on the Kenya Airways network.

"Credit card rewards programs

continue to grow in popularity with consumers and the rewards program is still a major factor when consumers are deciding which card to use for a purchase," said Mike du Toit, Managing Director, CFC Stanbic Bank.

"KQ and CFC Stanbic have introduced the reward program so it can offer consumers rewards that not only interest them but suit their lifestyle needs best."

Other benefits that cardholders are entitled to include free travel insurance for every ticket purchased using the card; check in priority at the airport, 8 to 10 per cent discount on Kenya Airways tickets to any destination of the cardholders' choice and

the flexibility to shop at any shop displaying the MasterCard sign across the globe, including access to cash at over one million ATMs in 210 countries.

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## Animation Team Entertain Tourists

The Animation Team of Jacaranda Indian Ocean resort, South Coast Entertains tourists and travel agents during a reception sponsored by Air Kenya. The agents were on familiarization tour of Coast tourist

# Training For Jua Kali Motorcycle Mechanics

In an attempt to curb the rising rate of accidents in many parts of Kenya, listed company Car and General has embarked on an extensive countrywide training programme for Jua Kali mechanics and motorcycle riders.

Sammy Sewerei, the Technical Trainer at Car and General travels around the country ensuring that each area where boda boda riders operate TVS and Suzuki motorcycles has trained mechanics to service the motorcycles and that the riders are aware of the importance of road safety for themselves and their passengers.

Sewerei explained, "Our aim is to ensure that each small town has a few Jua Kali mechanics with some basic technical skills that enable them to carry out repairs on TVS and Suzuki bikes.

"With proper servicing and repairs, the motorcycles will have a longer lifespan ensuring

greater satisfaction among our customers."



Car and General has appointed Sammy Sewerei as the Company's Technical Trainer.

"The training involves garage to garage visits and a Workshop where I demonstrate how to carry out minor repairs and servicing, how to inspect an engine for defects, dismantle it and replace worn out parts before reassembling."

"The mechanics are also taught about the electrical and fuel systems and fault diagnosis.

"Afterwards I hold a question answer session to help mechanics with specific problems they have encountered in the course of their work."

Sammy Sewerei concluded, "The programme started in Kakamega where 42 mechanics were trained from several centres including Shinyalu, Maseno, Shibuli and Bukula.

"We intend to go to Bungoma, Kitale, Siaya and thereafter move to the Central region and finally the Coast.

"The training for riders will follow a similar schedule next year."

## Wajukuu Art Centre

WAJUKUU ART CENTER was started in 2004 by a group of young artists living in Mukuru slums in Nairobi.

Their main objective is to develop children and youth talents within their community and to provide a space for children.

The work on show here is the outcome of a 6 months (2 days/week) training given to 27 children between 6 and 17 years.

Kids selection is based on motivation and family background with an emphasis on kids facing difficulties within their environment.




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## Well Done Sarova At Africa Quiz Nite



Sarova Whitesands Team dubbed "Team Spartans" won the coveted first prize during the recent Coast Marketing Africa Quiz Nite held at the Sarova Whitesands Resort on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November, 2009. The quiz night sponsored by Sarova was a huge success and a front runner in many more to come. Well done!

## RUSH ON FOR CMC HOLIDAY TREAT

The rush is on for CMC Motors Group Limited's Christmas treat for motorists. The Company is offering to help motorists to prepare for their December journeys with a 30 per cent discount for oil, lubrication and filter services.

This bargain consists of a free 20 point check on all Land Rover, VW, Ford, Mazda, Suzuki and Maruti vehicles at any of the eight branches of CMC Motors prior to December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Anil Saini, the CMC Group Technical Manager, explained, "A service advisor carries out the checks in the presence of the vehicle owner and shows him, or her all the points that require immediate action, or repairs in the near future. After inspecting the parked vehicle, the service advisor places it on a hoist to check the exhaust, suspension, brakes and steering and show the customer any faults."

"A motorist who decides to have faults repaired will receive a 30 per cent discount for the parts which are fitted and a ten per cent reduction for labour charges.

The spares and service special offer has been well received by car owners who want to enjoy free motoring during the holiday season."



# Free Water Borehole Christmas Gift By 'Doshi Charitable Trust'

It was on Sunday 29th November, 2009 afternoon at 3 pm residents of Maweni at North Coast gathered on the roadside in the interior and lined up to the free water borehole to welcome the chief guests Mr. Lalitbhai Popatlal Doshi and his gracious wife Mrs. Nilamben Lalit Doshi for officially commissioning and

handing over this project to the needy people of this village on Msa-Malindi road.

Global climate changes has affected coastal region with shortage of water adds Jayant Doshi, and villagers have to dig down to kshs. 10/= to 20/= to obtain approx 20 ltrs of water jar from the centre of Mombasa Island apart from the transport costs, which is cumbersome and expensive.

To relieve the problem this

time, Mr. and Mrs. Lalitbhai P. Doshi and family resolved to give x-mas gift by constructing Sanjita Doshi free water borehole on Coastal District in Maweni area by erecting mega water borehole and completely eradicating water problems permanently.

Water is life and it should be consumed equally at no cost by all needy people at large in peace and harmony for the betterment of human life adds sponsors Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Doshi Charitable Trust.



Seen [from left] Mrs. Fatima Doshi, Lalitbhai Doshi, Mrs. Neelamben Doshi and invited guest Vijay Patel all the way from India to grace the official opening of the borehole ceremony in Maweni in the North Coast on 29th November 2009.

# ROTARACT CLUB OF MOMBASA HOSTS STUDENT CAREER DAY

The rotaract club of Mombasa hosted a special career day event on November 7th for High

school students in Mombasa at Mbaraki Hall. As part of the clubs Professional development/

International service.

The rotaract members being professionals in various fields had time to talk about their job openings, entry requirements to higher schools of learning and skills involved in various fields.

The variety of fields demonstrated included Hospitality, Finance, ICT, Engineering, Design and Shipping.

In addition, there was a motivational talk from Mr. Pepe who really encouraged the student's to work hard and Mr. Blasto an engineer and Choir Master from Kengen who showcased his musical talent to the students as well as giving out a motivational speech.

The debate session connected the motivated students with the experienced professionals in a very special way as they pondered on the successes and challenges of being employed versus being self employed.

The connection to our attending students was heartfelt and they appreciated us for being their mentors.

During the snack break session; there was more time for the students to talk with the rotaractors and ask more personal questions.

What's more, students were really thankful for the incredible opportunity and even asked for more demonstrations from fields like Piloting.

# Shimo-La-Tewa Prisons Benefit Uniforms

It was on 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2009 at about 11.30am ladies wing of Shree Bochasanvasi Akshar Purshotam Sanstha of Swaminarian temple were guests of Shimo-La-Tewa prison.

