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Former commissioner contest dismissal: IOL reported that Xoliswa Sibeko, former Commissioner of Correctional Services, intends to challenge her dismissal from the Department of Correctional Services. According to the report, Sibeko was dismissed in February 2010, following charges of renting at taxpayer's expense a R34 000 per month private home, rental of a private residence for Gauteng provincial commissioner, Tozama Mqobi-Balfour, and for taking her husband on a business trip to Vienna at the expense of the state. The report said a challenge against the Department of Correctional Services had been instituted at the Public Service Bargaining Council to be heard in August 2010. Reported by Eleanor Momberg, 1 August 2010, IOL at http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=13&art_id=vn20100801083026747C682779

Prison officers not expected to join strike: IOL reported that the National Commissioner of Correctional Services, Tom Moyane, said that prison officers would not join the public service strike. According to the report, Moyane said that Correctional Services are essential security services, therefore warders were not expected to join the strike as it would be illegal. Reported by IOL, 9 August 2010, at http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=13&art_id=nw20100809221923109C744461

Prison head suspension lifted: IOL reported that the suspension of the head of the Durban Westville prison has been lifted. According to the report, the head of the prison and a number of other officials had been suspended after an awaiting trial inmate in the female section of the prison facility fell pregnant. According to the report, Correctional Services said the alleged perpetrator, a police official, has been suspended by the police and is facing criminal charges. Reported by IOL, 12 August 2010, at http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=13&art_id=nw20100812174324501C671807

Prison officers could have been involved in a riot: IOL reported that prison warders could have been involved in a prison riot at the Kimberly prison riot on 3 August 2010. According to the report, the information was released by the Minister of Correctional Services, Nosiviwe Masipa-Nqakula, who also said that the Department continues to face “serious levels of ill-discipline among some of the officials leading to collusion with offenders in the destabilisation of the Department.” Reported by Gaye Davis, 13 August 2010, at http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=13&art_id=vn20100813045333235C469747

Warders’ suspension lifted: IOL reported that the suspension orders against two prison officers from a KwaZulu Natal prison were lifted. According to the report, the officers had been suspended after a woman was impregnated after her arrested. Citing the National Commissioner of Correctional Services, Tom Moyane, the report said the “Correctional Service officials played no part.” Reported by IOL, 13 August 2010, at http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=13&art_id=nw20100813193937674C890282

Correctional Services has too many consultants: Die Burger reported that the Department of Correctional Services has openly conceded to that it has many consultants. According to the report, this information was provided by the National Commissioner, Tom Moyane, who also argued that the Department needs consultants, but it needs to have control over the work done by the consultants. The report also said that Commissioner Moyane committed to bring more clarity on public-private partnership of prisons by November 2010. “*Original report in Afrikaans.*” Reported by Philda Essop, 2 September 2010, at <http://www.dieburger.com/Suid-Afrika/Nuus/Kommissaris-erken-DKD-bestee-te-veel-aan-konsultante-20100902>

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Delayed psychiatric evaluation: IOL reported that a warder accused of killing his wife had not had a psychiatric evaluation seven months after the state requested it and remains in custody at Pollsmoor prison. He is reportedly 37th on a waiting list of persons to be assessed at Valkenburg Hospital. According to the report, Johan Dietrich who had been on medication for depression since 1989, had admitted that he had not taken his medication. Reported by IOL, 12 August 2010, at http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=13&art_id=vn20100812123617501C269858

Cases pile up as court officials join strike: The Witness reported that backlogs of cases are building up at courts in Pietermaritzburg due to the public servants strike. The report cited a legal source, who said that the constitutional rights of accused persons were being infringed while clerks and court interpreters took part in the strike. The report also said that cases had to be remanded indefinitely during the preceding two weeks. Correctional Services national spokesperson, Manelisi Wolela, played down the pressure caused by the strike on the prison population. “At this stage we haven’t observed insurmountable pressure due to the strike. [It is] only if the strike is prolonged for another week that we can start feeling the pinch.” Reported by the Witness, 30 August 2010, at [http://www.witness.co.za/index.php?showcontent&global\[_id\]=46570](http://www.witness.co.za/index.php?showcontent&global[_id]=46570)

