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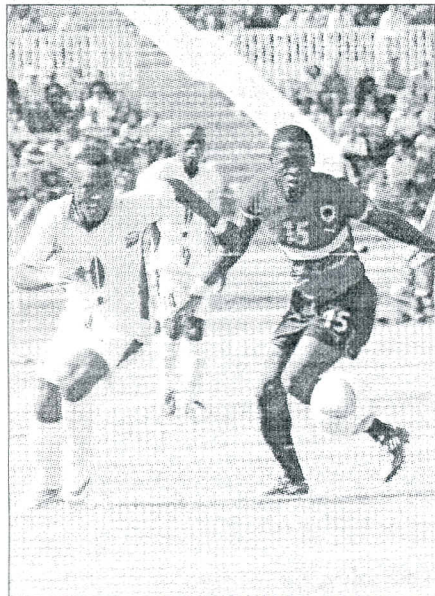
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Vettel wins season opening F1 race

World champion Sebastian Vettel led throughout in his Red Bull to win the season-opening Australian Grand Prix in dominating style in Melbourne on Sunday. Vettel was too quick for his rivals around the Albert Park street circuit



Minister taken to task over CCK executive

The CCK Board has recommended that the Director-General's contract be terminated

By MAUREEN NG'ANG'A

A consumer organisation has taken Information and Communications minister Samuel Poghisio to task over his handling of the recruitment of a new Communication Commission of Kenya chief executive.

Consumer Federation of Kenya (Cofek) said it was unconstitutional for Poghisio to disregard the CCK Board and to instead seek advice from the State Corporation Advisory Committee (SCAC).

The board had recommended that CCK Director-General Charles Njoroge's contract be terminated.

SCAC monitors the performance of Government corporations.

It has emerged Njoroge wrote to the board last December requesting a three-year renewal of contract, but the board recommended against it

since he scored 60 percent, which is below the 70 per cent cut off point set by the board for possible contract renewal.

Stephen Mutoro, Cofek's Secretary General, yesterday said the issue was likely to set a precedent setting of sorts.

"While we consider the minister's move prudent, we are of the view that SCAC, established under Cap 446 laws of Kenya is not legally competent to offer the advice he has sought," he stated.

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"The issue is about whether a Cabinet minister, under the new constitutional dispensation, can get away with an attempt to disregard his own ministry's board recommendation," he added.

Therefore, Mutoro said while the minister has powers to appoint the director general at CCK, his hands could be tied when it comes to unilaterally firing and/or extending such a contract while sharply contradicting the board as the latter enjoys autonomy under the State Corporations Act.



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