The ladies were escorted by the chairman Mr. Satish Shah and coordinator Mr. Vinod Dattani (HSC) is a board member of governor of Kenya prison services.

The BAPS Swaminarian temple donated more than 160 sets of uniforms for the benefit of and to improve the standard of living of women prisoners.

Later the guests were taken around the ladies prison by the officer in charge of the prison.

Mr. Satish Shah praised the activities undertaken to enhance their vocational skills in different fields by the prisoners in their rehabilitation programme during their tenure of sentence and indicated that

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Seen [from left] Vinod Dattani, O.I.C. Rosemary Njehga, Jaimini Patel, Nirswa Kahabar, Neela Patel, inmate Mary Nachehe, Reshma Dhir, inmate Judy Anyango, Satish Shah and Deputy officer incharge Lucy Jangara during the presentation of uniforms worth KSH. 45,000/- for the prison inmates.

this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> such visit sponsored by our temple to assist the prison in their utility requirements.

As per the teachings of Lord Swaminarian we try and assist in any activities that can reform or help to rehabilitate the persons who may have deviated from the norms of society to become

better Human beings to serve their family / society /country to build a stronger God Fearing Nation.

B.A.P.S ladies also in person served sumptuous lunch to some more than 150 prisoners as a pre x-mas party.

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Does life seem to be measured by Christmases? Or is it just my imagination?

Other religions have movable feasts so they do not mark the years so perceptively but December 25th seems to mark

# It Is Hoped That Eventually The Renovated Little Theatre Will Become A Centre For Local Culture

the passage of time and as we (well) get older it would appear

to come round much more quickly than it used to beckoning in a

new year when I have only just got used to this one.

2009 is just about done and we will have to leave it behind us but we still have a few more events for you to enjoy.

We understand that the Mombasa Cultural Festival is still on, but as I do not have any further details please keep your eyes on *Coastweek*.

Malindi have already had a festival for children which I understand went very well.

Don't forget to visit the art exhibition at Fort Jesus.

The paintings are now all on display and there is great talent in the many lovely painting.

Maybe you will buy one for somebody as a Christmas or New Year's gift?

Or alternatively treat yourself to one?

It will have to be the latter for me if I am to get one I think!

Little Theatre Club are staging the premier of "Water Pipe", a new play by Kuldip Sondhi, on Mon. 7th Dec and two further performances on Thurs 10th and Sat 12th. (full details in *Coastweek* December 4-10).

Premier event is a fund-raiser for the renovation of the Little Theatre Club, a Museums listed building, in the presence of Hon Najib Balala.

It is hoped that eventually the theatre will become a centre for local culture in Mombasa.

Kuldip and his wife Aase have been a long time supporters of FFJ so please let's reciprocate and support him and go to enjoy his latest play.

Wishing all our Christian Members a Happy Christmas and to all our members A Very Happy and Prosperous New Year. (Marlene Heid - Chairman)

### PAST EVENTS

Tuesday, November 17, Francis Kagema "100 Years of Nature Kenya".

A very informative talk delivered by Edwin Utumbi, as

Francis had expected to be in Nairobi.

In fact we had the presence of both Edwin and Francis.

We apologise for the late start of this talk due to travel problems for the speaker(s) from Malindi.

The main theme featured the work and projects of Nature Kenya at the Coast.

It had been hoped to hear something of the 100 Years History, early beginning etc. especially for newer members of the society and considering that this year has marked 100 years of East African Natural History Society, now Nature Kenya.

However we did learn a lot and many members bought the Nature Kenya books, T-shirts and

Jumba was very welcome.

It is good that this factory is able to buy fruits from as far away as Lamu so that farmers in the northern areas can get some income and so that the fruit does not go to waste as it does in many areas where there is no processing plant.

The next three hours of the trip were spent in the cool comfort of the Monsoon seafood restaurant at Jumba Ruins with unmitigated enjoyment of cold drinks, beautiful scenery, marvellous food, good company, good service and everything else which goes towards making a very successful lunch party.

I cannot praise Monsoon Restaurant too highly.

Every one of the 23 people there will be going again.

The premises have been tastefully built around what was the original picnic banda.

There is nothing offensive or out of place at what has been, for some us, our favourite picnic spot for many years.

The classical music was soothing and not too loud and Athilio and Aziza (the hosts) cannot do enough to satisfy their customers.

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### FUTURE EVENTS

Tuesday December 15 Dr Kairo Gitundu "Vulnerability and Adaptations of Coastal Ecosystems to Climate Change Impacts" An Illustrated Talk at the Fort 7.15. p.m.

"Climate change is accelerating rapidly.

Impacts of expected climate change on coastal and marine resources include flooding, sedimentation, phytoplankton blooms, sea-level rise, among others, which are expected to become more severe with time.

For instance elevated surface temperature in the 1990's led to 50-80 per cent mortality of corals due to bleaching.

In addition, the 1997/98 El-Nino rains caused massive sedimentation and impounding of freshwater leading to extensive mangrove die-back along the Kenyan Coast.

Loss of Coral reef and mangrove has negative effects on fishery, shoreline stability and livelihood.

In this presentation Dr James Kairo will be exploring climate change variability and its impacts on coastal and marine environment.

Using mangrove forests as the domain, Dr Kairo will discuss mitigations and adaptations needed to address climate change issues"

This subject should be important to all us coastal dwellers. Please do your best to attend and maybe we will find out something we can do to try to avert this serious issue of climate change before it is too late and we have lost our beautiful heritage!

Saturday, December 19, Bird Walk - Meet Ratna Square at 4 p.m.

I am sorry to say I will be out of town for this bird walk.

There will be one bird, with small car at Ratna at 4.00 p.m.



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### Newsletter Notes From The Friends Of Fort Jesus

other things which were on sale. Saturday, November 21st - Bird Walk.

Venue was South Quarry, Haller Park.

The ponds are now high with water with very little wading space

Of migrant waders, a sole Common Sandpiper.

Very few water birds compared to the number we usually see here.

A Black Headed and a Green Backed Heron, a lone Woolly Necked Stork and one Little Egret. Plenty of weavers busy nesting, Village, Grosbeak and Golden Palm.

White Throated Bee-eaters flew overhead, Black Crowned Tchagra calling but not seen (fairly normal).

A couple of Malachite Kingfishers and several pretty fat Pied Kingfishers, all of which we saw catching fish so obviously a good food supply.

Lots of Little Swifts and African Palm Swifts, but surprisingly no Barn Swallows, although there seemed to be abundant insects around.

A total of 25 species, keeping the best for last - a fabulous Long Crested Eagle flying up from the ground onto a fence post before flapping away to roost in the trees.