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Omission on charge sheet sets aside life sentence: IOL reported that the Western Cape High Court set aside two life sentences which were given to a man convicted of committing two separate rapes. The report said that the state had not specified in the charge sheet against Raymond Dolphin that it would rely on the minimum sentences legislation. As a result of the omission, the two life sentences, which had been imposed by the Parow Regional Court were substituted with an

effective 17-year prison sentence. Reported by Fatima Schroedr, 9 August 2010, IOL at http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=15&art_id=vn20100809121835114C704285

Parolee brought to court again: Beeld reported that a 38-year old man, who had been released from prison on medical parole, was to appear in court again. According to the report, the man was released from prison on parole after he had served 18 months of a 44-year prison sentence. He was arrested for having robbed a business. *“Original report in Afrikaans.”* Reported by Hilda Fourie, 10 August 2010, Bleed at <http://www.beeld.com/Suid-Afrika/Nuus/Sterwende-kry-mediiese-parool-toe-roof-hy-weer-20100810>

Schabir Shaik allowed to leave home for six hours: IOL reported that Schabir Shaik, who was convicted for committing fraud, has been allowed to leave his home for six hours every Saturday. According to the report, Shaik who had been punished for violating his parole conditions in 2009, has had his free-time reinstated. Reported by Barbara Cole, 11 August 2010, IOL at http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=13&art_id=vn20100811122710132C991111

Proposed changes to the parole system to be considered: IOL reported that prisoners may soon be released on medical parole without being terminally ill, but in future it is possible that those who recover from illnesses may return to prison. The report also said that a cabinet committee is to consider some proposed changes to the medical parole system outlined in an amendment to the Correctional Services Act. Reported by Carien du Plessis and Bronwyn Gerretsen, 12 August 2010, IOL at http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=15&art_id=vn20100812043625242C919720&singlepage=1

Plea bargaining confusion: The Daily Dispatch reported that provincial directorates of public prosecutions were plunged into confusion after receiving orders that they no longer have the power to approve plea-bargain agreements. According to the report, this information was revealed to the Bellville Specialised Commercial Crime Court on 20 August 2010. The report also said that the court had heard that the “NPA had ‘unexpectedly’ withdrawn the Western Cape Directorate for Public Prosecution’s authority to approve such agreements.” Reported the Daily Dispatch, 21 August 2010, at <http://www.dispatch.co.za/article.aspx?id=427211> another report said that plea and sentence agreements will be subject to control see <http://www.businessday.co.za/>

Political pardons may motivate action against President Zuma: The Sunday Independent reported that political prisoners and victims of political violence are becoming impatient as government drags its feet over pardons. According to the report, an MP has threatened to take actions against the President Zuma for contempt of court as a ruling was made that the President may grant such special pardons, subject to proper consultation with the victims or their families. Reported by the Sunday Independent, 29 August 2010, at <http://thesundayindependent.newspaperdirect.com/epaper/viewer.aspx>

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Portfolio Committee visits prison: News24 reported that parliamentarians, members of the Portfolio Committee on Correctional Services headed by Mr. Vincent Smith, visited the Pretoria Central prison to acquaint themselves with prison conditions there. According to the report, the parliamentarians had aimed to inquire “whether officials were doing their jobs”, and whether they were looking after the prisoners well. Reported by Alet Rademeyer, 3 August 2010, Nwes24 at <http://m.news24.com/news24/SouthAfrica/News/Slimmer-Barbie-handling-jail-well-20100803>

Prospects of changes in treatment of prisoners: Sowetan Live reported that a visit to Westville Prison in Durban by the Correctional Services Portfolio resulted in promised changes to the manner that prisoners are treated by warders. According to the report, during the visit the Department's National Commissioner, Tom Moyane, said "the Department would act decisively to correct a number of issues raised by the Portfolio Committee." He also said that his Department would ensure service delivery with particular focus on six strategic areas, including administration, inmate labour and privileges, development and care, and social reintegration. Reported by Sowetan Live, 11 August 2010, at <http://www.sowetanlive.co.za/news/2010/08/11/skop-en-donner-of-prisoners-and-their-human-rights-are-over>

