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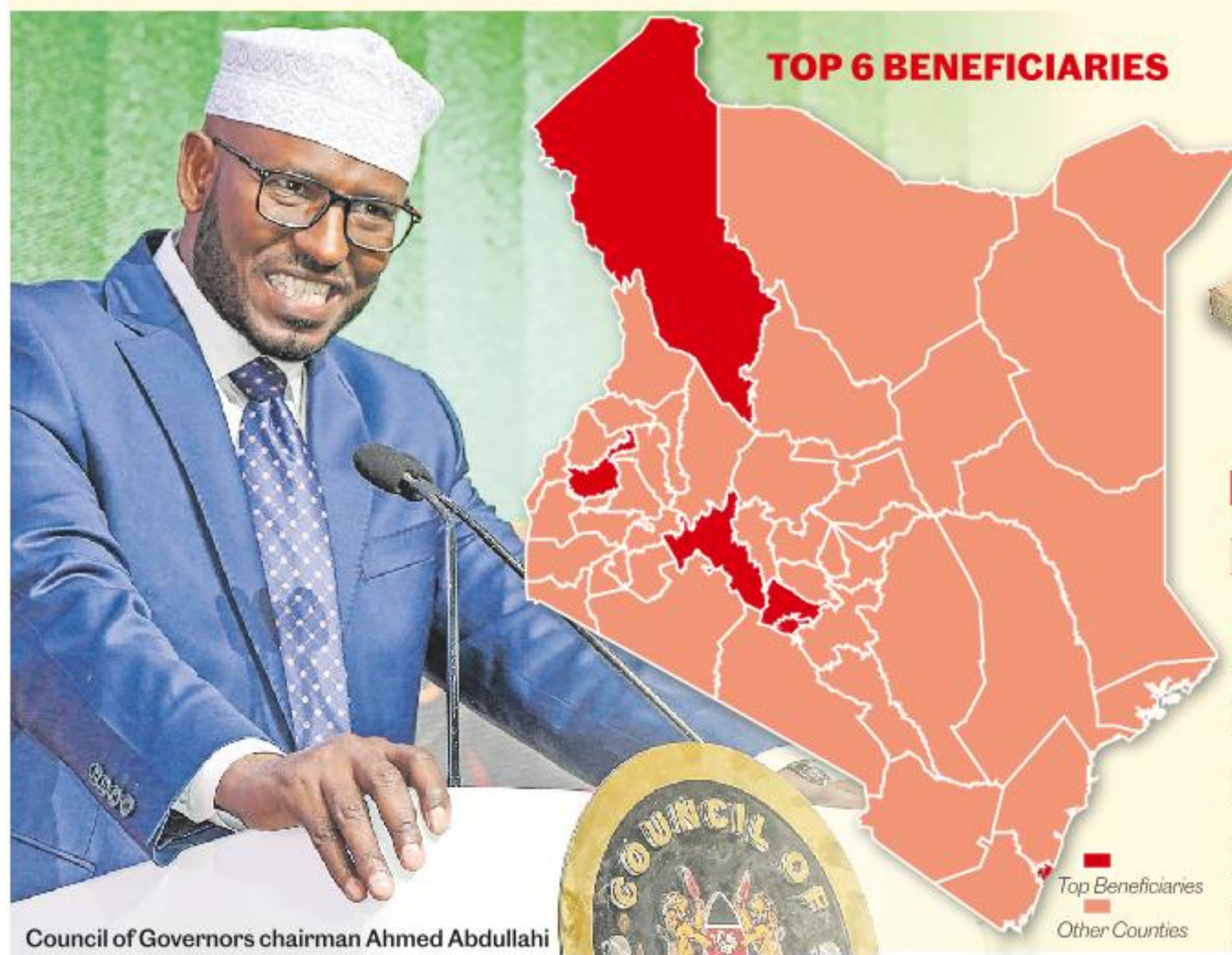
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Six counties get bulk of Sh3.7trn devolution cash

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ALL 47 COUNTIES	Sh3.734 Trillion
Equitable Share	Sh3,141 Trillion
Own Source Revenue	Sh403.39 Billion
Grants	Sh189.4 Billion

TOP 6 BENEFICIARIES	
County	Revenues
Nairobi	Sh305.7 Billion
Kiambu	Sh155.4 Billion
Nakuru	Sh141.1 Billion
Turkana	Sh127.6 Billion
Kakamega	Sh126.4 Billion
Mombasa	Sh117.3 Billion
Total	Sh973.5 Billion

National News

Tribute As MP, Asiyo pushed for major reforms relating to the inclusion of women in politics

Death of a trailblazer: Phoebe Asiyo writes final chapter of inspiring life

She is credited with fighting for many rights that women enjoy today

BY MOSES NYAMORI

Phoebe Asiyo – the brains behind the formulation of the two-thirds gender rule and a former Karachuonyo Member of Parliament – is dead.

Ms Asiyo died yesterday in North Carolina, United States of America, her family announced.

“With heavy hearts, the Asiyo family shares the profound loss of our cherished mother, Hon Dr Phoebe Muga Asiyo, who has peacefully passed away in North Carolina, USA. Her presence and love will be deeply missed by all who knew her,” said the family.

“We kindly ask for your understanding and patience as we navigate this difficult time. Details regarding the memorial services and funeral arrangements will be communicated soon.”

Ms Asiyo – the first African President of Maendeleo Ya Wanawake Organisation having been elected in 1958 – was a trailblazer in the fight for gender equality.

She is credited with fighting for many rights that women enjoy today, including their active involvement in elective politics. She



Ms Phoebe Asiyo in a photograph dated May, 5, 2015. The former Karachuonyo MP died yesterday in North Carolina, USA, according to a family statement. FILE | NATION

was elected twice as MP for Karachuonyo Constituency in 1982 and 1992.

It was during her stint in Parliament that she pushed for major reforms relating to the inclusion of women in politics and leadership. Through her initiative, the Affirmative Action Fund, which disbursed Sh1,000,000 to women contesting for political seats, was established. In 1997 while serving as an MP, she tabled an affirmative action motion in the seventh parliament.

The motion sought to protect female victims of domestic abuse, widows disinherited of their family property, and female politicians subjected to violence during elections.

It also sought to assist women political aspirants facing different hurdles, such as inadequate resources, cultural hindrances, and patriarchal norms.

The motion would, furthermore, address child marriage, widow inheritance, limited access to health services and female

genital mutilation. She also proposed an amendment to the old constitution to permit the setting aside of at least two parliamentary seats for women in each of the eight provinces.

The proposed amendment also sought to trigger conscious and deliberate action by the Ministry of Education to reduce national school and university admission points for female students in arid and semi-arid areas, aside from reserving most slots in national schools for children in public in-

stitutions of learning.

The motion, which was eventually defeated in Parliament, had a lasting ripple effect in the years that followed.

Asiyo family statement



In her memoir, “It is Possible: An African Woman Speaks”, Asiyo narrates how women had increasingly become restless due to the enduring failure of successive governments in constituting laws that empowered them.

Her road to success started right from the day she graduated from high school at Kamagambo in Migori County, and later at Kangaru Teachers College in Embu County. Her childhood dream was to become a nurse but her Seventh Day Adventist Church leaders and parents thought otherwise and preferred the teaching profession.

According to Asiyo, her decision to plunge into politics in 1979 was boosted by a nod from the influential Luo Council of Elders — who deliberated on the matter for two days — and the tacit backing of Jaramogi Oginga Odinga, who was then a Vice-President and a force to reckon with in Nyanza politics.

“This is the story of my life, a journey replete with experiences

that have left an indelible mark in the lives of women of this country. My experiences have been a source of immense and near devastating despair, as I encountered human triumph over different forms of diversity, or their caving into base instincts that led to unnecessary human suffering,” Asiyo writes in her memoir.

Asiyo taught briefly at Pumwani School in Nairobi before resigning to work at Nairobi Municipal Council as a social worker.

Later, she joined Maendeleo Ya Wanawake Organisation, and in 1953, one year after it was formed, was elected as its first African President in 1958, where she served for four years.

But four executive members — all of whom were white — opposed her election on grounds that she was “a young, inexperienced, African woman who could not manage or even comprehend the magnitude of the responsibilities of the office.”

Looking back, Asiyo, who was married to Richard Asiyo and had five children — three girls and two boys — recalls that, with the help of other leaders, they immediately embarked on the process of reviewing the mission of Maendeleo Ya Wanawake Organisation and giving it new objectives apart from baking cakes, embroidery and learning domestic science and housewifery.

“I led women through MYWO in the direction of economic empowerment, women’s self-worth and self-esteem, learning new and better farming methods, the establishment of small-scale businesses and lobbying for the improvement of women’s health-care, especially maternal child health, nutrition, hygiene, political empowerment and representation in the three arms of government,” Asiyo says in her book.

In 1960, Asiyo and Priscilla Abwao, a nominated MP, mobilised fellow women leaders from each of the eight provinces to travel to Kapenguria in West Pokot County to visit Mzee Jomo Kenyatta and five other freedom fighters who had been detained by the colonial government.

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

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APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR



Mr. Richard Etemesi
Board of Directors
Liberty Kenya Holdings PLC

The Board of Directors of Liberty Kenya Holdings PLC (the “Company”) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Richard Etemesi as an independent non-executive director of the Company, subject to approval by the Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA).

Mr. Etemesi holds an MSc in Financial Studies from the University of Strathclyde and a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Nairobi. He brings more than 34 years of local and international experience in financial services across Africa, Asia, and the Middle East in both executive and board capacity. Mr. Etemesi is also actively involved in coaching and mentoring young fintech founders and high-potential executives.

Mr. Etemesi currently serves as a director of Mulingia Coffee Estate Limited, Dazzler Properties Limited and is also a Governor of the Capital Club East Africa.

We take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Etemesi to the Board and wish him every success in this role.

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Officials puzzled by

BY MISHI GONGO

In Mombasa, many residents often assume that symptoms such as mild headaches, fever and joint pain are signs of mosquito-borne illnesses like dengue fever or chikungunya, which are common in the region.

This was the case for Ms Roseline Alice (not her real name), who began experiencing such symptoms last Friday only for the situation to escalate into a frightening health crisis.

Ms Alice, like several other residents of Migadini in Changamwe Sub-county, later developed painful blisters and facial swelling.

Four have died of the strange disease.

“It started with a headache, chills, and joint aches. After three days, I noticed blisters that began oozing pus. Then my face started swelling and more blisters appeared,” she recounted.

Doctors have said she is battling an infection, though the exact nature remains a mystery, and she continues to mingle with other patients at the general ward.

A local who had interacted with two of the dead patients said they had exhibited similar symptoms.

“It’s terrifying,” Mr Aaron Otieno, a resident of Migadini, told *Nation* yesterday.

Science The treatment comes as two dispersible tablets that dissolve easily in water, breast milk

Breakthrough malaria drug offers hope for sick infants

Coartem Baby, made by Swedish pharmaceutical giant Novartis, is the first safe medicine for new-borns

BY LEON LIDIGU

Kenyan parents no longer have to watch helplessly as their new-born babies battle malaria with adult-strength medicines that could prove toxic to their developing bodies.

Swedish pharmaceutical giant Novartis has announced that Coartem Baby has become the first malaria treatment specifically approved for infants weighing less than 4.5 kilogrammes, ending a dangerous treatment gap that has persisted for decades.

The breakthrough comes as a lifeline for families across Kenya, where approximately 70 per cent of the population remains at risk of malaria, and where counties such as Kakamega and Migori report infant mortality rates as high as 73 deaths per 1,000 live births.

"Until now, there has been no approved malaria treatment for infants weighing less than 4.5kg, leaving a treatment gap," explained Vas Narasimhan, Chief Executive of Novartis. "They have instead been treated with formulations intended for use in older children, which may increase the risk of overdose and toxicity."

The Swiss drug regulator, Swissmedic, approved the treatment following extensive Phase II/III clinical trials that investigated new ratios and doses of the antimalarial compound artemether-lumefantrine, specifically accounting for how babies' immature organs process medicines differently from older children and adults.

Dr Nekoye Otsyula, Global Medical Affairs Director at Novartis, said the company had spent a

decade developing the infant-specific formulation after discovering that traditional dosing approaches were inadequate.

"Ten years ago, during a study, we established that these babies don't handle medicine as older children or even adults do – their organs are still maturing," she said. "We had to go back and model a dose that works because we firmly believe that babies are not small adults and should be treated with the best evidence-based medicines."

The new treatment, which will also be known as Riamet Baby in some countries, comes as two dispersible tablets that dissolve easily in water or breast milk. The medicine has been given a sweet cherry flavour to make administration easier for parents and caregivers.

"There will be two dispersible tablets which are put on a normal teaspoon of water and given by mouth, which is very simple to administer and very similar to what has been used for 25 years now," Dr Otsyula added.

The medicine is designed to

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Dr Nekoye Otsyula



A nurse administers the malaria vaccine to an infant at the Lumumba Sub-County Hospital in Kisumu. PHOTO | REUTERS

treat infants and neonates weighing between two and five kilograms who have acute, uncomplicated infections caused by Plasmodium falciparum or mixed infections including P. falciparum.

Professor Umberto D'Alessandro, Director of the MRC Unit at The Gambia and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, welcomed the development, noting that previous malaria treatments had only been properly tested in children aged at least six months.

"That matters because neonates and young infants have immature liver function and metabolise some medicines differently, so the dose for older children may not be appropriate for small babies," he said.

The need for such a treatment is stark. According to the World Health Organisation, there were 263 million cases of malaria and 597,000 deaths globally in 2023, with almost all fatalities occurring in Africa. Children under five years old accounted for about three in four malaria deaths across the continent.

In Kenya, the Ministry of Health's 2023–2027 malaria strategy highlights the disease as a significant public health problem. The 2022 Kenya Demographic and Health Survey showed that counties with high malaria endemicity consistently reported the highest under-five mortality rates over the preceding decade.

Recent surveillance data reveal that 76 per cent of Kenyan children aged six months to 14 years who tested positive for malaria had Plasmodium falciparum infections, with northern counties including Isiolo, Mandera, Turka-

na, Marsabit, and Wajir increasingly reporting cases of Plasmodium vivax.

The scale of the challenge is immense. Some 30 million babies are born in malaria-risk areas across Africa each year, with surveys across West Africa reporting infection rates ranging from 3.4 per cent to 18.4 per cent in infants younger than six months old.

Martin Fitchet, Chief Executive of Medicines for Malaria Venture, which collaborated with Novartis on the development, described the approval as a crucial step forward.

"Malaria is one of the world's deadliest diseases, particularly among children. But with the right resources and focus, it can be eliminated," he said. "The approval of Coartem Baby provides a necessary medicine with an optimised dose to treat an otherwise neglected group of patients and offers a valuable addition to the antimalarial toolbox."

Novartis plans to make the treatment available on a largely not-for-profit basis to increase access in malaria-endemic areas. The company expects rapid approvals in eight African countries under a special global health scheme operated by Swissmedic.

The pharmaceutical giant has committed nearly \$490 million (Sh 63.7 billion) to global health research and development since 2021.

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mysterious disease at the Coast



Health CS Aden Duale.

"They complained of joint pain, chills and headaches. Then blisters began to form on their bodies and it didn't take long before they passed on," he said.

The bodies, which were discovered in their homes on Monday, were swollen and covered with blisters resembling severe burns.

Following widespread panic, the Mombasa County Department of Health launched investigations before roping in the national government.

Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale said on Wednesday that samples had been sent to the Kenya Medical Research Institute (Kemri) laboratories in Kilifi

County for analysis.

Yesterday, government officials held a public meeting with Migadini residents to provide updates and reassure the community.

Officials said that, while conclusive test results from Kemri were still pending, preliminary findings showed no cause for alarm. Early assessments indicated that the illness is not contagious.

Tests also revealed that the patients did not share a common cause of death and only two of the four bodies had blisters. No new cases have been reported this week and people who came into contact with the dead have not exhibited any symptoms.



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National News

Devolution scorecard Among other sectors, different parts of Kenya have felt the impact of devolution in healthcare

Six counties take lion's share of

Nairobi has received Sh305.7 billion, the highest amount of any county since devolution started, comprising cash from the Exchequer and own collections

BY PETER MBURU

Six counties have received more than a quarter of the Sh3.73 trillion disbursed to the 47 devolved governments since onset of devolution, underlining the high concentration of resources in a small section of the country.

Remittances to the six counties accounted for 26 per cent of the total Exchequer allocations, grants and own revenues between July 2013 and June 2024, reflecting the wide inequalities across Kenya.

The Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) County Fact Sheets lists Nairobi, Kiambu, Turkana, Nakuru, Kakamega and Mombasa as the biggest beneficiaries, having cumulatively received Sh973.5 billion in the last decade.

"As of June 30, counties had cumulatively received Sh3.141 trillion (Equitable Share) since the commencement of devolution and since 2013/14, counties have been allocated Sh189.4 billion in additional resources from the national government," the report says.

The 47 counties generated Sh403.4

billion from their own sources in the period, out of which Sh213.4 billion came from the six, according to reports by the Controller of Budget and the Commission on Revenue Allocation (CRA).

The PBO report presents a comprehensive overview of fiscal and economic developments across the 47 counties since the advent of devolution, comparing how differently they have fared.

Nairobi has received Sh305.7 billion, the highest amount of any county since devolution started, comprising revenue from the Exchequer (Sh171.37 billion) and Sh116.7 billion own collections.

"The county also received additional allocations from the national government's share and from development partners amounting to Sh5.2 billion and Sh12.4 billion respectively over the period (2013/14-2022/23)," the Parliamentary Budget Office says.

Kiambu received Sh155.38 billion between July 2013 and June 2024, with nearly three-quarters or 72.5 per cent coming from the National Treasury as Equitable Share of revenues from the national government.

The report says Nakuru received Sh141.13 billion, Kakamega (Sh126.37 billion) while Mombasa got Sh117.3 billion over the 11 years.

Turkana County had Sh127.6 billion at its disposal – almost all of it (or 93 per cent) coming from Treasury as Equitable Share.

Since the advent of devolution IN 2013, county governments have relied heavily on national government remittances in the form of Equitable

Share of revenues from the National Treasury, revenues generated from own sources and grants to run their operations.

The Equitable Share of revenues constituted more than 80 per cent or Sh3.14 trillion of the funding counties received over the decade to June 2024, while own collections followed with Sh403.4 billion or just 10.8 per cent.

The six counties' high population is the primary reason they benefited most from devolved funds, but critics argue that this has extended economic inequalities that the governance system was intended to cure.

Based on Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) population projections, the six counties have 14.62 million people out of a population of 53.33 million Kenyans this year, accounting for 27.4 per cent of Kenyans.

"Whereas devolution is working, we need to revisit the formula used for distribution of revenues to counties. We need to put more resources where there is still underdevelopment," says University of Nairobi Economics professor, Samuel Nyandemo.

Among areas different parts of Kenya have felt the impact of devolution has been in healthcare and construction of roads in the villages that had previously been neglected by the national government.

Counties have also been instrumental in the development of early childhood education, through equipping schools and rolling out programmes to encourage children to attend school.

Revenue sharing formulae for counties (2013 - 2030)

First revenue sharing formula (2013/14 - 2016/17)

Population	45%
Basic equal share	25%
Poverty	20%
Land area	8%
Fiscal responsibility	2%

Second revenue sharing formula (2017/18 - 2019/20)

Population	45%
Basic equal share	26%
Poverty	18%
Land area	8%
Fiscal responsibility	2%
Development index	1%

Third revenue sharing formula (2020/21 - 2024/25)

Basic share index	20%
Population	18%
Health Index	17%
Poverty	14%
Agriculture index	10%
Land area	8%
Rural access index	8%
Urban households	5%

Fourth revenue sharing formula

Population	42%
Equal share	22%
Poverty	14%
Income distance	13%



Pupils of Kapedo Girls Primary School in Turkana County. The county has received Sh127.6 billion, most of it from the national government. FILE | NATION

Prof Nyandemo, who authored the article *Devolution in Kenya as a Mechanism of Inclusive Development*, says the intention of devolution was to uplift regions of the country that had been marginalised and left behind, but the idea has been weakened by concentrating resources in populous counties, most of them already developed.

"Inequalities can only be addressed if we stop focusing on population as the main metric in determining the amount of money a county receives. Poverty and development levels of a county should be key," Prof Nyandemo says.

Between 2013 and 2020, the revenue-sharing formula used to deter-



LEADERSHIP TRANSITION



Dr. Chrisostim Barasa

The Board of Directors of the Christian Health Association of Kenya (CHAK) announces the appointment of **Dr Chrisostim Wekesa Barasa** as the new **General Secretary and Chief Executive Officer effective 17th March 2025**. Dr Barasa, an Obstetrician Gynecologist and Health Governance Expert, brings on board a wealth of experience from both Government and the Development Sector.

The Board welcomes Dr Barasa and looks forward to his valuable contributions to CHAK's vision of Quality Healthcare for All to the Glory of God.



Dr. Samuel Mwenda

The Board of Directors of the Christian Health Association of Kenya (CHAK) announces the **retirement of Dr Samuel Mwenda Rukunga** as the General Secretary and Chief Executive Officer effective 30th June 2025. Dr Mwenda has diligently served CHAK for the last 24 years.

The Board wishes to appreciate Dr Mwenda for the dedication and immense contribution towards the growth of CHAK. We wish him well in his future endeavours.



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The County Government of Migori through the Department of Roads, Transport and Public Works is in the process of developing the **Migori County Infrastructure Financing Bill - 2025** which will help to create a legal framework for consolidating, prioritising and managing the funding of various infrastructure projects.

Pursuant to Articles 10, 35, 201(a) and 232(1)(d) and (f) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, read together with the County Governments Act Sections 30(3)(g), 46(2)(g), 104(4) and 115 the County Government is required to undertake public participation to sensitize and collect views and feedback from critical stakeholders and members of the public on the same.

The Department of Roads, Transport and Public Works hence invites Stakeholders and the General Public to submit memoranda in respect of this Bill and to attend public participation at Migori County ICT Center Hall in Migori Headquarters- on Friday August 01, 2025, from 8:30 am.

The public views/memoranda may be forwarded, or hand delivered to the Director Roads and Transport, County Government of Migori through the address 195-40400 Suna Migori or on email info@migori.go.ke and amolophilip@migori.go.ke to be received on or before July 28th, 2025.

The relevant documents are accessible at Migori County Road, Transport and Public Works website at <https://migori.go.ke/departments/roads-transport-public-works/>

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In the formula used in the current financial year, the CRA went back to prioritising population as a metric to determine revenues going to counties at 42 per cent, with equal share being allocated 22 per cent and a region's poverty levels standing at 14 per cent.

Mr John Mutua, the Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA) Programmes Coordinator, says a county's population is a big variable in determining the amount of money it should get, since counties primarily exist to serve people.

"There have been concerns over the Equitable Revenue sharing formula for focusing heavily on population, but the services by counties are provided to the people," Mr Mutua says.

The economist argues that while devolution funds should be distributed based on needs, where population plays an important part, the government should tap the Equalisation Fund to address development needs of marginalised regions.

"The Equalisation Fund should ideally prop up counties that are behind economically but it has had challenges with release of the cash. Since 2012, less than 30 per cent of the Equalisation Funds have been released to target counties," he says.

To contextualise the Sh3.73 trillion spent by the 47 counties over the 11 years, the amount can fund an equivalent of 80 Talanta stadiums, costing about Sh45 billion each.

Equally, the amount can cover more than five times of the current financial year's development budget of Sh693.2 billion.

While revenues to counties have continued to grow over the years, many counties stand accused of wasting billions of shillings, attracting concerns from the Auditor-General.

The Parliamentary Budget Office report is intended to provide budgetary, financial and economic information that could enable the National Assembly and the Senate formulate policies that support counties and promote accountability in devolved governance.

"In addition to supporting parliamentary processes, the publication is intended as a valuable resource for development partners, civil society organisations and the public, enhancing transparency and promoting the responsible management of public resources," says PBO Director Martin Masinde.

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Judiciary wants MPs to peg its allocation to 3.5pc of budget

BY EDWIN MUTAI

The Judiciary wants Parliament to amend the Constitution and peg its allocation to at least 3.5 per cent of the national budget or Sh56 billion.

The Judicial Service Commission (JSC) told the National Assembly Constitutional Oversight Implementation Committee that the changes should also result in the full implementation of the Judiciary Fund by ensuring direct transfers of the annual budget from the Consolidated Fund.

Commission Vice-Chairperson Issac Ruto and commissioner Fatuma Sichale said the changes should include the JSC as a direct beneficiary of the Judiciary Fund established under Article 173 of the Constitution.

"The JSC is chronically underfunded, limiting its ability to discharge constitutional mandates," Ms Winfridah Mokaya, the JSC secretary and the Judiciary Chief Registrar, said.

"The allocation of the Judiciary is less than one per cent of the national budget, which is not sufficient for infrastructure development in more than 140 court stations, recruitment of judges and support staff and technology adoption for e-justice."

The JSC appeared before the committee that is chaired by Tiaty MP William Kamket to present a report on the extent of the discharge of its constitutional mandate.

It told lawmakers that it requires a yearly budget of Sh45 billion but the National Treasury has been giving it Sh22.7 billion in the last three financial years.

"We appeal to this House to peg the Judiciary and JSC budget to at least 3.5 per cent of the national budget through a constitutional or statutory amendment," Ms Mokaya said.

She added that there have been delays or refusal by the Executive to appoint judges recommended by the commission.

The JSC said attacks on Judges' decisions undermine constitutional expectations and strain inter-arm relations. It added that the tensions between the arms of government signal possible encroachment on judicial independence.

"The impact of the tensions affects public perception of the bench," Ms Mokaya said.

"There is need for respect by every arm of its mandate and powers and constant engagement to reduce tensions."

Ms Mokaya asked MPs to amend the law to eradicate the duplication of structures for the administration of the Judiciary Fund, saying where the Controller of Budget comes in to determine access of the funds is an affront to the independence of the Judiciary.

The JSC said the Judiciary has pending case backlogs which stand at 257,000.

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Hardcopy bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the reference "Ref: Concern/RFP/SR11642-2025, Provision of Annual Statutory Audit for Concern Kenya. Not to be opened before 10:00 A.M. on 30th July 2025.

The envelope should be addressed to:

**The Country Director,
Concern Worldwide Kenya,
Junction of Westlands and Chameleon Avenue, Westlands.
P O Box 13850-00800, Nairobi, Kenya.**

Envelopes must be submitted to the above address by **4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, 29th July 2025**. Any bid submitted after the deadline will be rejected.

For inquiries, please contact Concern Worldwide by email at NairobiLogisticsGroup@concern.net

Note: Canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification.

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THE NAIROBI HOSPITAL

INVITATION TO TENDER

The Nairobi Hospital invites sealed tenders from eligible bidders for the work listed below:

TENDER REF NO.	TENDER TITLE
TNH/ITB/010/25/ENG.	Proposed Renovations and Reorganization Works at the Day Surgery Unit (DSU) Theatres - Main Works .
TNH/ITB/013/25/ENG.	Proposed Renovations and Reorganization Works at the Day Surgery Unit (DSU) Theatres - General Electrical Installations .
TNH/ITB/014/25/THEATRE TNH/ITB/015/25/THEATRE	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Training and Commissioning of Laparoscopic Tower. Supply, Delivery, Installation, Training and Commissioning of HD Video Colposcope with Image Management System.
TNH/ITB/016/25/ENG.	Proposed Renovations & Reorganization Works at the Day Surgery Unit (DSU) Theatres - Electrical Sub Station Installations .
TNH/ITB/017/25/ENG.	Proposed Renovations & Reorganization Works at the Day Surgery Unit (DSU) Theatres - HVAC Installations .
TNH/ITB/018/25/ENG.	Proposed Renovations & Reorganization Works at the Day Surgery Unit (DSU) Theatres - Lift Installations .
TNH/ITB/019/25/ENG.	Proposed Renovations & Reorganization Works at the Day Surgery Unit (DSU) Theatres - Security Systems Installations .
TNH/ITB/020/25/ENG.	Proposed Renovations & Reorganization Works at the Day Surgery Unit (DSU) Theatres - ICT and Structured Cabling Installations .
TNH/ITB/021/25/ENG.	Proposed Renovations & Reorganization Works at the Day Surgery Unit (DSU) Theatres - Nurse Call Installations .
TNH/ITB/022/25/ENG.	Proposed Renovations & Reorganization Works at the Day Surgery Unit (DSU) Theatres - Plumbing & Drainage Installations .
TNH/ITB/023/25/ENG.	Proposed Renovations & Reorganization Works at the Day Surgery Unit (DSU) Theatres - Medical Gases Installations .
TNH/ITB/024/25/ENG.	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Training & Commissioning of Medical Air Plant.
TNH/RFP/006/25/ENG.	Request For Proposal to Build, Operate and Maintenance of Steam System.
TNH/ITB/025/25/LAB.	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Training & Commissioning of Gel Electrophoresis machine
TNH/ITB/005/01/25/HR	Provision of Baseline Survey for Occupational Medical Examinations - Retender

For more details interested eligible bidders may download tender documents from The Nairobi Hospital website: <https://thenairobihosp.org/tenders>

Bidders will be required to pay non-refundable fee of Kshs. 3,000.00 payable via Lipa Na Mpesa Paybill Number: 998151 A/C No: Company Name at the Hospital cashiers' desk from 8:30 A.M - 4:30 P.M Monday to Friday. **Original receipt must be attached to the tender document.**

All bid documents must be submitted not later than **Thursday, 31st July 2025 at 12.00 p.m.** clearly marked with the bid title. Late bids will be rejected.

NB: The Nairobi Hospital is not obliged to offer the tender to the lowest or any other bidder or give any reasons thereof.

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National News

Politics The NDC will elect new national officials, review party policies and deliberate on the pact with Ruto's UDA

Ruto-Raila pact faces test as ODM gears up for meeting

Orange party's NDC in October could redefine its leadership, political direction

BY JUSTUS OCHIENG

A fierce power struggle is brewing in Raila Odinga's ODM as the party gears up for its October National Delegates Convention (NDC) – a meeting that could redefine its leadership, stance on a controversial deal with President William Ruto and strategy for the 2027 General Election.

