

## Reprieve for Maziwa traders

By MARTIN MUTUA

Traders at Maziwa chicken market along Jogoo road in Nairobi have every reason to smile after Lands Minister James Orengo cancelled a title deed issued to a private developer.

However, Orengo said the traders must first convince him before he can issue them with title deeds.

The minister hit out at the police and city council askaris for carrying out forcible evictions in light of the new Constitution.

He said it was disturbing to watch police tear gas the traders and the area MP Simon Mbugua and his



**Lands Minister James Orengo has revoked a title deed that had been issued to a private developer**

Makadara counterpart Gidion Mbuvi. The minister said he was working together with Internal Security Minister Prof George Saitoti on a Bill that will give guidelines on peaceful evictions.

Orengo was responding to questions by the Kamukunji MP Simon Mbugua who had sought to know why the traders had been evicted.

Mbugua also inquired whether the minister knew that President Jomo Kenyatta allocated the traders the land and they have been paying rates

# Court bars Ligale team from publishing list

11 MPs have moved to court arguing that the commission does not have powers to publish the new constituencies

By JUDY OGUTU, ALEX NDEGWA and JAMES MUNYEKI

The Interim Independent Boundaries Review Commission (IIBRC) has been stopped from gazetting the new constituencies.

This follows an application by 11 MPs filed at the High Court in Nairobi under a certificate of urgency.

High Court Judge Jeanne Gacheche stopped IIBRC from publicly declaring any report or recommendation or publicly determining the parliamentary constituency boundaries of either old or new constituencies.

The MPs are in court on grounds that the commission hastily, and with disregard of criteria threatened to publish the new constituencies.

The applicants in the suit are Ephraim Maina (Mathira), Johnston Muthama (Kangundo), William Kabogo (Juja), David Musila (Mwingi South), Peter Kenneth (Gatanga) and Njoroge Baiya (Githunguri), Cecily Mberige (Bungoma), Ferdinand Wait



### What they said

Yesterday, Nominated MP Mohammed Affey and Makueni MP Peter Kiilu reiterated the commission engaged in gerrymandering and denounced the "perception that it is only Central Kenya" that is aggrieved by the distribution of the new electoral areas.

Affey said the commission had undermined its slogan "bridge to national cohesion" because "they are now presiding over the disintegration of the country."

They say IIBRC did not have any powers to publish the new constituencies, arguing such powers lie with IIBRC's successor — Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC).

**Nominated MP Mohamed Affey and Makueni MP Peter Kiilu at a press conference at Parliament Buildings.**  
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against Internal Security Minister George Saitoti and Head of Civil Service Francis Muthaura they would be countered with equal force.

Makueni MP Peter Kiilu and his nominated colleague Mohammed Affey said it was reckless to crucify the two over the controversy clouding the distribution of 80 new constituencies.

## Former MPs seek to join commission

By DAVID OCHAMI

Six former MPs are among 205 Kenyans who have applied to join the proposed Commission on Revenue Allocation (CRA).

Others include former Central Bank of Kenya Governor Micah Cherem and lawyer and governance advocate Mwalimu Mati.

Applications received by the Clerk of the National Assembly show that a great deal of former technocrats in the Treasury and Ministry of Finance wish to return to public service.

The list includes former Butula MP Francis Masakhalia who was a Fi-



**Mars Group's Mwalimu Mati has been in the forefront in defending human rights**

nance Minister in the Moi Government. He holds a PhD in Development Economics, according to his application.

Others are immediate former Manderu Central MP Billow Aden Kerrow — a shadow Finance Minister, in the Ninth Parliament —, and former Nyakach MPs Ojwang' K'Ombudo and Peter Odoyo.

The list will be passed on to political parties, which will nominate 11 members to the commission based on their representation strength in the