Inmates treated after fire: IOL reported that 12 inmates received treatment at the Kimberly prison after a fire broke out in the prison in early August 2010. The fire was started by prisoners setting their mattresses alight during a hostage drama involving six officials. According to the report, the injured were treated on site by staff of Department of Correctional Services and there was no need for them to be removed from the premises for further treatment. Reported by IOL, 3 August 2010, at http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=13&art_id=nw20100803145800421C850341 see also http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=13&art_id=nw20100803164052186C782620

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Mother wants son imprisoned in Mauritius transferred to South Africa: The Times Live reported that Patricia Gerber, mother of Johann Gerber, who was convicted and sentenced to a long prison sentence in Mauritius for possession of drugs, has taken the South African state to court to compel it to bring her son home. According to the report, Gerber argued that the state has the power to enter into a prisoner transfer agreement with Mauritius and that her application is rational, in good faith and in accordance with the principles of legality. Reported by the Times Live, 29 August 2010, at <http://www.timeslive.co.za/local/article629085.ece/Mom-goes-to-court-to-get-drug-mule-home> see also http://www.iol.co.za/?art_id=vn20100829081708408C439591&page_number=2

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Farmers complain that prison is polluting Vaal River: News24 reported that farmers living near the Vaal River have complained that prison activities contributed to the pollution of the river. According to the report, the farmers have complained that "pieces of meat, blood, (...) and old dishwater" had run into the river for several months. Reported by News24, 17 August 2010, at <http://www.news24.com/SouthAfrica/News/Farmers-Prison-polluting-Vaal-20100817>

State sued for imprisonment of child without trial: The Cape Argus reported that the Justice Alliance has sued the state for holding a child in prison for three years without trial. According to the report, Andre Williams was 14 years old when he was placed in Pollsmoor prison with four other co-accused in an armed robbery and possession of stolen goods case. The report said that a complaint was brought in the Western Cape High Court, claiming that various government departments failed to prevent the detention of Andre Williams. Reported by Cape Argus, 27 August 2010, at <http://capeargus.newspaperdirect.com/epaper/viewer.aspx>

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ANGOLA

Amnesty International condemns sentencing of human rights activist: BBC News reported that

Amnesty International has condemned the sentencing of a human rights activist in Angola. According to the report, four men including lawyer Francisco Luemba, was sentenced to five years in prison, and had been held in connection with the separatist group FLEC's attack on the Togo soccer team in January 2010. The report also said that the human rights organisation said the sentencing of the men aimed to justify Angolan authorities' crack-down on its critics. Reported by BBC News, 3 August 2010, at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-10857125>

Prison condition and illness place detainees at risk: The Africa Files reported that 37 prisoners held at the Conduege prison in Dundo, Luanda, are facing serious health risks and death due to the appalling conditions in the prison. According to the report, the majority of the prisoners are been held for more than 16 months without trial. The report also said that Amnesty International has called upon the Angolan authorities to release the prisoners in order for them to get the required medical treatment. Reported by the Africa Files, 6 August 2010, at <http://www.africafiles.org/article.asp?ID=24130>

Improvement in prison conditions: Angop reported that the Angolan State Secretary for Human Rights, Antonio Bento Bembe, said prison conditions had improved as a result of efforts by the Ministry of Home Affairs. According to the report, Bembe said there were improvements in several areas including accommodation, food, training and medical care. Reported by the Angop, 16 August 2010, at http://www.portalangop.co.ao/motix/en_us/noticias/politica/2010/7/33/Official-reaffirms-improvements-prisoners-conditions,77ae5b9f-a70a-4b60-b7c4-336a023e8f18.html see also <http://allafrica.com/stories/201008170059.html>

BENIN

Three sentenced to death: IPS News reported that three men were sentenced to death Edo State in Benin. The report said, the three men including Chief Priest Felix Osador, Ogbemudia Omoruyi and Oluwafemi Aihevua were sentenced to death by hanging for killing chief Sunday Ahanon in 2005. Reported by IPS News, August 2010, at <http://www.easimail.co.za/Home/link.asp?id=18002&hash=a7c5c2>

