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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **KACC ARRESTS SAMMY KITUI PERMANENT SECRETARY MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT , JOHN GAKUO, FORMER TOWN CLERK AND 15 OTHER SUSPECTS WHO WILL BE ARRAIGNED IN COURT TO FACE CORRUPTION RELATED CHARGES.**

Dear News Editors,

The Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission (KACC) kindly requests you to publicize and inform the general public of the following:

Inquiry into allegations of irregular purchase of land in Machakos for cemetery use by the City Council of Nairobi. The investigation established a well orchestrated fraud in which Nairobi City Council was misled by its officers in collusion with others into buying a parcel of land unsuitable for the purpose for which it was intended and at a price of Kshs. 283 million whose price was far above the fair market value of land in similar location. A report was compiled and forwarded to the Attorney General on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010, recommending that a number of suspects be charged with offences including breach of procurement laws and regulations, willful neglect of duty and conspiracy to commit fraud against the public. The file has been returned with the Attorney Generals consent to proceed and charge the suspects.

The Commission would like to state that due to the complexity of the investigations some aspects are yet to be concluded. The Attorney General has directed that those aspects be concluded within 30 days. Upon conclusion a report will be prepared and forwarded to the Attorney General with appropriate recommendations in regards to other suspects.

The Commission today 28<sup>th</sup> April 2010 arrested the following suspects who will be arraign in court tomorrow 29<sup>th</sup> April 2010 to face several counts on corruption related charges including conspiracy to commit an offence of corruption contrary to Section 47A (3) as read with Section 48 of the Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Act, no. 3 of 2003, abuse of office among others.

The 10 suspects currently in KACC custody are:

1. Sammy Kirui – Permanent Secretary Ministry of Local Government
2. John Gakuo - Former Town Clerk Nairobi City Council
3. Mary Ngechi Ngethe - Director of Legal Affairs, Nairobi city Council
4. Maina Chege - Business Man
5. Paul Chapia Onduso - Lawyer
6. Davies Odero Osiemo - Lawyer
7. Herman Stevens Chavera – Chief Finance Officer Min. Local Government
8. William Peter Mayaka – Former Permanent Secretary
9. Bonface Okerosi Misera – Director of Procurement Min. Local Government
10. Mercy Nyeri Kinyanjui - Business Lady

The suspects will spend the night at one of the Police Stations until tomorrow when they will appear before the anti-corruption courts.

Kindly publicize and broadcast this information to the public in your respective media. The fight against corruption continues.

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