We were pleased to have Bettina Ngweni on our walk who is having a sabbatical in Mombasa away from her work as an anthropologist in USA.

Thanks to Lafarge for allowing us access to the south quarry.

P.S. The latest Checklist of the Birds of Kenya is now out.

This is the 4th edition and all the latest bird names etc are included. The cost is shs 200.

If anyone would like to have a copy I can arrange to get some copies from Nature Kenya, just let me know [M.R.]

Saturday, December 05 - Visit to Milly Fruit Factory and lunch at Monsoon Restaurant, Jumba

A very well supported outing with 23 people.

The fruit factory proved a little disappointing as the fruit processing was finished before we got there and so all the machines were being cleaned.

However Jura, our guide for the tour, did a good job of explaining to us the various procedures, how the machines worked from the initial crushing of the fruit to the final processing and bottling.

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# The Water Pipe Play Is A Mirror Image Of What Is Happening In Our Society Today

**Martin Luther King once said, "Man must evolve from all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation.**

"The foundation of such a method is love." These words, sum-up the play *The Water Pipe* that premiered the Little Theatre club on the 7<sup>th</sup> December.

With a sit in audiences from all walks of life including the chief guest, The Hon. Min of Tourism Najib Balala.

**Theatre Notes by KINGFISHER**

The show glued its audience in thoughts and on the seats.

Hon. Najib, giving a speech at the end of the show notes, "...the wars of civilization today must be settled by the expressions in the arts..."

The plot of this drama, a juxtaposition of love and greedy, creates tense moments between characters in the play who can only settle their scores through love.

Mr. Kuldip Sondhi, a renowned playwright in Mombasa who has a passion to use his pen and paper to critic our society through the arts, exemplified his talent through the dialogue in this drama.

He weaves scenes that see brothers, elders, visitors and the mwananchi locked in moments

of aggression for one precious commodity, water.

The natural resource water is symbolically used as the "oil" of today's wars.

Water is given a high status in this village such that the lack of it easily triggers streams of violence amongst the people.

To a large extent, the actions of these drama mirror what is happening in our society today.

The politics and rumbles of each day seem to stem from such precious natural resources like our green environment.

The few who think its there right to misuse such resources find themselves bruised by the mwananchi who is always jittery, having had enough of the culture of impunity that is accorded to the few in our society.

He is now ready to retaliate. In this play, we see the son of the chief taking advantage of the naivety of the villagers to make him rich, "a businessman" as he puts it in the play, at the expense of the villagers hard work.

What erupts at the end is protest and skirmishing.

The only solace he gets that makes him a winner, is love.

He falls in love to with a mzungu lady who seems to be the pillow comfort for his worldly sorrows.

Mr. Kuldip thus echoes Martin Luther King suggestion that love

is the solution to divergence.

Aside from the plot, the actors and actresses, dancers and songs, set design and the back stage crew, have clearly assembled an amazing show.

One audience member noted that "...I have never been so engrossed in a show from the beginning to the end. This is good stuff."

Set in a village background, the choice of music, costuming, stage props, takes you back to the days we used to listen to stories besides a born fire.

Our elder narrating tells that

were aimed at molding us to becoming better citizens of our world.

There are many messages pertaining to our day to day life that are relayed in this play, this is just my point of view.

How you perceive it, leave you satisfied and informed about the challenges we must overcome as a Kenyan people.

My honest suggestion is for you to watch it. It is still running between the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> of December at the Little Theatre Club. Charges are at a season's low of Ksh. 300.



Seen Chief guest, Hon. Minister of Tourism Najib Balala posing with the members of 'The Water Pipe' play cast written by Kuldip Sondhi after the show was over.



Traditional village dancers had the audience enthralled.



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# 'Around The World In Eighty Bars' By

## Richard Woodall

Richard Woodall's long awaited second book was released in Kenya at a book launch at Ngris in Diani Beach Shopping Centre on Saturday, November 21, 2009.

It is loosely based on the Author's trip around the world in eighty days, which took place back in 1996, starting and finishing at the Reform Club in London, following the exploits of Jules Verne's legendary character Phileas Fogg.

On his travels he visited not just 80 but 259 bars in 24 destinations, many of which are featured in his book.

This is an amusing, often hilarious, recollection of the trip, which this time involves over a hundred 'Pisstit' friends on a privately chartered Boeing 747 from London's Gatwick Airport.

The book is liberally sprinkled with anecdotes involving his fellow travellers and folk encountered along the way.

Their journey actually commences in the Author's home village of Newick in East Sussex UK, and the book



Richard Woodall, better known locally as 'Truly Wonderful' has written another book, this time about the famous 'Pisstit' and his life in Kenya. Sold in aid of Kwale District Eye Centre and Diani Childrens Village, here we see Richard with his book and another great supporter of the Eye Centre, John Harbottle.

features a group photograph shot on the morning of their departure outside his local pub 'The Crown Inn' and takes in Mombasa and Diani Beach on the Kenya's south coast on the way round.

No punches are pulled and quite a number of well-known Kenya characters feature.

There's a Route Map to enable the reader to follow our hero and his mates' progress round the world, together with copies of letters written by the House Manager of the Reform Club confirming that the journey was indeed accomplished in eighty days.

The book is another Pisstit

Publication and the original print has already sold out.

Further copies are scheduled to arrive in Kenya on 9 December and will be available for purchase from Richard Woodall on:

2designs@africaonline.co.ke or at Ngris in Diani Beach Shopping Centre.

The sale price is Shs.1,000/- a copy which is being divided equally between two charities well-known to the Author, the Kwale District Eye Centre and Diani Children's Village.

Something in the region of SHS. 200,000/- has so far been raised.

# AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK LOAN WILL FINANCE KENYA ETHIOPIA HIGHWAY PROJECT

**NAIROBI (Xinhua) -- The African Development Bank (AfDB) on Tuesday signed a 12.5-billion-shilling (167 million U.S. dollars) loan agreement with Kenya to finance a road project linking the east African nation with neighboring Ethiopia.**

Main objective of Mombasa-Nairobi-Addis Ababa Road Corridor Project is to promote trade and regional integration between Ethiopia and Kenya, by improving transport communications between the two countries.

The two countries which share more than 1,000 km of common border, and yet there is currently not a single all-weather road connecting the two, will also reduce transport costs, and significantly improve the offer of transport services with other countries in the sub-region.

Speaking during the signing ceremony, Kenya's Finance Minister Uhuru Kenyatta said the phase two of the project will cover a total of 123 km from Marsabit to Turbi to open up the northern part of Kenya to the rest of the country thus increasing inter-regional trade between the two nations.