BOTSWANA

ILO accuses government of militarising prisons: The Sunday Standard reported that the International Labour Organisation (ILO) has accused the government of Botswana of militarising its prisons by lumping it together with the security and police forces. According to the report, the allegation was made in the latest report of the ILO Committee of Experts. According to the report: "[The] Botswana Government finds itself guilty on account of the fact that prison services fall within the scope of organizations and services eligible for unionization, in line with stipulated ILO conventions." Reported by Gowenius Toka, 12 August 2010, the Sunday Standard at <http://sundaystandard.info/article.php?NewsID=8511&GroupID=1>

BURUNDI

Amnesty calls for investigation of torture: IOL reported that Amnesty International (AI) has called for investigations into allegations of torture perpetrated against opposition politicians during the elections in June 2010. According to the report, AI published a report in August 2010 which said that 12 opposition politicians were tortured during the elections. Reported by Eva Krafczyk, 23 August 2010, IOL at http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=68&art_id=nw20100823081654876C751381

CAMEROON

Amnesty International concerned about human rights situation: The VoA News reported that Amnesty International (AI) officials had raised human rights concerns after their first official visit to Cameroon. According to the report, the officials said they were concerned about “people accused of being gay or lesbian being arrested, detained and imprisoned for their sexual orientation”. The report also said that AI was concerned about prison conditions in Cameroon. Reported by VoA News, 2 September 2010, at <http://www.voanews.com/english/news/africa/Camerouns-Government-Welcomes-Human-Rights-Research-Mission-100621494.html>

COTE D’IVOIRE

UNOCI supports prison management training: It was reported that the United Nations Operation in Cote d’Ivoire in cooperation with the Department of Prison Administration and the German Technical Cooperation (GTZ) agency had organised a two-day seminar on rules and operational procedures applicable to prison personnel. The report also said that the workshop, which was held at the School for Prison Personnel and Reformatory Education in Abidjan, was attended by 30 participants. Reported by the PR USA.NET, 21 August 2010, at http://pr-usa.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=457076&Itemid=33

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Journalist arrested on charges of defamation: IOL reported that Congolese authorities had arrested Pascal Mulunda, the editor of the weekly Le Monitor, on criminal defamation charges. The report also said that, Mulunda had been placed in Kinshasa’s Penitentiary and Re-education Centre with no date set for trial. Reported by IOL, 29 July 2010, at http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=68&art_id=iol1280383596438C524

EQUATORIAL GUINEA

MP and others sentenced for misappropriation of public funds: News24 reported that a court in Equatorial Guinea had sentenced eleven people, including an MP, for up to 21-years imprisonment for misappropriation of public funds. According to the report, they misappropriated an estimate of €4m of funds. Reported by News24, 14 August 2010, at <http://www.news24.com/Africa/News/E-Guinea-MP-jailed-for-embezzlement-20100814>

Four ex-army officers sentenced to death: All Africa.com reported that a military tribunal in Equatorial Guinea has sentenced four former army officers to death for their involvement in an attack on the Presidential Palace in 2009. The report also said that a further two men were sentenced to 20-years imprisonment for complicity. Reported by All Africa.com, 22 August 2010, at <http://allafrica.com/stories/201008230007.html>

GAMBIA

Journalists compelled to testify: News24 reported that two journalists were summoned to court to explain a report in which they wrote that The Gambia’s ex-police chief, Ensa Badjie, had been tortured in custody. According to the report, “the former police chief is on trial for alleged involvement in drug-trafficking.” Notably, the report said the journalist cited Badjie’s lawyer saying his client had been tortured, however, no such statement had been made in court. Reported by News24, 9 August 2010, at <http://www.news24.com/Africa/News/2-journalists-forced-to-testify-20100809>

Death penalty to coup plotters: IPS News reported that Judge Emanuel Amadi sentenced eight men, charged with plotting a coup to overthrow the government, to death. According to the report, among the eight who were sentenced one is a Gambia-based Lebanese businessman. The report also said the other six were Gambia army officers while one was a local businessman. Reported by IPS New, August 2010, at <http://www.ipsnews.net/deathpenaltyabolition/aug-2010-wpr.asp>

GHANA

Minister's tour to prison uncovers high number of youths in custody: Peace FM online reported that there is a high number of youths detained at the Ankaful Prison Camp in the Central Region of Ghana. The report said "the youth outnumbered the aged, and were said to have committed various degrees crimes including defilement, murder, stealing and assault." According to the report, the information came to light when the Regional Minister, Mrs Ama Benyiwa Doe, visited the prison in early August 2010. Reported by Peace FM online, 2 August 2010, at <http://news.peacefmonline.com/social/201008/66090.php>