The NDC, as announced by the party Central Committee, will elect new national officials, review party policies and deliberate on the March 2025 Memorandum of Understanding between ODM and Dr Ruto's United Democratic Alliance (UDA). "The Central Committee set October 2025 as the month for convening the National Delegates Convention (NDC). The NDC will, among other matters, consider reports from

party organs, review and adopt party policy positions, elect national officials, and chart the path forward in readiness for the 2027 General Elections," ODM Secretary-General Edwin Sifuna said in a statement.

The Central Committee also adopted the programme for the party's 20th anniversary celebrations, dubbed ODM@20. "These celebrations will take place across all counties, culminating in a major national event in October 2025, which will reflect on the party's journey, achievements, and future direction," Mr Sifuna added.

The ODM-UDA agreement framed as a cooperation deal to address national challenges has sharply divided Mr Odinga's party. While some senior ODM figures including National Chairperson Gladys Wanga, Director of



Orange Democratic Movement party leader Raila Odinga in Funyula, Busia County, in February. ALEX ODHIAMBOINATON

Elections Junet Mohamed, ODM trustee and Siaya Senator Oburu Oginga have warmed up to the Ruto-led administration, others, like Secretary-General Edwin Sifuna, Co-Deputy Party Leader Godfrey Osotsi and a section of legislators remain fiercely opposed.

With the evident divisions in the party – and given the chaos that marred past ODM elections – analysts believe the October NDC could be equally turbulent. In 2014, similar elections at Kasarani Gymnasium were disrupted by party-aligned youth clad in black suits dubbed the "Men-in-Black," who forced the polls to end prematurely, preventing then Budalangi MP Ababu Namwamba from ascending to the Secretary-General position. He would later be appointed after internal consensus.

Sifuna who has firmly opposed a working arrangement with President Ruto's UDA dismissed claims that ODM is part of a "broad-based" government and accused some party officials of betraying the party's position. "There is no government called broad-based. We have the Kenya Kwanza government, and all those who serve in it work for Ruto. Our MoU with UDA is merely a cooperation framework on shared interests – not a power-sharing deal or coalition agreement," said Mr Sifuna.

2014

The year that ODM elections were disrupted by party-aligned youth clad in black suits dubbed the 'Men-in-Black'

Former officials who joined the cabinet include Opiyo Wandayi (Energy), John Mbadi (National Treasury), Hassan Joho (Mining), Wycliffe Oparanya (Cooperatives) and Beatrice Askul (EAC). However, Mr Sifuna maintains that despite their entry into government, "President Ruto cannot be trusted." His stance contrasts sharply with the behaviour of some top party officials who have been accompanying the president on nationwide tours.

Mr Odinga's elder brother Oburu Oginga has supported the broad-based government but recently warned that the deal could unravel if expectations are not met.

At the heart of ODM's internal strife is the 2027 question: Will the party field its own presidential candidate or endorse Ruto's re-election? In a recent radio interview, Oginga said: "We agreed to support the government after wide consultations with our supporters. Even if they are staggering, let them stagger until elections."



OLDMUTUAL

THE INSURANCE ACT (CHAPTER 487, LAWS OF KENYA)

SUPPLEMENTARY PUBLICATION IN RELATION TO THE NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR APPROVAL FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE LONG-TERM INSURANCE BUSINESS OF OLD MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LTD TO OLD MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE KENYA LTD PURSUANT TO SECTION 114(1) OF THE INSURANCE ACT, CAP 487, LAWS OF KENYA

Further to the Notice published on Wednesday 9th July 2025 pursuant to Section 113 and Section 117 of the Insurance Act (the **Notice**), in relation to the intended transfer of the long-term insurance business of Old Mutual Life Assurance Company Limited (OMLAC) to Old Mutual Life Assurance Kenya Limited (the **Proposed Transfer**), please take note of the following additional information in relation to the Notice.

As indicated in the Notice, copies of a statement setting out the particulars of the Proposed Transfer and the report of the actuary in respect thereof, are available for inspection at the registered offices of OMLAC and at the OMLAC office branches during normal business hours for a period of not less than sixty (60) days from the date of publication of the Notice. In addition to the above, the said statement of particulars and the actuarial report are also available for inspection at the offices of the Insurance Regulatory Authority and at the offices of OMLAC's legal consultants, Coulson Harney LLP, Advocates for a similar period from the date of publication of the Notice.

For ease of reference:

- the offices of the Insurance Regulatory Authority are located at 2nd Floor, Zep- Re Place, Longonot Road, Upper Hill, Nairobi, Kenya.
- the offices of OMLAC's legal consultants are located at 5th Floor, West Wing, ICEA Lion Centre Riverside Park, Chiromo Road, Nairobi, Kenya; and
- the location of each of the OMLAC offices is as follows:
 - 7th Floor, Old Mutual Tower, Upperhill Road, Upperhill, Nairobi, Kenya
 - Ground Floor, Bishops Garden Towers, 1st Ngong Avenue/Bishops Road, Nairobi, Kenya
 - 1st Floor, Old Mutual Building, Kimathi Street, Nairobi, Kenya
 - Twin Oak Plaza, Kwame Nkrumah Road, Thika, Kenya
 - Ground floor, Mutungoni Building, Syokimau Street, Machakos, Kenya
 - Prestige Plaza, Off Kenyatta Avenue, Nakuru, Kenya
 - 1st Floor, Imperial Court, Nairobi-Malaba Highway, Eldoret, Kenya
 - Tivoli Center, Jomo Kenyatta Avenue, Kisumu, Kenya
 - Ouru Complex, Ground Floor, Kisii -Kisumu Road, Kisii, Kenya
 - Mezzanine 1, Acacia Center, Nyerere Avenue, Mombasa, Kenya.

Dated: 17th July 2025

By the Order of the Board of Directors,

Moses Obonyo,
Chairman,
Old Mutual Life Assurance Company Limited



CAVEAT EMPTOR

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

IN THE ENVIRONMENT AND LAND COURT AT NAIROBI

ELC NO. 4 OF 2021

MARRIOT AFRICA INTERNATIONAL LIMITED.....PLAINTIFF

-VERSUS-

MARGARET NYAKINYUA MURIGU.....1ST DEFENDANT

MARY WANJIKU KANYOTU.....2ND DEFENDANT

WILLY KIHARA KANYOTU.....3RD DEFENDANT

KANGAITA COFFEE ESTATES LIMITED.....4TH DEFENDANT

AND

UKOMBOZI HOLDINGS LIMITED.....INTERESTED PARTY

COUNTERCLAIM

KANGAITA COFFEE ESTATE LIMITED.....PLAINTIFF

-VERSUS-

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MARRIOT AFRICA INTERNATIONAL LIMITED.....2ND DEFENDANT

UKOMBOZI HOLDINGS LIMITED.....3RD DEFENDANT

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DATED at Nairobi this 17th day of July, 2025.

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Wanga: We are keen on implementing political deal with Kenya Kwanza

BY ERIC MATARA AND GEORGE ODIWUOR

ODM has acknowledged the agreement it entered into with President William Ruto in March to address key challenges facing Kenyans is yet to be implemented fully.

It was the March 7 MoU that birthed the broad-based government and informed the current working partnership between former Prime Minister Raila Odinga and President Ruto.

The MoU has lately faced criticism following numerous reports of extra-judicial killings and forced disappearances, that have been blamed on the police, among other injustices.

Yesterday morning, ODM chairperson Gladys Wanga who spoke on NTV's *Fixing the Nation* show, said her party is committed to the full implementation of the ten-point agenda agreed upon between her party and President Ruto.

Ms Wanga, who is also the Homa Bay governor, described the MoU as "imperfect," as she noted that several provisions remain unfulfilled.

She said ODM is carefully reviewing the progress of implementing the agreement with a view to strengthening its impact.

"The ODM party is reviewing the implementation of the Ruto-Raila MoU to identify areas needing improvement. While it hasn't been fully implemented, we are committed to ensuring that all the agreed-upon issues are addressed as soon as possible," she said.

She added: "We recently met to review the MoU and we will have another meeting soon to assess the implementation status. There has been progress on job creation for young people, but others, such as compensation for victims of the Gen Z protests, remain pending."

The governor confirmed the party's intention to engage the President further to ensure the agreement delivers tangible results. She also defended Mr Odinga's renewed call for dialogue with the government, saying unresolved issues will be addressed in upcoming talks.

Ms Wanga said ODM will continue to push for justice over extra-judicial executions and police brutality—including the killing of teacher and blogger Albert Ojwang—while remaining part of the government.

She said State violence and extra-judicial killings are at variance with the spirit of the MoU, and that ODM will not condone such actions.

"We are holding this broad-based government accountable to its commitments. Our support does not extend to extra-judicial executions or il-

Politics Over 30 people were killed and businesses destroyed during Saba Saba



Some Mount Kenya MPs, led by National Assembly Majority Leader Kimani Ichung'wah, address a press briefing in Naivasha yesterday. ERIC MATARA | NATION

Arrest those behind chaos, Mount Kenya MPs demand

Lawmakers call for investigations and blamed unrest on unnamed individuals, declaring they won't allow a repeat

BY ERIC MATARA

A section of Mount Kenya MPs allied to the Kenya Kwanza administration have demanded for thorough investigations into the recent chaos that led to destruction of property and loss of lives in the region.

The more than 30 lawmakers, who met at the Enashipai Resort in Naivasha yesterday under the Mount Kenya Parliamentary caucus, want those responsible arrested and prosecuted.

"We demand thorough investigations into the chaos that led to loss of lives and destruction of property worth millions of shillings. Those found directly responsible must face the full force of the law," a joint statement by the MPs who were led by National Assembly Majority Leader Kimani Ichung'wah said.

It added: "Moreover, the sponsors and those who orchestrated the anarchy and violence must be unmasked and held accountable."

"There should be no sacred cows. Kenya is a democracy governed by the rule of law. No one is above the law. We can not allow a few people to hold our country hostage," further said the statement.

The MPs spoke days after chaos rocked the country, first during the June 25 protests, and on July 7, as the country marked the Saba Saba Day. They claimed the violence and mayhem that have been witnessed in parts of the region recently were instigated by reckless and selfish politics.

"We note with utter disgust, the attempted attacks on critical economic facilities mainly in the Mount Kenya region. These deplorable acts of arson and looting have destroyed businesses, that our people rely on, complicating the problem of youth unemployment

and discouraging investors," said Dagoretti South MP John Kiarie.

"As we speak, families are mourning the loss of their loved ones. Businesses lie in ruins and people are nursing deep wounds, both visible and invisible. This is not the Kenya we want," he said.

"No cause, no political ambition, no grievance, however legitimate, should come at the cost of innocent lives. We stand with the mwananchi whose life has been rudely disrupted and their dignity trampled on, in the crossfire of political irresponsibility."

The MPs converged in Naivasha to deliberate on the state of the country and evaluate the progress of development.

They vowed to do everything possible to ensure such violence never happens again. They said they remain confident in the direction the government is taking in terms of development and social well-being of the region.

"We the Mount Kenya Parliamentary caucus are steadfast and eternally vigilant in protecting the interests of the Mountain and the rights of our electorate. We are mandated, responsible, responsive and strategic leaders with a clear vision for the people we represent. Our agenda is development, peace and prosperity for our region and for Kenya," said Tharaka MP George Murugara.

"We will continue working hand

in hand with the national government and all Kenyan communities to ensure every promise made to the people is kept. Despite the challenges we have faced and still face, we remain optimistic that with continued stability and focus, the pledges the Kenya Kwanza administration made will be delivered fully," said Mr Murugara.

He added: "The projects to improve infrastructure, create jobs, lower the cost of living and uplift our farmers and businesses will materialize."

The MPs called on the Mt Kenya residents to reject politics of hate, intimidation and destruction.

"We call on everyone to channel their frustrations and energies into constructive engagement and to safeguard the peace of our beloved country. Kenya is ours to build, not to burn. The Mount Kenya stands united with the rest of Kenya," added the MP.

During the recent Saba Saba anniversary protests, more than 30 people lost their lives, making it the highest tally of deaths in one day, according to Kenya National Human Rights Commission.

Over 107 people were wounded in nationwide during the Saba Saba protests.

However, the Mount Kenya region was the most affected.

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Dagoretti South MP John Kiarie



Gachagua party set for face off with UDA, ODM

BY DANIEL OGETTA

The Democracy for the Citizens Party (DCP) yesterday unveiled its first batch of aspirants for the upcoming by-elections, signalling its intention to challenge major political parties, including the ruling United Democratic Alliance (UDA).

The announcement sets the stage for a fierce political contest involving President William Ruto's UDA, the Raila Odinga-led opposition, and DCP—a new-

ly launched political party associated with former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua.

Mr Gachagua, who was impeached eight months ago, is DCP's party leader. The upcoming by-elections are being closely watched as an early indicators of what to expect during the 2027 elections.

DCP presented two aspirants—Aden Mohamed for Banisa Constituency, and Edgar Busiega for Malava Constituency—at its headquarters in Nairobi.

The by-elections were triggered by the deaths of

Banisa MP Kulow Maalim Hassan in March 2023 and Malava MP Moses Injendi earlier this year.

"These are young people. DCP is a party that believes in nurturing young leadership, and the party leader and the NEC have committed to setting aside resources to ensure DCP wins more than 50 per cent of the available by-election seats," said DCP deputy party leader Cleophas Malala.

This came as the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission is now fully constituted.



ODM chairperson Gladys Wanga. FILE | NATION



MINISTRY OF WATER, SANITATION AND IRRIGATION



DISCLOSURE ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE THUCHI DAM PROJECT PPP PROJECT IN EMBU COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF KENYA.

A. BACKGROUND:

The State Department for irrigation established vide Executive Order No.2 of 2023 with the mandate of National Irrigation Policy and Management; Water Harvesting and Storage for Irrigation; Management of Irrigation Schemes; Water Storage and Flood Control Management; Mapping, Designation and Developing Areas Ideal for Irrigation Schemes; Development of Irrigation Infrastructure and Land Reclamation for food security in Kenya. As part of its mandate, the State Department is desirous to implement the Thuchi dam project in Embu County.

The proposed Thuchi Dam Project to be built on River Thuchi in Runyenjes Constituency of Embu County, Kenya. The objective of the dam project is to provide reliable irrigation water supply by conserving water during the rainy seasons and release it for irrigation purposes. It shall support 16,500 acres (6,600ha) of irrigation land in Kaagari-Gaturi Irrigation project area. Other goals are to supply domestic water (treated water) to the nearby residents of both Tharaka-Nithi and Embu counties as well as to generate hydropower. All the technical designs, socio-cultural and Economic studies together with the Environmental-Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) in fulfilment of the requirements of the Environmental Management & Coordination Act of 1999 (EMCA), 1999 and Environmental management and coordination (EIA and EA) Regulations, 2003 have been carried out.

The project had been proposed for implementation under the Engineering, Procurement, Construction plus Finance (EPC-F) model however it could not progress due to change in policy and limited fiscal space for capital investments.

Following the Presidential directive on implementation of 100 dams under the PPP framework, there was opportunity to implement the project.

The PPP Act 2021 allows the private sector to participate in the design, financing, construction, equipping, operations and maintenance and transfer of infrastructure. Section 25 (1) enables a national government contracting authority to prepare a list of projects that it intends to undertake on a priority basis under the Act and submitted to the Directorate for approval.

0.1 Statement of the Problem:

The proposed Thuchi dam on River Thuchi is expected to conserve water during the rains and release it for irrigation purposes during the dry months of the year. It shall support 6,600ha of irrigation land in Kaagari-Gaturi Irrigation project area and beyond. Currently, with the water stress exhibited in the irrigation scheme catchment, the run of the river flow can only support 900ha of subsistence irrigation farming. The farming system practiced in the project area is household production system whereby individual farmers manage their farms with major crops within the project area categorized as; food crops, industrial crops and horticultural crops. To tap the full potential, as provided in statutes, there is need to provide a water storage facility, promote enhanced agricultural production and value addition to the harvest as poor prices and waste is witnessed during high yields as there is no ready market for all the produce.

0.2 Prerequisite Conditions:

The proposed Dam project is contained in the country's vision blueprint of Kenya Vision 2030 as it supports the food security Agenda and value addition through agroindustry. Section 25(2) and 66(2) of the PPP Act, 2021 requires that a Contracting Authority only submit a project, which is part of the national development agenda. This is and within its legal mandate and the Kenya government ambition to construct 100 Dams and other water facilities across the Country.

The Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation in Kenya is mandated to provide for the development, management and regulation of irrigation, to support sustainable food security and socio-economic development in Kenya. The Ministry operates within the framework of the Irrigation Act Cap 347 and aims to ensure that water resources are developed, managed, regulated, protected, and equitably allocated.

B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Item	Description
1. Project Name:	Thuchi Dam & Kaagari Gaturi Irrigation Development Project
2. Contracting Authority:	State Department for Irrigation, Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation.
3. Project Location:	Gaturi North, Kaagari South, Kaagari North, Central Ward, Kyeni North, Kyeni South, Gaturi South, in Embu County
4. Project Description	<p>The main objective of the project is to design a water reservoir to hold water during the rains and release it during the drought to irrigate 6,600ha, of land in Kagaari, Kyeni and Gaturi Irrigation scheme for irrigation, domestic, institutional and commercial and aqua farming demands. Through the construction of Thuchi Dam, NIA aims to harness, conserve, control and utilize the waters of Thuchi River, in Runyenjes Sub-County of Embu County for provision of water storage and to supply irrigation water for Kagaari Gaturi Irrigation Project.</p> <p>The amount of water required to effectively support the 6,600 ha of Kagaari, Kyeni and Gaturi irrigation scheme was estimated in consideration of the crop, weather and irrigation areas of various climatic zones of the project. The water demand for the proposed project is categorized into the; rural domestic water demand, urban domestic water demand, commercial water demand, and institutional water demand.</p> <p>On the proposed dam site, the dam shall be constructed to provide irrigation requirement for a drought with a return period of 1 in 5 years. From the analysis done of demand and available water in the river at the proposed dam site, it was realized that the proposed dam site will have a capacity to hold 23 million m³ of water.</p> <p>The dam site is located downstream of the Kagaari, Kyeni and Gaturi irrigation water intake, it can only irrigate phase I and II and about 30% of phase III. It's proposed that the un-irrigatable upper area of phase III be supplied from the existing Kagaari, Gaturi irrigation water intake.</p>

5. Project Need/ Benefits

The Project is situated in Runyenjes Constituency whose major part is located in Embu East District. However, some parts of the constituency are found in Embu West and Embu North Districts. The Project is situated in 13 Locations with 38 Sub – Locations. These Locations include; Kyeni Central, Kyeni South, Kyeni East, Kyeni North East, Kyeni North West, Kagaari South East, Kagaari South West, Kagaari North East, Kagaari North West, Runyenjes West Gaturi North, Runyenjes East and Makengi.

The proposed Thuchi dam is expected to supply all water demands in its designated command area within the confines of Kagaari, Kyeni and Gaturi project. These demands shall include irrigation, domestic, institutional and commercial and aqua farming demands. The Table below is a summary of the projected human population in Manyatta and Runyenjes constituencies based on the 2009 census projected at a growth rate of 1.4% to the ultimate design period of 50 years.

Project population to observed by 2065 is 390,000 people

The water demand for the proposed project is anticipated to be useful to various beneficiaries as follows;

- Rural domestic Water,
- Urban domestic Water,
- Commercial Water, and
- Institutional Water

149,000 m³/day of water was determined for both Irrigation and domestic demand for the project area. The total estimated yearly water demand is 54,620,742 m³/year, which is an average of 149,500 m³/day. However, the dam shall be designed to cater demand of 262,000 m³/day to accommodate the demand during the dry months. The project shall support 6,600ha of irrigation in Kaagari, Kyeni and Gaturi Irrigation development project areas when the dam structure shall be in place.

Major benefits that will accrue to farmers when the project is implemented include increased yields from irrigated crops, additional production of crops that are currently not produced and improved Gross Margins and net farm incomes. With the implementation of the project, farmers will also realize increase in incomes both at the farm level and at the scheme level. High incomes will be as a result of increased production and better marketing arrangements.

For the project to remain viable at the dam Option the farmers should be encouraged to produce high value crops. Other major benefits that farmers will get include;

- Higher cropping intensity,
- Growing high value crop such as tomatoes, passion fruits, water melon, etc.
- Additional irrigation area from the current 900ha to 6600ha
- Domestic water supply for the communities living nearby
- Tourism attraction
- Fishing
- Water sporting

6. Project Output Specifications and Performance Standards

1. Provide irrigation water for 6600ha of land in Kagaari, Kyeni and Gaturi Irrigation scheme.
2. It is along Thuchi River in Embu County. It's an 84 m high rock fill dam with a storage capacity of 23 MCM (million cubic meters).
3. 149,500 m³/day of domestic water to serve a projected ultimate water demand by 2065.
4. The Power Plant generating 14,483 GWh per year.

7. Project Duration:

A maximum of Thirty (30) Years as provided for under the PPP Act, 2021. (The final Term shall be as determined in the evaluation and negotiations culminating in the Project Agreement to be signed by the Parties.)

8. Legal Aspects

A comprehensive legal and regulatory framework has been put in place by way of the Public Private Partnership Act, 2013 and the Public Private Partnerships Regulations, 2014. The Act provides for the participation of private sector in the financing, construction, development, operation and maintenance of infrastructure through a range of contractual arrangements. In addition, the act provides for the establishment of the PPP Committee as an oversight body and PPP unit as the Technical arm of the PPP Committee. The PPP Unit provides technical, financial and legal expertise to the PPP Committee and various Contracting Authorities at both National and County levels of Government in the structuring and implementation of PPP Projects.

9. Payment Mechanism

- Primary
- Bulk water supply tariff
 - hydro power tariff
- Others
- Tourist Resort revenue
 - Carbon credit revenue
 - Agro-industry revenue
 - BioMass Power Revenues

10. PPP Delivery Model

DBFOMT model. Under this model, the private sector partner will be responsible for the design, financing, construction, operation, and maintenance of the infrastructure and associated facilities for a defined period of 30 years, after which the infrastructure will be transferred to the public sector.

11. Environmental and Social Aspects

A full ESIA study was conducted at the proposed dam location and in the vicinity to identify the positive and negative effects to the environment and society caused by the development of this dam. Resettlement action planning is a necessity for the project. According to the ESIA, the project will bring a number of important positive socio-economic impacts such as; power generation, irrigation, water supply and upgrading of roads, improved local trade. Moreover, during the construction period employment for local community will increase and the possibility of job skills improvement for young people. The ESIA identified and assessed several impacts on different environmental elements, for each one mitigative measure has been proposed in order to reduce or eliminate the negative effects. The impacts with a high magnitude include: change in hydrological patterns, impeded faunal movement, alteration of aquatic and fish ecology, clearance of vegetation and reduced water regimes. The Environmental Management Plan will ensure that the negative impacts can be controlled and mitigated effectively. Negative impacts of the project are largely compensated by the mitigate and compensatory measures, particularly taking into consideration the large socio-economic benefits that will be obtained by the dam. Environmental Management & Coordination Act of 1999 (EMCA) calls for Environmental Impact assessment (EIA) (under Section 58) to guide the implementation of environmentally sound decisions and empowers stakeholders to participate in sustainable management of the natural resources. Projects likely to cause environmental impacts require that an environmental impact assessment study to be carried out. It is under this provision that the study on Environment and Social Considerations has been undertaken. A report has been prepared for submission to the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA). Study approach & methodology adopted included:

- Screening and scoping to determine the extent of the project;
- Desktop data search and analysis for the baseline bio-physical;
- Social environmental parameters of the project area;
- Project design approaches to be used; and
- Multi-faceted public consultation process which included interviews.

Mitigations have been proposed for the identified negative impacts that include:

- Noise & Vibrations;
- Air quality;
- Water quality;
- Waste management;
- Terrestrial & Aquatic Ecology; and Cultural

12. Stakeholder Mapping

The National Irrigation Authority (NIA)
Provide irrigation support services including technical advisory services in design, construction supervision, administration, operation and maintenance under appropriate modalities

Country Government in the project area:
The County government will collaborate with the National Authority to provide capacity building for farmers and support establishment of viable farmer organizations, Irrigation Water Users Associations (IWUAs) to develop and manage irrigation schemes including actively participating in conflicts resolution within irrigation schemes. It will further assist in setting up measures to implement adaptation and mitigation to climate change, and enhance sustainable environmental management.

Irrigation Water Users' Associations (WUAs)
The Irrigation Water Users Associations (IWUAs) will have full responsibility for water supply and distribution, as well as operation and maintenance activities, produce marketing, and linkages. The association will also provide farmers with the chance to be involved in the process of irrigation management.

Community/Farmers:
The community/ farmers who are the key beneficiary of the project and land owners, are expected to provide labor where necessary, creating awareness among people on the importance of the project, providing security, and be involved in the formation of a formal farmers' organization. Private sector (traders, cooperative societies/ farmer organizations, factories.) They will be involved in production support including input supply, agricultural credit, land preparation, agricultural extension, post-harvest handling or processing and marketing services.

The National Treasury
Mobilize and allocate public financial resources for implementation of the irrigation project that includes approving mobilization of private capital for PPP projects.

C: DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS ON THE SUBMISSION OF PRIVATELY-INITIATED PROPOSALS
MINISTRY OF WATER SANITATION & IRRIGATION:

The Proponents namely, **the Consortium of Elevolution Engenharia SA (Elevo group - Portugal) and Weihai International Economic & Technical Corporation (WIETC- China)** have submitted Thuci Dam Project proposal to be developed at Runyenjes constituency in Embu County in two phases;

- Phase 1: a) Dam construction & Hydro power generation.
b) Irrigation Network
- Phase 2: Value Addition Developments
a) Tourist Resort
b) Carbon Credits Initiative
c) Agro-industrial Park
d) Biomass Energy Plant

The Privately Initiated Proposals will be subjected to the PPP procurement process which entails: evaluation of proposals, project development activities, evaluation of the project development report, negotiations and drafting of the project agreement, stakeholder engagements and finally obtaining requisite approvals required under the PPP Act, 2021. Having undertaken the above processes, the PPP Committee will render its decision to the Ministry of Water Sanitation & Irrigation in accordance with the Act. The Ministry of Water Sanitation will abide by the provisions of Section 69 of the PPP Act which requires a Contracting Authority (CA) to publish information relating to the projects upon award. This will be disclosed at the appropriate time upon conclusion of the statutory processes.

E: NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:

In line with the provisions of the PPP Act, 2021, the Circular dated **24th April 2025** on Public Disclosure Requirements on PIPs and in line with Government of Kenya's desire for transparency in all its initiatives, this disclosure has been made to notify members of the public of the Privately-Initiated Proposals (PIPs) submitted by Proponents; **the Consortium of Elevolution Engenharia SA (Elevo group - Portugal) and Weihai International Economic & Technical Corporation (WIETC- China)**

CONTRACTING AUTHORITY CONTACT DETAILS

Please provide the following information for the Contracting Authority's contact person for the Project

Contact Person:	Principal Secretary; State Department for Irrigation
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Elections New commissioners have retreated to Mombasa

Why 22 mini polls put IEBC on legal collision course

By-election must be held within 90 days of MP seat falling vacant

BY WACHIRA MWANGI AND COLLINS OMULO

The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) has acknowledged a looming constitutional challenge as it prepares for 22 by-elections across the country, some of which have already surpassed the 90-day deadline stipulated by law.

One of the most pressing issues on the commission's agenda is how to proceed with by-elections in electoral areas where the constitutionally mandated 90-day window has already lapsed.

Under Article 101(4)(b) of the Constitution, by-elections must be held within 90 days of a parliamentary seat falling vacant—unless the vacancy occurs within six months of a General Election.

"We have already received writs from the Senate for the senatorial vacancy and are processing the rest. However, we are also seeking legal direction on how to proceed in cases where the 90-day constitutional deadline has lapsed," IEBC Chief Executive Officer Marjan Hussein Marjan said.

He spoke in Mombasa where the new commissioners have retreated to for an induction.

Commission Chairperson Erastus Etheke said the closed-door sessions are part of a week-long orientation involving governance and legal experts, as well as former IEBC commissioners, to guide the team through the commission's institutional, operational and legal frameworks.

Mr Marjan said the sessions are designed to equip the new team with the knowledge and tools necessary to navigate the complex mandate ahead, particularly amid delayed electoral timelines.

While the IEBC is working toward holding all 22 by-elections on the same day, the legal uncertainty surrounding expired deadlines could complicate this plan.

The commission is expected to announce formal dates once internal deliberations and clarifications are complete.

Mr Marjan acknowledged that the upcoming by-elections will serve as a critical benchmark for the newly-formed commission as it lays the groundwork for the 2027 General Election.

"This is a pivotal moment for the commission. It will be the



Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission CEO Marjan Hussein Marjan. FILE | NATION

first electoral assignment for the new team, and it will define public confidence in our preparedness going forward," he said.

Yesterday, the commissioners held consultative sessions with former IEBC officials to draw from their experience and institutional memory.

At the same time, pressure is mounting on the commission to open at least 100 additional diaspora registration and polling centres before the 2027 General Election.

The development comes as senators push for the inclusion of more Kenyans living abroad in the country's electoral process.

The lawmakers argue that more than three million Kenyans reside in the diaspora—about six per cent of the national population—yet only a small fraction are able to participate in elections. In 2022, only 5,000 of over 10,000 registered diaspora voters cast their ballots.

Currently, there are only 27 polling centres in 12 countries, all located in major cities where Kenyan embassies, high commissions and consulates are based. This setup significantly limits access for many diaspora voters.

Raising the issue in the Senate,

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The number of Kenyans in the diaspora – which is about six per cent of the national population.

Busia Senator Okiya Omtatah said the limited number of polling centres undermines the rights of Kenyans abroad, citing the Constitution, which guarantees every eligible citizen the right to be registered as a voter and to vote.

"The 27 polling centres are limiting the chances of potential voters from exercising their constitutional right to vote," Mr Omtatah said, noting additional challenges such as high travel costs, visa restrictions, time away from work, and general logistical hurdles.

He urged the IEBC not only to open more centres but also to make them operational and monitor them ahead of the next election to ensure transparency, efficiency, and effectiveness.

"There is a need to increase registration and polling centres in the diaspora to grant an opportunity for Kenyans abroad to vote," he said.

