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# Biwott firms owe banks Sh25 billion, inquiry told

## CCK disables equipment as Citizen owner cries foul

By BERNARD MOMANYI

COMMUNICATIONS Commission of Kenya (CCK) officials yesterday stormed the headquarters of Citizen Radio/Television station and disabled an illegal transmission gadget that has been interfering with operations of Kiss 100 FM station.

Soon after disabling the illegal transmission, CCK moved to court and obtained an order authorising it to dismantle all illegal transmission equipment being used by various stations, among them Ramogi FM.

Ironically, Ramogi, which broadcasts in Luo, is owned by Royal Media Services, the proprietors of Citizen Radio and Television Station.

During the morning raid, CCK officials also took away two other gadgets, which they said, had been illegally installed at the station and which had rendered Kiss FM off-air since last Friday.

The CCK officials accompanied by police officers stormed the station at about 9 am and spent over an hour inspecting the installations before they disabled and seized a powerful gadget believed to have been interfering with Kiss FM's air waves.

It was the second time the officials raided the station after they failed to access the premises on Saturday to disable the gadget which has been filtering broadcast signals to the FM station and jeopardizing its transmissions.

The CCK officials also sought to seek audience with the stations proprietor Mr S.K Macharia.

Soon after the two-hour raid, Turn to Back Page — Col. 1



Lawyer Kioko Kilukumi (left) talks with client Adan Keynan, a former legislator who is accused of murdering three Somali nationals who were delegates at the Somali Peace talks last year. The state had sought to enter a nolle prosequere (story Back page) — Picture by JOHN OSORO

## Minister Tuju has committed political suicide, says Ojode

By JUMA ALUOCH

AN assistant minister and legislator colleague from Nyanza yesterday expressed shock and dismay over the weekend attack by Cabinet Minister Raphael Tuju on Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) legislators for allegedly rocking the Narc Government from within.

The two together with interim party officials claimed that the minister had committed political suicide and dared him to name those perceived to be fomenting discontent and rocking the National Alliance Rainbow Coalition (NARC) from within.

Assistant Minister for Lands and Settlement Mr Orwa Ojode and Karachuonyo MP Dr Adhu Awiti said the claims by the Rarieda MP were outrageous, shocking and had been received with utter disbelief.

Mr Ojode said that by publicly making such allegations, the Minister had dented the spirit of unity and cohesion among LDP leaders in Nyanza, especially those in the Cabinet, including Raila Odinga, Professor Anyang Nyong'o, Ochilo Ayacko, Peter Odoyo and himself (Tuju).

Dr Awiti said it was unfortunate for a minister to engage in divisive politics while other leaders in the region were busy trying to alleviate the poverty that was afflicting the people.

Speaking to journalists by telephone, Ojode challenged Tuju to name those he perceives to be undermining the ruling coalition noting that LDP played a leading role

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By RICHARD MUNGUTI

COMPANIES owned by former Cabinet Minister Nicholas Biwott owe the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK), the Deposit Protection Fund (DPF) and the collapsed Trade Bank (TB) Sh25.8 billion, the Goldenberg Commission heard yesterday.

The Commission was also told that Trust Bank Limited transacted Sh4.7 billion through its Goldenberg International Limited (GIL) account with Exchange Bank Limited.

Lawyer Cecil Miller for DPF while cross-examining a liquidation agent Daniel Lebaran Ng'atuny said the Sh25.8 billion was inclusive of accrued interest of the various amounts advanced to



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