A new ICT centre for Ankaful prison: It was reported that the MTN Ghana Foundation commissioned a new ICT Centre for officers and prisoners at the Ankaful prison in the central region. According to the report, the ICT Centre has five computers to be used for training of the 2000 prisoners being held the Ankaful prison. Reported by the MTN Ghana Foundation, 13 August 2010, at <http://news.myjoyonline.com/technology/201008/50618.asp>

Call to improve ventilation: The Ghana Newspaper Agency reported that senior prison officials at the Ghana Koforidua prison requested the government to expand the prison facility in order to improve ventilation. According to the report, Kwame Kuma Kpeli, Assistant Director of Koforidua Prison, said that the facility has poor ventilation. The report also said that, amongst other issues raised, Mr. Kpeli also asked for an increase in the nutrition budget for prisoners. Reported by the Ghana Newspaper Agency, 17 August 2010, at http://www.ghananewsagency.org/s_social/r_19421/

Supreme Court favours prisoners' voting rights: The Mail reported that the Ghanaian Supreme Court has made important rulings, some of which require the government to take positive steps on behalf of minorities' interests. The report said that one such ruling included a recent decision where the court held that Ghanaian prisoners must be accorded voting rights. According to the report, the ruling instructed the "Ghanaian Electoral Commission to provide the necessary framework and to begin to build capacity for prisoners (...) to exercise their constitutional rights. Reported by The Mail, 26 August 2010, at http://accra-mail.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=22195:what-is-the-proper-role-of-ghanas-judiciary-&catid=60:main-news&Itemid=209

LIBERIA

Appalling conditions threaten lives of prisoners: Frontpage Africa reported that prisoners in Liberia suffer malnutrition, overcrowding, grossly inadequate medical care, and the risk of rape and torture. According to the report, "a plate of rice has become a commodity traded for homosexuality at Monrovia Prison Cells". The report also showed evidence that some prisoners died due to the appalling conditions in the prison. Reported by J Rufus Paul, 2 August 2010, at <http://www.frontpageafrica.com/newsmanager/anmviewer.asp?a=11274>

LIBYA

37 prisoners freed: msnbc.com reported that 37 prisoners were freed from Libyan prisons in late August 2010. According to the report, the group of prisoners released included a former detainee from Guantanamo Bay. Citing Mohamed al Allagi, chairperson of the Human Rights Committee of the Ghadaffi Foundation, the report said that the release of the prisoners was linked to the process of “national reconciliation and peace”. Reported by Salah Sarrar, 31 August 2010, msnbc at <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/38942642>

KENYA

Four terrorism suspects secretly extradited: News24 reported that the Kenyan authorities had secretly extradited four men to Uganda without following procedures. According to the report, it is believed that the men committed a terrorist attack during the World Cup in Uganda. The lawyer representing the families of the suspects said that the Kenyan government had made no attempts to follow extradition procedures. FBI agents who were cited by the report also said that “Kenya circumvented its own extradition laws to send the four suspects to Uganda. Reported by News24, 18 August 2010, at <http://www.news24.com/Africa/News/Kenya-ships-off-terror-suspects-20100818>

TB patients arrested for defaulting treatment: Plus News reported that two patients infected with multi-drug resistant tuberculosis (XDRTB) were arrested for failing to adhere to their treatment. According to the report, the two men have been held for more than a week in prison on charges of posing a danger to the health of the wider community. Reported by Plus News, 2 September 2010, at <http://plusnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=90270>

MADAGASCAR

Former president sentenced to life imprisonment: BBC News reported that the former president of Madagascar, Marc Ravalomanana, was sentenced *in absentia* to life imprisonment for the killing of opposition supporters in 2009. According to the report, at least 30 people were murdered in 2009 by Ravalomanana’s presidential guards. Reported by BBC News, 28 August 2010, at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-11120620>