"The project will also include construction of One-Stop-Border in Moyale, equipping of security outposts, and the drilling of community water wells and water harvesting schemes," he said.

Kenyatta said the first phase of the road project from Isiolo to Merille River, covering a distance of 136 km is going on well and was expected to be completed on schedule.

"The project is also consistent with our Vision 2030, where infrastructure development has been identified as a key input to

development of the corridor will expand market sizes beyond national boundaries and foster a conducive and enabling environment for the private sector," Buzingo said.

She said by increasing access to markets and social services for the surrounding areas and communities, the project will contribute to reduce poverty in both countries, and to empower disadvantaged groups through adequate roadside socio-economic infrastructure and services.

"The project road is an important section of the trans-African highway Cairo-Cape town, connecting the whole Africa," Buzingo said.

The signing of this loan brings the Bank's total support to the transport sector in Kenya to 500 million dollars which is nearly 50 percent of the total financial interventions of the African Development Bank Group in Kenya.

*A Special Report by Xinhua Correspondent Daniel Ooko*

moving this country into a middle-income country," Kenyatta said.

AfDB Resident Representative to Kenya Domina Buzingo said the expected outcomes of this project included reduced transport and logistic costs between Kenya and Ethiopia;

reduced transit travel time for goods and for people; and

increased volume of Ethiopian transit goods using the port of Mombasa.

"It is also expected that the

# ECHO Fight Malnutrition In North Eastern Kenya

**NAIROBI (Xinhua) -- The UN World Food Programme (WFP) said Tuesday it has received 7.5 million euros from the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid department (ECHO) to address high levels of malnutrition among children, pregnant and nursing**

mothers in Kenya's arid north.

WFP Country Director Burkard Oberle said in a statement issued in Nairobi that the agency will provide special supplementary rations to 450,000 children under the age of five, and to pregnant and nursing mothers in Turkana, Samburu, Wajir, Marsabit and Mandera districts.

"Children under five are always hit hardest by a crisis and suffer the most," he said.

"Given the high levels of malnutrition in these five districts, this additional support will effectively help curb malnutrition levels."

A recent nutrition survey found high malnutrition levels among people in the districts—above the 15 per cent emergency threshold.

To reduce these levels, WFP will feed all children below the age of five and all pregnant and nursing mothers from December for four months in the districts.

The supplementary food of fortified corn-soya blend and vegetable oil will complement general WFP food distributions in Kenya because of drought and persistent high food prices.

ECHO has continued to support WFP efforts to fight hunger in Kenya and earlier this year provided a 4.4 million U.S. dollar donation to feed refugees in camps in Northwest and Northeast.

WFP has been scaling up its operations in Kenya which has suffered due to a combination of prolonged drought, recurring conflict, continued high food prices and the global financial crisis.

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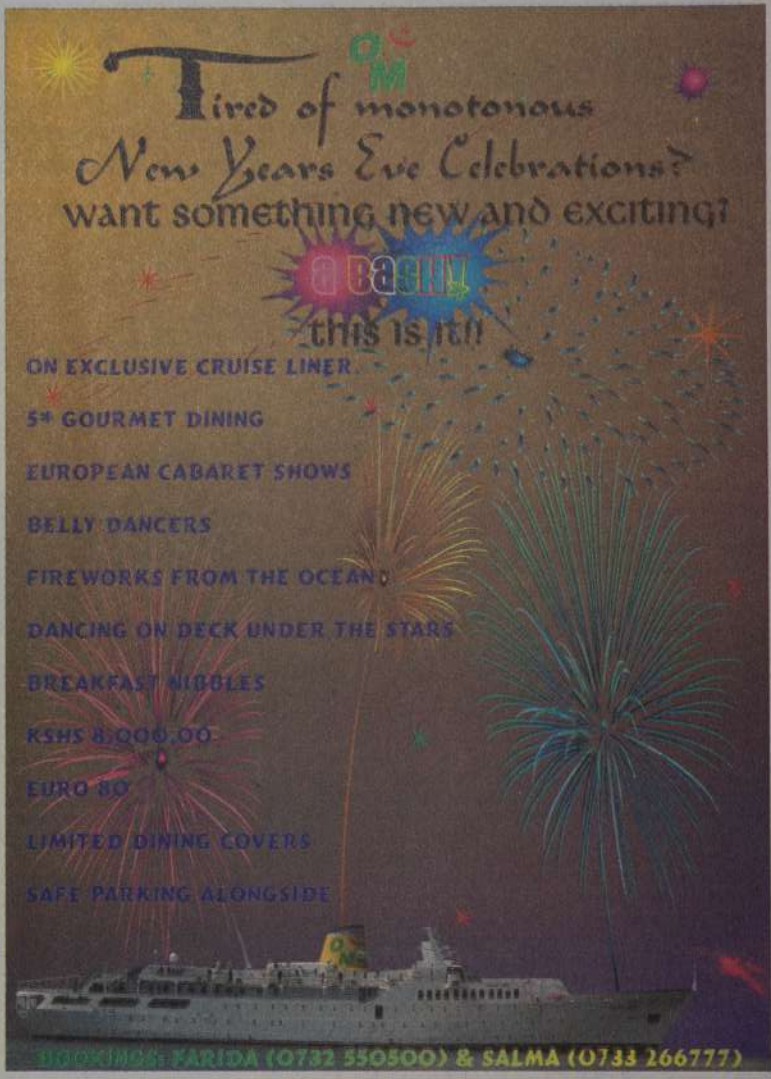
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# THIRTY ONE YEARS AGO

Coastweek, December 08 - 14, 1978:

'New Nyali Bridge Ready by 1980' was the front page report which detailed how the Japanese contractors, Sumitomo Company, were on schedule to complete the (then) K. Shs. 168 million foreign aid project by February, 1980.

Coast Television personalities Aisha Mohamed, Eleanor Kipoto, Maryan Ali, Zenani Ali, Klara Wakesho, Mary Wanjiru, Caroline Festnus and Dorcas Musya were featured in a long article by Faraj Dumila who suggested the time was ripe for 'Swahili Films Made In Kenya'.

Esmond Bradley and Chryssee Perry Martin announced publication of their (now classic) new book 'Cargoes of the East: The Ports, Trade and Culture of the Arabian Seas and Western Indian Ocean'.

Office Equipment Company was diversifying its operation into the computer market reported Mwangi Kamau, who noted that the first of its kind was an Olivetti Audit 6 machine recently installed at the African Marine and General (AMGECO) Mombasa.

Traditional Giriama beers were being offered by proprietor David Herd as an attraction to visitors at 'Robinson Island', North of Malindi, reported Neta Peal.

