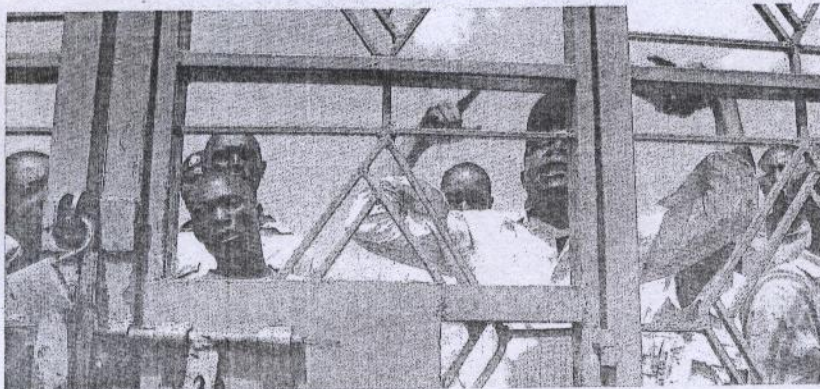


PROTEST | Poor pay, long hours, and summary dismissals push workers to the streets

Construction work at the Kisumu Airport was yesterday grounded after casual workers went on strike demanding better treatment from the Chinese contractor. The workers complained of poor pay, arbitrary termination of contracts, long working hours, harassment and corruption.

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'RAUD | He had been charged with fraudulently obtaining Sh3.3 million

'Sonko' freed after six days in cell

Makadara MP's supporters jammed the prison's gate, raising his bail and forcing his release.

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Makadara MP Gidion 'Sonko' Kioko Mbuvi was finally freed after spending six nights at Nairobi's Kileleshwa Police Station.

Mr Mbuvi was granted a Sh1.5 million bond in two fraud cases on Friday, but he could not secure the bond. He was taken to the Kileleshwa Police Station instead of the Industrial Area Remand prison.

He had been charged with fraudulently obtaining Sh3.3 million.

The Makadara MP was released after Kibera chief magistrate Cecilia Githua examined his sureties and approved them.

After the magistrate signed his release orders, the MP was transferred from Kileleshwa Police Station to

Industrial Area before he was freed at 4.55pm.

Immediately he was released, he addressed his supporters and accused the Police Commissioner of "finishing youth".

His supporters jammed the prison gate singing his praises and dancing.

The supporters had gone to court some minutes after 7am, forcing the police to block them from entering court precincts. The police fired in the air to disperse the crowd.

Lawyers led by Cliff Ombeta accompanied the accused to the Industrial

Area jail. Other lawyers representing him are **Mr Cecil Miller** and **Mr Paul Muite**.

Several motorcycles led his convoy of vehicles from Industrial Area to Makadara.

On Friday, the magistrate lifted a warrant of arrest issued against him seven years ago for jumping bail after denying obtaining Sh18.1 million.

Chief Inspector Joseph Musyoka did not object to the accused being freed on bail.

Mr Mbuvi is charged with fraudulently obtaining Sh500,000 from Ms Patience Chepchumba Kogo in Mombasa on November 24, last year.

In the second count, Mr Mbuvi denied conspiring to defraud Tile Carpet Centre Ltd of Sh2.8 million on August 16, 2006.

Hearing was set for December 28, and February 1, 2011.

Sh1.5m

The amount in bail the Makadara MP was granted

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Regional highlights

Gilgit: About 300 internally displaced persons vow to make a second attempt to march to Nairobi to seek audience with Special Programmes Minister Esthir Muriuki to confirm whether they will benefit from the resettlement programme.

Nakuru: US Embassy Commercial attaché Camille Richardson to donate a computer to Gilhima Children's home at Merica Hotel during a one-day workshop focusing on the country's commercial activities in Kenya.

Nairobi: The United States continues its fight against alleged drug dealers with a top Obama administration official from Washington visiting the Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission.

Nairobi: The business community will be keenly watching interest rates, money supply and other indicators as the Central Bank's monetary policy committee speaks to journalists today.

Economy



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Within the World Bank, we think that the financial sector in Kenya is now the third strongest in Sub Saharan Africa. That is quite an achievement.”

World Bank country director Johannes Zitt

News

Nairobi: A government official responsible for the fight against HIV/AIDS wants people who have lost spouses to remarry as a way of fighting the disease. This would allow them to live a positive and full life, said Prof Aliyos Orago, the National AIDS Control Council director. He appealed to parents to take their place in the fight against new HIV infections of their children.

Nairobi: The High Court will determine this afternoon whether to allow the disbursement of the Constituency Development Fund case. Justice Daniel Musinga is expected to give a ruling in a case seeking to stop the release of Sh14.288 billion to the Constituency Development Fund. Of it is 75 per cent is to be shared equally among the 210 constituencies while the remaining 25 per cent is to be given to constituencies which are poorer.

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Temperatures will rise to 24 in the afternoon with clouds and a few showers

The evening will be cloudy and chilly, it is 16 degrees

The night will be cold and mostly cloudy at 11 degrees