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VANDALISM | Who's sleeping on the job?



The plaque on the statue of Tom Mboya in Nairobi's Moi Avenue has gone missing and the once pink flamingoes are filthy, showing that someone is sleeping on the job.

CHANGE | Worry over slow pace

Lobbies vow to push for police reform

Civil society says it wants force overhauled before the next election

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Civil society groups have threatened to act over the slow pace of police reforms.

The groups said in Nairobi yesterday that they would not allow the next General Election to go ahead with the current police leadership.

In a statement read by Centre for Law and Research International director Morris Odhiambo, the groups, under the auspices of the National Civil Society Congress (NCSC), said the National Police Service Act had not been gazetted yet it was passed by Parliament and assented to by President Kibaki last August.

"We do not understand why it has not been gazetted," said Mr Odhiambo, who was with Release Political Prisoners director Odhiambo Oyoko, Living Light Foundation chairman Ochieng Kairaba and Sheikh Ramadhan of the Nubian Rights Forum.

Mr Odhiambo said the

groups were considering taking legal action against the President if he did not fast-track the reforms. "The President must tell Kenyans why he is stalling police reforms," he said.

"As NCSC, we are today putting the President on notice that we are considering all options and if the need arises, we shall take legal action against him for failing in his duties," he said.

The NCSC also demanded that divisional police officers and above be vetted before the polls.

Mr Odhiambo said all promotions to such positions should stop and the Internal Security ministry secure officers' files so that they are not tampered with.

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BRIEFLY

NAROK

Farmers threaten to kill stray elephants

Farmers in Narok County yesterday threatened to kill elephants invading their fields in Olopoto and Nkareta if Kenya Wildlife Service staff fail to take action. They protested against the destruction of their maize and wheat crops by the animals, which are straying from Maasai Mara Game Reserve. Outgoing Narok KWS chief warden Kenneth ole Naisho, however, asked the residents not to kill the animals.

BARINGO

Minister appeals for peace in volatile area



An assistant minister yesterday appealed for calm to avert a confrontation between two pastoral communities. Higher Education assistant minister Asman Kamama claimed that tension between the Pokots and Tugens was rising, fuelled by the banditry attacks along their common border. The Baringo East MP condemned an incident in which a rowdy mob blocked the Loruk-Marigat road, disrupting traffic for hours. He also asked the provincial administration to call for a peace meeting between the warring communities.

NAKURU

Nema seeks views on airstrip safety study

An effective mechanism is required to avert air accidents at a proposed airstrip in Nakuru County, the National Environmental Management Authority (Nema) has said. In an advert in yesterday's papers, Nema is also seeking views from the public on an Environmental Impact Assessment Study report submitted to them for the project. The State has allocated Sh250 million for the airstrip.

KWANZA

KFS allocates land to agencies for offices

The Kenya Forest Service has donated five-acre plot to the Kenya Revenue Authority and Immigration ministry in Kwanza to help boost business with neighbouring states. Kwanza DC Gabriel Risie said the government agencies agreed to put up a building housing immigration and KRA officials in one place. "The aim is to open up the border point and improve business with Uganda, Ethiopia and South Sudan," said Mr Risie. The area has no marketing centre compared to the Ugandan side. The DC said a proposal had been made to the KFS to allocate 120 acres to Nzoia County Council to build a market centre at the border.