

AMANI SASA DAILY UPDATE: 4th JANUARY, 2008¹

TODAY: 300 dead, 100,000 displaced (54,000 IDPs in Rift Valley, 16,000 in Coast and 3,000 in Western Province)

Direct Action and Community Level Mobilization, Nguli 0722-350-827

- Coordinated religious leaders, peacemakers letter to presidential candidates, peace press conference and night bus to ODM/PNU/ODM-K headquarters on 2/1. Received repeated media coverage on Nation/KBC/Citizen/KTN and radio through yesterday.
- Lists of 50 ordinary and celeb spokespersons for peace given to all the media houses on 2/1. They have started using them.
- Shared alerts with the Deputy Police Commissioner in charge of operations Mr. David Kamaiyo, Administration Police Assistant commandant Mr. Fred Muei as well as Red Cross Director General Mr. Abbas Gullet on coordination of the evacuation of people from Kisumu and Eldoret.
- Received updates from all local coordinators of PEACENET. Seems that we had a lull in most conflict areas yesterday. Looking at ways of materially support them to intervene and mediate at community levels.
- Over thirty trauma counselors being mobilized to provide counseling in the conflict prone areas. List should be ready in the next few days.

Community Based Peace Initiatives, Ojwang/Rev. Cheboi

- Country divided into 12 regions (Nairobi, western, North rift/Mount Elgon, Central rift, Southern rift, Coastal, North Eastern, Southern Lake Victoria, Central lake Victoria, Central Kenya, Upper Eastern and Lower Eastern region).
- Plans to identify cultural and religious leaders to form community based peace initiatives who should be of high integrity within the community, the category of leaders are, traditional, religious, youth, women, professional, civil society, traders and business people and political leaders
- Finance and other resource mobilization from the government of Kenya, churches and other religious organizations, NGOs, donor agencies local and international, business and volunteers from communities

SMS Campaign, Kamau/George/Warigia

- Composed SMSs (Kiswahili/English) targeting youth, politicians, rapists and Kenyans in general. Safaricom and Celtel agreed to send these to their subscribers for free.
- Nation has agreed distribute peace leaflets nationally, but funding required to print the leaflets.
- A national school based student campaign is being planned for start of schools.
- Production of peace t-shirts for youthful humanitarian workers working in Jamuhuri park underway.

Mass Media initiatives, Sheila/Roselyn

- National Media Council have agreed to have a common policy not to broadcast hate or inflammatory speech, over-emphasis on violence
- Most stations have implemented a positive peace message to their programming and are running peace images, interviews at no cost.
- More needs to be done to rein in the violence pornography, sensationalism and simplistic ethnicist analysis of the international press now jetted into Nairobi.

Humanitarianism/Dennis

- Targeting has started among the humanitarian organizations e.g. Kisumu, Moiben and Marigat (World Vision), Eldoret (NCCCK contact: Tom Owuour - 0728-642763), Kisumu (CRS), Mount Elgon, Kitale, Kibera (World Relief Rev John Gichinga- 0720-319917 and Abdi-0720-314447 for latter), Nairobi, Mombasa and Kisumu (ADRAC, SDA Church) their collection points in Nairobi at Shauri Moyo, Milimani and Karura (Central Kenya Conference) and outside Nairobi (Ol Kalou, Nyeri, Runyenjes, Embu, Nakuru), Nairobi (Food for the Hungry), Mombasa/Likoni and Nakuru/Narok focus (ActionAid) and Eldoret Kericho, Homa Bay Kitale, Bungoma, Maralal and Kakamega (Caritas Kenya).
- Areas of rising concern include Burnt Forest- about 10000 people displaced in Burnt Forestn, numbers are reportedly swelling in Nakuru, implementing the Red Cross Code of Conduct

¹ This daily update is a service to all working for peace. It records the various independent initiatives currently underway to restore peace, assist the displaced and promote truth and justice. It does suggest that these actions are being centrally coordinated.

High level mediation, Wachira

- Consultation, dialogue and support provided to the Arch-Bishop Desmond Tutu to meet parties.
- Lengthy discussion with the ODM-K chairman Hon. Samuel Pogishio produced good insights.
- Meeting with ODM lady MP elect from Rift Valley who agreed to assist in peace process.
- Inflammatory ethnic based statement was intercepted and killed by the press.

Human Rights and Governance, Kiai

- Sub-committees have been developed to coordinate better
- Focus is Truth, Justice and an End to the violence.
- Their main focus is exposing the truth around the tallying of presidential votes, censuring the President, freedom of assembly and an end to police brutality.

Today's meetings

08.00 The Peace Makers Update, Caana room, Serena Hotel,	OPEN
10:00 Humanitarian, UN and Red Cross coordination meeting, UNOCHA, Gigiri	BY INVITATION ONLY
11:00 Peace briefing of agencies, Serena Hotel	BY INVITATION ONLY
11.00 Human Rights and Governance coordination meeting, KNCHR,	OPEN
12:00 Social response subcommittee meeting, - noon - At OCHA Gigiri	BY INVITATION ONLY
12.30 Election Violence Response Initiative meeting, Serena Hotel,	OPEN

IDP News Alert, 2 January 2008 *Extract*

IDP News Alert is a weekly summary of selected global news on internally displaced persons, compiled by the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC) of the Norwegian Refugee Council. The IDP News Alert is also available online.

Kenya: Post-election violence displaces up to 100,000

Violence following Kenya's disputed presidential election has led to the displacement of up to 100,000 people amid claims of "ethnic cleansing" by rival tribes. More than 300 have been killed, and aid agencies are warning of a "humanitarian catastrophe" if the crisis is not defused.

Police statistics released on 1 January recorded 54,000 IDPs in Rift Valley Province, 16,000 in Coast Province and 3,000 in Western Province, but a spokesman stressed that these were rough estimates. A huge number of displaced people are said to be sleeping in the cold in police stations, schools and churches, with many running out of food and water and tens of thousands beyond the reach of immediate assistance. "A few hundred thousand will need assistance for some time", said Kenya Red Cross Secretary General Abbas Gullet.

Since the Electoral Commission pronounced the victory of incumbent Mwai Kibaki, both international and local observers have described the vote counting and tallying processes as flawed. Most of the current violence has been towards members of Kibaki's Kikuyu tribe. Police and protesters fought running battles in a number of Nairobi's slums as supporters of rival candidate Raila Odinga burned down homes and looted shops owned by followers of Kibaki. In western Kenya, where Odinga's support is greatest, 40 people were reported to have been killed, many of them by police, and a daytime curfew was enforced.

At least 35 displaced people in Eldoret, mostly women and children, died when a church where they had taken refuge was burned down by youths believed to be supporters of Odinga's ODM party. On 1 January, Nairobi and Kisumu remained under police siege, as the extent of damage began to emerge. Other areas that saw violent protests and clashes with the police were Mombasa, Kericho, Kilifi, Taveta, Wundanyi and Narok.

See also: IDMC Kenya country page and the report "'I am a Refugee in My Own Country': Conflict-Induced Internal Displacement in Kenya"