In 2017, diaspora voter registration occurred in only five countries—Burundi, Tanzania, Rwanda, Uganda, and South Africa—and was limited to capital cities for just two weeks. In 2022, the number increased to 12 countries, with the UK, USA, South Sudan, Germany, Qatar, UAE, and Canada added to the list. This expansion increased the number of registered diaspora voters from 4,223 in 2017 to 10,433.

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National News

Security A KDF patrol vehicle hit an explosive planted on a road, killing three soldiers

Fear reigns in Lamu as Shabaab fighters kill soldiers, raid village

Military says security forces are monitoring roads in and out of Sankuri, Badaa, Kiunga and other villages

BY KALUME KAZUNGU

Fear has gripped Milimani village in Boni Forest following an attack by suspected Al-Shabaab militants on Tuesday. Just two days before the attack, six soldiers were killed in an ambush on the Sankuri-Kiunga road.

In the Tuesday afternoon incident, a Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) patrol vehicle hit a bomb believed to have been planted by the militants. The explosion destroyed the vehicle, killing three soldiers and injuring six others.

Security sources and villagers said heavily armed Al-Shabaab fighters attempted to overrun a General Service Unit (GSU) camp in Milimani, about 80 kilometres from Badaa, on Sunday. Badaa was also the site of the attack on Tuesday.

The fighters also attempted to attack Milimani but were repulsed by GSU officers and police reservists.

"The failed attack on the village was between 5.45pm and 6.30pm. The terrorists arrived and started shooting at the camp and the village. No casualties were reported," said an officer who requested anonymity.

Mr Abdi Ware, a resident of Milimani, said there was panic as gunfire was heard from the forest. Villagers remained indoors as GSU officers and police reservists drove the attackers away.

Tensions were high when children discovered a rocket-propelled grenade near the village headman's house on Tuesday morning.

Villagers interviewed said Al-Shabaab fighters must have dropped the weapon while fleeing on Sunday.

Residents quickly alerted security of-



Security officers in Boni forest. Lamu County Commissioner Wesley Koech has appealed to residents to volunteer information on insecurity. FILE: NATION

ficers who detonated the explosive the following day.

Ms Mariam Musa, another villager, expressed fears for residents and children, whom she said have not been going to school.

"Since the attempted attack on Sunday, villagers have not been to their farms," she added.

Lamu County Commissioner, Wesley Koech, described the incident as a "probing attack", adding that the aim of such raids is to test the strength and preparedness of a target without launching a full-scale assault.

"But there is no cause for alarm," Mr

Koech said, adding that the matter is being investigated.

"People should go about their ordinary activities, knowing that their safety is guaranteed. I urge the residents to continue sharing information with security teams to help address this threat. Lamu County is peaceful," he said.

Following Tuesday's deadly ambush, multi-agency teams under Operation Amani Boni have ramped up patrols in Sankuri, Badaa, Kiunga and surrounding villages.

According to a statement from the military strategic communications, security teams are closely monitoring roads in

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Security officer



and out of the area to intercept militants and neutralise the remaining threats.

Launched in September 2015, the operation – initially called Linda Boni – aims to flush out Al-Shabaab fighters hiding in the forest.

The operation, involving the KDF, police, government administration officials and police reservists has reduced attacks in Lamu County, which once faced near-weekly incidents.

The Badaa ambush is the first deadly Al-Shabaab raid in Lamu this year.

Earlier incidents include a failed raid on April 5 when militants attempted to storm a GSU camp and a village in Basuba. The night attack was thwarted by police reservists.

On March 15, more than 100 suspected militants stormed Mangai village, assembled residents, preached to them and handed out dates as Ramadhan gifts.

No injuries or deaths were reported. Basuba and Mangai are in Boni forest.

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Justice

DPP seeks Sh2bn fund to improve services

BY SAMWEL OWINO

The Director of Public Prosecutions is seeking the creation of an independent fund with a seed capital of Sh2 billion to assist in the timely delivery of justice.

The Public Prosecutions Fund aims to support the DPP in navigating complex investigations and addressing emerging challenges in the criminal justice system.

National Treasury CS John Mbadi and DPP Renson Ingonga have appealed to Parliament to approve the establishment of the fund.

The two appeared before the National Assembly Committee on Delegated Legislation for a pre-publication session with MPs over the Public Finance Management (Public Prosecutions Fund) Regulations, 2025, which will govern the operation of the fund.

Mr Ingonga told the team chaired by Ainabkoi MP Samuel Chepkonga that his office lacks funds to assist in asset recovery.

"We depend on the National Treasury," Mr Ingonga said.

Mr Mbadi told the MPs that throughout its operations the ODPP faces many challenges, including new and emerging crime trends and advancements in ICT.

Mr Mbadi said the money would be part of a national collective effort in strengthening the criminal justice system and enhancing accountability.

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JOB VACANCY

Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) is a State Corporation mandated to maintain, operate, improve and regulate all sea and inland waterway ports in Kenya.

CHAIRMAN: JOINT INDUSTRIAL COUNCIL (JIC) - KENYA PORTS AUTHORITY

The KPA Joint Industrial Council which comprises representatives from Kenya Ports Authority and The Dock Workers Union invites applications from suitably qualified candidates to fill the position of 'Joint Industrial Council Chairman'

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS

- Applicants should be Kenyan Citizens.
- Application letter should be accompanied by a detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV), phone contact, email address, copies of academic and relevant professional certificates and a copy of the National Identity Card.
- Applicants should meet requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution of Kenya. Only shortlisted candidates will be required to submit the following clearance certificates; Police Clearance Certificate from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations, Clearance Certificate from Higher Education Loans Board (HELB), Tax Compliance Certificate from Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), Clearance from the Ethics & Anti-corruption Authority (EACC), Report from an approved Credit Reference Bureau (CRB). The clearance certificates should be valid and current.
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.
- Canvassing in any form or failure to attach any of the stipulated documents shall lead to automatic disqualification.
- Applications be submitted on or before 1st August 2025.
- KPA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

NOTE: This is not a full-time engagement; the successful candidate will be called upon on a need basis.

CHAIRMAN - JOINT INDUSTRIAL COUNCIL (ONE) 1 POST

Terms of Employment

Three (3) Year Contract Renewable (Part-time) and subject to an annual Performance Appraisal by the Council.

Requirements for Appointment

- Be a Kenyan citizen
- Be a holder of at least a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Social Sciences or any other related field from an accredited Institution.
- Proven track record of successful CBA Negotiations with experience of not less than (10) years
- Proven track record in Grievance and dispute resolution
- Knowledge and experience in Labour Relations Practices
- Understanding of ILO Conventions and Practices
- Excellent interpersonal communication and reporting skills
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Duties and Responsibilities

- The JIC Chairman will Chair meetings of the KPA Joint Industrial Council for Industrial Harmony and business continuity
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- Foster a cordial relationship between the Management and the Union
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HOW TO APPLY

Applications should be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked 'Application for Joint Industrial Council Chairman' to the address below to reach us on or before Friday, 1st August 2025 at 5:00 pm East Africa Time.

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Strategic Leadership and Governance;

- Provide visionary leadership and strategic direction to advance the university's short- and long-term corporate objectives.
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- Guide resource mobilization efforts to support the realization of MUA's mission and strategic growth.
- Ensure the efficient operation of governance structures, including the Senate and University Management Board.

Academic Excellence and Research Development;

- Supervise the development, rollout, and accreditation of academic programmes and curricula.
- Foster a robust culture of scholarly research, innovation, and publication across journals, books, and other academic platforms.
- Champion quality assurance by upholding exemplary standards in pedagogy, research, student assessment, and community engagement, while actively maintaining programme accreditations.
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Financial and Resource Management;

- Lead financial planning and budgeting processes, ensuring prudent utilization of funds and long-term financial sustainability for MUA.
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External Relations and stakeholder Engagement;

- Create and strengthen linkages and collaborations with industry, government, donors and alumni as well as international institutions to ensure MUA is a global player
- Represent MUA in the national and international forums
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PERSON SPECIFICATION

For appointment to this position, a candidate must have the following Academic and Professional Qualifications:

Academic Credentials:

- Have an earned PhD from a well-recognized university in relevant disciplines.
- Currently hold the position of a Professor or Associate Professor or equivalent.
- Must have extensive teaching and research experience.

Work Experience:

- At least 10 years of experience in university leadership, at least 5 of which should be at senior level (e.g., Deputy Vice Chancellor, Dean or Director). Industry experience at executive level will have added advantage.
- Proven experience in managing large academic and research programs.
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Research & Publications:

- A strong record of high quality peer-reviewed publications in top rated journals, research projects, and academic leadership.
- A strong record of raising funds through grants and collaborations for research and publication
- Experience in research supervision and mentorship.

Leadership & Management Skills:

- Excellent strategic planning, governance, and policy-making abilities.
- Strong people management and institutional leadership skills.
- Ability to drive innovation, technology, and digital transformation.

Stakeholder Management:

- Strong networking and partnership-building abilities with government, industry, and academia.
- Experience in international collaborations and funding mobilization

Other Requirements:

The selected candidate shall be expected to meet the following before signing of the employment contract

- Meet chapter six requirements of the constitution of Kenya
- Have a clearance certificate from Credit Reference Bureau
- Have a clearance certificate from HELB
- Have a clearance certificate from KRA
- Have a clearance certificate from Kenya Police Service
- Does Not have an undetermined court case
- Have attended a senior management course for not less than one week

KEY SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

- Strong ethical and professional integrity
- Visionary, transformational and innovative leadership
- Excellent communication, negotiation and decision-making skills
- Ability to work under pressure and manage complex institutional challenges
- Commitment to excellence in education, research and community service

TERMS OF SERVICE AND REMUNERATION

The successful candidate will serve for a five (5) years' contract which, subject to satisfactory performance, shall be renewable once. Remuneration attached to this position shall be determined in accordance with the MUA salary structure.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates who satisfy the requirements above should forward their applications accompanied by a detailed CV, email address, day time telephone contact, name and address of three referees. The applications should be emailed to recruit@manpowerservicesgroup.com not later than 15th August 2025. The Management University of Africa is an equal opportunity employer. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted using the postal and/or e-mail address or telephone contacts provided in their application letters and CVs.

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National News

Top Nairobi Hospital officials want judge to withdraw from case

BY SAM KIPLAGAT

Tempers flared in court during the hearing of a dispute for the control of Nairobi Hospital yesterday.

Justice Nixon Sifuna of the High Court had to ask those in court, except the lawyers, to leave.

Several lawyers, who had lost applications and pleas to adjourn the matter, insisted on the case being pushed to another date.

When it became clear that Justice Sifuna was determined to proceed with an application for contempt of court against three top hospital officials, Mr Peter Wanyama, who is representing ousted chairman Barclay Onyambu, asked the judge to recuse himself from the matter.

According to Mr Wanyama, Justice Sifuna was biased against his client.

"I am making an oral application for recusal. You have no jurisdiction to hear the contempt of court application as you have made up your mind against my client," Mr Wanyama said.

Justice Sifuna said when an application for withdrawal of a judge is made, it must be heard first "because justice must not only be done but also seen to be done".

On July 9, Justice Sifuna directed Dr Onyambu, Nairobi Hospital CEO Felix Osano and Mr Gilbert Nyamweya (company secretary) to appear before him for the hearing of the contempt application.

Dr Job Obwaka, aligned to another group led by Prof Herman

Manyora – who was installed as the Hospital Board chairman through a special board meeting on June 30 – wants the three cited for contempt for disobeying a court order.

He said through Mr Ochieng Oduol that the officials proceeded with a retreat in Naivasha on July 3 and 4, in defiance of a court order.

In response, Dr Onyambu said the Board of Directors and staff were already in Naivasha when they were served with the order stopping the retreat.

He added that the agenda was abandoned when they the court order was served.

Mr Oduol wanted the contempt application heard first, "as disobeying court orders has the serious effect of undermining the rule of law".

Inquest CCTV command centre 'was not working'

Rex Masai inquest: Police 'don't know shooting location'

Officer says security guards refused to co-operate with police

BY RICHARD MUNGUTI

Former Officer Commanding Police Division (OCPD) of Nairobi's Central Station, Tiberious Ekisa, yesterday told the inquest into the death of Rex Masai that nobody knows exactly where the young man was fatally shot.

Testifying before Senior Principal Magistrate Geoffrey Onsarigo, Mr Ekisa said the public, including security guards on Moi Avenue, were uncooperative when approached by police officers to give information on the shooting.

Mr Ekisa also said the National Police Service CCTV Command Centre at Jogoo House was not working at the time Masai was shot.

Because of that, he told the inquest, the exact location of the shooting and the shooter remain unknown.

Led in his evidence by Assistant Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions Jalson Makori and cross-examined by lawyer Mwangi Chege, Mr Ekisa – who is now attached to the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) – said he wrote several times to government buildings equipped with V cameras to help identify the shooting scene.

"I only received a regret from the NPS CCTV Command Centre, with the responsible officer – Chief Inspector A. Limo – saying that the fibre cable linking Jogoo House to adjacent buildings and roads was faulty," Mr Ekisa told the magistrate.

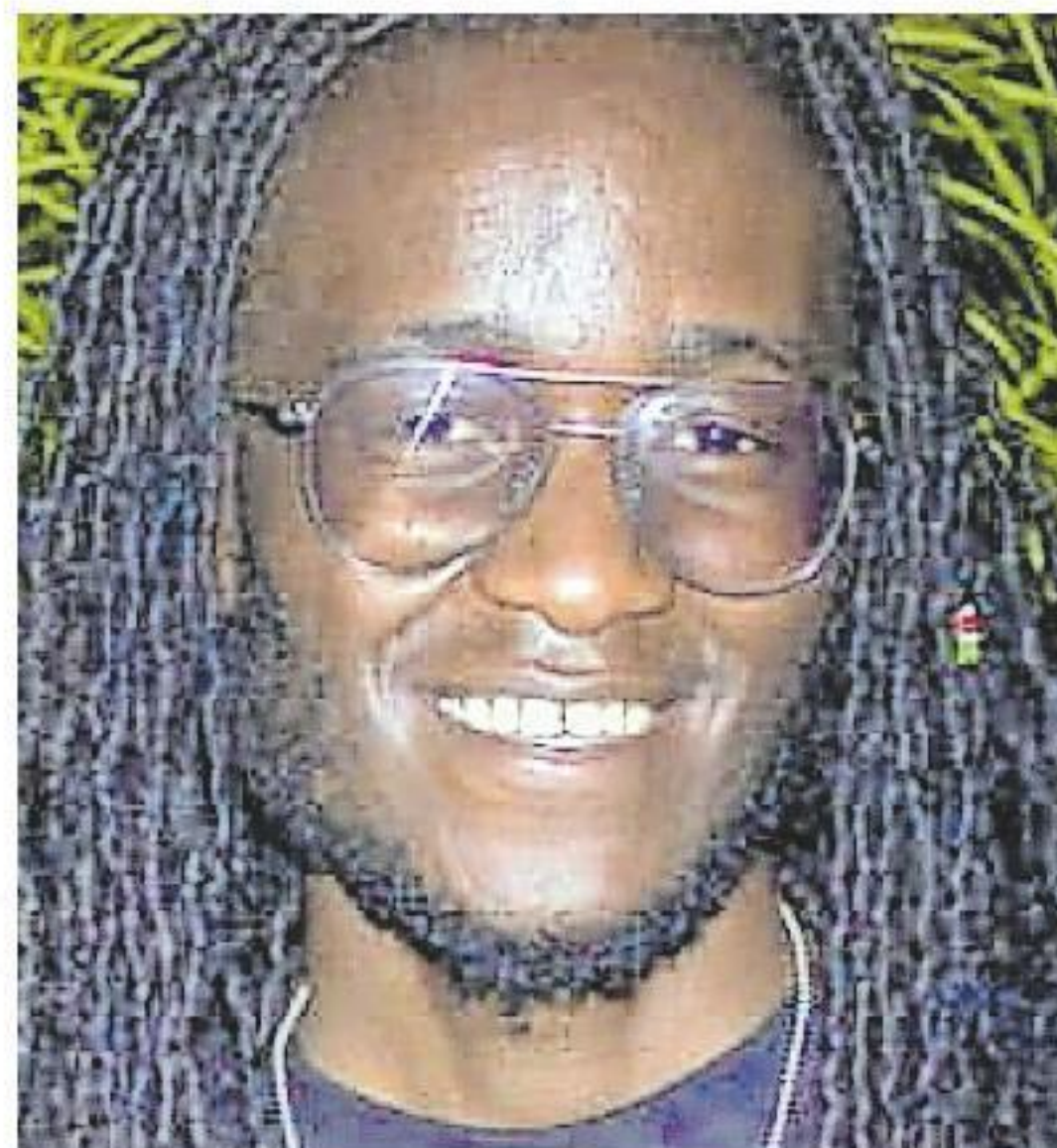
The detective said he and a team of DCI officers resorted to physically interrogating guards stationed at buildings on Moi Avenue, Kimathi Street, Parliament Road, Harambee Avenue, Kenyatta Avenue, Standard Street and City Hall Way in an effort to get clues that could lead to the identification of the killer and site.

"Our efforts to locate the scene Masai was injured have been futile, though it is presumed to be on Moi Avenue," Mr Ekisa testified.

The officer added that he also wrote to Bliss Hospital, seeking information on individuals who took the Masai there.

"We made several attempts to visit the hospital in a bid to obtain the identities of those who took Masai in, hoping that would assist in concluding our investigations," Mr Ekisa said.

The DCI officer said 128 police officers had been deployed in the



Rex Masai who was with a friend when he was shot dead during the protests in the City Centre in June 2025. FILE | NATION

City Centre to cover the demonstrations against the Finance Bill, 2024.

The nationwide Gen Z-led demonstrations left more than 60 people dead.

Mr Ekisa said officers were mobilised from Central, Kamukunji, KICC and Parliament police stations to secure the Central Business District.

He said the greatest focus was safeguarding the National Assembly after intelligence reports indicated that "Parliament would be invaded and the Mace stolen".

Mr Ekisa added that apart from destruction of property and looting, firearms taken during the protests have never been recovered.

He said by the time he was transferred from Central Police

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Tiberious Ekisa, former Officer Commanding Police Division



Station, the investigation file into Masai's shooting had not been returned from Director of Public Prosecutions to whom it had been sent for review and guidance.

Mr Ekisa said he does not know Constable Isaiah Murangiri, the police officer believed to have shot and killed Masai.

The detective added that he does not know the "Alfamine Squad", an undercover unit whose members – including Mr Murangiri – were drawn from Central and other stations and dressed in civilian clothing.

Mr Murangiri, who testified on Wednesday, was reportedly placed at the scene of the shooting through birthmark identification.

Mr Ekisa added that he dispatched an officer to Bliss Hospital to interview the employees who attended to the injured Masai.

Masai was rushed to the hospital by sympathisers after being shot in the leg. He later bled to death.

Recently, President William Ruto instructed police to shoot demonstrators in the legs.

More than 40 people died during the June 25, 2025 and Saba Saba demonstrations, most felled by bullets.

The inquest continues.

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9	MITSUBISHI CANTER FE85	KDP 541M	2023	BLACKBIRD AUCTIONEERS-NYALI	4,300,000.00
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18	MERCEDES ACTROS 2545	KDC 206X	2015	BUNGOMA SAFE KEEPERS YARD-BUNGOMA	2,560,000.00
19	MERCEDES BENZ GLA 250	KDJ 088W	2015	STARTRUCK AUCTIONEERS INVESTMENTS YARD-KIAMBUR	2,380,000.00
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Corruption index Report says police are 39 points ahead of the next worst-performing sector

BY STEVE OTIENO

Police officers are the most corrupt public officials in Kenya, with an alarming aggregate score of 84 out of 100 according to a new report.

The report by Transparency International-Kenya is based on a national survey of 1,033 respondents across 15 counties. It paints a grim picture of persistent corruption in key public services.

Police, who are 39 points ahead of the next worst-performing sector, topped the index across multiple categories — likelihood of encountering bribery (72.2 percent), prevalence of actual bribery (51.3 percent), and share of national bribes (39.8 percent).

"This means that, for every 10 Kenyans who interacted with the police, more than seven encountered a bribery situation—and at least five paid a bribe," the report stated.

Following the police were land services (45.0 percent) and motor vehicle licensing (43.7 percent). The judiciary ranked fourth (40.8 percent), while civil registration closed the top five (34.7 percent).

Although the police demanded smaller bribes on average—Sh6,862 per incident—their high interaction rate made them responsible for nearly 40 percent of all reported bribes nationwide.

In contrast, the Judiciary re-

Police most bribery-prone public servants, study says

Findings by Transparency International-Kenya based on a national survey of 1,033 respondents



A traffic police officer at work at Kona Bwoye in Kisumu County in January 2018. FILE | NATION

72.2%

Proportion of respondents who reported a likelihood of encountering bribery when interacting with officers of the National Police Service according to the report.

percentage points between 2017 and 2025. In comparison, Huduma Centres were ranked the least prone to bribery. Only nine percent of users reported encountering bribery, with 8.5 percent reporting actual bribe payments. The average bribe was a modest Sh1,055 and the centres accounted for just 2.9 percent of the national bribe share.

The report noted that bribery's impact was most pronounced in interactions with the police.

More than half of those who paid bribes to the police believed they would not have received

services otherwise. Similar sentiments were reported in motor vehicle licensing (47.8 percent), judiciary (43.5 percent), and land services (40.8 percent).

Reasons for paying bribes varied with 33 percent said it was the only way to access services, 27.7 percent paid it was to speed up service delivery, while 18.6 percent paid to avoid problems with authorities.

Speaking during the launch of the report, TI-Kenya Executive Director Sheila Masinde raised concerns over bribery's disproportionate impact on the youth.

"What happens when someone doesn't have money to bribe officials for crucial services such as police help, business licences or motor vehicle registration? Youths, aged 18–44, were the most likely to report having been asked for and having paid bribes," she said, adding, "It appears the system knows these young people are vulnerable and forces them—despite being largely unemployed—to pay for what should be free. This has to stop."

To address the bribery crisis, the report urged the National Police Service to urgently implement changes recommended by the Police Reform Task Force reports of 2009 and 2022.

It also called on the judiciary to establish efficient whistle-blower systems and handle corruption cases swiftly and fairly.

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Kenya and the world need your innovation, your energy, and your leadership. You are well positioned to re-imagine conventional thinking, uplift communities and drive solutions to the pressing challenges of our time – from climate change to growing unemployment.

As you move forward, let integrity be your compass, innovation your fuel, and service your purpose. The journey ahead may not always be smooth, but you have been prepared to ride the tide.

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It is a great honour to join Kenya University during its 57th Graduation Ceremony. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all graduands for reaching this important milestone.

Kenya University's journey is a testament to its commitment to expanding access to affordable, relevant, and world-class education. As a Ministry—particularly through the State Department for Higher Education—we take great pride in supporting institutions that prepare a competent workforce for national and global needs.

This graduation marks a turning point for the graduands as they join a pool of skilled professionals vital to our country's development agenda. Whatever paths you pursue, I am confident will drive positive change.

I commend Kenya University's strong emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) programs. These flagship programmes—ranging from undergraduate to doctoral levels—align with our Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), which emphasizes innovation, industrialization, and youth employment.

Equally important is the university's focus on research and commercialization, which is critical in driving technological advancement and economic growth.

Congratulations once again, and thank you to Kenya University for your continued excellence!

EMBRACING THE JOURNEY AHEAD



AMB. (DR.) FRANCIS MUTHAURA, MBS, EGH
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Today, we celebrate not only your success, but also the promise you carry for our nation and the world beyond. Your toil and years of study, discipline and commitment have brought you to the apex moment. It's not just the academic credentials you obtain but also the sharpened sense of purpose and the tools needed to change your world.

I take immense pride in the transformative power of education witnessed through your journey. We send you to your next challenge, equipped to think independently, act boldly and serve with conviction. Kenya and indeed the world craves for your ideas, leadership and compassion.

Whatever path you choose, embrace it with clarity of vision and dedication towards the greater good. Let the knowledge you have acquired at the University fuel innovation, justice, progress, and options for overcoming challenges you may encounter throughout your life.

Congratulations, Class of July 2025!

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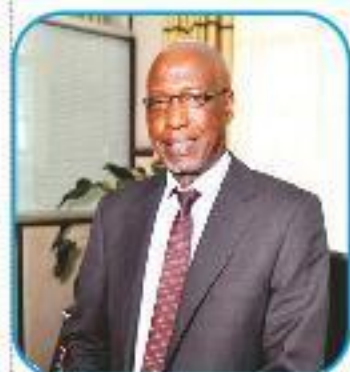
On behalf of the University Council, I applaud each one of you on reaching this significant academic milestone. Completing your studies at Kenya University marks not just the end of the journey, but the beginning of countless new opportunities ahead.

As graduates of Kenya's leading institution of higher learning, you now step into the world armed with more than just certificates; you carry with you the spirit of resilience, innovation, and purpose that this university strives to instill in all her students.

Kenya University stands proud of the values it champions: integrity, academic excellence, and societal impact. These are the very principles that have shaped you during your time here and which will naturally guide you in the years to come. The nation and the global community are in need of thinkers, problem-solvers and visionary leaders. I have no doubt that you are more than ready to answer that call.

Warmest congratulations on your graduation. May your future be filled with purpose, progress, and boundless success!

THE JOURNEY AHEAD BEGINS WITH YOU



PROF. PAUL WAINAINA, PHD
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Today marks a defining moment in your lives; one that rewards years of effort, sacrifice, curiosity and discovery. Your time here has not only prepared you academically, but has also shaped your worldview, sharpened your problem-solving instincts, and cultivated the kind of adaptability that the modern world demands. You are emerging from this chapter equipped with far more than qualifications; you carry with you the power to question, to create, to lead and to line.

This celebration is not just about hard work and certificates conferred. It is about dreams ignited, and the readiness to take bold steps into an uncertain but promising future. As you venture beyond the University gates, remember that knowledge finds its greatest value when it is used to uplift others and transform society. Our Graduands, do not wait for perfect opportunities, build them! Build them. Be bold enough to disrupt the norm, thoughtful enough to lead with empathy, and committed enough to pursue excellence coupled with integrity. I encourage you to remain lifelong-learners, visionaries, and agents of positive change.

Our new graduates, the future belongs to those who dare to positively change the landscape!

KENYATTA UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONS GROUNDBREAKING RESEARCH FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Kenya University is leading transformative research in sustainable agriculture, gender equity, and public health. In collaboration with Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Prof. Richard Oduor and his team, Dr. John Maingi, Prof. Ezekiel Mugendi, and Prof. Jane Mugwe, were awarded a Ksh194 M (\$1.5M) grant. Their project aims to engineer nitrogen-fixing microbes that coat plant roots, reducing reliance on synthetic fertilizers and enhancing cereal yields across 500-plus farms in Kisumu. This innovation promises to cut pollution and support eco-friendly farming.



Prof. Richard Oduor (centre) together with his team (left to right), Prof. Jane Mugwe, Prof. Ezekiel Mugendi, Dr. John Maingi and Ms. Mourine Mutai.



Dr. Purity Muthima, from the Department of Ed. Management, policy and Curriculum Studies in partnership with the University of Sussex, secured a Ksh4.3M grant to launch a Mentorship Resource Centre for female students.

The center will offer training in CV writing and interview skills and address sexual and gender-based violence. Aligned with the university's 2023–2027 Strategic Plan, the program targets 80% graduate employability and supports gender equity and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Leishmaniasis is a neglected tropical disease affecting West Pokot. Prof. Michael Gicheru and a multidisciplinary team are working with the County Government of West Pokot to conduct field and lab research on the disease's spread and develop effective control strategies. With a Ksh13M grant, the project has greatly impacted the eradication of the disease.

By combining biomedical science with socio-cultural insights, this effort contributes vital knowledge to fight one of Kenya's major health threats.

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Kenya University Students Governing Council together with the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Paul Wainaina during the closing ceremony of the KUSA Congress at North Coast Beach Hotel.



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OMANYALA, KU SEAL TRAINING AND COLLABORATION DEAL

Kenya sprint superstar Ferdinand Omanyala has signed a landmark agreement with Kenyatta University, choosing the institution as his official training base. The deal grants him full access to KU's world-class sports facilities and allows him to engage with students and support sports development at the university. The agreement followed his visit to the university on 27th February, 2025, where he held key discussions with Dr. Daniel Njenga, Director of Sports and Games. Omanyala also met with students, faculty, and KU's athletics team, during which he shared insights on elite training, performance, and motivation.

Omanyala's presence significantly enhances KU's profile as a premier destination for high-performance training. His decision to train at the institution underscores the university's long-standing dedication to sports excellence and its capacity to support elite talent. In addition to training, Omanyala's involvement will extend to mentorship and student interaction.



Olympian Ferdinand Omanyala takes students through his exercise drills during his recent visit to KU

The agreement also opened doors for long-term collaboration between KU and the Ferdinand Omanyala Foundation. Plans were initiated to offer scholarships to promising student-athletes pursuing sports-related programs. This initiative aims to strengthen KU's support for emerging talent and reinforce its leadership in sports education and development.

KU SHINES @ YES! 2025 SUMMIT IN SOUTH AFRICA



Kenyatta University recently participated in the Youth Energy Summit (YES!) 2025, held at the Cape Town International Convention Centre in South Africa. The summit, which ran alongside the Africa Energy Forum (AEF), brought together over 4,000 global stakeholders, including young innovators, entrepreneurs, policymakers, and investors, to discuss the future of energy on the continent. KU students Sheila Wambui Wairimu and Kennedy Ouma Ongor, winners of the YES! Innovation Grant, attended alongside Dr. Philip Wambua Peter. KU received the YES! Award for The Most Active University Partner 2024 and will host the inaugural YES! Entrepreneurship Launchpad in November 2025.

INNOVATING WITH SMART LOW-COST LPG LEAK DETECTION SYSTEM



Dr. Mathew Munji (left), Chairman Physics Department, Dr. Raphael Nyenge (Centre), Faculty member Physics Department and Mr. Augustine Waswa, Masters Student in the Department of Physics.

