



The Faces of Violence

Post-electoral Violence in Kenya



IPPNW Responds to the Crises in Pakistan and Kenya

While people throughout the world are offering wishes for peace in the new year, armed violence erupted in Pakistan and Kenya at the close of 2007, threatening serious regional and global repercussions. International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) joins with the rest of the world in expressing grief and outrage at the assassination of Benazir Bhutto and at the post-election violence that has caused a humanitarian crisis in Kenya with shocking rapidity.

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In Kenya, which for many of us has represented a beacon of hope in Africa, a largely incident-free general election devolved into violence following allegations of election fraud. The hasty swearing in of President Mwai Kibaki was followed by outbreaks of ethnic violence. More than 1,500 people have already been killed and several thousand more have been maimed with crude weapons; illegal orders are being issued by people without legal authority; and shortages of food, water, fuel, and medicine are affecting growing numbers of people in Nairobi and further out into the countryside. Neither Africa nor the world can afford another humanitarian catastrophe such as the 1994 Rwanda genocide, of which the current situation in Kenya is eerily reminiscent. The United Nations, the African Union and the rest of the international community must attempt to mediate in



this situation and they must be prepared to intervene if the situation in Kenya continues to deteriorate.

IPPNW joins our medical colleagues in both countries in appealing for an end to the violence, for open and credible elections, and for measures to prevent the further loss of life. We stand by our affiliates—Pakistan Doctors for Peace and Development and the Kenya Association of Physicians and Medical Workers for Social Responsibility—in their efforts to mount a medical and humanitarian response to their respective crises. With them, we reassert our commitment to peace, social justice, and the resolution of conflict through dialogue and diplomacy, which are the only sure and sustainable paths to security and development.

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Co-Presidents
January 2, 2008





Vehicles burn near a petrol station on Juja Road-Nairobi

Daily Nation Jan 4 2008



Approx 50 people burnt alive at this Kenya Assemblies of God church in Kiambaa – Eldoret

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Media united in appeal to leaders

By DAVE OPIYO

The front pages

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Some of the headlines dominating Kenya media since the post election violence begun





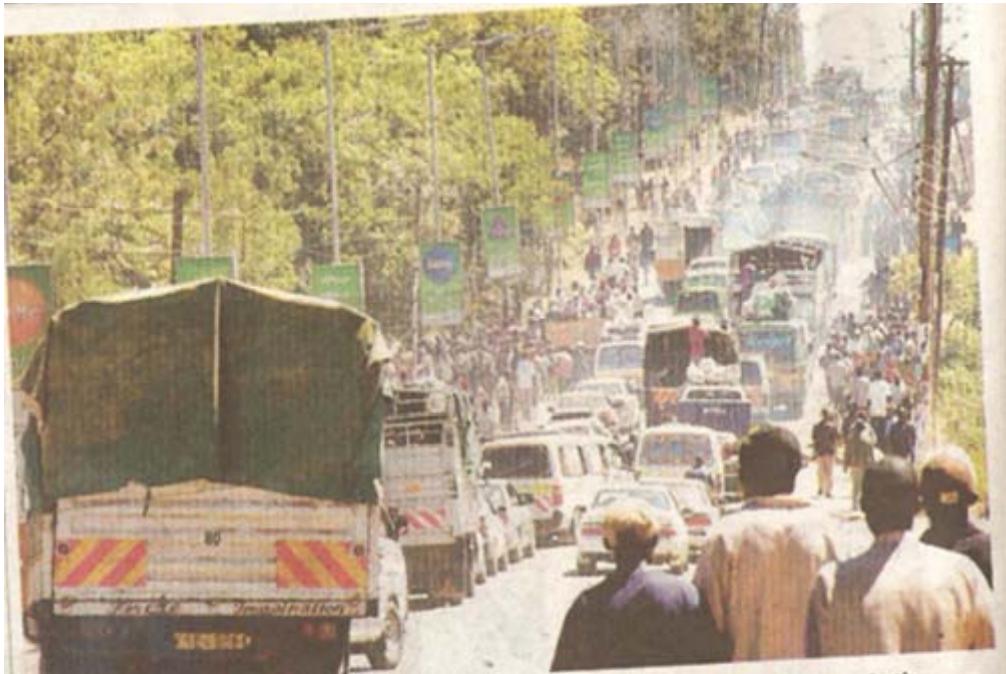
Residents of Mathare North (a slum area in Nairobi) move out of the area due to violence

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Kamukunji grounds in Nairobi have become home for hundreds of people from all over the country, who have escaped the violence, waiting for food aid and other supplies

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Displaced people head for Nakuru from Eldoret.