MALAWI

Cleric released on bail: News24 reported that a court in Malawi has ordered the release on bail of a cleric of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian. According to the report, Levi Nyondo was arrested after he said he would not support the election of Peter Mutharika, the President’s brother, in the 2014 elections. Reported by IOL, 24 August 2010, at <http://www.news24.com/Africa/News/Malawi-cleric-released-on-bail-20100824>

MAURITANIA

Judge rejects appeal by kidnapper: IOL reported that a Mauritanian court rejected an appeal by a Malian national, Omar Sahraoui, sentenced to twelve years’ imprisonment for his involvement in the kidnapping of three Spanish aid workers in 2009. According to the report, one of the three workers who had been kidnapped in November 2009 by a militant group known as AQUIM, has been released but the other two are still being held. The report also said that Sahraoui had played an important role in the kidnapping the three workers by the North African al-Qaeda wing. Reported by IOL, 12 August 2010, at http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=68&art_id=nw20100811233056427C681528

NIGERIA

Death sentence for \$5.00 dispute: IPS News reported that a Nigerian Judge, Abdullahi Sanya Yerima, of the Maiduguri High Court has sentenced Abubakar Kabiru to death by hanging for killing his friend, Lawali Zaraye over a dispute involving \$ 5,00. According to the report, Kabiru stabbed Zaraye to death on 25 October 2006. Reported by IPS News, August 2010, at <http://www.ipsnews.net/deathpenaltyabolition/aug-2010-wpr.asp>

Magistrates to sit on Saturdays: Vanguard reported that a decision by the State of Lagos to have its magistrates sit on Saturdays has been welcomed by Prison Controller of the Lagos State, Mr. Abayomi Oguntuase. According to the report, Oguntuase said “the move will facilitate speedy dispensation of justice and enhance de-congestion of prisons.” Reported by Vanguard, 24 August 2010, at <http://www.vanguardngr.com/2010/08/24/prison-official-lauds-magistrates-saturday-sittings/>

SENEGAL

Three Moroccans to be extradited: News24 reported that a court in Senegal had found it in order to extradite three Moroccans to their home country. However, according to the report, the court’s consideration had fallen short of the international obligation on Senegal, “which ban[s] the extradition of people to countries where they risk torture.” The report also quoted the lawyer of the three men, Assane Dioma Ndiaye, who had said that “good relations between Senegal and Morocco and reasons of state won out over humanitarian considerations.” Reported by News24, 29 July 2010, at <http://www.news24.com/Africa/News/Senegal-to-extradite-terrorists-20100729>

SOMALIA

Journalist arrested: IOL reported that a radio journalist was arrested after he had broadcast an interview he had with an al-Qaeda-linked militia leader. According to the report, Abdifatah Jama Mire, the Director of Horsed Media, and other colleagues were arrested when the police raided the radio station in early August 2010. The report also said that Mire’s colleagues were later released, but he remained in custody. Reported by IOL, 14 August 2010, at http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=68&art_id=nw20100814161835434C190502

TANZANIA

ICTR sentences former Rwandan government official to 25 years: BBC News reported that the International Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) has sentenced a former Rwandan government official to 25-years imprisonment. According to the report, Dominique Ntawukuliyayo was accused of transporting soldiers to an area where Tutsis had taken refuge during the Rwandan genocide in 1994. The report said that as a result of his involvement thousands of people who had been promised protection were killed. Reported by BBC News, 3 August 2010, at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-10854191>

Kenyan sentenced for attempting to sell albino person: BBC News reported that a court in Tanzania has sentenced a Kenyan man to 17-years in prison and a fine of more than \$50 000 for attempting to sell an albino person. According to the report, Nathan Mutei was sentenced after he pleaded guilty to human trafficking. The report also said that Mutei was to be paid an equivalent of \$ 250 000 had the transaction occurred. Reported by BBC News, 18 August 2010, at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-11013927>

UGANDA

Man confesses he wanted to kill Americans: News24 reported that one of the four men held in connection with the 11 July 2010 World Cup bombing in Kampala confessed that he participated in the attack because he wanted to kill Americans to avenge Muslim deaths. According to the report, Isah Ahmed Luyima told journalists that he targeted people who had gathered to watch the World Cup match on television with the hope that he would have killed Americans. The report also said that while the other two men had been recruited by Luyima, the fourth suspect had claimed to be a member of the al-Qaeda. Reported by News24, 12 August 2010, at <http://www.news24.com/Africa/News/Bombings-meant-to-kill-more-Americans-20100812>

