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Obama Family Updates

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Mama Sarah had requested government assistance to travel to Mecca, Saudi Arabia for Hajj pilgrimage. But the Saudi Arabia government through its Nairobi embassy has come to her aid. She will be a state guest in Saudi Arabia during her time there.

# Malik Obama has caused a row in the village by marrying a 16 year old school girl who he convinced to drop out of school to marry him. Her family is however against this marriage. Malik says he has done nothing wrong because he is a practicing Muslim. As a Muslim man, he is entitled to marry up to four wives at any given time if he so wishes, provided he has consent from his elder ones.

The girl is from a Christian family but Malik insists that she will be Islamised now that she is his wife.

Since his return from the UK shortly before president Obama's election as US president, Malik Obama has made Kogelo his permanent abode with occasional visits to Kisumu and sometimes Nairobi for business and family visits.

# Malik is attempting to involve himself in local politics and has joined the ODM party. He now participates in locational and district party activities although he holds no position within the party.

There is talk that he may want to contest the Alego Usonga parliamentary seat in the 2012 elections. But this remains just speculation. He has not set up a campaign team or machinery on the ground.