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Families flee and seek refuge at the Eldoret police station after their houses were burnt down.

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UP IN SMOKE

Residents watch as a vehicle burns in front of a demolished house in Hizama, yesterday. Violent protests have hit the city since the presidential election.

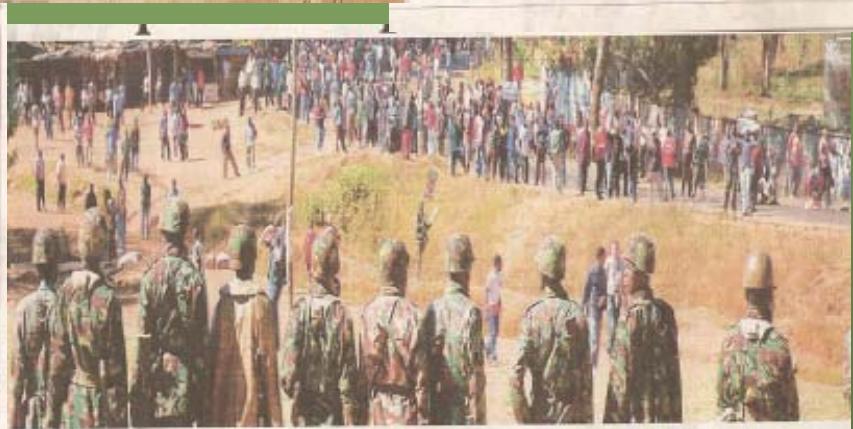


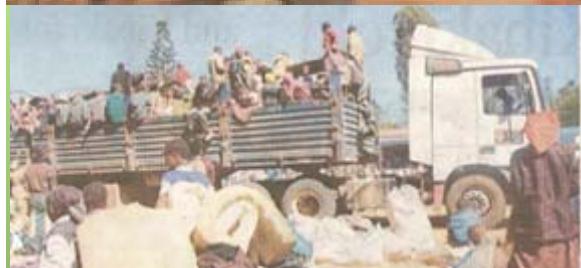
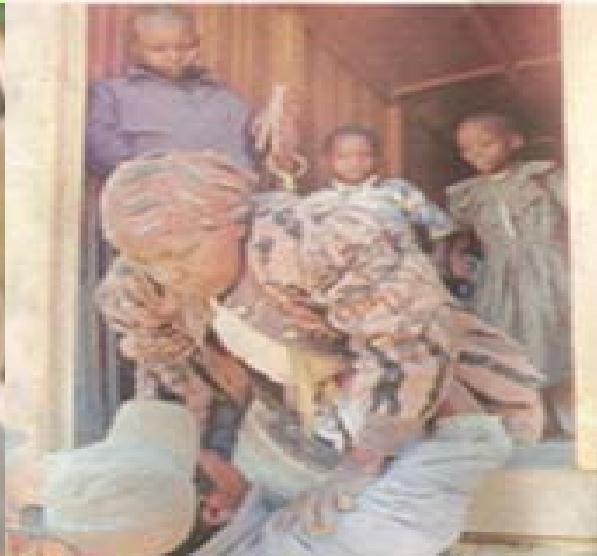
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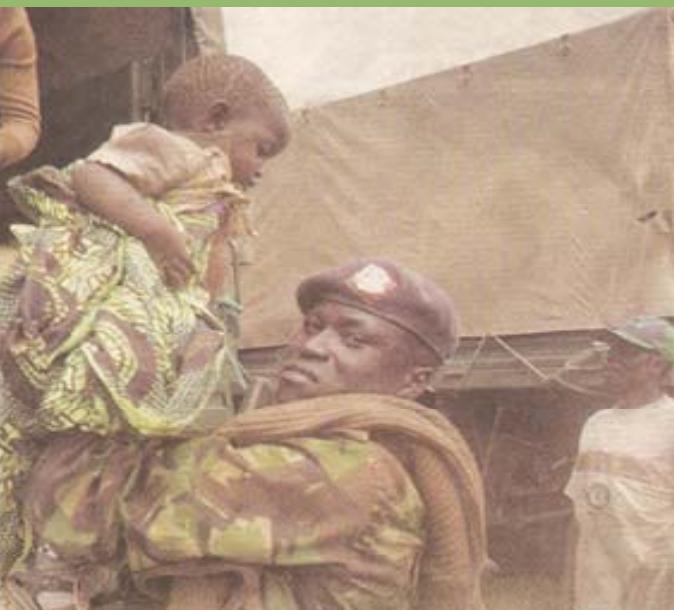
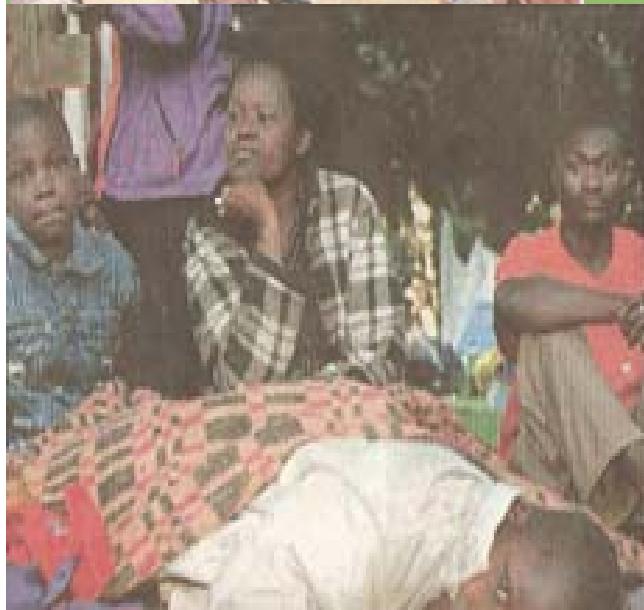