A Smart Low-Cost LPG Usage Detection and Leakage Alert System has been developed by a master's student, Augustine Waswa, from the Department of Physics. Using Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) technology and affordable MQ-6 sensors, this innovative device monitors Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) gas usage and detects leaks in real time, aiming to enhance kitchen safety across Kenyan households. Priced at just Kshs. 5,000, the system has been positively received, with most users favouring its cylinder-mounted design for convenience and effectiveness. The invention addresses a critical safety concern, as surveys show that nearly 89% of LPG users in regions like Kiambu, Nairobi, and Trans-Nzoia have experienced gas leaks. Beyond leak detection, the device also tracks gas levels to prevent shortages. Plans are underway to develop a mobile app and expand partnerships to increase accessibility.

Congratulations Class of July 2025

	Programme	Number
1	PhD	44
2	Masters	522
3	Postgraduate Dip	17
4	Bachelors	1,716
6	Diplomas	92
7	Certificates	8
	Total	2,399

KU BEST LEARNING INSTITUTION AT THE KENYA THEATRE AWARDS 2025



KU won the Best Learning Institution award at the 4th Kenya Theatre Awards on 20 February 2025, recognising its leadership in theatre education, the performing arts, and creative talent development. The award was received by senior University officials, including Prof. James Kung'u, the then Ag. Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Dr. Kilu Tommy, Chairperson of the Department of Communication, Media, Film and Theatre Studies.

20 RECIPIENTS OF THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR'S SCHOLARSHIP



The D.V.C R.I.O Prof. Caroline Thoruwa (right) and Chinese Ambassador Representative, Mr. Zhang Zhizhong (left) with scholarship awardee, Mr. Emmanuel Agwanda.

Kenyatta University's Confucius Institute recently honoured 20 students who received the prestigious Chinese Ambassador's Scholarship, strengthening the ongoing collaboration between the University and the Chinese Embassy. The ceremony included the presentation of scholarships to academically promising but financially disadvantaged students from various schools, alongside the 18th Chinese Bridge Proficiency Competition, showcasing the students' language and cultural skills. University officials highlighted the scholarship's role in supporting education and fostering personal growth and cultural fluency. Speakers at the event praised the Embassy's continuous support over the past five years. They emphasised the expansion of Chinese language and culture studies in Kenyan schools and at Kenyatta University, including plans for a master's programme. The competition's winner will represent Kenya in the global Chinese Bridge contest, underscoring the importance of cultural exchange and lifelong learning. Overall, the event reaffirmed the strong partnership between Kenyatta University and the Chinese Embassy in advancing educational and cultural ties.

KU TO HOST LANDMARK AJERI 2025 CONFERENCE

Kenyatta University (KU) will host the prestigious 2025 African Journal of Engineering Research and Innovation (AJERI) Scientific Conference on 24th and 25th July 2025, in partnership with the Institution of Engineers of Kenya (IEK). The "Engineering for Transformation" event will gather engineers, scholars, and innovators from across Africa to discuss transformative engineering solutions. This collaboration with IEK and KU, initiated in 2023, has already boosted KU's engineering research, student mentorship, internships, and faculty appointments, strengthening the university's role in advancing engineering education. The AJERI journal, a peer-reviewed publication supported by the Engineers The Board of Kenya (EBK) will feature selected works. Conference registration offers physical and virtual attendance options, varying fees for members, non-members, and foreign delegates. This event highlights a long-term partnership aimed at transforming engineering education and innovation in Kenya and beyond.



Eng. Shammah Kiteme (left), President AJERI and Prof. Eliud Njagi, Executive Dean Graduate School Kenyatta University shake hands after fruitful deliberations on the AJERI Science Conference, 2025.

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National News

Reclassification The regions are characterised by drought and insecurity

Ruku, TSC halt execution of new hardship areas report

Teachers, other public workers in Asal areas say working conditions will be worse

BY GEOFFREY ONDIEKI

The government has temporarily stopped the implementation of the review of hardship area classifications following criticism from teachers, civil servants and political leaders.

Public Service Cabinet Secretary Geoffrey Ruku said his ministry and the Ministry of Education have put on hold the implementation of the report to allow re-evaluation aimed at redefining regions eligible for hardship allowances.

The reclassification triggered uproar, especially in Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (Asal) counties.

"We need to re-evaluate the report with stakeholders and elected leaders before its implementation," Mr Ruku said Samburu County.

Public servants, especially

teachers in Turkana, Samburu, Marsabit, West Pokot and parts of the Coast and North Eastern, say the removal of their regions from the hardship category would worsen their already difficult working conditions.

The minister told civil servants that their allowances were not at risk of being discontinued in the review.

"The government is committed to a rigorous public participation before the implementation of the report," he said.

Lawmakers and teachers unions had demanded answers from the Executive over what they said was a scheme to disenfranchise marginalised regions.

Samburu Senator Steve Lelegwe said the decision to downgrade the region's hardship classification from "extreme" to "moderate", would disadvantage public servants.



Public Service CS Geoffrey Ruku. He says allowances will not be affected in the review. WACHIRA MWANGI NATION

The lawmaker added that the drafters of the report ignored insecurity, droughts, poor mobile phone network coverage and poor infrastructure in the region.

"One wonders why they are re-classifying Samburu as a moderate working area. This is actually an extreme hardship region," the Senator said.

Samburu West MP Naisula

Lesuuda said the new classification is misleading and risks deepening inequality.

"Samburu is probably among the harshest places to be in Kenya because of the unforgiving weather, insecurity and terrain, coupled with the decades-long marginalisation," she said.

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State lost Sh458 million in school textbook deals

BY DAVID MWERE

The government lost Sh458.2 million in four financial years due to weaknesses in the disbursement and utilisation of textbook funds in public schools, Auditor-General Nancy Gathungu said yesterday.

Her special audit also criticises the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) for failing to include textbook procurement in its plans.

The report, which covers capitation and infrastructure grants in public schools between the 2020/21 and 2023/24 financial years, exposes irregularities, including the distribution of textbooks for subjects not offered in schools, non-deliveries and late deliveries.

During the audit period, the State Department for Basic Education disbursed Sh27.9 billion to KICD to procure textbooks through pre-qualified publishers.

However, the audit shows that the department did not disclose or provide the criteria used in transferring the book funds to KICD.

"Contracts between publishers and KICD for printing, pack-

aging and distribution of textbooks included clauses on the points of delivery and delivery addresses or final destinations," the audit says.

"Under these contracts, the books were to be delivered to the schools, and delivery addresses were as per distribution."

The special audit sampled 442 secondary schools, 339 junior schools and 336 primary schools for the book evaluation.

The supply of textbooks was to be based on enrolment data from the National Education Management Information System (Nemis).

The number of textbooks to be supplied to schools by publishers was clearly stated in the contracts with KICD.

Corresponding distribution schedules were also provided and formed the basis for delivery to every institution.

A comparison of school textbook records and receipts from KICD established a shortfall of Sh295.63 million in textbooks delivered to 415 secondary schools, 194 junior schools and 245 primary schools, relative to the number of enrolled learners.

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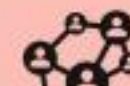
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Open borders will help Africa more than loans

In a rare policy shift that promises real economic upside, Kenya has announced visa-free entry for all African nationals, except Libya and Somalia, and most Caribbean countries. Visitors from the continent will be allowed to stay for up to 60 days. Kenya joins Rwanda, The Gambia, Benin, and Seychelles that have embraced the idea of a borderless Africa. It's a quiet revolution with powerful implications for trade, tourism, and our collective future.

The last time Kenya lifted visa restrictions with a fellow African country, it triggered a 30 per cent surge in travel. That was with South Africa, in 2023, and it happened within just three months. When bureaucratic barriers are removed, people move. And when they do, they trade, invest, connect. People-to-people connection creates a multiplier effect that no summit or donor programme can replicate.

Currently, only about 14 per cent of Africa's trade happens within the continent compared to 55 per cent in Asia, 49 per cent in North America, and a massive 63 per cent within the EU. The African Continental Free Trade Area, launched in 2021, set a target to raise intra-African trade to 52 per cent. But unless we make it easier for Africans to move across borders with ease, we'll keep falling short.

Last year, I wrote about the irony of Africa's closed skies. Air travel within Africa is too expensive, due to overregulation, closed airspace deals, and bilateral protectionism. Flying from Nairobi to Accra costs more than a round trip to Europe. The same logic that kept our skies fragmented is what kept the borders closed. These are plans based on outdated ideas of sovereignty and control, not shared progress.

A 45-minute flight from Nairobi to Entebbe, between two neighbours sharing language, culture, and history, can cost more than a round trip from Nairobi to Dubai, a five-hour flight across continents. That's not about distance, it's about politics and the invisible walls we've built.

But the reality is more complex. Open borders can fuel migration waves that strain host countries. In South Africa, large numbers of Nigerians and Zimbabweans, many seeking informal-sector work, have sparked xenophobic backlash, crime fears, and political tension. Violent riots in 2008, 2015, and sporadically since then have been blamed on foreign nationals blamed for "stealing" jobs. Vigilante groups such as Operation Dudula, which demand the expulsion

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of migrants, have gained traction. Others say porous borders without adequate safeguards, such as labour registration and policing, can lead to increased crime, xenophobia, and public unrest.

Despite these pitfalls, we can learn from the EU. The Schengen Area allows Europeans to move freely to live, work, study, and do business across borders. Most citizens support this freedom, and 84 per cent say borderless travel is one of EU's greatest achievements. Wealthier EU nations have stepped in to support economically weaker members through investment, cohesion funds, and shared social services, all underpinned by the same open border framework.

That model offers a template for Africa. Countries with natural resources, stronger economies, or developed educational and health systems could, under a pan-African open border regime, uplift others through skilled labour deployment, remittances, educational exchange, and regional development funds. Kenyan or South African-trained doctors could work in underserved regions across the region. Engineers from Ghana or Egypt could support infrastructure projects in less-developed countries. Educational scholarships and cross-border university programs could enhance skills continent wide.

In my view, open borders, properly managed, offer Africa the greatest development tool of all. They enable Africans to solve their own problems by moving, trading, investing, and sharing knowledge. They empower markets, not middlemen. When we make mobility work with governance, regulation, and solidarity, we don't just lift barriers, we lift potential.

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Debating key for students

When you walk into a well organised school debate, you can almost feel the energy in the room. It feels great watching young people challenge each other intellectually, argue their cases respectfully, and defend their opinions with facts. However, in many schools, debate remains an optional club for a few interested learners. Debate should be treated as an essential part of learning.

Debate is more than public speaking. It teaches learners how to think critically, listen actively, and engage in difficult conversations without becoming hostile. It gives them a space to address important questions, on politics, the environment, gender, technology, and the economy. Their arguments are normally based on research and reality.

In this age of information overload, debate trains learners to separate fact from opinion, truth from noise. In Kenya, where education often leans on exam results, debate helps students make sense of the world around them, aside from excelling in exams.

It improves how they write, argue, and how they understand different points of view. Debaters tend to perform better in exams because of the skills they learn, including analysis and interpretation.

For shy students, debate can give them confidence. It also offers students a sense of direction. It promotes

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Collines Bore Education



discipline, teamwork, empathy, and leadership—traits that matter just as much as grades.

And the Debate Circle doing a good job, turning debate into a meaningful platform where young people meet to discuss issues that matter to the society.

What makes the Debate Circle stand out is how seriously they treat debate. Their tournaments are not just about winning trophies; they are about getting students to think critically, about real problems, and come up with real solutions. The good part is that you don't need fancy infrastructure or big budgets to start a debate club. All it takes is a committed teacher, some curious learners.

Collines Bore is the HOD, Languages, at Nyangwa Boys and Debate Patron

Exposure to mercury has also been linked to serious, and often irreversible impacts on children's brain development



Candy Vizengwa Environment

How smuggled mercury risks lives of millions

Small-scale gold mining is big business in Kenya. But at the heart of Artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM), lies a dangerous neurotoxin: Mercury. Globally, the ASGM sector is the largest contributor to mercury pollution, contaminating the air, water, and food, thereby endangering lives of millions of people. In Kenya, the problem begins with the importation of mercury for industrial use. Part of it is illegally diverted into gold mining, through informal trade networks.

When mercury enters the gold mining market, through the smuggling, the cost is paid by miners and those living near mining sites. They face risks of neurological, reproductive and respiratory health problems upon exposure to the metal. For pregnant women, the risks are even higher, as mercury can cross the placental barrier and directly affect the developing foetus. Studies have linked mercury to serious health problems and physical symptoms, including tremors, loss of muscle coordination, memory loss, vision disorders, kidney dysfunction, respiratory problems, nausea, vomiting, and abdominal pain. It has also linked to serious and often irreversible effects on children's brain development.

A growing body of studies has documented high mercury concentrations in urine, nail and hair samples of miners in hotspot mining areas of Kakamega and Migori, a clear indication of their exposure to mercury. In a study by CEJAD and IPEN in 2017, most, or 71 per cent, of sampled women miners from Masara, Osiri and Mikei gold mining sites, had very high levels of mercury in their hair.

Tackling mercury use in ASGM should be a public health necessity to protect the miners and communities around the mining areas from mercury poisoning. A crucial first step should be to stop the importation of mercury into Kenya.

Elimination of global mercury trade requires coordinated international efforts to end its production, import, and export, particularly for its use in ASGM. This should involve implementing commitments under the Minamata Convention on Mercury, which obligate countries to regulate mercury flows, reduce, and where possible, eliminate mercury use, close primary mercury mines, and improve transparency through national reporting systems.

It also includes tightening customs procedures to detect and prevent illegal shipments. This is key as these informal trade networks wouldn't thrive if the mercury imports and exports are stopped.

Kenya should aim to eliminate mercury use by 2032, which would coincide with the phase-out date in the Convention for all primary mercury mining. A progressive phase out, leading to complete elimination, is essential to give miners time to adapt.

The government should provide an enabling environment for investment in mercury-free gold processing technologies, such as gravity-based techniques such as shaker tables, and flotation to enable uptake by miners. Kenya is a party to the Minamata Convention in 2023. However, we still have a long way to go in the fight against mercury use in ASGM.

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Opinion

DAILY NATION

Curb hawkker menace in towns to restore order

The hawkker menace has been a significant challenge for successive administrations in the City of Nairobi. It is also a big problem in the other towns and even smaller urban centres. The designation of special zones for small-scale traders has not yielded results.

These failed experiments confirm that the authorities do not fully understand what drives hawkkers. They need safe spaces for their merchandise, but only where buyers can reach them. The attraction to the city centre and the central business districts of other towns is due to their potential as lucrative markets. But the petty traders become a nuisance, literally blocking avenues and hampering movement.

It is happening again, and the residents are frustrated over the congested streets in Nairobi's city centre, with the full return of hawkkers. Every evening, the city centre is transformed into a business hub, with stalls popping up everywhere.

The hawkkers are back, unleashing the disorder the city authorities had vowed to eliminate. And suffering inconvenience, pedestrians are denied spaces to walk freely. It is a huge mockery of Governor Johnson Sakaja's administration's effort to clear the streets and restore order.

With the influx of hawkkers comes uncollected garbage that diminishes the beauty of East Africa's top metropolis. Without proper organisation, Nairobi cannot be the major tourist attraction it aspires to become. Also, the hawkkers are disrupting the normal flow of business and operations.

In January, the city administration pushed the hawkkers to the backstreets, implementing a law passed to restore the prime locations. But it is simply not working. The chaos is mounting. As one hawkker put it, you cannot expect them to sell their wares where there are no customers. It is estimated that there are about 7,000 illegal hawkkers in the city.

Major cities worldwide employ various strategies to manage hawkkers. Towns should establish special zones for small-scale traders with proper infrastructure.

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Probe mystery illness

Delays in responding to disease outbreaks can have devastating consequences. As the common saying goes, prevention is better than cure. It is commendable that the Ministry of Health has moved quickly to take charge of the investigation into the yet-to-be-established illness that has caused some deaths in Mombasa County.

Local health officials handed over to the national government the inquiry into the mysterious sudden deaths that have rocked the Migadini area. Four people have died within a week. The bodies of three of them were found in their homes on Monday. They were reportedly swollen and had blisters.

Public Health Principal Secretary Mary Muthoni has confirmed the dispatching of a special rapid response team to Migadini to establish the causes of the deaths. She has, however, urged caution to avoid sparking public panic before the investigation is concluded.

Health Director-General Patrick Amoth says the preliminary investigations have shown that the four people who died had pre-existing conditions, and that no other symptoms had been reported.

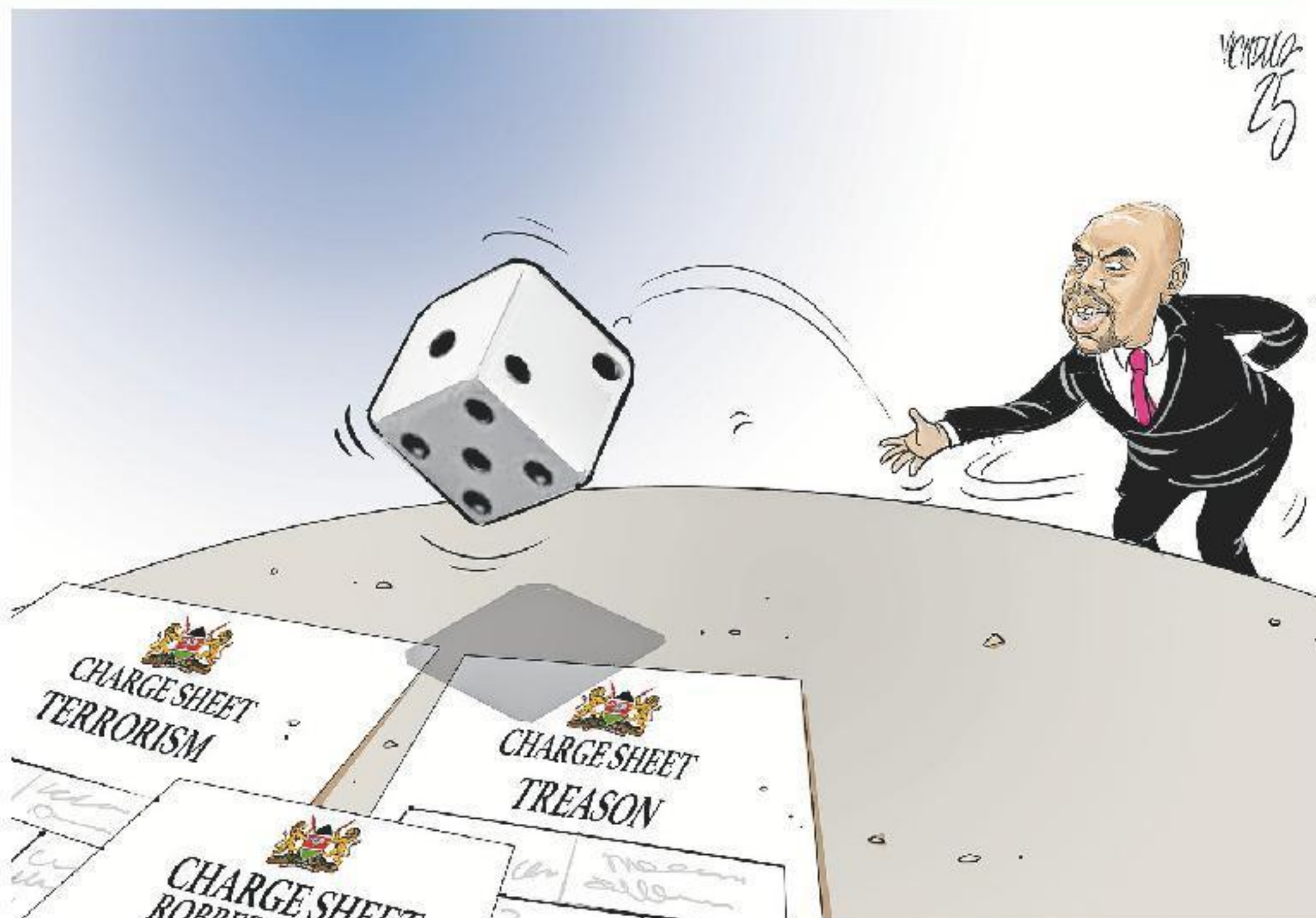
According to him, there is no cause for alarm as a competent team from the Health ministry headquarters in Nairobi is already on the ground in the coastal resort town of Mombasa. The Chief Government Pathologist, Dr Johansen Oduor, is leading it.

Until the illness is identified, residents have been advised to avoid handling dead bodies to curb its possible spread. They have also been urged to remain extremely vigilant and maintain high levels of personal hygiene.

Changamwe and Nyali have, in recent months, reported a high number of Mpox infections, but no link with these deaths has been established.

Pledging regular updates on the investigations, the county health officials have advised people to immediately seek medical attention if unwell.

The inquiry should be hastened and remedial measures taken.



US tariff plan rocks global markets

In a move that has unsettled global markets, the United States administration is preparing a new wave of tariffs that could significantly alter international trade dynamics. The proposed measures include a 30 per cent tariff on imports from the European Union and Mexico, a 35 per cent duty on goods from Canada, and a 50 per cent levy on copper imports. The announcement has sent ripples through equities, commodities and foreign exchange markets, reigniting debate about protectionism, inflation and geopolitical economic strategy.

The proposal is still in the consultation phase, but has already attracted global attention. Analysts say that the size and scope of these tariffs are far-reaching, signalling a potential recalibration of US trade policy priorities. While the administration maintains that the tariffs are intended to protect domestic industries and address trade imbalances, investors and international observers are voicing concerns about the broader implications—particularly on supply chains and inflation.

Markets responded swiftly to the initial news. The S&P 500 pulled back after weeks of steady gains, while European indexes posted declines amid fears of retaliatory measures. Copper prices spiked in anticipation of tighter global supply, but the commodity's volatility left many cautious. Bond yields also fluctuated, reflecting investor unease about the policy's inflationary potential and its effects on interest rate trajectories.

For industries reliant on transatlantic and North American trade, the uncertainty is already affecting strategic planning. Manufacturing sectors, particularly in automotive, machinery and construction materials, are bracing for cost increases that could trickle down to consumers. Many firms fear that if tariffs take effect, they will need to reassess sourcing strategies, renegotiate supplier contracts, or pass rising costs on to customers—moves that could stifle demand.

Canada, Mexico, and the EU have voiced concern over the proposed tariffs, with several officials indicating that they may seek redress through the World Trade Organisation

Sweeping tariffs could introduce friction at a time when global cooperation is needed to address collective challenges



Onyango K'onyango
Trade

(WTO) or impose reciprocal measures if negotiations with the US break down. The US's largest trading partners argue that such unilateral action could erode trust and stability in the global trade architecture.

Copper, in particular, has become a focal point due to its strategic role in the clean energy transition. Used in everything from electric vehicles to renewable power systems, copper is a metal critical to many of the technologies shaping future economies. A 50 per cent tariff could tighten global supply, raise costs for green projects and slow progress toward sustainability targets in both the US and abroad.

From an investor perspective, the return of aggressive trade measures is reviving memories of earlier tariff disputes that marked the late 2010s. Back then, tit-for-tat tariff exchanges between the US and major partners contributed to market volatility, discouraged capital investment, and weighed on global GDP. Today, with inflation still a concern and interest rates high, markets are even more sensitive to disruptions that could tilt the balance of economic recovery.

Some domestic voices, however, are supportive of the new direction. Advocates argue that the tariffs are necessary to level the playing field and rebuild domestic manufacturing capabilities weakened by decades of offshoring. They see this as a chance to pro-

tect critical industries, secure supply chains, and create jobs in strategic sectors. The administration has framed the move as part of a broader effort to bolster economic security and reduce dependence on volatile international markets.

Still, economists caution that tariffs are a blunt instrument. While they may offer temporary relief to domestic producers, they often come with trade-offs, including higher input costs, reduced consumer purchasing power and strained diplomatic ties. In an interconnected global economy, the costs of isolationist policies can sometimes outweigh the intended benefits.

The geopolitical backdrop adds further complexity. The world is navigating a delicate post-pandemic recovery, climate change imperatives and the reshaping of global alliances. In this context, sweeping tariffs could introduce friction at a time when global cooperation is needed to address collective challenges.

Europe, already facing economic headwinds, sees the proposed tariffs as an unwelcome development that may deepen existing divides. Similarly, Canada and Mexico—long-standing trade partners under the USMCA—are questioning what the tariffs signal about the future of North American economic integration.

In the short term, businesses are expected to adopt a cautious stance, delaying investment decisions or hedging against uncertainty.

As the administration finalizes its proposal, there is still room for negotiation and possible compromise. Ultimately, the proposed tariffs represent more than just a shift in policy—they are a signal of the evolving priorities shaping the global economy. How governments, companies and markets respond will determine whether this moment becomes a temporary disruption or the beginning of a long-term realignment in international trade.

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Mr Mutuma Mathiu's column resumes next week

Why did TV stations misreport the court's ruling on new IEBC?

A widely circulated montage of screen grabs of the main TV stations, featuring many versions of the High Court ruling on the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) case, best captured the confusion.

The 112-page judgment on petitions challenging the nomination and appointment of IEBC commissioners threw the media into a spin, with some making partial interpretations without context and others outrightly getting it wrong. Audiences wanted to know which version was accurate and whose word they could trust.

Under a Breaking News banner, NTV wrongly interpreted the ruling and announced that the court had nullified the nomination of the IEBC chairman and six commissioners. This was corrected later in the bulletin, with the presenter stating: "We want to revisit the breaking news that came this evening, which has caused confusion. We want to put the facts straight."

He then gave the correct interpretation of the ruling. A three-judge bench had dismissed a petition that sought to invalidate the nomination and appointment of the commissioners. At the same time, the judges had found that the gazette notice issued by President William Ruto formalising the appointments was unlawful as it had been published in violation of a court order.

As expected of a responsible media organisation, the presenter also told his audience the "legal effect" of the ruling. The President would have to gazette the appointments afresh before the team could be sworn in.

The *Daily Nation*, which rightly interpreted the ruling, was quick with day-two journalism, discussing the full tray that awaited the commissioners once they were sworn in.

Kudos to NTV for quickly correcting the story. However, an admission that the earlier broadcast was wrong, and

An admission and apology would have left audience feeling respected



Pamella Sittoni
Public Editor



an apology would have left the audience feeling respected.

This ruling was highly anticipated because of its implications. Kenya has not had a functional poll agency since January 2023, when the term of then-chair Wafula Chebukati and two others lapsed. Four others had earlier ceased being commissioners following the fallout in the agency over 2022 General Election results.

Without commissioners, the IEBC could not hold by-elections or delimit boundaries. Most importantly, it could not start preparing for the 2027 elections. Already, there was talk that the General Election would not be held in 2027 owing to the absence of a func-

tional IEBC.

The judiciary had such cases in mind when it introduced the media summary – a layman's version of the court's decision in "high public interest" matters. The summary, which is released to media and published on the Judiciary's social media platforms, summarises and breaks down the decision in simple language to make it understandable to most people. It was introduced to cure the problem of misinterpretation, leading to misreporting.

Audiences rely on the media to cut through the legal jargon of the judges and plough through many pages of text to interpret court decisions for them. The media summary lessens this burden for journalists.

In the IEBC case, the summary was released before the 112-page ruling was delivered. It is, therefore, puzzling why the reporters from most media houses did not make use of this document and instead relied on their own understanding of the ruling.

A reference to the guidelines on court reporting, prepared by the Kenya Editors Guild and other media organisations would also have saved them from the embarrassment and confusion. In these guidelines, accuracy is the first rule of court reporting.

IEBC Chairman Erastus Edung Ethekeon with CJ Martha Koome during the swearing-in of the commissioners in Nairobi on July 11. BONIFACE BOGITA | NATION



For media houses with in-house legal experts, such as NMG, a quick consultation with them saves the day.

Still on court reporting, a story published in the *Daily Nation* of July 15, 2025, titled "When faith row halts a loved one's burial", showed a lack of balance.

The two-tales-in-one article started with a narration of the intrigues surrounding a young man's burial in Kilifi. The High Court ordered the exhumation of the body from a Muslim cemetery where it was buried against the wishes of the man's family.

This is, indeed, an interesting story of religions pulling in different directions and the resultant protracted legal battles that deny the soul a peaceful rest.

Regrettably, the writer only gave information and allegations contained in the documents presented in court by the man's family.

There was no word from the side that was being accused of secretly burying the young man without his family's involvement.

This is unfair reporting as it does not give the other side a chance to be heard. The writer should have said if the other side had responded to the accusations or given its side of the story. Even if the other side was yet to file, a response should have been sought from the lawyer to balance the story.

The second tale was about a Briton whose case has taken a religious turn, too, after the body was exhumed to determine the cause of death.

Like the first story, the writer presented arguments from only one side – that of the man's two sons who have expressed concern over their father's burial as a Muslim "in spite of him being a Christian".

Court reporters and editors must watch out for one-sided reporting as it depicts bias by the media platform when ethical court reporting and the code of conduct for journalism practice demand impartiality.

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Kenya remains a huge importer of milk, yet it has opportunities to produce enough for the local market



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Let's invest in farmers for a successful dairy sector

Agriculture is the cornerstone of Kenya's economy, supporting millions of livelihoods. As one of the leading milk producers in Africa, the dairy sub-sector contributes approximately four per cent to the GDP and more than 12 per cent to the agricultural GDP. Yet opportunities in the sector remain untapped, disempowering millions of farmers.

The sector has 1.8 million small-scale farmers, who produce 5.3 billion litres of milk annually, according to the Economic Survey, 2025. However, this falls short of the local demand. The International Livestock Research Institute says Kenyans are the highest milk consumers in Sub-Saharan, requiring 110 litres per capita. Demand stands at eight billion litres, and this could rise with population growth.

Despite this, Kenya remains a huge importer of milk, yet it has opportunities to produce enough for the local market and expand exports. In 2023, for example, dairy exports earned Kenya Sh7.3 billion. The Ministry of Agriculture projects raising this to Sh9 billion in the next one year. The success of this projection lies in ensuring that we develop policies and apply strategies that must begin with safeguarding farmers' welfare.

This means we have to make dairy farming profitable. A farmer-centric approach is a leap in the right direction. The sector suffers from one major hurdle – milk spoilage. More than 175 million litres are spoilt every year, costing the industry about 7.9 billion. Small-scale farmers sell their produce through co-ops and are often burdened with the losses when milk spoils.