Ellerman Lines' 17-year-old freighter 'City of Dundee' changed hands in Mombasa as a nostalgic crew passed her onto new Greek owners, reported John Walters.

KENYA Cinema was showing a special holiday attraction of Shashi Kapoor in 'Mukti' (freedom), NAAZ a documentary 'Abba- The Movie', REGAL Hong Kong Kung-Fu epic 'The Dragon Missile' and at CHOX it was Sunil Dutt in 'Pran Jaye Per Vachan Na Jaye' (better death than dishonour).

Letter writers included Salim Bakarai Hassan, Paul Mwadime, Salim Said El-Mashjery, Makupe wa Tokail, Mohamed Abdalla and Mombasa Road Safety Society secretary Abid Rajabali.

• For it's 'Christmas Sale' Bintex was offering a new imported 'Chopper' bicycle for K. Shs 899/=, while a 'Classified Section' special offer was for a new, seven-foot, adjustable, wooden swimming pool chair at K. Shs. 287/=.

# TANKER IN TROUBLE

LIBERIAN FUEL SHIP IS 'SAVED' IN MOMBASA'S KILINDINI CHANNEL AFTER SWIFT ACTION BY BOTH THE KENYA NAVY AND KENYA PORTS AUTHORITY



MOMBASA (Xinhua) -- Liberia-flagged oil tanker MT Voge Trust is seen while 'listing' heavily in the Likoni Channel connecting Mombasa and the Indian Ocean after developing mechanical problems December 03, 2009. Swift action by the Kenya Navy and Kenya Ports Authority saved the ship with 35,000 tons of diesel oil from sinking and averted an ecological disaster. XINHUA PHOTOS



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# Generous Sarova Again Support Mombasa KSCPA Craft Fair 2009

November 28 and 29 like every year around this time KSPCA held their well known Christmas craft fair at Whitesands hotel which also like always has sponsored the venue and some of the cakes sold at our coffee and tea table.

The hall was occupied until 2.00 a.m. on Saturday but still when we arrived in the morning our usual Whitesands helpers had already done most of the table set up.

A sleepless night for all of them and still with a smile on their face when we arrived and pleased to help us.

We thank Mohammed Hersi and his crew for their tireless support towards us.

Other delicious home made cakes have been donated by some lovely ladies like Gertie Lailchum, Sabine Bosshard, Francis Lagoussis, Daphne Bagshaw, Inge Schmidt and Ursula Brenneisen who are also every time busy baking for us.

The number of exhibitors was nearly the same like at the last Christmas craft fair.

Only the kind of exhibitors has changed a bit.

Several exhibitors have taken the event as opportunity to advertise their company.

You could find for the first time "Imperial Bank" as one of the exhibitors.

To them I want to give a special thank you for their so marvelous raffle prize in form of a beautiful clock.

Marwan Misbah was presenting new ways of using the sun to produce power instead of destroying our environment.

You could find lamps, waterheater, watercooker and many other things.

East African Tool Hire and CADAC Ltd with barbeque articles have been two other companies advertising.

Unfortunately the turn out of visitors was very disappointing.

Only 515 people have taken their time to pop in on these two days.

Compared to last year it was more than 200 people less.

Also the raffle which is also a very important additional

to thank as it is a great chance to bring awareness about KSPCA.

We got the opportunity to have a stand at Nakumat Cinemax and at Cinemax on two weekends to advertise the event and also invite people to get more to know about us.

We even managed to get some few more members.

In this regard we need once more your help.

We believe most of you remember the membership drive we started in January this year and our target was to have 100 members end of the year. We are now three weeks before end of the year and we are so proud and happy to say that we reached the number of 171 members.

If once a dream is fulfilled a bigger one is coming up.

Our big dream is to tell you end of the year that we have 200 members.

That means we need 29 people just now to say 'yes' to KSPCA and become any kind of member.

Can you help us to become this dream true?

Can you be one of the 29 members until end of December 2009?

Please say 'yes, I am one of them.'

Marlen Enz, Executive officer KSPCA Mombasa.

**So many kind people. They never let us down. We thank you all for that.**

source of income on the event for us was everything else than what we have hoped for.

We asked so many people for support in form of a raffle prize but in the end next to the exhibitor's items, which are always a part of their agreement when they book a space we got only six additional prizes in form of vouchers.

Mombasa Hotel is offering a dinner for two, Reef Hotel and Serena Beach Hotel a weekend for two, Charlie's Claws is inviting four people to have lunch on Wasini Island, Turtle Bay Hotel in Watamu is giving a one night stand for two and from Farmers Choice we got a voucher worth 2,500 shillings to collect stuff of the winners own choice at their shop.

All these names you can find on nearly every raffle prize list no matter how many events we are having.

They never let us down.

We thank you all for that.

Only because of you we never have really to worry not to be able to offer any raffle event though as more interesting prizes we get as more tickets we can sell.

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7	1	4	2	3	8	9	6	5
2	9	5	7	4	6	8	1	3
4	8	1	3	6	9	7	5	2
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# DECEMBER MUG AT MOMBASA GOLF CLUB



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[TOP LEFT] Nyal Golf and Country Club Chairman Dominic Makau [left] A-Division winner during December Mug at Mombasa Golf Club, receives a mug from Peter Kimanga of Gold Crown Foods (EPZ) Limited. [TOP RIGHT] George Munyao [right], Best Gross during December Mug at Mombasa Golf Club sponsored by Kericho Tea Gold, receives a mug from Peter Kimanga, Manager of Kericho Tea Gold.

# Super Eagles Fear No Foe In World Cup

LAGOS, (Xinhua) -- Nigeria's Super Eagles has nothing to fear in the Group B of the group stages of the 2010 FIFA World Cup, the team's assistant coach, Daniel Amokachi, said. Amokachi told reporters in

Lagos that all the 32 teams going to South Africa had an equal chance to win the World Cup. "We cannot be playing at the World Cup and be expecting easy games. This competition is for the best teams in the world," the former international said.

"Nigeria is playing against two countries we have met before at the same stage and so we have an idea of what to expect in the two games," he added. "Our first match is vital and incidentally it is against Argentina. We just have to give our best shot to win that game," he said.

"We have good players that can do the country proud but the problem has always been that of time.

"We should have enough time to work on them for the World Cup," Amokachi added. Nigeria will play against Argentina, Greece and Korea. The World Cup holds between July 11 and June 11 in South Africa.

"We have no choice but to raise the present level of our game and the players are aware of this," the former winger told reporters.

## COAST BRIDGE with C.P. SHAH

In the following hand the Declarer made a thin Six Hearts contract overcoming plenty of pitfalls.