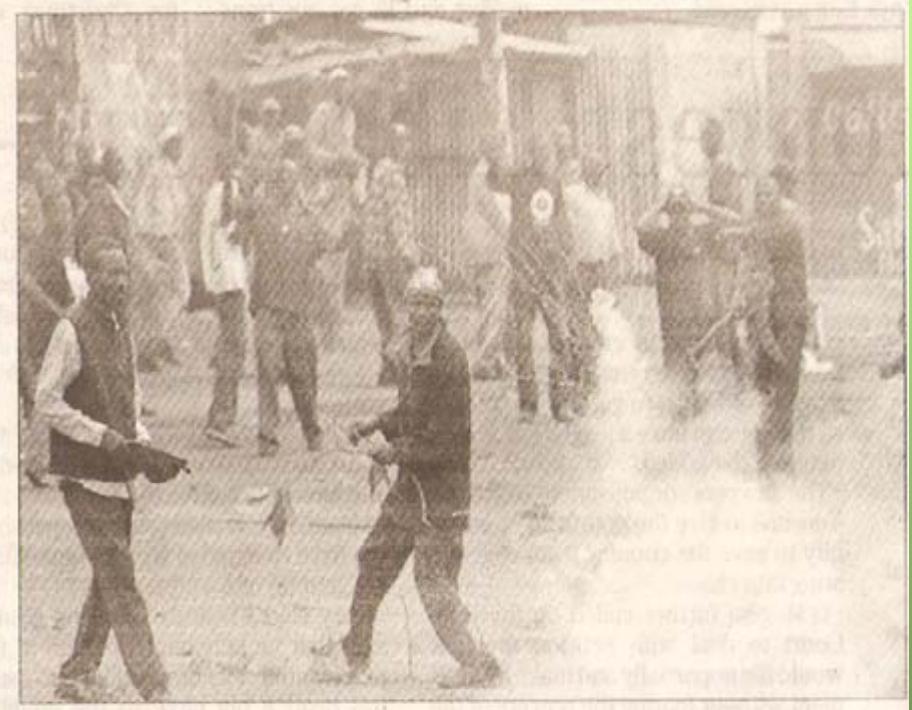
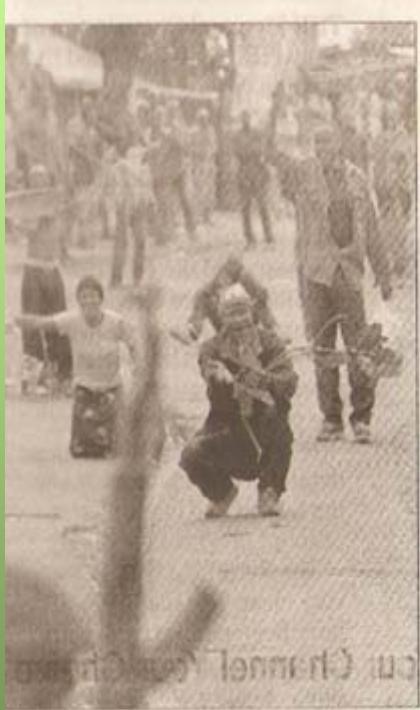
A man who was shot in the leg is taken to a police van after fighting erupted in Lakisima slums in Nairobi yesterday. One person was shot dead and three others were seriously injured during the fighting. Photo: STEPHEN MUDIARI