Historically, agricultural systems and markets have been designed to disadvantage farmers. We must discontinue the traditional brick and mortar way dairy business by improving infrastructure, improving animal breeds through affordable and quality artificial insemination, lowering the cost of production by providing affordable fodder, effective vaccination against diseases and modernising processing and handling.

By preserving quality, farmers can access better markets, negotiate fair prices and minimise wastage.

The recent launch of a Sh1.45 billion cooler project for 230 cooperatives is a step in the right direction. The coolers will save the dairy sub-sector Sh173 million annually. This initiative encourages sustainable farming and lays the foundation for a successful dairy sector.

Through collaborations and partnerships, feed makers, processors, central and county governments and other players need to adopt a role to play in scaling the sector by addressing productivity at farm level. These efforts will ensure farmers reap maximum benefits from their efforts.

The writer is the Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development

Control use of force during protests

No society can function efficiently without peace and order. The government should fulfil its duty of protecting citizens from actions that interfere with freedom and dignity. Unfortunately, it is the government that is the main transgressor.

Recent protests have attracted global attention and sparked debates, especially regarding the response by the government.

For many Kenyans, the protests are a way of expressing grievances caused by dissatisfaction with the economic and political situation, corruption, unfulfilled promises, joblessness, low wages and the violent behaviour of security forces.

Perhaps, the most disturbing are the extra-judicial killings. A troubling incident involved Bonface Mwangi, a mask vendor who was shot at point-blank

If accountability remains elusive, killings will continue



Dan Weku Security



range. Such executions by security agents have become ingrained in an organisational culture. They are routine and have become a component of the country's social-political landscape.

Worse still is when the government, in a bid to manipulate and undermine the cause, comes up with a scenario of unofficial violence where police work with hired criminal groups to attack protesters.

In response, the security administration repeatedly issues dismissive statements, which only intensify anger and unrest.

The incidents have been used as an excuse to point to events in neighbouring countries and justify restrictions on basic rights and freedoms.

The arrogance and disdain show that normalcy will not return if protests against police brutality continue. The country is gripped with fear of escalating violence.

Autocracies tend to develop in stages, initially simulating the fundamentals of democracy like holding elections, creating legislative bodies and tolerating a multi-party politics.

This is followed by restoring public confidence through portraying themselves as defenders of the law. Formal institutions are set up and proxies appointed, enabling political competition but lacking real democratic creden-

tials. Over time, these institutions are weaponised, polarised and exploited to weaken the opposition and suppress human rights.

If accountability for police excesses remains elusive, extra-judicial killings will continue to cast a shadow over Kenya.

A security sector unable to control the use of force, especially when linked to criminals backed by rogue politicians, fosters instability.

This results in a security vacuum that is likely to be filled with sophisticated criminal elements. Such groups may enjoy autonomy, enabling them to assert control over the nation.

Societal security is a key component of national security. Maintaining it requires supporting essential societal functions, including promoting social harmony and stability.

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Letters

THE CUTTING EDGE by THE WATCHMAN

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Shoot order? President William Ruto and Interior Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen have not told the police to shoot peaceful demonstrators, says Joseph Macharia. "They have only directed that criminals, who rob and burn police stations and motor vehicles, should be shot. I feel for the government when its message gets twisted." His contact is machariajoseph82@gmail.com.

Protests. The destruction caused by protesters at a public hospital in Kitengela, Kajiado County, shouldn't be condoned, says Ruth Gituma. "The events that transpired were intolerable. Essential services must remain uninterrupted during such conflicts. Action must be taken against those captured on camera to prevent similar incidents in the future." Her email address is rgitum@gmail.com.

Work cut out. The new Independent and Electoral Boundaries Commission should prepare for the elections two years away, says F. Mukumbu. "Chairperson Erastus Etheke and commissioners have a tough task ahead, especially in these turbulent times with the government and opposition at loggerheads. The team should aim to conduct free and fair elections in 2027." His contact is fmukumbu@gmail.com.

Poor planning. The designers of Nairobi's Eastern Bypass, Churchill Amatha notes, "lacked foresight, yet putting up such a highway takes a long time to plan and realise". He adds: "They didn't require sophisticated science and algorithms to know that vehicular traffic would grow rapidly. It will now be more expensive to redo and expand it into a dual carriageway." His contact is c.amatha@hotmail.com.

Equality. When Martin Luther King Jr lived until his 1968 assassination, Muriithi King'au notes, "he vocalised his dream of a just and equitable American society". Muriithi adds: "All those who mortgage their dreams of a just and equitable Kenyan society have no chance of ever getting immortalised like this leading African-American civil rights campaigner." His contact is jmskingau37@gmail.com. Have a great day, won't you!

LETTERS

Don't condemn Raila over dialogue call

A section of Kenyans have condemned ODM leader Raila Odinga for calling for a national dialogue over the issues that are affecting the country. This should ideally be done by MCAs, MPs and Senators, who are representatives of the people. However, the lawmakers have failed the people. On the other hand, Raila knows unless it is pushed, the current regime will not act, because of incompetence and selfish interests. That is why he has taken up the initiative, calling for dialogue away from Parliament and even the county assemblies.

Michael Kinuthi, Nairobi

State must account for demos deaths

The government must ensure justice for families of those who died as well as those who were injured during the 2024 and 2025 Gen Z protests. The protests were sparked off by widespread discontent over governance and economic challenges faced by Kenyans. This has seen citizens take to the streets in protests. The government must be held accountable for its actions. Kenyans want speedy, transparent and independent investigations into the deaths and injuries, as well as disappearances, that were recorded during the protests.

Gerald Mwangi, Murang'a

Kiswahili has taken its place in history

Gone are the days Kiswahili was regarded as a lesser language as many people took pride in the use of English. As things currently stand, you can now use Kiswahili, even in a public office, and expect to be listened to and attended to. This indigenous language, with its roots in East African Coast, has taken its place in history. It is now a part of our everyday interactions, especially because it is a national language and a medium of communication, even in East Africa. Even some foreign countries have also gained interest in Kiswahili.

Frankline Mukumbu, Tharaka nithi

What Matiang'i must do ahead of polls

Dr Fred Matiang'i must make his decisions quickly before time runs out. A time has come for him to prove to Kenyans that he is not a project of any person or political party. The former CS must come out boldly, declare his party and prove his popularity in Kisii, Nyamira and other parts of Western Kenya by fielding a candidate in the Malava by-election. Dr Matiang'i must also work hard to earn the respect of other opposition leaders. He must show that he has what it takes to win the presidential election in 2027.

Blemoh Ngunjiri, Nyeri

IEBC should conduct pending mini polls

Kenyans have a right to be represented by their elected leaders, from the grassroots to the national level. The leaders are expected to offer them quality services as per the law. Sadly, some Kenyans are without representation in the county assembly or Parliament. Their elected leaders died while others were appointed to national offices. Affected areas are lagging behind in development. IEBC must move with speed and stage by-elections in these regions, and fill up the positions.

Ouma Ben Onyango, Nairobi

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TODAY IN HISTORY



July 18, 1977: President Jomo Kenyatta appoints Dr Robert John Ouko (left) as Cabinet Minister for East African Community Services that had been incorporated into the Civil Service. Kenyatta also nominated him an MP. Dr Ouko, who had been East African Minister for Common Market and Economic Affairs, was sworn in by President Kenyatta at Nakuru State House, where he chaired a Cabinet meeting.

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LETTER OF THE DAY

Let's build on efforts of Gen Zs, save Kenya

Gen Zs brought Kenya to the water, and now we must all choose for ourselves whether or not we will drink it. As the *wahenga* once said, the one who wants what is under the bed must bend. Calls for good governance and accountability have been the central theme of youth protests. The cries of a leaderless, tribeless and partyless movement have been demands for leadership based on constitutionalism and service delivery, as opposed to politics shaped by negative ethnicity and cults-of-personality. Subsequently, Kenya's political class, threatened by the exis-

tential nature of this inevitable transformation, has done all it can to erase these concepts from the collective psyche. Pro-government and opposition leaders alike have turned to their usual tools: popularity contests between megalomaniac chest-thumpers, parties that are special purpose vehicles for oligarchical intents, and tribal incitement in the form of dog whistles and overt balkanisation. Meanwhile, the youth protests have been co-opted, infiltrated and sabotaged. The fight between divisive, extractive politics and unifying, progressive civil

leadership has been re-framed as a fight between youth chaos and elite-driven stability. Inasmuch as many see through this sheer façade, there is a difference between one who, seeing poison poured in their food, eats the poisoned dish anyway, and one who throws it out and cooks their own food. The greatest power of the June 25 movement has not been the rejection of a contentious Finance Bill, or the temporary pausing of political bribery in the form of church donations. The real power is the fact that youth have taken it upon them-

selves to say what we have needed to hear as a country, and words that are spoken can not be returned to the mouth. Alas, they must be acted upon. In the words of former president Mwai Kibaki, "We have to change the people before we can get the change in the economy." Like the Gen Zs, Kibaki achieved the first step, when he brought Free Primary Education, Affordable Healthcare and ICT infrastructure among others. Changing the economy involves changing politics and the quality of leadership. Let's all be involved.

Mwangi Murimi, Nairobi



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TO ALL MEMBERS OF MVUNDENI COMMUNITY IN LAMU**

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**COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISII
AND
KISII WATER AND SANITATION
PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY****APPLICATION BY PERSONS WISHING TO REPRESENT
STAKEHOLDERS IN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
KISII WATER AND SANITATION PLC**

Kisii Water and Sanitation Public Limited Company (KWASCO) is a Public Limited Company incorporated under the Companies Act, 2015 on **8th May 2025**. The Company is fully owned by the **County Government of Kisii** and is mandated to provide water and sanitation services within Kisii County. KWASCO operates within the legal framework of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and other relevant legislation laws.

The Composition of the Board comprises of representatives of stakeholders identified in accordance with Corporate Governance Standards issued by the Water Services Regulatory Board (WASREB).

The Company has five (5) vacant positions in the Board and invite applications from the following stakeholder groups;

- One (1) director nominated to represent a duly registered business and manufacturing community.
- One (1) director nominated to represent a duly registered professional body.
- One (1) director from the Company's area of services representing domestic consumers.
- Two (2) directors nominated to represent duly registered resident organizations including but not limited to youths, women and PLWD.

The applicants should meet the following criteria:

- Minimum holder of a Bachelor's Degree from a recognized university in Kenya or its equivalent professional qualification.
- MUST** have a minimum of seven (7) years working experience in the core profession or own and run a registered enterprise except representative of the youth.
- MUST** be from a stakeholder group recognized by the Company.
- Be a resident of the area served by the Company.
- MUST** meet the Fit and Proper Test criteria set by **WASREB** available on the Company/**WASREB's** website at www.kwasco.co.ke or www.wasreb.co.ke. The submitted copy **MUST** be duly filled, signed by the applicant and commissioned by a commissioner for oaths or a magistrate.

Successful candidates will be required to meet leadership and integrity criteria set out under Chapter Six (6) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 (**KRA, CRB, HELB, DCI & EACC certificates.**)

NOTE:

- Suppliers and other trading associates of the Company are not eligible to apply.
- Representation by stakeholder groups in the Board of the Company will be on a rotational basis.
- Persons living with Disability and marginalized groups are encouraged to apply.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The applications should be sealed and addressed to the Chairperson, Selection Committee, marked **'APPLICATION FOR DIRECTORSHIP IN KISII WATER AND SANITATION PLC'** and deposited at the Company's Head Office located in Bobaracho, along Kisii-Keroka road or sent to the address below:

**THE CHAIRPERSON, SELECTION COMMITTEE
KISII WATER AND SANITATION PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY (KWASCO)
P.O. BOX 3880-40200
KISII, KENYA**

Applications should be **hand-delivered** to the KWASCO Head Office or sent by post to the above address to be received **on or before 1st August 2025 at 1700 Hrs.**



SING'ORE GIRLS' SECONDARY SCHOOL
P.O. BOX 225, ITEN - 30700, TEL: 0741195362
Email: girlssingore@gmail.com

DATE 17/7/2025

TENDER NOTICE**CONSTRUCTION OF STOREY TWIN SCIENCE
LABORATORY AND TWIN ICT LABORATORY
TENDER NO. SGSS/T/37/2025/2026 (Labour Based only)**

The Chief Principal **Sing'ore Girls Secondary School** invites sealed bids from interested bidders for the construction of **Storey Twin Science Laboratory** and **Twin ICT Laboratory** at **Sing'ore Girls Secondary School**.

Contractors should meet the requirements below

- Proof of Registration with National Construction Authority and practising license.
- Proof of Registration of the Company (certificate of incorporation)
- Proof of similar works done and value undertaken for the last two years
- Copy of Pin Certificate
- Attach trading license
- Bid Security of 2% of tender sum from reputable bank or approved insurance
- Proof of equipment in possession
- Attach CR 12
- Proof of sound financial footing to undertake the project
- Experienced personnel

Tender documents are obtained from the Head of Procurement, Sing'ore Girls Secondary School within normal working Hours upon payment of non-refundable fee of **ksh. 1,000. (One Thousand only)**

Completed Tender documents in a plain sealed envelope clearly marked with Tender Name and reference number to be deposited in the School Tender Box on or before **6th August 2025, by 4.00 p.m**

**THE CHIEF PRINCIPAL/B.O.M SECRETARY
SING'ORE GIRLS SECONDARY SCHOOL
P.O BOX 225
ITEN.**

Opening will be done in the presence of Bidders or their representatives who choose to attend in the **School Boardroom**.

**THE ENERGY ACT 2019
GridX Africa Development Limited****APPLICATION FOR ELECTRIC POWER GENERATION
LICENCE**

NOTICE is hereby given that GridX Africa Development Limited, a limited liability Company having its registered office at ICEA Building, Riverside Park, Waiyaki Way, Westlands, P.O Box, 67802-00200 in the Republic of Kenya, ("the Applicant"), pursuant to the provisions Energy Act, 2019, will on 1st August 2025 make an application to the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority for the Electric Power Generation Licence.

GridX Africa Development Limited is developing, designing, financing, and installing a 450kWp grid-tied, ground-mounted solar PV system at Momul Tea Factory, Kericho ("Momul"), Kericho County with GPS Location; -0.4163705217801575, 35.107167542328405. The power generated will be used for their own consumption only. The system will reduce Momul's energy costs and carbon emissions. The grant of the license will not have an adverse effect on any Public or Local Authorities, Companies, persons, or bodies of persons within the areas of the undertaking.

A copy of the application (subject to confidentiality considerations) will be available (once lodged) for inspection by the public at the registered office of the applicant.

Any public or local authority, company, person or body of persons desirous of making any representation on or objection to the application must do so by a letter addressed to the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority and marked on the outside of the cover enclosing it "Energy Act", on or before the expiration of Thirty (30) days from the date of application and a copy of such representation or objection must be forwarded to the the registered office of the applicant.

Dated: 18th July 2025.

**GridX Africa Development Limited,
Project Execution,**

Patricia Nyadhi



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Families mourn as killings and crimes go unresolved in Lanet

At least 10 people have been attacked in crime wave over the past six months

BY MERCY KOSKEI

When William Kamwaro left his home in Posta Estate, Nakuru County, on May 20 to meet friends at a nearby shopping centre, he was in good health and high spirits.

But the following day, the lifeless body of the 49-year-old was discovered by the roadside. Mr Kamwaro had been attacked by thugs riding on a motorcycle while on his way home. They robbed him of his belongings and brutally assaulted him, leaving him for dead.

In an interview, his wife Mary Karanja recalled that he left home around 3pm but never returned. The next morning before she began searching for him she received a phone call informing her of his death and was in-

structed to report to Lanet Police Station.

"I rushed to the station and officers informed me that his body had been moved to the Nakuru City mortuary," she said.

At the mortuary, Ms Karanja confirmed her worst fears. Her husband's body bore three stab wounds – on the neck and stomach.

"I was told he died on the spot due to excessive bleeding. It's been two months and nothing has been done. I have asked the police if they have tracked his phone but still no progress," she said.

Mr Kamwaro who worked in Eldoret had just visited his family for a two-week stay.

"I just want justice for his death. He was innocent and

didn't harm anyone. He left me with three children, and I'm jobless. I'm still in pain – we miss him – but I have to be strong for my children," she added.

Mr Kamwaro is one of at least 10 people attacked in a rising crime wave that has gripped Lanet over the past six months. Most victims were stabbed and robbed by unknown assailants.

Shockingly, one of the victims was a Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) officer who was killed dur-

If thugs can kill a trained KDF officer, what about civilians?

James Kariuki, Lanet resident



ing his routine morning run, just a few metres from the Lanet Police Station and the Lanet Military Barracks.

"If thugs can kill a trained KDF officer, what about civilians?" wondered James Kariuki, a Lanet resident.

Nyumna Kumu

In May, a Nyumna Kumu official was stabbed to death near Posta Road and a month later, a young girl was killed in similar fashion in Ng'ang'a area, all within Lanet.

While some victims survived the attacks, many were left injured. Ms Valentine Njeri, a business owner in Umoja 2 estate near the military barracks counts herself lucky after surviving an attack by three armed robbers in May.

"One posed as a customer asking for a credit card. After gaining my trust, he signaled his accomplices who stormed in beat me and stole Sh3,500 from my

cashbox and Sh9,000 via mobile money transfer," she recounted.

Nation has established that officers from three police stations in Lanet face major logistical challenges. A police officer who spoke on condition of anonymity said they lack working vehicles.

Despite these claims, Bahati Police Commander Lilies Wachira downplayed the situation.

"Are you sure there's insecurity in Lanet? Everything is under control. People should report crimes but many don't making it hard for us," she said.

However, Nation confirmed that DCI detectives are working with local police to track down the culprits behind the crime wave.

In a recent TV interview, Bahati MP Irene Njoki admitted that insecurity was a major issue in her constituency.

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Meru

DCI officer son killed during protests buried

BY MWANGI NDIRANGU

A Form Three student who was shot by police during last week's Saba Saba protest was laid to rest on Wednesday in an emotional ceremony, where he was hailed as a hero alongside other youths who died advocating for positive change in the country.

The mood was somber and tense, with mourners calling for justice as James Wambugu was buried at Katheri village in Meru County on Wednesday.

Wambugu, the last-born son of Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) officer Lawrence Kirinya, was shot on July 7 at Likii Estate, Nanyuki.

Tension escalated when officers from the DCI restricted speeches, allowing only the presiding priest to speak freely.

The DCI officers arrived at the Nanyuki Teaching and Referral Hospital Mortuary, collected Wambugu's body, and escorted the hearse to his parents' home in Katheri village, about eight kilometres away.

The move, which caught the family off guard, was prompted by intelligence reports suggesting that youth protesters planned to hijack the casket and march with it.

Upon arrival at the home around 7am, DCI officers took control of the burial programme.

However, Fr Roy Mwititi, the presiding priest, revealed that someone had attempted to dictate how he should conduct the sermon, but he proceeded to deliver a fiery address condemning the government.

"To the police and government agencies involved in killing young people who are airing genuine grievances—you may kill the body, but you will not suppress the spirit."

Joyce Wangui, a human rights defender, accused leaders of failing to hold police accountable.

BRIEFLY

NAKURU

Judge refuses to quit in Kulei, two others land case

A Nakuru judge has declined to recuse himself from a 50-acre land dispute involving former presidential aide Joshua Kulei. Justice Anthony Ombwayo dismissed activist Juma Okumu's application seeking his withdrawal over alleged bias, ruling there was no proof of misconduct.

The case, involving Kulei, two private claimants, and government agencies, is pending judgment.

The contested parcel, allegedly public land, is claimed by both Kulei's Sian Enterprises and two individuals, Patrick Wakanda and Omar Mohamed, with each side producing separate acquisition documents.

The court's ruling clears the way for the final verdict.

Joseph Openda

Nairobi River project to create 20,000 more jobs, says Ruto



President William Ruto addresses residents after inspecting the progress of the Nairobi River Regeneration project in Dandora, Embakasi West, in Nairobi. The project has created 20,000 jobs for the youth, with an additional 20,000 set to begin working next Monday. President Ruto said the government has a plan to address unemployment among the youth. PHOTO: PCS

County News

Narok Officials are expected to visit the Maasai Mara soon to present the certificate formally

Maasai Mara named most loved tourism destination



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It hosts the annual movement of over 1.5 million animals across the Serengeti-Mara ecosystem

BY TOBBY MESSO

The Maasai Mara National Reserve has been recognised as a favourite tourism destination by the World Book of Records, United Kingdom.

It earned the accolade under the "World's Greatest Annual Terrestrial Wildlife Migration" category, for hosting the dramatic annual movement of more than 1.5 million wildebeests, zebras and antelopes across the greater

Serengeti-Mara ecosystem—the largest event of its kind on Earth.

The World Book of Records Limited, UK, is an organisation that catalogues and verifies extraordinary global records through authentic certification.

Its representatives are expected to visit the Maasai Mara soon to present the certificate formally, but the date of the official ceremony is yet to be announced.

Narok Governor Patrick Ole Ntutu welcomed the inclusion

of the Maasai Mara National Reserve in the World Book of Records, UK, terming it a moment of pride for Kenya and a milestone in ongoing conservation efforts.

The recognition comes just two and a half years after the county government unveiled a raft of conservation measures aimed at revitalising the natural resource.

Key interventions included the implementation of a comprehensive management plan, enhancing ranger capacity, improving road infrastructure, and embracing modern, technology-based conservation strategies to ensure sustainability.

Governor Ntutu said the certi-

A tourist van waits to enter the Maasai Mara National Reserve at Sekenani Gate. The Maasai Mara has been named the most favourite tourism destination by the World Book of Records, United Kingdom. FILE | NATION

fication by the World Book of Records is both an act of global validation and a celebration of the Mara's significance worldwide.

"We are deeply honoured to receive this recognition," the county boss said, while highlighting the broader ecological value of the game reserve, which hosts over 25 percent of Kenya's biodiversity and plays a critical role in the life-cycle of migrating species, especially during their mating and grazing seasons.

Describing the recognition as "a proud moment for Kenya and Narok County," Mr Ntutu further said that it marked "a call to the world to come and witness nature's greatest theatre."

"Every crossing in the Mara is a symbol of life's resilience and the magic of nature," said Mr Ntutu.

The Maasai Mara National Reserve is arguably one of the most picturesque and famous wildlife sanctuaries on Earth, having been voted the Eighth Wonder of the World in 2007.

350,000

Number of tourists who are expected to visit Maasai Mara to witness the wildebeest migration, one of the seven wonders of the natural world

For decades, the game park has served as a key source of foreign exchange, attracting thousands of visitors each year to witness the famed wildebeest migration. The reserve draws hundreds of thousands of tourists annually owing to its rich wildlife, the vibrant Maasai culture and unique safari experiences.

Each year, over two million wildebeests, zebras and other herbivores migrate from the Southern Serengeti to the lush green grasses of the Maasai Mara in what is considered one of the seven wonders of the natural world.

The migration occurs between July and October, with the dramatic river crossings typically taking place at the Mara River during this period.

This year, more than 350,000 tourists are expected to visit to witness the epic migration.

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Photos dim squatters' hopes of taking land

BY BRIAN OCHARO

Were it not for photographs taken in 2009 and 2013 during routine land surveys, more than 3,000 families in Mombasa might have successfully claimed ownership of over 100 acres through adverse possession.

The families told the court they had occupied the land in Kiambeni, Kisauni sub-county, since the 1970s. Some testified that they were born there.

Their aim was to dispossess Zumzum Investment Limited by convincing the court that they had called the property home for over five decades. However, photographs presented by the company during trial proved decisive and dashed their hopes.

The images showed a vast stretch of bare, unoccupied land.

The Court of Appeal sealed their fates, paving the way for mass evictions.

"The company adduced evidence through valuation reports and photographs taken at the time, which showed that the suit property was vacant and unoccupied in 2009 and 2013 when the property was surveyed and valued for purposes of a bank charge," Justices Agnes Murgor, Kibaya Laibuta and Ngeye-Macharia stated in their July 5 ruling.

The judges further noted that, although the squatters challenged the authenticity of the photographs, they did not provide any evidence to back their claims. The court further observed that there was no proof that the squatters had been in continuous and uninterrupted possession of the land for at least 12 years, as required under the doctrine of adverse possession.

The judges also noted that there was no documentation indicating when each of the approximately 818 appellants had come into possession of the land, nor specifying which portions each individual occupied.

Stalled KMTC building to be revived

BY FLORAH KOECH

Rusted and collapsing steel beams, caving walls and rotting timber are hallmarks of the dilapidated state of the stalled tuition block at Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC), Kabarnet Campus in Baringo County.

The structure that has remained incomplete for more than 13 years was initiated by former Baringo Central MP Sammy Mwaita. It was meant to house lecture halls, a modern library and classrooms for over 1,000 students.

Construction began in 2012 under the Department of Public Works but stalled

in 2013, reportedly due to lack of funding. It was initially expected to be completed by 2015.

According to KMTC Board Chairperson Joseah Cheruiyot, the facilities at the college are insufficient after student numbers grew from 500 to over 1,500. He said, however, that funds have been set aside to complete the project.

Locals have raised safety concerns, calling for the demolition of the structure. One of them, Mr Richard Kiptui, said that portions of the walls have started falling off while the exposed rods have rusted beyond salvage.

He said stagnant water from the site

contaminates the nearby Kiberenge Spring, a vital water source for Kabarnet residents. Mr Dickson Gwako, a former student, recalled the same stalled structure when he joined KMTC in 2013.

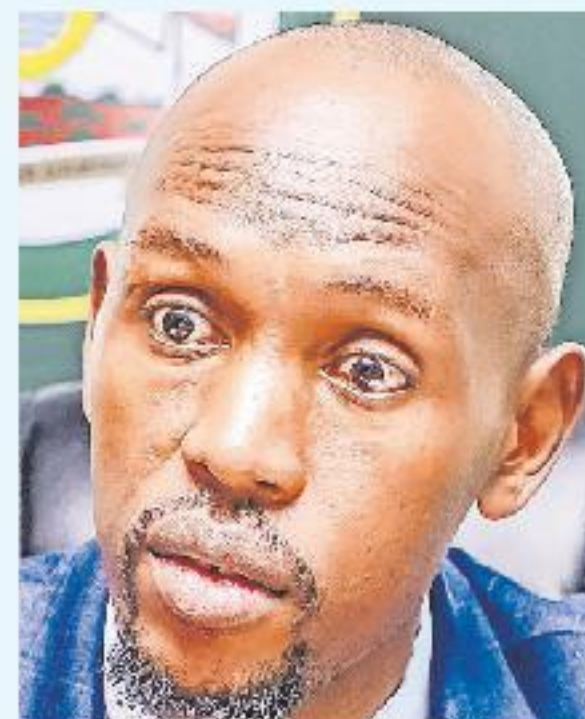
"I graduated three years later and nothing had changed," he said.

In 2019, Baringo Central MP Joshua Kandie announced that the government had allocated Sh300 million to complete the building. He claimed construction would resume in 2020, but it never did.

KMTC chief executive Kelly Oluoche said more than Sh100 million has now been allocated to resume the project, which will be completed in phases.

Locals relieved as City Hall cleans up illegal dumpsite

NAIROBI • Traders and motorists plying Enterprise Road in Industrial Area are now a relieved lot following action to clear an illegal dumpsite that was an eyesore and health hazard. The development follows a story by the *Nation*. Yesterday, trucks and a bulldozer contracted by City Hall were busy collecting the waste at the Kayaba matatu stage. "We impounded two lorries, arrested the two drivers and ordered the closure of the Mlima dumpsite that is situated along Likoni Road," Environment Chief Officer Geoffrey Mosiria told *Nation*. Sammy Kimatu



Mr Geoffrey Mosiria.

International

Civil war People recount walking at night and hiding among sand dunes at the sound of planes

Sudanese families find refuge in small town

Charity resorts to traditional ways of getting water for the displaced

KHARTOUM, THURSDAY

Beneath the weary, drought-stricken trees of Tawila, a small town in North Darfur – western Sudan – those fleeing the violence engulfing the country find only momentary refuge from the inferno of war.

Since April 2023, Sudan has been embroiled in a conflict between the armed forces and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces.

The violence has resulted in tens of thousands of deaths and displaced millions.

About 70 kilometres from El Fasher, the capital of North Darfur state, the arriving displaced carry stories of resilience intertwined with pain.

Though the roar of artillery has faded, the suffering of the displaced endures – aid is scarce, diseases spread with the onset of the rainy season and children grow up without education or dreams.

When 30-year-old Khadija Ahmed arrived in Tawila as part of the first wave of displaced people from Zamzam Camp near El Fasher, one of her children asked: “Will the planes bomb us here too?”

“No, my son, we are safe here,” she replied.

“We fled Zamzam because of artillery shelling, drone strikes and random gunfire. My children and

I witnessed horrors that memory will never erase,” she says.

On Tawila’s outskirts, Khadija found shelter under an old tree, the only shade for kilometres.

“We escaped by a miracle. My children’s expressions and their sense of safety give me a determination to live,” she says.

Reaching Tawila was not easy. Most people interviewed recounted walking for sleepless nights, hiding among sand dunes at the sound of planes and inching forward along dangerous and rugged paths.

Hawa Ahmed, who lost her husband in a bombing raid at Zamzam Camp in March, arrived in Tawila with her two children, one of whom sustained a shrapnel injury to his back.

Barren desert

“Fleeing Zamzam wasn’t an easy decision. It was a journey of death. Getting here was a miracle. We are still traumatised by what happened,” she says.

Asked what gives them hope to carry on with their lives, residents and the newly displaced talk about “human solidarity” that binds them.

“The most important thing is providing food for the thousands who have nothing. There are wonderful examples of solidarity – residents reducing their daily portions of bread or flour to create a communal table that feeds everyone,” says Abdul-Jaleel Ali, a local.

Meanwhile, displaced Fatima Adam is getting an abandoned piece of land ready, waiting for the rains to plant quick-growing crops like sorghum, millet and vegetables.



A displaced woman and children wait to get water from a well in Tawila, North Darfur, on April 26, 2025. PHOTO | XINHUA

“People of Tawila have not withheld anything from us. They even gave us farmland and seeds,” she says.

Despite Tawila’s limited resources, residents have shown generosity.