DEALER: SOUTH NEITHER SIDE VULNERABLE BIDDING:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
PASS	PASS	ONE SPADE (1)	THREE DIAMONDS (1)
DOUBLE (2)	PASS	FOUR DIAMONDS (3)	PASS
FOUR HEARTS	PASS	SIX HEARTS	END

(1) Pre-emptive, (2) Take Out Double - Promising Hearts, (3) Diamond Control and Agreeing Hearts

West did well to stay off the Ace of Diamonds, expecting Dummy to be void on the bidding.

Declarer won his eight of Clubs lead with Dummy's Ace, and led a low Trump.

East won with his Singleton Ace and led a Second Club. Declarer won in Dummy with

NORTH

♠	A	K	J	10	5
♥	K	10	7	3	2
♦					
♣	A	Q	3		

WEST

♠	Q	8	7	4	2
♥	J	9	4		
♦	A	2			
♣	8	7	6		

EAST

♠	6	3				
♥	A					
♦	Q	9	7	6	4	3
♣	J	10	5			

SOUTH

♠		9			
♥	Q	8	6	5	
♦	K	J	10	8	
♣	K	9	4	2	

the Queen then, cashed Ace-King of Spades and ruffed a Spade, seeing East discard.

At trick Seven Declarer played a low Trump from hand and finessed Dummy's Ten.

He was now able to ruff Fourth Spade with the Queen.

Then ruffed a Diamond, cashed it a King of Trumps, felling West's Knave.

Then led a Club to his King and saw the 3-3 split and cashed the promoted Nine. Twelve tricks and slam made.

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## A Clash Of The Giants With Spedag And MTG

All roads lead to the Shimanzi Railways ground on Sunday where Coast women soccer champions, Spedag LC entertain Kilifi's Moving the Goalpost (MTG) in a UNICEF sponsored league "Clash of the Giants".

Spedag are currently leading the league which started on November 8 having so far collected maximum 15 points from five matches while MTG have 10 points from four matches.

It is a match expected to attract a capacity crowd as both teams are known to be playing same soccer pattern.

Spedag starts the match slightly favoured for they will be playing at their home ground and before their own fans.

Second placed Furaha LC is all set to maintain the same position or take leadership for at least 24 hours if they manage to beat Likoni Ladies in a match to be played at Bmani ground tomorrow (Saturday).

Likoni will be playing to avoid a humiliating defeat from Furaha who is now one of top contenders for the league crown and especially having signed former Solwodi LC defender, Fatuma Daniel. Fatuma has been scoring some goals for Furaha.

Fourth place Mtomondoni will be having an easy task on Sunday when they play host to the lowly placed Mikindani at Mitomondoni Primary School ground on Sunday.

Mikindani are lying third from bottom in the 10 team league. According to fixtures released

**ABDULREHMAN SHARIF writes**

by the fixture secretary, Hamis Amrani, Solwodi who are currently in fifth spot play furaha in a match they are assured of snatching all the three points and might win convincingly.

The match takes place at Mbaraki ground. The newly formed Shining Stars are slightly favoured to win their away fixture against Airport to be held at Bmani Primary School ground tomorrow.

Meanwhile, Mbeyu Akiba scored a hat-trick with Furaha Tibu Khamis netting another to give Moving the Goalpost (MTG) a well-deserved 4-0 win over Mtomondoni 4-0 in a Unesco women soccer league encounter played at Mbaraki ground.

The win assisted MTG to jump from fourth to third position displacing Mtomondoni MTG.

Spedag maintained their winning form when they beat traditional arch-rivals, Solwodi LC 2-1 in a thrilling clash played before a good crowd at Shimanzi ground.

Assistant Sports Commissioner Jackson Indakwa was among a large crowd which saw Spedag scoring their goals through Shau on Bushnei and Julia Smith with Solwodi replying via Zena Ali.

Bushnei leads top scorers chart with 19 goals to her credit.

Furaha needed a goal from former Solwodi star defender Fatuma Daniel to beat newly formed Shining Stars 1-0 in a match at Vipingo ground.

Lowly placed Mikindani and Airport shared the spoils when they settled to a barren draw at Kwa Shee primary school ground.

## Nyal Open 2009



Khalid Salim Pr and Corporate Communication Manager and KTB Mombasa Manager Hellen Omukoko are seen presenting the sponsorship cheque to Nyal Golf and Country Club Captain Vishnu Dhutia (right). The Kenya Tourist Board is sponsoring the Nyal Open 2009 Golf Championships.

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# Pwani Soccer Cup Kicks-Off With Mombasa Utd Versus Red Eagles

Tanzania's Bishop Durning from Arusha will be taking part in the inaugural Pwani International Cup soccer competition scheduled to start at Mombasa Municipal Stadium on Sunday.

The competition Chief Organiser, Ricky Solomon said 16-team tournament kicks-off on Sunday from 11 a.m. with an opening group A match between Mombasa United and Red Eagles of Garissa.

The teams taking part in the competition are Junior Stars, Sparki Youth, Juve-Nibal, Mombasa United (from Mombasa), Kibera Combined, George Aladwo, Moyas and Mwenge (Nairobi).

## Soccer Scene with Abdurehman Shariif



Others are Red Eagles (Garissa), Lamu Rangers (Lamu), AC Milan, Dasak (Malindi), Starlet Youth (Thika), Limuru Olympic (Limuru) and Earth Movers (Lodwar).

Nibal Freighters Limited's sponsored Juve-Nibal FC opens their campaign with a

date against the visiting Kibera Combined from Nairobi in a group B at the Mombasa Municipal Stadium from 2 p.m.

Mwenge Youth of Nairobi takes on Tanzania's Bishop Durning in a group A match from 4 p.m.

Other preliminary round group fixtures:-  
December 14 at Msa Stadium: Mombasa Sports Club v Limuru Olympic (9 a.m.); Moyas v Juve-Nibal (11 a.m.); Limuru v Kibera (2 p.m.); MSC v Moyas (4 p.m.).

### LAMU RANGERS

December 14 at Khamis High school ground: George Aladwo v Dasak (9 a.m.); Sparki Youth v Adnan FC (11 a.m.); Dasak v Sparki (2 p.m.); Lamu Rangers v Aladwo (4 p.m.).

December 14 at Tudor ground: Junior Stars v Starlet (9 a.m.); AC Milan v Earth Movers (11 a.m.); Starlet v AC Milan (2 p.m.); Earth Movers v Junior Stars (4 p.m.).

December 15- At Msa Stadium: Dasak v Lamu rangers (9 a.m.); Sparki v Aladwo (11 a.m.); Junior Stars v AC Milan (2 p.m.); Earth Movers v Starlet (4 p.m.).