Key genocide suspect extradited: All Africa News reported that Ugandan authorities and Interpol arrested Augustin Nkundabazungu, one of the most wanted Rwandan genocide fugitives, and extradited him to Rwanda. Nkundabazungu was arrested at the western district of Mbarara. It also said that Nkundabazungu was one of the leading masterminds of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda. Reported by Edmund Kagire, 12 August 2010, All Africa News at <https://gw.uwc.ac.za/gw/webacc?action=Item.Read&User.context=3d5ff67e6b2024392491c738b15ca69871dc44a1&Item.drn=1839z18z3&merge=msgitem&Item.index=17>

Muslim prisoners demand better conditions: All Africa News reported that Muslim prisoners held at the Ssaza Prison in Uganda are demanding better conditions. According to the report, the prisoners requested their leaders to lobby the government to create better conditions to enable them to fast and hold prayers regularly. Reported by All Africa News, 19 August 2010, at <http://allafrica.com/stories/201008200652.html>

Policemen arrested over death of suspect: New Vision reported that two policemen were arrested over the death of a suspect in their custody. According to the report, Muhammad Kavuma and Ramhadhan Dhikusoka were arrested in Kampala at the orders of police chief Kale Kayihura. The report also said that the family of the suspect, Frank Ssekanjako, had claimed that the victim was tortured to death by the policemen. Reported by the New Vision, 25 August 2010, at <http://www.newvision.co.ug/D/8/13/729915>

ZAMBIA

Former bank chief arrested: News24 reported that a former Zambian commercial bank chief was arrested on charges of laundering more than \$16 million. The report said Rajan Mathani, now 62-years old, committed fraudulent transactions over a period of six years. The report also said that Mathani is been accused of, amongst others, having links to business transactions that involved the acquisition of property through criminal proceedings. Reported by News24, 4 August 2010, at <http://www.news24.com/Africa/News/Ex-bank-chief-busted-for-graft-20100804>

Former Minister arrested for issuing fraudulent cheque: BBC News reported that the Zambian former Defence Minister, George Mpombo, was sentenced to 60 days in prison for issuing a cheque on an insufficiently funded bank account. The report said Mpombo, who resigned last year from the Defence portfolio, had issued a \$2000 cheque which bounced. Reported by BBC News, 10 August 2010, at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-10918290>

Shortage of uniforms and food for prisoners: All Africa News reported that there is a shortage of uniforms for the majority of prisoners being held in the Eastern Province of Zambia. According to the report, Frank Simushombo, a senior prison official, said of the 1417 prisoners being held in prisons in the region many of them “were using their own clothes.” The report also said that two of the prison facilities in the province faced a risk of shortage of food. Reported by All Africa, 10 August 2010, at <http://allafrica.com/stories/201008100988.html>

Prison Service diversifies into commercial agriculture: All Africa.com reported that the Zambian Prison Services (ZPS) has embarked on commercial agricultural activities to enhance production in prisons in the country. The report also said that the department had employed sixteen “graduates in different fields to enhance correctional service delivery.” Reported by Tiyesse Sakala, 23 August 2010, All Africa.com at <http://allafrica.com/stories/201008240151.html>

ZIMBABWE

Police ignores court decision: All Africa News reported that the Zimbabwean police had ignored a court decision to return property belonging to diamond researcher Farai Maguwu. According to the report, it was expected that the property would be returned to Maguwu after he had been granted bail in July 2010. The report also said that the police is holding Maguwu’s personal lap top computer and his passport. Reported by Alex Bell, 4 August 2010, All Africa News at <http://allafrica.com/stories/201008041002.html>

Xenophobia hits Zimbabwean prisons: The Zimbabwean reported that xenophobic attacks had taken place in prisons. According to the report, officers at the Harare remand prison are being accused of going on a rampage against foreign nationals. The report also said that Adugcha Okele, from Nigeria who had been held in the prison, said he had been beaten only because he comes from Nigeria. Reported by Itai Mabasa, 10 August 2010, The Zimbabwean at http://www.thezimbabwean.co.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=33372:xenophobia-in-zim-prisons&catid=72:thursday-issue

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