As Sheikh Ali Ismail, a local community leader, puts it: “We only have dust and barren desert, but we refuse to let anyone go hungry on our doorsteps. We have done our best to make Tawila an oasis that shelters the wounds of those fleeing war.”

Since April, Tawila had absorbed nearly 379,000 people fleeing Zamzam Camp and El Fasher, according to a press release by the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) on July 11.

The charity added that local generosity alone isn’t enough to

meet the needs of such a large number of people.

The United Nations and other international organisations say Tawila is on the brink of a full-scale humanitarian crisis.

Only 21,000 people – about 10 per cent of the town’s population – have access to safe drinking water, according to the NRC.

“Water is the biggest challenge for the displaced community in Tawila, but we are trying to overcome it through collective efforts,” displaced resident Ahmed Al-Tayeb says.

“We use primitive methods to obtain water, like collecting it in natural basins or digging wells. Sometimes the water is not even fit to drink, but we boil it.”

Tawila is also struggling with a serious lack of food, as most

households can only afford one meal a day or less.

Additionally, fewer than 10 per cent of households – around 2,684 families – have access to latrines.

Education for children is another major challenge.

With just 11 makeshift learning spaces, many youngsters cannot attend school.

“There are no proper schools here, but we receive some lessons from local volunteers,” says Khalid Abdullah, a displaced child who arrived in Tawila with his family two months ago.

“There is a makeshift school set up under the shade of trees. There are no bells or uniforms, but at least it is an attempt to bring us back to a learning environment.” (Xinhua)

Tanzania burns cannabis farms

DODOMA• Tanzanian authorities have destroyed 614 acres of cannabis farms in the Mikumi-Nyerere national parks wildlife corridor. The Drug Control and Enforcement Authority (DCEA) said the 10-day operation, conducted from July 6, resulted in the seizure of 3,741.9 kilos of dried cannabis and 1,706 kilos of seeds. The crackdown was in partnership with the Tanzania National Parks Authority and community members, the DCEA said. Authorities dismantled 72 camps and arrested nine people during the operation. The crackdown underscores the commitment of the government to combating drug-related crime and preserving protected areas. DCEA head, Aretas Lyimo, said the success of the operation reflects the power of partnership. (Xinhua)

Mall fire in Iraq leaves 60 dead

BAGHDAD• A massive fire at a hypermarket in Al-Kut city, eastern Iraq, has left at least 60 people dead and 11 others missing, health authorities and two police sources said on Thursday. Videos on social media showed flames engulfing a five-storey building overnight as firefighters fought the blaze. “We have compiled a list of 59 victims whose identities have been confirmed, but one body was so badly burnt that it has been difficult to identify,” a health official said. “There are more bodies still under debris,” city official Ali al-Mayahi said. The cause of the fire was not known, but the province’s governor said initial results from an investigation would be announced within 48 hours, the state news agency reported. (Reuters)

Kiir urges world to lift sanctions, arms embargo on S. Sudan

JUBA, THURSDAY

South Sudan President Salva Kiir (left) has called for the lifting of sanctions and an arms embargo imposed by the UN following the outbreak of war in December 2013.

During the opening of the Revitalised Transitional National Legislative Assembly in Juba, Kiir said the sanctions and the arms embargo are hindering progress and security reform.

“To our international partners, South Sudan’s foreign policy is underpinned by peaceful co-existence, regional cooperation and mutual respect,” Kiir said.

“I reiterate our call for the lifting of sanctions and the arms embargo.”

South Sudan has been under an arms embargo since 2018, with sanctions also imposed by the United States and several European countries.

Kiir urged parties to the 2018 revitalised

peace agreement to recommit without setting conditions towards the implementation of the pact.

He encouraged opposition parties that did not sign the agreement to join the peace process.

Meanwhile, the World Food Programme (WFP) on Wednesday warned of a funding shortage hindering humanitarian efforts in South Sudan.

Mary-Ellen McGroarty, country direc-

tor for the WFP, said the UN agency faces a \$274 million shortfall in funding for food to help vulnerable South Sudanese.

“We are reducing assistance and rations. In most of our programmes, we are only giving about 50 per cent of what is required, except in those cases that are high risk,” McGroarty said in Juba.

She said WFP planned \$750 million in food for South Sudan this year, which was later revised to \$630 million. (Xinhua)



Business 13%

Rise in fuel consumption during the period to June

Mombasa port cargo volumes up 8.1pc in first-half of this year

BY ANTHONY KITIMO

Cargo volume through the Mombasa port grew by 8.1 per cent in the first six months of 2025, lifted by upgrades of handling infrastructure, which improved the turnaround time for ships, according to port authorities.

The facility handled 21.3 million tonnes of cargo between January and June 2025, up from 19.7 million tonnes in a similar period in 2024, despite facing supply chain challenges, including disruptive attacks by the Houthi rebel group on the Red Sea route.

Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) said it processed 1,012,949 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) of container traffic, up from 948,983 TEUs in a similar period of the previous year, representing a 6.7 per cent growth.

KPA managing director William Ruto said both imports and exports experienced growth, with former increasing by 48,793 TEUs (13.4 per cent) and the latter expanding by 50,572 TEUs (14.4 per cent).

"The primary contributors to this success were liquid bulk, dry bulk, and loose cargo, which increased by 766,763 tonnes (16.2 per cent), 418,910 tonnes (11.6 per cent), and 371,514 tonnes (44.7 per cent), respectively," he said.

He added, "against this backdrop and the impressive results attained, we are excited and optimistic about the promising performance that lies ahead."

Mombasa port handles imports of fuel and consumer goods and exports of tea and coffee from landlocked neighbours, such as Uganda, Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and South Sudan. Its traffic is considered a measure of economic activity in East Africa.

TUK-Mongolia deal to see Kenya host craftsman academy



Inner Mongolia Technical College of Mechanics and Electronics Party Secretary Wang Jun Wei (left) and Technical University of Kenya (TUK) Vice-Chancellor Benedict Mutua (right) unveil a plaque for the proposed Sino-Kenya Craftsman Academy at TUK in Nairobi yesterday. With them is governor of the Peoples Government of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region Wang Lixia (second left) and Ministry of Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Ogamba.

FRANCIS NDERITU | NATION

BRIEFLY

AGRICULTURE

Co-op Bank gets extension on coffee payments

Co-operative Bank of Kenya has received an extension on processing payment to coffee farmers through its system following the postponement of the transition to direct payments into farmers' individual accounts. The government had planned to migrate from Co-op's Direct Settlement System (DSS) starting July 1 to paying farmers directly but this has now been put on hold. The postponement has come amid concerns from farmers who had voiced concerns about the planned shift.

Patrick Alushula

FINANCE

CMA licenses two new investment advisory firms

The Capital Markets Authority (CMA) has issued operating permits to two investment advisory firms opening up deeper access to professional financial services by investors. The two - Rock Advisors Limited and Legatum Capital Advisory Limited - will provide a range of consultancy services to the local market spanning strategic investment planning, portfolio management, capital preservation and wealth creation among others.

Kabui Mwangi

PARTNERSHIP

Liquid Intelligent in deal to digitise water technology

Technology firm Liquid Intelligent Technologies has partnered with global provider of smart water technologies, DropByDrop Water Systems, to digitise the supply infrastructure of local water vendors. The initiative, the duo says, will resolve non-revenue water challenges in the country. The new system is touted to reduce water losses through improved leak detection, accurate metering as well as real-time monitoring.

Kabui Mwangi

Transport Collections mark a 49.2 per cent jump from Sh80.2 billion

Road tax from motorists bags an extra Sh40 billion

Fuel levy collections grow by Sh39 billion in financial year ended June 30, 2025

BY KABUI MWANGI

Fuel tax collections from motorists grew by Sh39.5 billion in the financial year ended June 30, 2025, reflecting impact of the Sh7 per litre increment on the Road Maintenance Levy (RML) effected last July.

Fresh disclosures from the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) show that the tax agency collected Sh119.66 billion in RML during the review period, marking a 49.2 per cent jump from the Sh80.2 billion netted during the year ended June 2024.

The growth, which handed the state a boost in its revenue collection targets, was also partly fueled by a 13 per cent rise in the consumption of petrol and diesel. The government increased

the levy from Sh18 per litre to Sh25 from July last year after the Kenya Roads Board (KRB) decried a shortage of funds to maintain the country's expanding road network.

At the time, the board had pushed for an even higher rate of Sh34 per litre of diesel and petrol.

Growth

"Road Maintenance Levy grew to Sh119.66 billion. The growth in RML is attributed to an increase in the applicable rates from Sh18 per litre to Sh25 per litre," wrote KRA in a Thursday update.

The elevated RML rate has, since last July, denied consumers price cuts at the pump, with the state being compelled to occasionally subsidise prices in

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What is charged per litre of fuel for the Road Maintenance Levy effected in July

a bid to ease the impact of the drastic hike. Last month, the National Treasury disclosed to Parliament that Cabinet had cleared KRB to allocate Sh12 of the Sh25 per litre RML to compensate investors who are set to buy the planned Sh300 billion road bonds for payments of mounting pending bills in the sector.

The extra Sh7 generated from a litre of diesel and petrol will be used to pay investors for a Sh175 billion bond, which will cater for the pending bills, while another

Sh5 a litre from the levy will cover a second bond of Sh125 billion, which will cater for current and future contractors' bills.

KRB is expected to issue the first Sh175 billion bond by the end of this year.

The roads board had earlier targeted that the Sh7 per litre increase in the fuel levy would result in Sh122 billion annual collections, up from the previous average of Sh80 billion.

KRB distributes billions of shillings to agencies including the Kenya National Highways Authority, Kenya Rural Roads Authority, Kenya Urban Roads Authority, the Kenya Wildlife Service, as well as to county governments to build, rehabilitate, and maintain roads.

The road network under the five entities stood at 239,122 kilometres last year, a 4.1 per cent jump from 161,451 kilometres in 2016.

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NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE

Last 12 Mths		Security	Prices		Shares
High	Low		Yesterday	Previous	

AGRICULTURAL

14.50	10.00	Eaagads Ord 1.25	11.50	11.65	2,900
440.00	240.00	Kakuzi Plc Ord. 5.00		400.00	
332.00	81.00	Kapchoruar Tea Kenya Plc Ord		340.75	
430.00	320.00	The Limuru Tea Co. Ord 20.00		310.00	
32.60	13.60	Sasini Ltd Ord 1.00	15.50	15.35	3,100
289.00	120.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Plc Ord 500	239.25	240.50	2,400

AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES

49.00	18.50	Car & General (K) Ord 5.00	23.35	23.35	200
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BANKING

20.00	10.00	ABSA Bank Ord 0.50	19.70	19.80	226,300
38.00	26.50	BK Group Ord 0.80	35.30	35.15	300
83.25	43.05	Diamond Trust Bank Ord 4.00	78.00	78.50	55,000
52.50	33.70	Equity Group Holdings Ord 0.50	50.00	49.45	192,100
9.74	2.80	HF Group Plc Ord 5.00	7.50	7.34	48,000
39.00	15.80	I&M Group Ord 1.00	36.55	36.70	18,500
47.35	16.00	KCB Group Ord 1.00	45.90	45.90	4,410,800
65.00	28.50	NCBA Group Ord 5.00	63.00	63.50	42,000
180.00	90.00	Stanbic Holdings Ord. 5.00	171.25	171.00	23,600
319.00	134.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ord. 5.00	302.00	301.50	955,900
18.35	10.10	The Co-op Bank of Kenya Ord 1.00	16.85	16.95	870,300

COMMERCIAL & SERVICES

0.45	0.45	Deacons (East Africa) Ord 2.50		0.45	
1.88	0.59	Eveready EA Ord 1.00	0.90	0.91	19,200
5.40	2.70	Express Kenya Ord 5.00	4.53	4.23	1,300
4.66	4.66	Homeboyz Entertainment Plc Ord 0.50		4.66	
9.18	3.83	Kenya Airways Ord 1.00	5.28	5.28	242,000
3.46	2.00	Longhorn Publishers Ord 1.00	2.54	2.69	8,500
5.00	1.76	Nairobi Business Ventures Ord 1.00	1.82	1.77	4,000
22.40	10.60	Nation Media Group Plc Ord. 2.50	13.85	13.95	4,800
6.32	1.80	Samser Africa Plc Ord. 5.00	5.50	5.38	14,100
10.80	4.50	Standard Group Ord 5.00	6.46	6.60	4,500
18.70	10.85	TPS Eastern Africa Ord 1.00	15.00	15.00	800
0.41	0.16	Uchumi Supermarket Ord 5.00	0.32	0.32	166,500
3.95	1.80	WPP ScanGroup PLC Ord. 1.00	2.57	2.70	25,900

CONSTRUCTION & ALLIED

5.55	5.55	ARM Cement Ord 1.00		5.55	
84.00	21.30	Bamburi Cement Ltd Ord 5.00		54.00	
47.00	29.00	Crown Paints Kenya Ord 0.50	40.00	40.65	300
3.27	0.72	E. A. Cables Ord 0.50		1.71	
55.75	4.38	E.A. Portland Cement Ord 5.00		47.65	

ENERGY & PETROLEUM

7.52	1.94	KenGen Ord 2.50	7.12	7.04	483,000
12.40	1.30	KP & LC Co Plc Ord. 250	10.70	11.00	1,476,900
4.20	4.00	KP & LC Plc 4% Pref. 20.00		4.10	
6.00	6.00	KP & LC Plc 7% Pref. 20.00		6.00	
26.00	14.55	TotalEnergies Marketing Kenya Ord 5.00	23.85	23.45	1,200
24.70	6.30	Umeme Ltd Ord 0.50	14.00	14.25	339,900

INSURANCE

8.70	4.01	Britam Holdings Ord 0.10	8.14	8.06	16,500
3.19	1.60	CIC Insurance Group Ord. 1.00	3.21	3.23	554,300
247.00	142.00	Jubilee Holdings Ord 5.00	235.00	237.25	200
2.97	1.05	Kenya Re Insurance Ord 2.50	2.14	2.20	4,103,200
12.20	3.30	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ord 1.00	10.80	10.70	3,400
11.00	4.00	Sanlam Kenya Ord 5.00	8.34	8.14	73,200

INVESTMENT

16.50	7.60	Centum Investment Co Ord 0.50	11.80	12.00	1,400
1.12	0.27	Home Afrika Ltd Ord. 1.00	0.65	0.68	190,800
1,500	1,500	Kurwitu Ventures Ltd Ord. 100.00		1,500.00	
5.60	1.91	Olympia Capital Holdings Ltd Ord. 5.00	4.40	4.43	300
1.78	0.29	Trans-Century Plc Ord. 0.50		1.12	

INVESTMENT SERVICES

10.00	5.22	Nairobi Securities Exchange Ord 4.00	9.66	9.78	33,400
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MANUFACTURING & ALLIED

95.00	65.00	B.O.C Kenya Group Co. Ord 5.00		89.00	
495.00	325.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Ord 10.00	381.00	377.50	23,100
23.90	11.00	Carbacid Investments Ord 1.00	21.30	21.70	1,100
204.00	100.00	East African Breweries Ord 1.00	199.50	208.25	13,700
2.33	0.86	Flame Tree Group Holdings Ord 0.825	1.33	1.34	10,200
77.00	10.40	Kenya Orchards Ord 5.00		56.00	
0.27	0.27	Mumias Sugar Co. Ord 2.00		0.27	
31.00	12.00	Unga Group Co. Ord 5.00	19.90	19.10	12,500

TELECOMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY

27.40	11.50	Safaricom Ltd Ord. 0.05	26.10	25.85	818,900
20.00	20.00	Lap trust I-Reit Co. Ord 20 .00		20.00	
3330.00	1880.00	Absa New Gold ETF	4015i	3900.00	

NSE ALL SHARE INDEX.01st Jan 2008 -100 Dwn 0.19pts - 157.78 NSE 20-Dwn 8.80pts - 2487.88. 01st sep 2015-4101.67 Dwn 11.42 pts 4046.55 NSE 20-SI - 30 Aug 2023-1000 Dwn 4.73pts - 1552.39

COMMERCIAL BANK RATES

		Euro	\$	£	C\$	SF	IR	JY	ZR
ABC	buy	149.96	129.00	172.76	94.02	160.65	1.50	86.89	7.19
	sell	150.80	129.50	173.69	94.39	161.47	1.50	87.28	7.26
Absa	buy	149.82	129.10	172.76	94.04	160.86	1.50	86.55	7.21
	sell	150.31	129.30	173.29	94.32	161.51	1.50	86.80	7.21
Co-op	buy	149.19	128.45	171.97	93.63	160.18	1.49	86.17	7.18
	sell	150.37	129.45	173.41	94.39	161.58	1.50	86.86	7.24
Equity	buy	150.45	128.85	173.15	94.15	161.65	-	87.05	7.20
	sell	151.30	129.55	174.15	94.75	162.65	-	87.55	7.35
NBK	buy	149.94	129.00	172.89	94.08	160.93	1.50	86.53	7.22
	sell	150.16	129.40	173.09	94.26	161.28	1.50	86.70	7.23
KCB	buy	149.50	129.05	172.82	93.74	160.25	1.50	87.00	7.20
	sell	149.99	129.45	173.41	94.06	160.83	1.50	87.00	7.23
NCBA	buy	149.85	129.05	172.80	94.00	160.50	1.50	86.80	7.22
	sell	150.10	129.25	173.15	94.25	160.85	1.50	86.95	7.23
Stanbic	buy	149.78	129.00	172.67	94.10	161.09	1.49	86.66	7.21
	sell	150.24	129.40	173.20	94.39	161.59	1.51	86.93	7.31
Gulf African	buy	134.86	129.25	157.55	90.53	142.84	1.50	82.74	6.84
	sell	133.21	129.75	158.18	90.62	142.10	1.49	83.09	6.87
Prime	buy	149.45	129.00	172.85	93.80	160.25	1.49	86.85	7.20
	sell	149.95	129.50	173.35	94.30	160.75	1.50	87.45	7.30

CBK RATES

	Exchange Rate	Swiss Franc	161.0968
US Dollar	129.2399	100 Japanese Yen	87.0801
1 Sterling Pound	173.104	1 Swedish Kroner	13.2708
1 Euro	150.2285	1 Norwegian Kroner	12.6204
1 South African Rand	7.2407	1 Danish Kroner	20.1182
Ksh/US\$	27.4236	1 Indian Rupee	1.5067
Ksh/T\$H	20.1563	1 Hongkong Dollar	16.4645
Ksh/RWF	11.1393	1 Singapore Dollar	100.8244
Ksh/BIF	23.0544	1 Saudi Riyal	34.4608
1 UAE Dirham	35.1872	1 Chinese Yuan	18.0058
1 Canadian Dollar	94.3687	1 Australian Dollar	83.8896

UNIT TRUSTS

		Daily Yield	Annual Rate
African Alliance Kenya Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.68%	7.96%
African Alliance Kenya Enhanced Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.06%	8.35%
Britam Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.90%	11.52%
Britam Money Market Fund	USD	4.63%	4.74%
Absa Shilling MMF	Kenya Shilling	8.17%	8.49%
Absa Dollar Fund MMF	USD	4.01%	4.08%
Gulfcap Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	12.89%	13.11%
Gulfcap Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	13.13%	13.94%
Gulfcap Shariah Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.08%	7.33%
Old Mutual Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.53%	11.02%
Old Mutual Dollar Money Market Fund	USD	5.00%	5.12%
Etica Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.40%	12.08%
Etica Money Market Fund	USD	5.83%	6.01%
CPF Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.98%	8.31%
Co-op Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.92%	9.33%
Arvocap Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.47%	10.96%
Arvocap Alimasi Fund	Kenya Shilling	1.30	1.30
Mayfair Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.17%	8.51%
Mayfair Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	15.21	15.21
Enwealth Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.53%	11.02%
CIC Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.51%	8.85%
CIC Wealth Fund	Kenya Shilling	6.25%	6.25%
CIC Dollar Fund	USD	4.47%	4.57%
Equity Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	4.37%	4.46%
Kuza Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.83%	12.56%
Kuza Money Market Fund	USD	5.59%	5.74%
Madison Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.43%	11.00%
Madison Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.61%	11.19%
Orient Kasha Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.08%	11.01%
Jubilee Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.37%	10.88%
Jubilee Money Market Fund	USD	5.29%	5.42%
Lofty-Corban Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	12.00%	12.75%
Lofty-Corban Special Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.50%	8.50%
Lofty-Corban Money Market Fund	USD	5.27%	5.40%
Cytonn Money Market	Kenya Shilling	12.58%	13.40%
NCBA Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.98%	8.28%
NCBA Dollar Fixed Income Fund	USD	3.10%	3.14%
ICEA LION Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.89%	9.30%
ICEA LION Dollar Fixed Income Fund	USD	103.66	103.66
ICEA LION Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	118.51	118.51
Britam Special Fixed Income Fund (3 months)	Kenya Shilling	10.36%	10.87%
Britam Special Fixed Income Fund (6 months)	Kenya Shilling	10.38%	10.89%
Britam Special Fixed Income Fund (12 months)	Kenya Shilling	10.56%	11.08%
Sanlam Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.74%	10.23%
Sanlam US Dollar Fund	USD	5.35%	5.50%
Apollo Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.69%	10.17%
Genghis Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.29%	9.74%
GenAfrica Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.97%	11.54%
KCB Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.63%	10.07%
KCB Money Market Fund	USD	5.22%	5.35%
Nabo Africa Fixed Income Fund	USD	5.97%	6.15%
Nabo Africa Money Market Fund	USD	5.37%	5.51%
Nabo Africa Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.20%	11.85%
Nabo Africa Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.25%	11.91%
Dry Associates Money Market Fund	USD	5.17%	5.30%
Dry Associates Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.73%	10.18%
Dry Associates Special High Yield Fund	Kenya Shilling	12.40%	13.65%
Faulu Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.85%	10.32%
Britam Bond Plus Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.51%	12.19%
Zimele Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	12.02%	12.70%
Kuza Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	12.03%	12.78%
Orient Hifadhi Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.38%	9.84%
NCBA Equity Fund	Kenya Shilling	199.28	199.28
Nabo Africa Equity Fund	USD	55.83	56.96
ICEA LION Equity Fund	Kenya Shilling	137.84	137.84
ICEA LION Balanced Fund	Kenya Shilling	136.60	136.60
Equity Balanced Fund	Kenya Shilling	161.26	162.63
Zimele Balanced Fund	Kenya Shilling	15.43	14.98
Apollo Balanced Fund	Kenya Shilling	154.99	148.79
Co-op Bond Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.21%	10.75%

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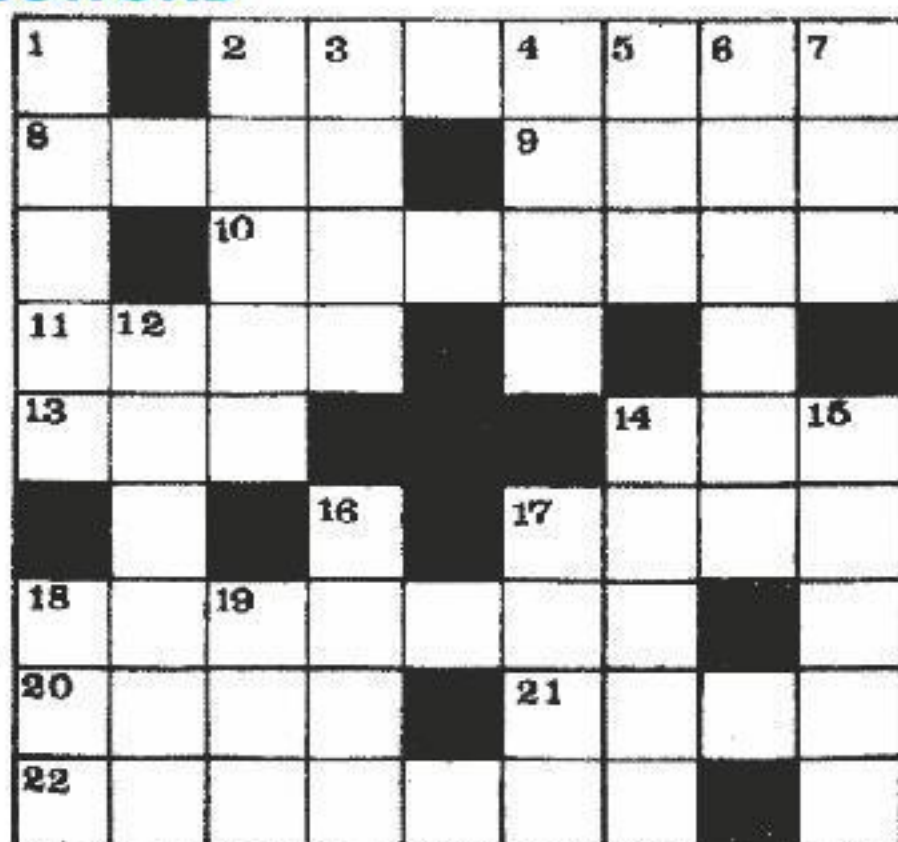
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ACROSS

2. A clique or a small group of people with shared interests
8. Boast
9. Of or relating to the air
10. A greedy eater of food
11. Archaic word for 'you'
13. Unhappy
14. A domestic animal kept for companionship or pleasure
17. Sit on and control the movement of a horse
18. The Prime Minister of the UK from 2010-2016
20. A region is the earth's surface
21. Vast ages
22. A distinct semi-aquatic ecosystem whose groundcover is flooded or saturated in water

DOWN

1. Aids in the commission of crime
2. Kept a bird or animal in an enclosure
3. Eye lasciviously



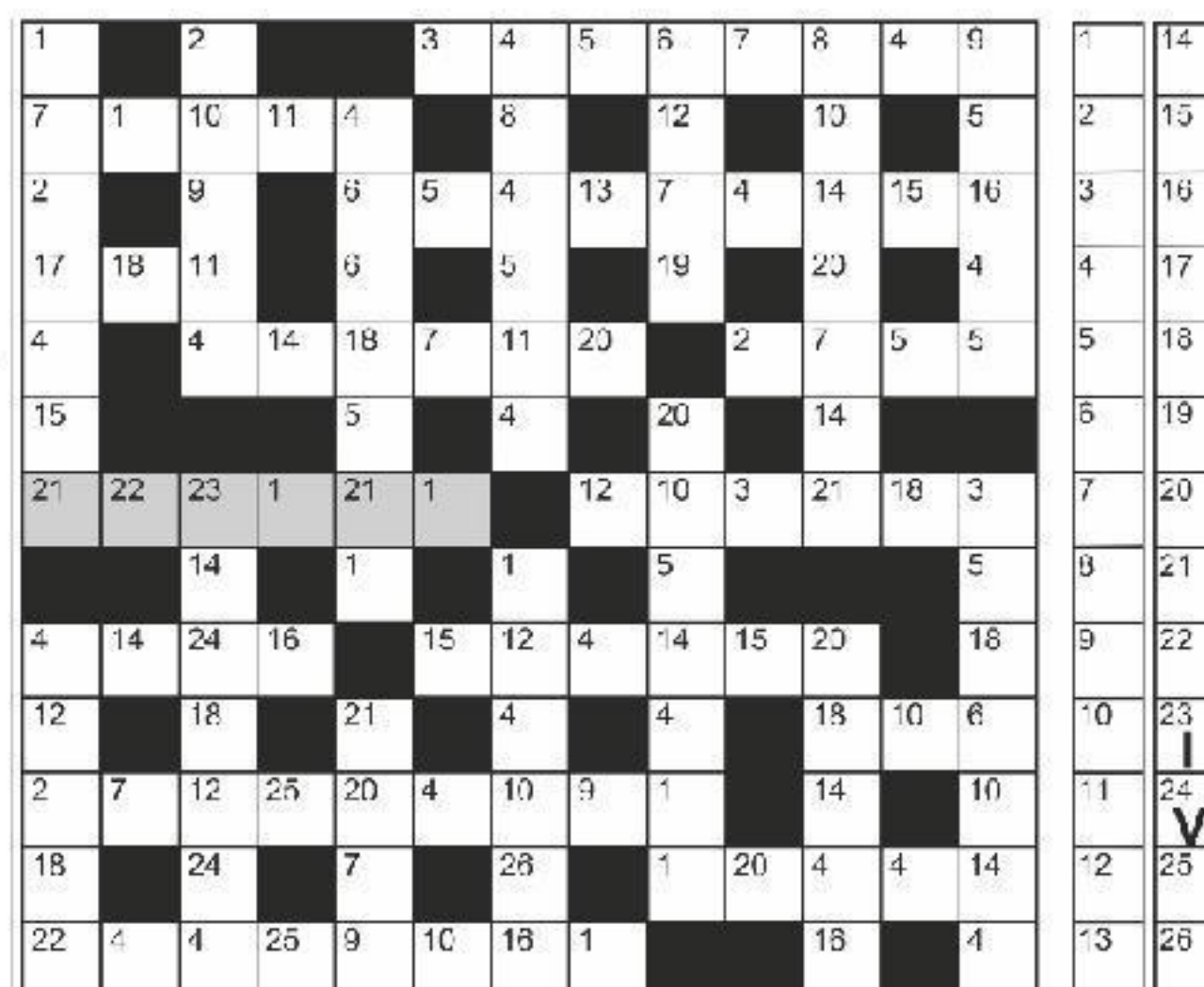
4.Consumes
5.Soak hemp in water to soften it
6.Pressed clothes
7.An immeasurable long period of time
12.The capital city of Zimbabwe
14.Dug earth or rock to extract coal,ore etc

15. Gull-like seabirds
16. Vigour or enthusiasm
17. A horse that is red, black or brown with a few white hairs
18. The cry of a crow
19. Encountered

1 Consider

7 Oil
8 Pot
10 Droll
12 ETA
13 Sine
14 Leap
15 Nee
16 What
18 Gaol
21 Her
22 Sabre
23 Use
24 Ate
25 Tadpoles
DOWN:
1 Cads
2 Noon
3 Silent
4 Ill
5 Epee
6 Rotator
9 Tap
11 Richest
14 Legato
16 WHU
17 Area
19 Abel
20 Legs
22 Sap

Each number in our Codeword grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. For example, today 23 represents I when 23 appears. You have two letters in the control grid to start you off. Enter the appropriate squares in the main grid, then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and control grid. Check off the list of alphabetical letters as you identify them.