Women & Children suffer most





Demonstrators in Kibera vs. the police

The Standard Jan 3 2008



Mr. Raila Odinga

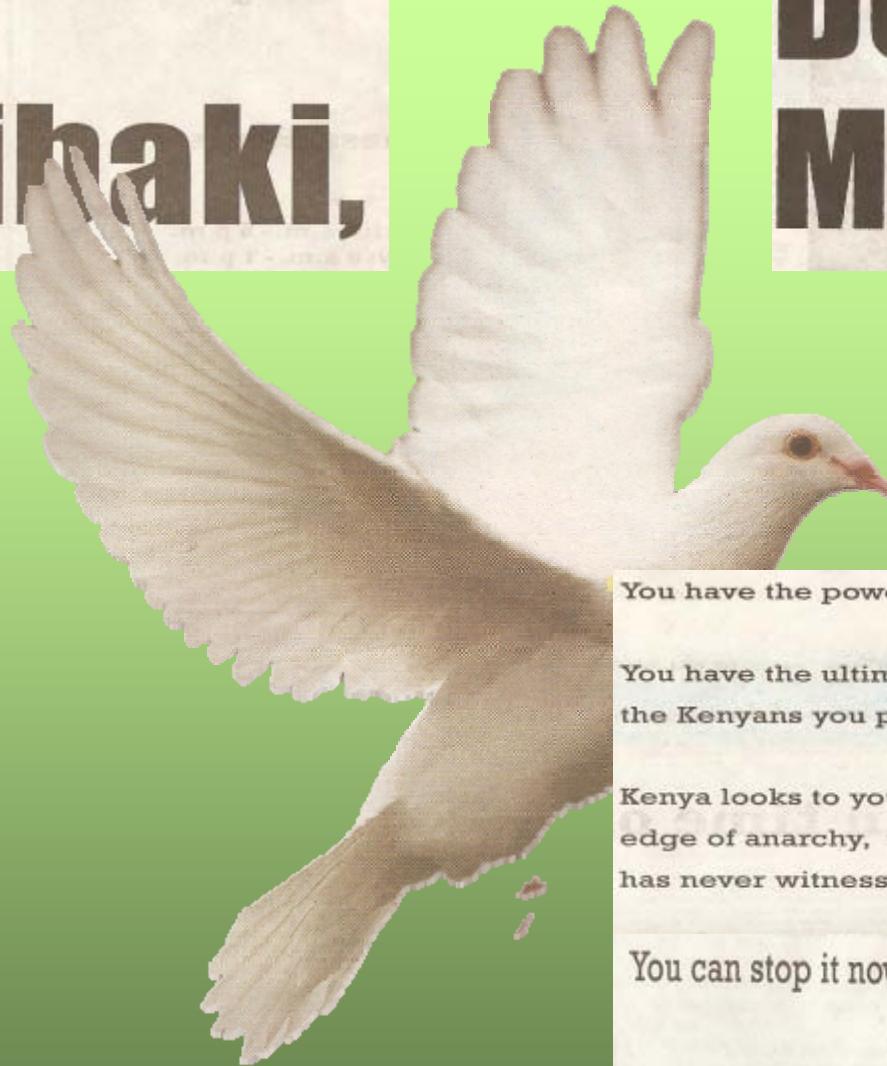


Mr. Mwai Kibaki



Dear Mr Kihaki,

Dear Mr Odinga,



You have the power to restore peace in Kenya.

You have the ultimate responsibility to protect the Kenyans you profess to love and care for.

Kenya looks to you to bring Kenya back from the edge of anarchy, from a bloodbath that our nation has never witnessed before.

You can stop it now. You know how to stop it.

Please, as a leader who cares deeply for the future of our nation, do what you know is best for Kenya.

Concerned Citizens for Peace





SAVE OUR BELOVED COUNTRY

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