

SCRIPT REPO OBAMA KISUMU

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Like almost everyone in the world is waiting anxiously.
Also the inhabitant of Kenya in Africa do that about the ongoing elections of the 44th US president.

The father of Barack Obama is born in an area in the West of the country
In the capital of that region a true Obamamania is happening.
It's almost like the elections are actually there,
instead of the United States.

BETA

This huge campaign sign board would have fitted nicely in the USA.
But this one is in Kenya, in the city Kisumu on the shore of Lake Victoria.
Obama's father comes from this area.
The last few days a frenzy started around his son Barack.
All over town gadgets with his image are offered.
Pamela Okech here has good business with T Shirts.

QUOTE PAMELA OKECH

I had fifty, but now I am left with almost ten.

SOUNDBITE HOOTING

On this market in city centre this shop keeper already sold dozens of these beautiful clocks.

QUOTE SHOPKEEPER

***They're good.
They're in market now.
We're selling them. People like them.
And we're praying for Obama to go through.***

QUOTE OTHER SHOPKEEPER WITH T-SHIRTS

***They were ten.
Now it's remaining one.***

Also the ones who are not in business are happy with their famous brother.
Some of them are convinced of his victory.

QUOTE

I feel like he has already won the US presidential election.

QUOTE

I'm just praying for him to win.

QUOTE

***I'm very much excited about the elections of America.
particularly the son we claim to be our own in Kenya here.***

SOUNDBITE MUSIC

The famous Kenyan musician Tony Nyadundo dedicated a song to Obama.

SOUNDBITE MUSIC

So this shop keeper saw his income going up the last few days.

QUOTE WAZIR MOHAMED, shop keeper
Since the campaign started we sold almost ten to fifteen pieces a day.

So Kisumu seems to be waiting for the election result in good faith.
But if Obama gets chosen.
He will be the president of America in the first place.

QUOTE
***Definitely of America.
So we hope.
We as Third World countries.
He will bring changes.***

QUOTE
***If we unite together we shall build many things.
Even in America they shall help us.
Even us we shall help them with some other ideas.***

QUOTE

SOUNDBITE NYADUNDO

This is Ruud Elmendorp, from Kisumu in Kenya.