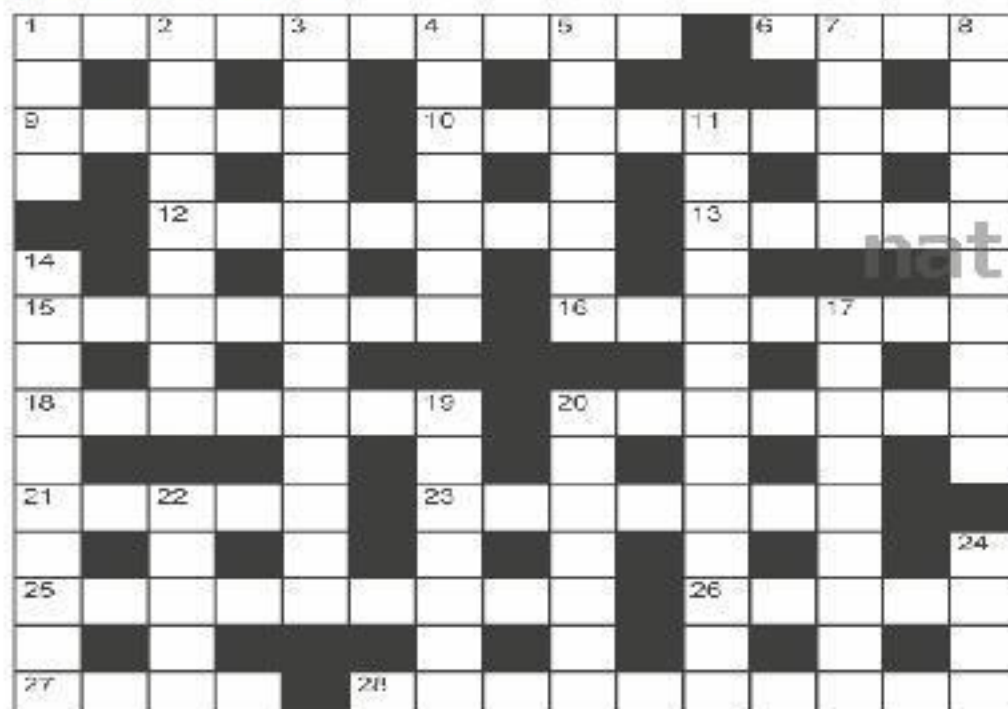


YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z												
1 ^E	2 ^H	3 ^T	4 ^O	5 ^G	6 ^C	7 ^I	8 ^N	9 ^A	10 ^W	11 ^R	12 ^L	13 ^V
14 ^J	15 ^P	16 ^B	17 [/]	18 ^S	19 ^U	20 ^K	21 ^D	22 ^Q	23 ^M	24 ^F	25 ^X	26 ^V

ACROSS

1 Friend catching cool rodent (10)	5
6 Instrument not in tune with tip missing (4)	
9 What's billed as "Wine that is from the East" (5)	14
10 Inept old admiral struggling with time (9)	15
12 Adult golf joke retracted at end of dispute (5-2)	
13 Fish move across lake that's frozen? (5)	18
15 Learner drops English in first half of term (7)	21
16 Consumption of wine by African country extreme (7)	
18 Seen hut assembled for rave (7)	25
20 Mark trapping American bear (7)	
21 Overheard one who may be boring child (5)	27
23 Tamworth maybe regularly re-counts birds (7)	
25 Laziness of son giving way to daughter in front (9)	
26 Spinning exercises on mat stopped by new pain (5)	
27 Nobleman unwrapped part	



of necklace? (4)
28 After week three, name
bungling forecasters (10)
DOWN
1 Gang in Cheshire town
caught (4)
2 Resentful gibe penned by
pub worker (9)
3 Taxi taking king awfully near
Luton Green? (6-7)
4 Monster some Muslim men
see (7)
5 Pay Lidl extravagantly for
pond feature (4,3)
7 Smell bar-room meal
periodically (5)
8 Place at top of street that
Charlie's left rotting (10)

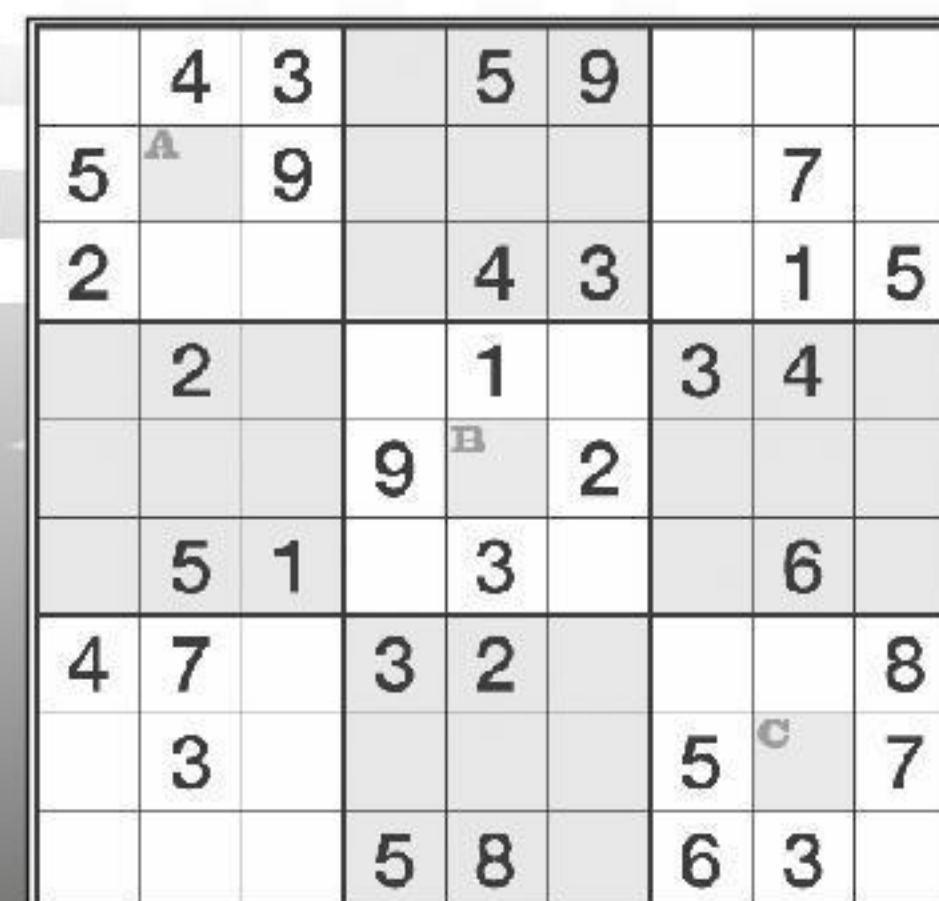
11 Officers with permit on
Scottish island vacated the
fair (13)
14 Enhance efficiency of sec-
ond
track crossing Spain (10)
17 Change class following
rants
with temperature rising (9)
19 Former writer finally
calculates the cost (7)
20 Recommend short blast up
deserted Grange Street (7)
22 Rock bottom of defective
drain (5)
24 Tin filled with unknown
colour (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS
1 Aberyst
wyth
10 Hound
11 Illiberal
12 Reticence
13 Chips
14 Chilly
16 Semolina
18 Remedied
20 Agreed
23 Umber
24 Treadmill
26 Tell apart
27 Idaho
28 Stone
washed
DOWN
2 Blunt
3 Radical
4 Skiing
5 Wild-eyed
6 Tobacco
7 Short
circuits
8 Artifice
9 Flesh and
blood
15 Immobile
17 Restrain
19 Dormant
21 Godwits
22 Bestow
25 Irate

**ENJOY THE GAME OF
SUDOKU DAILY**

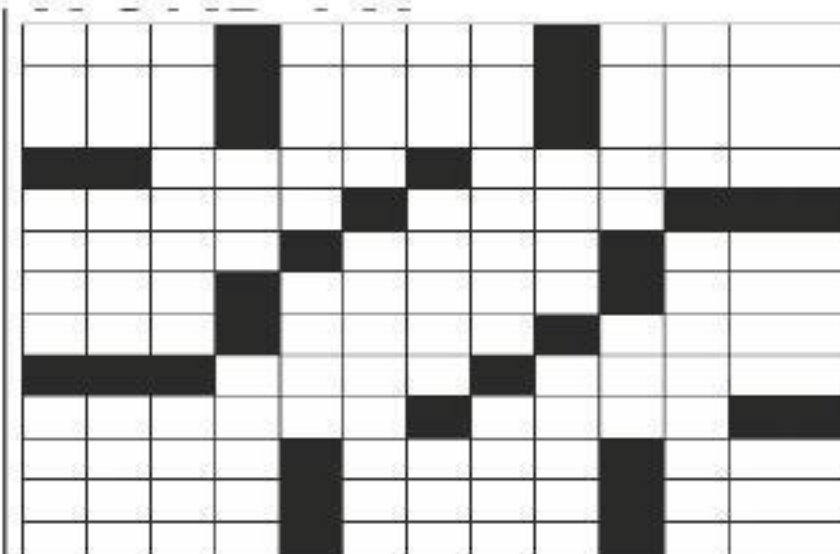
Use Numbers 1-9. Sudoku is played on a grid of 9 x 9 spaces. Don't Repeat Any Numbers. In the upper left square (circled in blue), this square already has 7 out of the 9 spaces filled in. Don't Guess. Sudoku is a game of logic and reasoning, so you shouldn't have to guess. Use Process of elimination.



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

2	5	4	9	8	1	3	6	7
1	9	8	7	6	3	4	5	2
7	6	3	4	2	5	8	1	9
4	1	6	8	9	7	2	3	5
5	3	9	6	1	2	7	8	4
8	7	2	5	3	4	6	9	1
6	8	1	2	7	9	5	4	3
3	2	5	1	4	6	9	7	8
9	4	7	3	5	8	1	2	6

WORD FIT



Fit the words into the grid to create a finished crossword

3 LETTERS

AFT
AMP
ANT
ASS
DYE
FILM
CWC
LOK
GEE
GUY
IRE
MOO
NOW
RAY
ROD
ROF
TOQ
WIN
4 LETTERS
APSL
ARTY
AVER
BRAT
CROW
DENY
FDDY
EVER

GENE

FIRM
FOAL
GUTS
HASP
HYM
IRIS
MFNU
NOUS
PAPA
PEST
PLYW
PINE
REIN
REST
RIPS
RISE
ROI I
SARI
STAC
STUD
TERK
TIES
UNT
WELL
YOLK
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BRAB

CHEAP

FULLS
NASTY
PERIL
RESIN
RISKY
SMELL

6 LETTERS
SPRAWL
THIRTY

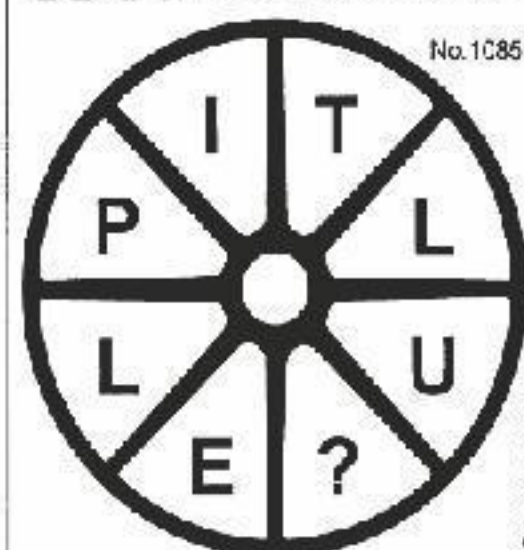
8 LETTERS
DRESSING
GHOULISH
PROPERTY
TESTAMENT

8 LETTERS
DRESSING
GHOUL SH
PROPERTY
TEETOTAL

T	H		R	N	G
L	L		E	S	L
L	T		S	T	L
C	T		O	P	I
A	T		L	A	N
R	L		L	A	O
V	H		K	H	C
R	A		C	O	D

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WordWheel



Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or anticlockwise.

WORD-BUILDER



How many words of three or more letters, including plurals, can you make from the five letters, using each letter only once? No foreign words or words beginning with a capital are allowed. There's at least one "no letter word."

TODAY'S GOALS:
 Good - 9 Excellent - 13 Amazing - 17
SOLUTION 1004: did, dies, dido, idole, ds, lid, lio, lioes, lds, oil, ois, old, silo, sid.

TRIO

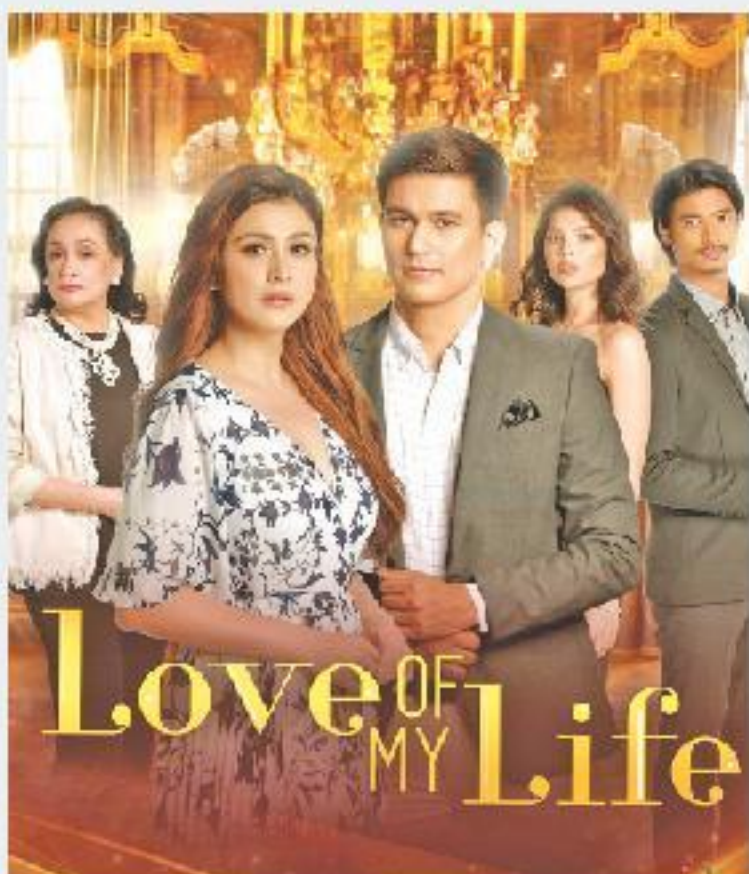
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TREAT OF THE DAY



LOVE OF MY LIFE

1:30 PM

Love of My Life- is a Philippine television drama series.. It is directed by Don Michael Perez, it stars Coney Reyes, Carla Abellana, Mikael Daez and Rhian Ramos. The series has a total of 80 episodes. Isabella, a rich matriarch, is strict and only wants what she thinks is best for her family. This causes her to become estranged from her two sons – Nikolai, the black sheep who is the reason for a tragic accident in their family.



4:00am Aljazeera
5:00am Off The Hook
6:00am Fixing The Nation
10:00am Your World
12:00pm Flaqo
12:30pm Kilimo Almasi Agri Show
1:00pm NTV Adhuhuri
1:30pm Love of my life
2:30pm Kwetu Mixx
3:30pm Galaxy Kids
4:00pm Beatz and Buzz
6:30pm NTV Mashinani
7:00pm NTV Jioni
7:40pm The Sacco Way
8:00pm #TTTT
9:00pm NTV Weekend Edition
10:00pm The Trend
12:00am Aljazeera

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NAIROBI
ANGA DIAMOND PLAZA
F1® The Movie 2D 4.10PM,
I Know What You Did Last Summer 2D
1:PM, 10PM

Jurassic World Rebirth 3D
10.30AM, 3.10PM, 7.30PM,
Maalik 2D 1.20PM,
Saiyaara 2D 10.30AM, 7PM, 9.45PM
Smurfs 2D 5.40PM

Superman 3D
10AM, 12.25PM, 2.50PM, 5.15PM, 7.40PM,
10PM

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F1® The Movie 2D, 12.20PM
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10PM

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10AM, 5PM, 7.30PM
Smurfs 2D 3.10PM

Superman 3D
10AM, 12.20PM, 2.45PM, 5.10PM, 7.30PM,
10PM

WESTGATE CINEMA

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Superman: Legacy 3D-SCRN1 & 4(16)
11:10AM, 2:00PM, 4:30PM 7:00PM & 9:30PM

F1® The Movie 2D-SCRN 2(PG) (FRI-
THUR) 3.20PM, 6.15PM & 9.10PM
Smurfs 2D-SCRN1&3 11.00AM, 2.55PM &
4.55PM

Jurassic World Rebirth 3D-SCRN1 (PG)

011.20AM, 4.20PM, 6.55PM & 9.30PM

I Know What You Did Last Summer

2D-SCRN1&3(TBA) 2.10PM & 6.50PM

Saiyaara 2D-SCRN2&3(TBA) 11.05AM &
9.00PM

Jurassic World Rebirth 2D-SCRN 5(PG)
(1.40PM

Mission: Impossible - The Final Reckoning

2D-SCRN 5 (PG)) 6.45PM

F1® The Movie 2D-SCRN 5(PG) 10.50AM

I Know What You Did Last Summer

2D-SCRN 5(TBA) 9.55PM

Superman: Legacy 2D-SCRN 5 & 6(16)

4.15PM & 6.35PM

Sitaare Zameen Par 2D-SCRN 6(16)

9.05PM

Metro...In Dino 2D-SCRN 6(18) 11.30AM

Saiyaara 2D-SCRN 6 3.10PM

CENTURY CINEMAX

SARIT CENTRE

WESTLANDS

Superman: Legacy

11AM, 1.45PM, 4.30PM, 7.15PM & 10.00PM

How to Train Your Dragon 11.30AM, 2.00PM

Jurassic World Rebirth 3D-4.30PM, 7.15PM,
10PM

Smurfs 2D- 11.30AM, 1.30PM, 3.30PM &
5.30PM

I Know What You Did Last Summer 2D-

7.45PM

F1: Formula 1 -- 10PM

Elio 2D- 11AM

F1: Formula 1 -- 1PM

Saiyaara 2D 4.00PM & 7.00PM

I Know What You Did Last Summer

2D 10PM

CENTURY CINEMAX

TWO RIVERS MALL - LIMURU ROAD

Smurfs 2D- 11AM, 1PM, 3PM, 5PM, 7PM &
9PM

Jurassic World Rebirth 3D-11AM, 1.45PM,
4.30PM, 7.30PM & 10PM

Superman: Legacy

11AM, 1.45PM, 4.30PM, 7.15PM & 10PM

F1: Formula 1 -- 1PM, 4PM, 7PM & 10PM

How To Train Your Dragon 12PM, 2.30PM.

I Know What You Did Last Summer 2D-

5PM, 7.30PM & 10PM

Mission: Impossible - The Final Reckoning

7PM, 10PM

Elio -3D 1PM & 5PM

Lilo & Stitch 2D-

3PM

PRESTIGE CINEMA,

PRESTIGE PLAZA

F1: The Movie

9PM

I Know What You Did Last Summer

12.30PM, 3.15PM

Jurassic World Rebirth 3D-

6.15PM

Smurfs 11.30AM, 1.30PM

Superman:

3.30PM, 6PM, 9PM

TELEVISION

TV47 TV

5:00 Morning Decree

5:30 TV47 Fitness 6:00 Morning Café

10:00 TV47 Matukio 2:00 Baze 47 3:00

Kids On The Block 4:00 TV47 News Now

4:15 Sports Life 4:30 Debate Circle

5:00 Beat Plug 7:00 TV47 Wikendi 7:30

The 77 Percent 8:00 Eco Africa 8:30

New Life Begins

9:00 This Friday With Betty Kyallo

10:10 Tribe 47 12:00 Beatplug Mix

CITIZEN TV

5:00 Pambazuka 5:30 PE @ Home Show

6:00 Day Break 10:00 Sema Na Citizen

1:00 News 2:00 Mseto Africa

3:00 PE At Home

4:00 News Briefs 4:30 Kali ni Kali 6:00

Kenya's Gold 7:00 Nipasha Wikendi 7:30

Neema 8:00 Aurora's Quest

9:00 Friday Night 10:00 10 Over 10

11:00 Afrosinema 1:00 Friday Night Rpt

4:00 Pambazuka

KTN TV

5:30 Command Your Morning

6:00the Situation Room

10:00 Zilizala Viiwanjani 11:00 Yanayojiri

1:00 Newsdesk

2:00 The Broken Marriage Vow

3:00 American Ninja Warrior

4:00 Mbiu 4:30 Kids

5:00 Baseline 6:00 Love In 40 Days

7:00 Dira Ya Wiki 8:00 The Rich And

Lazarus

9:00 Friday Briefing

10:00 Football Slip

11:00 Rasha Rasha

01:00 Aljazeera

K24 TV

5:00 Inuka 6.30New Dawn 7.30 K24

This Morning 9.55 Wisdom Moments

10.00 Inuka 11.00 Mchipuko 1.00 News

Cut 1.30 Jungu La Spoti 2.00 You Were

There 2.30 Turning Point Intl. 3.00

Ubongo Kids 3.30 Akili & Me 4.00 K24

Mashinani 4.30 Mchipuko Extra

5.00 Beatbox 6.00 Tangled Hearts

7.00 K24 Saa Moja 7.30 Aap Ke Aa Jane

Se 8.00 Brazil Avenue

8.30 BBC- Focus On Africa

9.00The Loop 10.00 BBC- Dira Ya Dunia

10.30 Beat Box

12.00 Al Jazeera

KBC TV

5.00 France 24 5.05 Maombi

5.30 Gear Up 6.00 Worship Experience

7.00 Kudzacha 9.00 Vibes Za Pwani Live

11.00 Dunda Dunda Live 12.30 Khutba

1.00 Lunchtime News 2.00 ECO Africa

2.30 Inside Government

3.00 Arts 213.30 Ukumbi Wa Kiislamu

4.00 Kurunzi

4.30 Club 1 Extra 6.30 Sunshine By My

Side 7.00 Darubin

17.30 Vioja Mahakamani

8.00 Kuken Art 8.30 Take On Tech (Rpt)

9.00 KBC Channel

1 News 10.00 Disco Funk

11.30 CGTN 12.30 France 24

AQUARIUS | JAN 21 - FEB 19

Today's energy supports good communication and a slow and steady approach to long-term goals. A close friend needs a compassionate listener. Your desire for fair play can go too far.

PISCES | FEB 20 - MAR 20

Tough times all around you can colour your thinking. Avoid allowing any fear of losing control to cause you to shut down emotionally.

ARIES | MAR 21 - APR 20

This week, the more careful you are in doing things, the better your chances of success. Persistence will solve complicated problems.

TAURUS | APR 21 - MAY 20

You may be moving in several directions at once today. Be sure you have a list if you want to be well-organized. Avoid letting fear, or over-confidence rule your decisions.

GEMINI | MAY 21 - JUNE 21

Today may bring a welcome escape from the usual routines. This won't support getting much work done, but it can give you a much-needed change of perspective.

CANCER | JUN 22 - JULY 22

Avoid being too impatient. Things won't happen quickly, but whatever you do today will see results later. An easy energy makes time spent with friend's great fun.

LEO | JULY 23 - AUG 22

You can enjoy today's transit, because it is a time to focus intensively on yourself. This is a wonderful transit for grooming this weekend.

VIRGO | AUG 23 - SEP 23

Today you could appear tougher than you feel. Close friends and family know when you're anxious or stressed. You can get sick if this continues for too long.

LIBRA | SEP 24 - OCT 23

This is a good day to make a list and work through it. Try to stay organized. Contact with people should be pleasant and productive. You'll be sociable and relaxed.

SCORPIO | OCT 24 - NOV 22

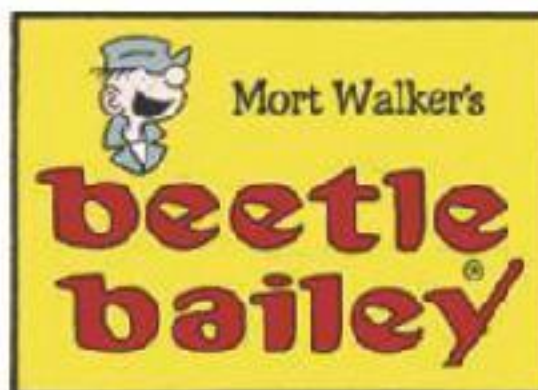
Do your best to have a comfortable, friendly home that just invites people to feel comfortable. Enjoy relaxing near your family and friends, if possible.

SAGITTARIUS | NOV 23 - DEC 21

Spend some time thinking about improving your look or your wardrobe. You can do this with very little money.

CAPRICORN | DEC 22 -

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly appointed by our client, the financier, we shall sell by public Auction the under mentioned motor vehicle on 25/07/2025. The sale will take place at the yard as indicated below at **10:30am**.

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CONDITION FOR SALE

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our principal the chargees in exercise of their statutory power of sale we shall sell the under mentioned property by public auction.

ON THURSDAY 31ST JULY 2025 AT 11.00 AM IN OUR NAIROBI OFFICES AT VIEW PARK TOWERS, 9TH FLOOR - NAIROBI CITY.

INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY IN NAIROBI INDUSTRIAL AREA ON WUNDANYI ROAD - NAIROBI COUNTY.

All that leasehold interest for the unexpired term of 99 years with effect from 1977 at annual ground rent of **Kshs.19,200/-** parcel of land known **L.R.NO: 209/8864 (I.R.31444) - NAIROBI COUNTY**, situated off Lunga Lunga road on Wundanyi road in Nairobi Industrial area, measuring **1.049 Ha (2.592079 acres)** approximately and registered in the name of **WELRODS LIMITED OF P.O. BOX 40436-00100 NAIROBI**. Erected on the plot is 2 No semi-detached godowns with an auxiliary double storey office blocks, an oxygen manufacturing plant, warehouse, U-shaped acetylene plant industrial building, power house, gate house, ablution block, transformal room and 3 NO steel frame shed. The property has various accommodation which all interested customer can verify for themselves at their convenient. the property is occupied by Welrods Company.

Conditions of Sale

- All interested purchasers are requested to view the property and verify the details for themselves as the auctioneers or the chargee do not warrant these.
- A deposit of at least **10% (per cent)** must be paid in **CASH OR BANKER'S CHEQUE** at the fall of the hammer and the balance to be paid within **90 days** to the chargee.
- Sale is subject to a reserve price, the necessary Land Control Board Consent (if applicable) and such overriding interests as may exist against the property.
- Interested purchasers are requested to view the property between 10.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. and our **Mr. Macharia 0722-732717** will assist the buyers to point out the properties subject to prior arrangement.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from Employment & Labour Relations Court, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned property together with buildings and improvements erected therein.

A SINGLE STOREY COMMERCIAL BUILDING SITUATED WITHIN THE NAKURU CBD, FRONTING MBURU GICHUA ROAD,

ON THURSDAY 31ST JULY, 2025 STARTING AT 11.30AM IN OUR OFFICES PLUTOS BUILDING 1ST FLOOR SUITE 4A ALONG KENYATTA AVENUE OPP NYAYO GARDENS NAKURU TOWN.

All that parcel of land known as TITLE LR.NO. NAKURU MUNICIPALITY BLOCK 5/98 Measuring 0.0376 Hectares or 0.9287 Acres approximately and is Leasehold Interest. The property is in NAKURU CBD Fronting Mburu Gichua Road, Nakuru County. It is situated about 350M off Nairobi-Nakuru Highway kilometers east of Nakuru City Centre. The property is registered in the name of Kariuki Kuria, Gichuki Gichane, Kloria Hinga & Waweru Mugo (In common equal shares). The GPS coordinates around 0°17'07.7"S 36°04'29.5"E. The property is developed with a single storey commercial building. Mains electricity and water are connected to the property.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- All interested purchases are requested to view the property and verify the details for themselves as these are not warranted by the Auctioneer. **Call Anne 0711782552 or Philip 0722226677** for any clarification
- A deposit of 25% must be paid by banker's cheque or RTGS at the fall of the hammer and the balance within 15 days from the date of the Auction to the Auctioneer.
- Interested bidders to pay a refundable deposit of Kshs 1,000,000 with the Auctioneers to attain a bidding number.
- The Auctioneer reserves the right to reject any bid without giving a reason
- Sale is subject to reserve price and land control board consents (where applicable)

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PUBLIC AUCTION

1. Duly instructed by our Principles the **FINANCIERS**, we shall sell by public auction the below property with all the improvement therein on Tuesday **5th August 2025 AT 11.00AM** at our offices in Bungoma.

All that parcel of land known as **LR MOI'S BRIDGE BLOCK1/NZOIA SISAL/3673**, registered in the name of **ANDABWA TAMBASI & EVERLYNE JAHENDA** of P.O BOX 214-30205 Matunda. The property is located about 1km North of Matunda Police Station, Matunda Township, Kakamega County. **The property measures 0.023hectares.**

2. Duly instructed by our Principles the **FINANCIERS**, we shall sell by public auction the below property with all improvement therein on Wednesday **6th August 2025 AT 11.00AM** at our offices in Bungoma.

