

Notes on Selected Swahili Islamic Media on the Kenyan Coast

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This paper will discuss selected Swahili Islamic media on the Kenyan coast in their social and historical contexts. It draws from collected material on the Islamic newspaper 'Sauti ya Haki' (published in Mombasa between 1972-1982) and the Islamic radio station 'Radio Rahma' (broadcasting in Mombasa from 2004). The discussion will situate them in their particular postcolonial contexts and will try to compare their social relevance, as seen by both makers and audiences within the Muslim community, back to earlier but significantly related Islamic media projects as initiated by Sheikh al-Amin Mazrui in the colonial period, based on the use of Swahili language and its circulation by print technology.