### TUDOR GROUND

December 15 at Tudor ground: Msa United v Bishop Durning (9 a.m.); Mwenge v Red Eagles (11 a.m.); Msa United v Mwenge (2 p.m.); Red Eagles v Bishop Durning (4 p.m.).

December 15 at Khamis ground: Limuru v Juve-Nibal (9 a.m.); Moyas v Kibera (11

a.m.); Juve-Nibal v MSC (3.30 p.m.); Limuru v Moyas (5 p.m.).

## Safaricom Sponsors Cricket Match

Shree Cutchi Leva Patel Samaj Youth League Nairobi will be hosting a day-night cricket match (cricket Kenya chairman's XI VS NPCA select XI) on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2009 starting 3.15 pm.

SCLPS Youth League will also be hosting cricket matches under lights and natural light from 10<sup>th</sup> December 2009 for its community members.

The teams shall be named under a native village in India and the team members shall be from the current NPCA league.

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Boleyn International Kenya Limited Branch Manager, Abdul Noorany [third, left] handing over an 'Old Is Gold' Over-40 Soccer Competition sponsorship cheque for Sh200,000 to the Mombasa Sports Club (MSC) football section treasurer, Omar Swaleh [second right] at the club premises. Looking on [from left] are veteran member, Hatim Bana, football section captain Ali Jeneby, vice-captain Jeremy Mupe and former football section chairman, Aleem Balala.

## Double Coin Tyres Support 'Old Is Gold' Over 40 Cup

Boleyn International Kenya Limited (Double Coin Tyres) has sponsored the on-going 'Old Is Gold' Over 40 Cup Soccer Competition organised by Mombasa Sports Club, writes **ABDULREHMAN SHERIFF**.

The company Branch Manager, Abdul Noorany presented the sponsorship cheque of Sh200,000 to the MSC football section treasurer, Omar Swaleh during a brief handover ceremony held at the club premises on Tuesday.

Swaleh thanked the firm for the sponsorship and expressed hope they will continue to sponsor future competitions.

MSC football section captain, Ali Jeneby who was also present at the ceremony asked other companies to sponsor many competitions which are regularly organised by the club.

Others who attended the handover function were club vice-captain, Jeremy Mupe, veteran member Hatim Bana and former football section chairman Aleem Balala.

The competition which started on Wednesday, continues today (Friday) with a clash involving Fetuwe and Randa Coach.

Tomorrow, Pirates play Hamburg and on Sunday, Randa meet Sparki.

On Monday, West Ham play Hamburg while defending champions MSC clash with Fetuwe.

On Wednesday, Pirates play Tudor and on Thursday, Fetuwe faces Sparki.

## Rugby Sevens Captain Sees A Bright Future

NAIROBI, (Xinhua) -- With Rugby riding on high pedestal in Kenya, Kenyan captain Humphrey Kayange confirmed himself as one of the major stars on the IRB Sevens circuit last season, inspirationally leading his side to their best year ever.

In October he was also part of the triumphant IRB committee that put the finishing touches on Rugby Seven's successful Olympic Games campaign.

"My fellow players are very happy and proud to be finally part of the Olympic Games," Kayange told Xinhua in an interview following the news of Olympic inclusion for Sevens in 2016.

Kayange said the Olympic Games is the greatest stage any sportsperson would want to participate in and being given such an opportunity is as great as the prospect of winning a medal.

He said the fans have received the news very well and will have something else to cheer at during the Games.

The towering player said being part of the Games will bring with it improvement of training facilities, resources and support.

"Funds will come through especially, from the International Olympic Committee as well as the government for development of the sport. Companies will also position themselves to support the team."

The Kenyan skipper said spending time with Rugby legends like New Zealand's Johna Lomu and Argentina's Agustin Pichot in Copenhagen during lobbying to for inclusion of the game in the Olympics was a great moment and a dream come true.

"The two Rugby greats are two players I grew up looking up to and admiring. They are very down-to-earth and humble individuals."

"We spent a lot of time working on the project together and will definitely keep in touch with them. I also hope to see them again soon".

On the forthcoming IRB Series, Kayange said the team has prepared well and trained hard.

"It has been tough work getting our bodies to shape for the brutality and toughness of the season, but we are all aware of the task ahead of us."

"It is going to be a long season so we are taking the body conditioning very seriously."

Kayange agrees with National Sevens Coach Benjamin Ayimba that squad players should be rested and kept away from the National Series.

He says in the past, the Kenyan National Sevens Circuit has been an important part of the team's preparations because the players got the necessary conditioning required before the start of the Series.

"Some of us have been playing throughout the season before the start of the World Series and we need some rest and conditioning before hitting the pitch."

"In a way, the coach might be right to keep his players away."

He says the team needs to win at least one leg to climb the rankings from number six and that is what they are all out to achieve in the 2009/2010 Series.

Kayange points out South Africa, England, New Zealand, Fiji and Zimbabwe are teams that his side find very difficult to play against because of their speed the technical aspect."

"Rugby Sevens is a tradition in New Zealand and Fiji. Therefore playing against these two sides is a tall order."

The Kenyan captain, whose goes by the nick-name "Tall" because of his towering height, is a professional Laboratory Analyst and works for the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) in Nairobi.

He unwinds by traveling to the countryside or being outdoors, listening to music and reading.

## Teams to take part in the KYSE Soccer Cup Under-15 Competition have been told to refrain from fielding players without wearing playing shoes and sheen guards, writes **ABDULREHMAN SHERIFF**.

Kenya Youth Soccer Events (KYSE) secretary, Abdul Iddi said they will not allow barefooted players and those without shoes to take the field.

"The days where players play football without sheen guards or shoes are long gone," said Iddi who also warned teams to refrain from acts of indiscipline and hooliganism.

He warned that any team or player who cause abandonment of the match, will automatically be disqualified.

"We will not allow acts of indiscipline and we are going to bar such teams in all our future competitions," Iddi further warned.

He also said lateness by teams will not be entertained and asked all teams to start registering their 20 players and two officials each who have been born in 1995 and before.

The players will be required to produce their birth certificates and recent passport size photos.



KYSE secretary, Abdul Iddi who is also Mombasa FC coach briefing the players at the end of a training session at Tononoka ground. Mombasa FC is one of the 20 clubs to participate in the KYSE Super Cup Under-15 Soccer Competition to be held in February, next year.

The competition which is sponsored by Bamburi Cement Company has attracted 20 clubs and will be held in February, next year.

The teams expected to participate are Mombasa Sports

Club (MSC), Mombasa United Charity Academy, Ziwanu Youth, Allidina Sea Eagles, Sparki Youth, Western Youth, Gunners Youth, Chaani Youngsters, Freretown, MDUSA, Tuff Boiz, Barisheba United, Mpya FC,

Trench United, Maweni United, Sao Paulo, June-Nibal and Mombasa FC and two teams yet to be named.

Meanwhile, there will be four matches of the FKL Super Cup under-15 soccer competition today (Friday).

Kikulacho play Cornerer Stone at Ronald Ngala ground from 3 p.m., Sparki Youngsters meet Everton at Mombasa Municipal Stadium from 9 a.m., Spartak Moons clash with Coast Kings at the same venue from 2.30 p.m. and Massive Youth faces Mtopanga at Ziwanu ground from 2 p.m.

Tomorrow, Mombasa United takes on Corner Stone at 4 p.m. at Makupa Primary School ground; Sarigoi play West Ham at Ronald Ngala ground (2.30 p.m.), Sparki Youngsters meet Sarigoi at Ziwanu ground (2.30 p.m.).

Other fixtures:- Sunday- Wananyuki v Blue Rangers (Ngala, 3 p.m.), Sparki Youth v Chaani (Ngala, 4.30 p.m.), Makande v Congo Kids (Shimanzi, 4 p.m.).

Tuesday- Kikulacho v Mombasa United (Makupa, 4 p.m.), Corner Stone v Coast Kings (Ngala, 3 p.m.).

Thursday- Wananyuki v Action Boiz (Msa Stadium, 3 p.m.), Ziwanu Youth v Everton (Ziwanu, 2.30 p.m.); Makande v Massive (Ngala, 2.30 p.m.).



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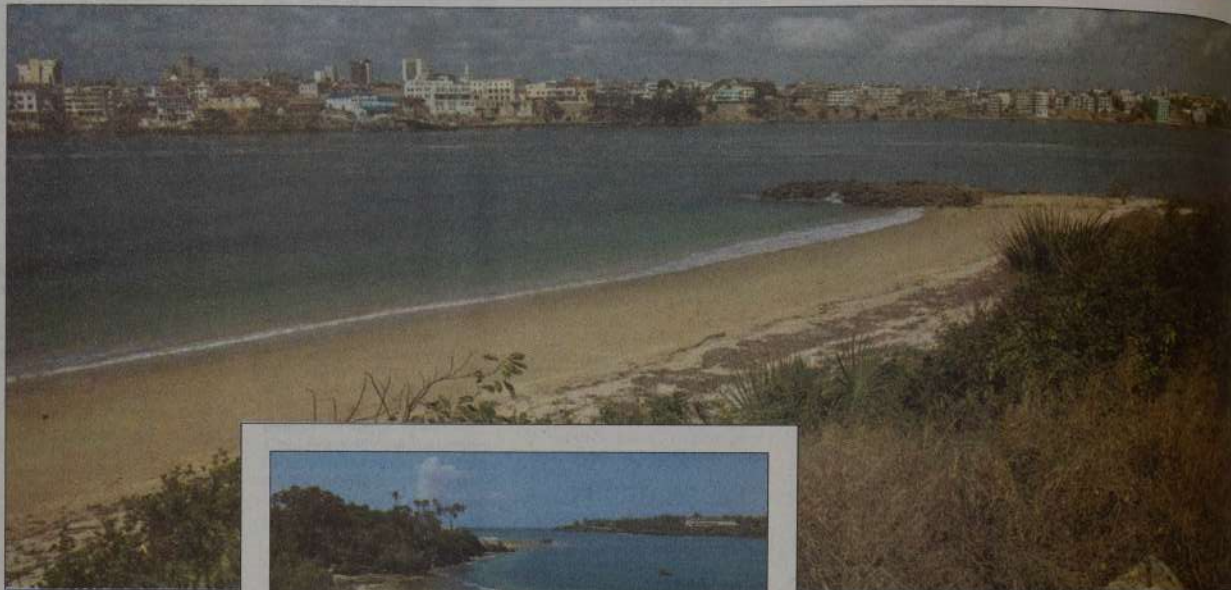
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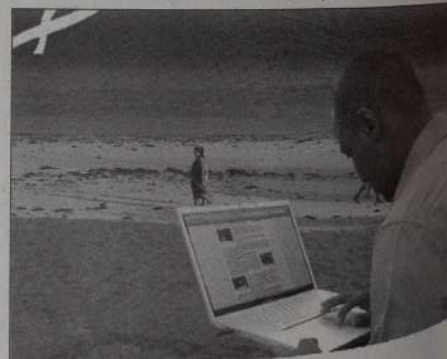
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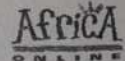
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### KENYA TIDE TABLES

MOMBASA, December 11 - 17, 2009

**FRIDAY** High Water - 2.3 m. at 12.02 hrs. (12.02 a.m.). Low Water - 1.1 m. at 06.03 hrs. (6.03 a.m.) and 1.1 m. at 18.00 hrs. (6.00 p.m.).

**SATURDAY** High Water - 2.9 m. at 00.42 hrs. (12.42 a.m.) and 2.3 m. at 13.22 hrs. (1.22 p.m.). Low Water - 0.9 m. at 07.17 hrs. (7.17 a.m.) and 1.0 m. at 19.07 hrs. (7.07 p.m.).

**SUNDAY** High Water - 3.0 m. at 01.44 hrs. (1.44 a.m.) and 2.4 m. at 14.23 hrs. (2.23 p.m.). Low Water - 0.8 m. at 08.16 hrs. (8.16 a.m.) and 0.9 m. at 20.02 hrs. (8.02 p.m.).

**MONDAY** High Water - 3.2 m. at 02.34 hrs. (2.34 a.m.) and 2.6 m. at 15.12 hrs. (3.12 p.m.). Low Water - 0.6 m. at 09.04 hrs. (9.04 a.m.) and 0.8 m. at 20.48 hrs. (8.48 p.m.).

**TUESDAY** High Water - 3.3 m. at 03.17 hrs. (3.17 a.m.) and 2.6 m. at 15.52 hrs. (3.52 p.m.). Low Water - 0.5 m. at 09.44 hrs. (9.44 a.m.) and 0.7 m. at 21.28 hrs. (9.28 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY** High Water - 3.3 m. at 03.55 hrs. (3.55 a.m.) and 2.7 m. at 16.28 hrs. (4.28 p.m.). Low Water - 0.4 m. at 10.19 hrs. (10.19 a.m.) and 0.7 m. at 22.05 hrs. (10.05 p.m.) **NEW MOON.**

**THURSDAY** High Water - 3.3 m. at 04.29 hrs. (4.29 a.m.) and 2.8 m. at 17.02 hrs. (5.02 p.m.). Low Water - 0.4 m. at 10.52 hrs. (10.52 a.m.) and 0.6 m. at 22.39 hrs. (10.39 p.m.).

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