All that parcel of land known as **LR SUNA EAST/WASWETA/22602 & 25423**, registered in the name of **MICHAEL OKUMU ANYAL** of P.O BOX 153-4040 Migori. The property is located in Ngege area, in the outskirts of Migori town in Migori County. **The property measures 0.045 and 0.05 hectares.**

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- All interested bidders are required to view the properties and verify the details by themselves as these are not warranted by the Auctioneers or the Financiers
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LOST T/deed Kisumu/Nyalenda "A"/1452

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LOST title Dagoretiti/Uthiru/494

LOST Title Deed Butso/Shebeye/1201

LOST title deed Euasoyiro ilpejeta block 1/ 182 of Gladys Gathigia Gitari

LOST Title Deed Isukha/Lubao/ 4684

LOST Title Deed:Kabondo/Kasewe/834 of Gideon Mumbo Masoro

LOST title deed Mbeere/Kirima/201 Of Njue Gitumo

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LOST Title deed no. Mombasa/Block XIV/81 lessor Kenya Railways corporation Lessee Naushad Trading Company Limited as registered proprietor

LOST Title Deed Othaya Kiahagu 2201

LOST title deeds Tigithi Matanya block 1 / 207 (Burguret) and Euasoyiro ilpejeta block 1/ 426 of Patricia Wanjiku Gitari

LOST title Dundori/Lanet block 5/3475

LOST Title E.Bukusu/S.Kanduyi/10121

LOST Title Juja Kiara block 3/2640

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LOST title kisumu /kanyawegi/2732

LOST title LR No. 3734/583

LOST Title No 617/Kakamega/Soy Scheme

LOST title no. LR 125652 of Original LR8468/343 of Lucy Nyasuma Kamau

LOST Title No. Mavoko Town Block 2/3375 Elizabeth Wambui Kioi

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The Owner of Plot No. MN/1/6082 Mombasa County off Links Road, Nyalii wishes to Change the User of the plot from Residential Single Dwelling Use to Residential Multiple Dwelling Use (Apartments) subject to the approval of the County Government of Mombasa. Any interested person or institution wishing to make any representation or objection to the above application, stating grounds for objection may send them in writing within 14 days from the date of this publication to: The CECM - Department of Lands, Urban Planning & Housing, County Government of Mombasa, P.O. Box 81599-80100, Mombasa.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT (No. 18 of 2015)
THE COMPANIES ACT (No. 17 of 2015)
IN THE HIGH COURT OF KENYA AT BUSIA

THE INSOLVENCY CAUSE NO. HCCHRPET/E002/2025 IN THE MATTER OF BENNANDIRA LIMITED PETITION OF LIQUIDATION

NOTICE is given that a Petition for the liquidation of the above mentioned company by the High Court was on the 8th July, 2025, presented to the said Court by Margret Wangi Nganga and the said Petition is directed to be heard before the High Court sitting at Busia, any creditor or contributory of the said company desirous to support or oppose the making of an order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by her Advocate for that purpose and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said company requiring such a copy on payment of regulated charge for the same.

Dated the 9th July, 2025.

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FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (n.3)(3)(xi)
PUBLIC NOTICE
Physical & Land Use Planning Act No. 13 of 2019
NOTIFICATION FOR CHANGE OF USE

The registered owner(s) of Kisii/Wanjare/Bogialkumu/4464 situated in Mosando area, Bonchari Sub County within Kisii County wishes to Change to Use of Agricultural Use to Light Industrial (Go down) subject to the approval of the County Government of Kisii. Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. With comments and or objection to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice to: The CECM-Land, Physical Planning, Housing & Urban Development, County Government of Kisii, P.O. Box 4550- 40200, Kisii.

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
IN THE PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE'S COURT
AT MSAMBWENI CIVIL SUIT NO. MCCHCC/ E017 OF 2025

PRISCA KIPLAGAT APPLICANT/PLAINTIFF
Vs
ABRAHAM KIBET KOSGEI RESPONDENT/DEFENDANT

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ON 15/07/2025

To: Abraham Kibet Kosgei

Take Notice that a Plaintiff has been filed in the Principal Magistrate's court at Msambweni in Civil Suit No. E017 of 2025, in which you are named as the Defendant.

A copy of the Application and the Plaintiff may be obtained from the court at the Principal Magistrate's Court in Msambweni.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the matter is set for hearing of the application on the **24th July, 2025**, that unless you enter an appearance on or before then, the case will be heard in your absence.

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A279 Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
PHYSICAL AND LANDUSE PLANNING
ACT No.13 of 2019
EXTENSION OF USE
The Registered owner(s) of Plot No.KT/1/271/10/01 is proposing to **Extend Use** of the property to include a Telecommunication (GSM Base Station) subject to approval by the County Government of Kitui.
Any individual(s), institution(s) and organization(s) with objection(s) to the proposal are hereby requested to forward them in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:
THE CECM-IN CHARGE OF LANDS, HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT, COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI, P.O BOX 33 - 90200, KITUI.
Name of the Registered Planner: Plan. Peter Kabere Reg. No. PP0287.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Physical & Land Use Planning Act No. 13 of 2019
NOTIFICATION FOR CHANGE OF USE
The Registered owner(s) of Plot No. NAIROBI/ BLOCK 19/62 located along Maalim Juma Road, Kilimani Area proposes to change its use from Residential Single-Dwelling Unit to Residential Multi-Dwelling Units (Apartments) subject to approval by Nairobi City County. Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. with comments and/or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to: The CECM- Built Environment and Urban Planning, Nairobi City County Government, P.O Box 30075- 00100, Nairobi

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
IN THE RESIDENT MAGISTRATE'S COURT
AT MALINDI
ENVIRONMENT AND LAND CASE NUMBER
E091 OF 2024

MAMBURI PROPERTY
MANAGEMENT LIMITED PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
TORELLI CORRADO DEFENDANT

HEARING NOTICE

TO: TORELLI CORRADO
MALINDI

TAKE NOTICE that the above mentioned matter has been set down for hearing on the **4th August 2025** at 8:30a.m in the forenoon or soon thereafter at the Malindi High Court.
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if no appearance is made by you or by someone authorized by law to do so on that date and time, the case will proceed ex-parte and such orders made in your absence at your risk as to costs and consequences.
Dated at Malindi this 13th day of June, 2025.
KHAMINWA & KHAMINWA
ADVOCATES FOR THE APPLICANT/PLAINTIFF

DRAWN & FILED BY
Khaminwa & Khaminwa Advocates
TSS Building, 2nd Floor
Jomo Kenyatta Road
P.O. Box 784-80200 MALINDI

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
IN THE ENVIRONMENT AND LAND
COURT AT KAJIADO
ELC LC NO. E003 OF 2023
CONSOLIDATED BANK OF KENYA
LIMITED PLAINTIFF

VERSUS
NITL GROUP LIMITED..1st DEFENDANT
NYIKALAND INTERNATIONAL
TECHNOLOGIES
GROUP LIMITED 2nd DEFENDANT
PAUL MUTEMI 3rd DEFENDANT
LAND REGISTRAR
KAJIADO NORTH LAND REGISTRY 4th DEFENDANT
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL 5th DEFENDANT

AND
ERNEST NJENGA KIRUKU INTERESTED PARTY
TO: Paul Mutemi,
P.O. Box 43936-00100, NAIROBI.
Ernest Njenga Kiruku, KAJIADO.

TAKE NOTICE THAT a Plaintiff has been filed in the Environment and Land Court at Kajiado in ELC Case Number E003 of 2023 in which you are named as the 3rd Defendant and Interested Party respectively. Service of Summons upon you has been ordered by means of this advertisement. A copy of the Summons and the Plaintiff may be obtained from the Environment and Land Court Registry at Kajiado Law Courts or from the Chambers of Mulondo & Company Advocates LLP. **TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** THAT unless you enter appearance within 21 days from the date of this publication, the case may be heard your absence notwithstanding. **DATED AT NAIROBI THIS.....14TH.....DAY OF..... JULY.....2025**

MULONDO & COMPANY
ADVOCATES LLP FOR THE PLAINTIFF
DRAWN & FILED BY:-
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PUBLIC NOTICE
PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING
ACT NO. 13 OF 2019
CHANGE OF USE

The owner(s) of parcel Escarpment Jet Scheme /2109 located off the Nairobi - Nakuru highway in Escarpment area propose to change its use from Agricultural to Religious (Retreat Centre) subject to approval by the Kiambu County. Any Individuals, Institutions, Organizations etc. with objections or comments to the proposal are requested to forward them within 14 days of publication of this notice to: The CECM, Lands Housing & Physical Planning, County Government of Kiambu, P.O. Box 2344-00900, Kiambu.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Physical & Land Use Planning Act No. 13 of 2019
CHANGE OF USER
The Owner of Plot No. MN/1/13891 Mombasa County off Links Road, Nyalii wishes to Change the User of the plot from Residential Single Dwelling Use to Residential Multiple Dwelling Use (Apartments) subject to the approval of the County Government of Mombasa. Any interested person or institution wishing to make any representation or objection to the above application, stating grounds for objection may send them in writing within 14 days from the date of this publication to: The CECM - Department of Lands, Urban Planning & Housing, County Government of Mombasa, P.O. Box 81599-80100, Mombasa.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Physical & Land Use Planning Act No. 13 of 2019
RENEWAL OF LEASE
The owner of Plot No Loitokitok/ Township/ 30 located in Loitokitok Town of Kajiado County wishes for renewal of lease of this property subject to approval of the County Government of Kajiado. Individuals, institutions or Organisations with comments/ objections to the proposed renewal are requested to forward them in writing to: CECM, Lands, Housing Planning and Urban Development, County Government of Kajiado P.O. Box 11, Kajiado.

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
IN THE EMPLOYMENT AND LABOUR RELATIONS COURT OF KENYA AT MOMBASA
COURT NAME: MOMBASA LAW COURT
CASE NUMBER: ELRCC/E047/2023
CITATION: KENYA ENGINEERING WORKERS UNION VS KENYA MARINE CONTRACTORS (EPZ) LTD
ORDERS(COURT DOCUMENT)
THIS MATTER coming up on 1st July 2025 for Mention before Honourable Lady Justice Monica Mbari UPON HEARING the Counsel for the Claimant and in the absence for the Counsel for Respondent;
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:
1. THAT hearing on 24th July 2025 serve Respondent by substituted service.
Penal Notice: Take notice that any disobedience or non-observance of the order of the court served hereon will result in penal consequences to you and any other person(s) disobeying and not observing the same
SIGNED BY: HON. LADY JUSTICE MBARI MONICA
THE JUDICIARY OF KENYA,
MOMBASA ELRC
EMPLOYMENT AND LABOUR RELATIONS COURT
DATE: 2025-07-15 15:57:34+03

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
IN THE PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE'S COURT
AT MARIMANTI
ELC SUIT NO. E022 OF 2023
MARIGU KATHIGA M'KAUNJU PLAINTIFF
-VERSUS-

FLORENCE MWARI 1st DEFENDANT
PATRICK KINOTI 2nd DEFENDANT
ORIGINATING SUMMONS
UNDER 5.38 LIMITATION OF THE
ACTIONS ACT AND ORDER 37 r.7 Civil
Procedure Act
and Article 159(2) (d) OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF KENYA
SUBSTITUTED SERVICE BY
ADVERTISEMENT
TO: 1. PATRICK KINOTI
TAKE NOTICE that a suit has been filed in the Environment and Land Court at Marimanti in which you have been named as the 2nd defendant. Service of Summons on you has been ordered by means of advertisement pursuant to Court Order issued on 30th June 2025.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that unless you enter appearance within 15 days from the date of this advertisement, the suit will be heard and determined, your absence notwithstanding.
A Copy of the Summons may be obtained from the firm of M/S Mugira & Associates Advocates, Paul Kigunda Plaza 2nd Floor, Tom Mboya Street, P.O. Box 2423-60200, Meru or at The Environment & Land Court Registry Marimanti Law Courts. **TAKE NOTICE** that the matter will be mentioned on 22nd July 2025 at 9:00am.
Dated At Marimanti This 17th Day Of July 2025.
DRAWN & FILED BY:
M/S MUGIRA & ASSOCIATES
Advocates
Paul Kigunda Plaza,
2nd Floor Room 5
P.O. Box -60200 Meru

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that JAPHET NOTI CHARO having gone through the formal regularization of Land Parcels LR 14034, 14035 and 14038 and applied for the reissuance of fresh titles over the aforesaid parcels of Land.

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Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the promotion to glory of our beloved Matriarch, Mama Annah Njura Makindu, which occurred on 14th July 2025 at Kiritiri Medical Healthcare. Wife of the late Nathan Makindu Maimbu. Sister of the late Samuel Njeru Kirumbi and the late Bernard Norbert Evara. She was the mother of Danson and Agnes Kiriamburi, the late Severino and Jane Murango, James and Jennifer Nyagah, the late Nelson and Mercy Munene, the Late Morris and the late Faith Rose Namu, Benson and Bertha Mugo, and Mary Muthoni Makindu. She was a grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother to many. Family and friends are meeting at her son James L. Nyagah's Home, near Kwamakuru Market, Kiritiri Division, Mbeere South Sub-County, Embu County, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm daily for prayers and funeral arrangements. The cortege leaves Gakwegori Funeral Home on Tuesday, 22nd July 2025 at 9:00 am. The burial service will take place on the same day at ACK St. Mark's Karwa Church, and thereafter, burial at her home, Kiambu Village, next to Kerwa Primary and Secondary Schools - Embu County.

*In God's hands you rest, in our hearts you live forever,
Rest in eternal peace Mama.*



Hannah Njura Makindu
1919 ~ 14/07/2025

Promotion Of A Centenarian Matriarch To Glory

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing of Cecilia Waruguru Kahoro, our cherished matriarch and family pillar. She passed away peacefully in Nairobi after a short illness borne with great fortitude, humility, courage, humor, strength and resilience.

Beloved wife of the late Joel Kahoro. Loving mother of the late John Macharia, the late Charles King'ara, Lucy Kihara, Hillary Muchiri, Hellen Wamiti, Philomena Kariguh and Evanson Rwara. Also mother of Jacinta Kirigo, Priscilla Nyaguthie, Albert King'ara, Nancy Gathoni, Charity Wacuka, Joseph Karuri, David Ndiritu and James Methu. Cherished mother-in-law, Grandmother and Great-grandmother to many.

The cortege leaves Montezuma Monalisa funeral home at Kabati on **Wednesday 23rd July, 2025** at 7am for the funeral service and burial at her home in **Gathugu Farm, Mumbuini Village, Chinga Location, Othaya-Nyeri County.**

We invite to join us in honoring her journey by contributing to MPESA-PayBill Number 4167041, Account Number: (Your Name). Your generosity will help us give CúCú the farewell she deserves.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" - 2nd Timothy 4:7.

Koma Thayú Mami na CúCú Witú



Cecilia Waruguru Kahoro
Sunrise: 01/01/1928
Sunset: 16/07/2025

Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with deep sorrow and acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing of Mwari wa lthe Witu Milka Gathoni Ndiritu (Wakagotho), who hailed from Kianjiru Village, Wamagana Sub-location, Tetu, Nyeri County.

Daughter of the late Ayub Gathoni and the late Loise Njeri. Beloved wife of the late Danson Ndiritu Gathirwa.

Loving mother of the late Dr. Cyrus Gathirwa Ndiritu, Loise Njeri, Marion Njoki, Beatrice Kagure, David Kagotho, Margaret Wanjiku, Rahab Wakarima, and Eunice Wambui.

Mother-in-law of Irene Wanjiru, Amos Ndung'u, Muchai Mbugua, Jane Mukabi, Ndiritu Gakuo, and the late Martin Muriithi.

Sister of the late Martha Mumbi, the late Esther Wambui, the late Hezekiel Mbugua, and the late Daniel Gathiru.

She was a grandmother and great-grandmother to many.

Family and friends are meeting daily at her home in Kianjiru from 4:00 pm for prayers and funeral arrangements.

The cortege will leave Mathari Hospital Mortuary, Nyeri, on Saturday, 19th July 2025 at 8:00 am for a funeral service at PCEA Gathuthi starting at 10:00 am. She will be laid to rest thereafter at her home in Kianjiru, Wamagana.

In God's hands you rest, in our hearts you remain forever.



Mwari wa lthe Witu Milka Gathoni Ndiritu (Wakagotho)
(1934 - 2025)

Death and Funeral Announcement

With humble acceptance of God's will, we announce the passing on of our beloved mother, loving grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, daughter, and in-law, Mary Wanza Kithuku, who peacefully rested on 12th July 2025, following injuries sustained from a tragic road accident on 14th June 2025. Born in 1951, Mary was a cherished daughter of the late Rtd. LR Michael Kimuli Katunge (OSB) and the late Loise Ndue Kimuli, and a beloved daughter-in-law of the late Raymond Kiiti and the late Hellen Kaswili Kiiti. She was a devoted wife of the late Francis Kithuku Kiiti, and a loving mother of Petronilla Kanini & Stephen Muthusi, Kyalo Kithuku & Victoria Ndinda, Mark & Alice, and a guardian mother of Faith Nthambi & Dalton Mbondo. A proud and affectionate grandmother of Agnes Wanza & Joseph Gacheru, Juvenaries Ndunda & Christine Mwongeli, Veronica Muthusi & Apollo Ndege, Francis Kithuku, Mary Kyalo, Janet Kyalo, Meshack Kyalo, and Tristan Kithuku. Great-grandmother of Cayden, Nolan, Alyssa, Cian, and Ariella. Loving sister of Kimeu & the late Elizabeth, Mateta & Grishon, Mutulu & Michael, Ngunga & Regina, the late Ngolo & Rachael, the late Mbiti & Francisca, the late Nguta, Ndumba & Daniel, Makau & Angela, the late Susan & Francis, Juma & Veronica, the late Kyalo, Rev Mbat & Ven. Canon Scholar, and Matano & Prisca.

Dear sister-in-law of Edward, Michael, Morris, Masila, Musyoka, Mulinge, the late Nzambu, the late Kimindu, Bridgit, Veronica, Rose, Bibiana, Elizabeth, Mueni, Mumo, Mary, Anna, and the late Syokau. Beloved cousin of Honourable Adelina Mwau, the First Deputy Governor of Makeni County, among other distinguished relatives. An aunt to many and a friend to countless others - a motherly soul whose warmth, generosity, and unwavering faith left a lasting imprint on everyone who knew her. Thanks to God for the precious gift of Mary Wanza. The cortege leaves Montezuma Machakos Funeral Home at 6:00 AM on Saturday, 26th July 2025, for a funeral service and burial at her home in Ulini Village, Malili, Mukaa, Makeni County. Family and friends are gathering daily at her Malili home for prayers and funeral preparations.

Revelation 14:13 "Then I heard a voice from heaven say, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labour, for their deeds will follow them."



Mary Wanza Kithuku
(Mathe/Auntie Mary)
1951 - 2025

Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing on of Jane Ruguru Njue formerly of Ministry of Roads and Infrastructure, Materials Branch, which occurred on Monday 15th July 2025

Wife of Col (Rtr) Elias Njue Nguu.

Mother of Martin Muturi and Maryanne Njoki and grandmother of Nallah Wawira.

Daughter of the late Njega Nyaga and Lilian Wangari Njega (Nyanya).

Daughter in law of Rowland Nguu and Joyce Nguu.

Sister of Marigu Mwathi, Wambeti Mvungu, late Nyaga (Biro), the late Muriithi, Rachel and late Ndwiaga.

Sister-in-law of Gicugu, the late Esther, Muriithi, Rosaline, Nyaga, Margaret, Purity, the late Njiru, Mercy, Njeru, Wanja and Mophat. Cousin, aunt, niece, and friend to many.

She hails from Ngimari Village, Manyatta, Embu County. Funeral service will be held at ACK Emmanuel church, Kigari on Friday 25th July 2025. Thereafter, she will be laid to rest at her Ngimari home near Manyatta in Embu. A requiem mass will be held on Wednesday 23rd July at ACK St. Joseph of Arimathea church in Thome Estate at 3.00pm. Meetings will take place on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd at the All-Saints Cathedral from 5.00pm. Daily prayers are being held at her residences at Four Ways estate off Kiambu road from 5.00pm and at Ngimari near Manyatta in Embu.

2nd Timothy 4:7 "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."



Jane Ruguru Njue

Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with profound sadness we announce the death of Celestine Awino Rarieya on 15th July 2025, while receiving care in the ICU at Aga Khan Hospital, Mombasa.

Cherished wife of the late Leonard Rarieya Asin, beloved daughter of the late Rufinus and Birgita Afuande of Rang'ala and daughter in-law of the late Benedict and Laetitia Asin of Sakwa, Bondo.

She was a devoted mother of Jane, Rosemary, Oscar, James, Elizabeth, Fred, Angela and Maggie Rarieya. Mother-in-law of Sam Omole, Esther Mwaura, Dorcas Obonyo, Joris Ankersmith, Bethseba Okiya and Andre Thomas.

A loving grandmother of Keith, Shane, Bridgit, Celestine, Jeremy, Sharlene, Silas, Stacey, Samantha, Tatiana, Tamara and Aviel. Great-grandmother of Samara and Jabari.

She was sister of Maria, Josephine, Patricia, the late Bernadette, Mary, Hegga, Joseph and Philip Afuande. Sister-in-law of Elizabeth, Helen and Sylvia and the late Pius, Peter, Dolphin, Gabriel and Emmanuel Asin. She was also a beloved mother, aunt and friend to many.

Daily prayers are being held at her home in Tudor, Mombasa at 6:30 p.m.

Funeral arrangements will be communicated in due course.

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
1 Thessalonians 5:18



Celestine Awino Rarieya

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Death and Funeral Announcement

With deep sorrow and acceptance of God's will, we announce the passing into Glory of Naomi Karimi Nderitu, who rested on 14th July 2025 after a short illness.

She was the loving wife of Francis Nderitu Ngunyi, Mother of Joseph & Terry Kamata, Esther & Julius Mwangi, Timothy & Wendy Mwangi and Charles & Lisa Wamugunda. Daughter of the late Beatrice Wangui Kamata and the late Joseph Kamata. Githire. Sister of Hannah Wanjiru Chege, Leah Wanjeri Kihara, the late Elizabeth Wanjiku, Bishop James Kamata, Mary Mumbi Kiranga, Dr. Monica Mukami Waiganjo, Joshua Ngigi and Josephine Nungari Kiritu. She was step sister of Lucy Gichora, the late Dorcas Gachanja, the late Benson Githire, Rahab Mbugua, Esther Kamau, Paul Kung'u and Peter Muturi. Grandma of Kimberly, Makena, Tanu, Neema, Naomi, Wema, Jabali, Terisa, Amari, Jelani, Tafari, Alaina and Myles.

We shall assemble at KU Funeral home (along Northern bypass) on Tuesday July 22nd at 7.30am. Thereafter, the funeral service and burial will be at her Juja Farm Home in Kiambu County at 10.00am.

May God's Will be Done on Earth, as it is in Heaven. Amen.



**Naomi Karimi
Nderitu**

Death and Funeral Announcement

With profound sadness, we the family of Julius Nyaga Muthunga, Former Nawiri Director, announce his death, which occurred on 10th July 2025.

Burial arrangements are ongoing at his home in Gikirima village, Kibugu location, Embu.

Funeral service will be on Thursday, 24th July 2025 at St. Mary's Ack Church, Gikirima at 10:30 AM, followed by Burial at his home, Gikirima village, Kibugu location, Embu

May God rest his soul in eternal peace.



**Julius Nyaga
Muthunga**
(Former Nawiri Director)
1st February 1951 – 10th July 2025

Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with deep sorrow and humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing of Mzee Henry Wasike Walucho, who slept peacefully on 11th July 2025, while resting at home in Kitale.

He was the beloved firstborn son of the late Ezekiel Walucho and Mary Nanyama. Devoted husband of Margaret Wambani and Isabella Kapanga.

He leaves behind 23 children: Mary, Susan, Joy, Julian, Bilha, Evans, Jayne, Elizabeth, Charles, and Catherine, Tom (deceased), Everlyne, Roseline, Nancy, Leonard, Moses, Andrew, Peter, Kelvin, Livingstone, Colleta, Kizito and Kenneth.

Brother of Trudea, Nicholas, Beatrice, Phalis, Benard, Jane and David (deceased). Father in-law of Henry, Chrispinus, Isaac (late), John, Chris, Aggy, Lilly among others.

He was a doting grandfather and great grandfather to many.

Funeral service will be held at St. Teresa's Catholic Church Namanjalala on 18th July 2025 at 2.00 pm followed by a night vigil at his home in Kapsitwet. Funeral service will be held on 19th July 2025.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." – 2 Timothy 4:7
May dad's soul rest in eternal peace.



**Mzee Henry Wasike
Walucho**

Death Announcement

It's with profound sadness and humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the peaceful rest of Priscilla Muthoni Mwaura on Wednesday, 2nd July 2025.

Wife of the late Archangel Kironjo Mwaura.

Loving mother of Jane and Kaburu, Cecilia and William, the late Peter and Immaculate, Wambui and the late Titus, George and Nancy, Dr. Ann and Kangethe, Njeri and George and the late Timothy Ngugi.

Cherished grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunty, and friend to many.

Family and friends are meeting for funeral arrangements as follows:

- Kandara: At her home next to Kirunguru Secondary School, daily from 3:00 PM.
- Thika: Shuhan Hotel on 18th July 2025 starting from 5.30 PM
- Nairobi: Holy Family Basilica – 22nd July 2025 starting from 5.30 PM

Further details regarding the funeral arrangements will be shared once they are finalised.

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Eternal rest grant unto her Oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.

May she rest in peace. Amen



**Priscilla Muthoni
Mwaura**

Celebration of a Life Well Lived.

It is with deep sorrow and humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing on to glory of Patricia Otieno on July, 9th 2025 at Bama Hospital, Siaya.

Daughter of the late Joshua Ombago and Beldina Alice Obiero of Ng'ya, Mur, Siaya Sub County. Daughter-in-law of the late Zacharia Odhier and Lucia Omollo of Sirandumb Ugunja Sub County.

Loving wife of the late Mwalimu John Makodhier Obwongo. Co wife of Benta Alice Otieno of Sirandumb Village, Ugunja. Doting mother of Pamela Omollo, Emmanuel Odhier, Bernard Choi, Jacqueline Oduor, Mercy Otieno Okello, John Aggrey Mulloh, Olwang'a, Mary, Mary Loice, Ann Lucy, the late Ochieng' and the late Immaculate. Mother in love of Marcus Ahomo, Leah Lynn Odhier, Victoria Mutindi Choi, Jeconiah Oduor Obare, Silas Okello Owiti, Caroline Kamweli Mulloh and many others.

Grandmother of Frank, Ian, Newton, Chris Allan, Arnold, Audrey, Aurelia, Fillanah, Tatiana, Angelica, the late Aviel, Asher, Javan, Jabali, Jayvon, Jaliyah, Leo, Miles and many others. She was a sister of Eunice Adus, Benta and many others. She was a leader, a mentor and a friend to many.

The cortege will leave Rang'ala Funeral Home on Friday 25th July 2025 at noon. A Requiem mass will be held in her honor at St. Joseph the worker Ugunja Catholic Church on Friday, July 25th 2025 at 2.00pm. Burial mass will take place on Saturday, July 26th 2025 at her home in Sirandumb Village Ugunja at 1.00 pm.
Rest in Peace Bursareess.



**Patricia Adhiambo
Otieno (Patty)**
1954 - 2025

Appreciation

We, the family of the late Francis Mbiyu Nguru, celebrate and honour his remarkable 108-year journey. He was a loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, and friend, whose life was marked by wisdom, strength, and enduring love.

As we laid him to rest on 8th July 2025, we were deeply moved by the overwhelming support shown through prayers, visits, messages, calls, contributions, and presence from friends, family, and community near and far.

Special thanks to the doctors at Hali St. Family Hospital, Kitengela his caregivers Henry and Richard, and the clergy and church communities of St. Stephen Ndumbuini, St. Mary's Kabete, A.C.K. St. Polycarp Pangani, A.C.K. Salama Church Thika and BSF Ruai and Kitengela. To our dear friends from The Mbuzi Group (Mombasa), Dusk and Dawn (Nairobi), NABC (Nakuru), and to the organizing committees in Kitengela and Ndumbuini - your love and support meant the world to us.

May God bless you abundantly for walking with us during this time.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty." – Psalm 91:1



**Francis Mbiyu
Nguru**
26th November 1916 -
28th June 2025

Death and Funeral Announcement



Josiah Gicuki Mucungi

Sunrise: 29th March 1950 ~ Sunset: 15th July 2025

It is with profound sadness and humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the demise of Mr. Josiah Gicuki Mucungi of Tarek & Light Ltd which occurred on Tuesday 15th July, 2025 in Membley Estate after a short illness. He was a director of Tarek & Light Co. Ltd.

He was beloved husband of Mary Wagiki Gicuki, father of the late Olivia Wanjira, Timothy Mucungi Gicuki and Faith Wanjira Gicuki.

He was son of the late Timothy Muchungi Gichuki and the late Janet Wanjira Muchungi, brother of Joyce Wakiuru & the late Gideon Waruiru Muiga, Rose Wathika & Simon Mashenge Wagemu, Rtd Elder Alice Nyambura & Edward Ngugi Kairo, Peris Wanjiku, Livingstone Gitonga & Rachel Kahuki Gitonga, Lilian Theru & William Ngara Mwangi and the late Wilson Kibuthu & Elder Florence Kibuthu.

Son-in-law of the late Kiburi Muchemi & Foiby Wangeshi Kiburi, brother-in-law of Julia Nyakinyua, Joseph Muchemi Kiburi, Elizabeth Muthoni, late James Ndritu Kiburi and Zelipha Wamahiga Macharia.

He was beloved uncle and grandfather to many.

Family and friends are meeting daily at his home in Membley Estate, Forest Court House no 31.

The cortege leaves KU Referral Hospital Funeral Home (Northern Bypass) on Thursday 24th July 2025 at 7.00am. Funeral service will take place on the same day at his home in Gatura Village, Mukurwe-ini, Nyeri County, starting 10.30am and burial at the same place in the afternoon.

Psalms 23:1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want

Promotion To Glory



Mark Lampas Lenturkan

It is with humble acceptance of God's will, that we announce the passing on of Mr. Mark Lampas Lenturkan, Assistant Superintendent of Police on Sunday 13th July, 2025, until his demise Mark was the County Traffic Officer Laikipia County.

The late was born in 1967 at Masikita Village, Elbarta Ward, Samburu North Sub-county, Samburu County to Mr. Inua Lenturkan and Mrs. Markenoi Lenturkan. Step-son of Kilila Lenturkan.

He was a brother of Lenteren, Reuben, Lmedikol, Fredrick, Kerry (late), Ndula Lolokuria, Pijot Lesirayon, Jane Lesepeita, Bevelyne Lelelit (First Lady Samburu County), Njapini Lasangurikuri, Thomas, Silate, Ntupunyua and Sejina.

A loving husband of Elizabeth Ramaut Lenturkan.

An adoring dad of Sayanka, Melisa, Nachipae, Laapu and Zuriel.

The funeral ceremony will be held at his farm in Noontoto, Samburu West Sub-county, Samburu County on 22nd July 2025 from 10.00am.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day and not only to me, but to all who longed for His appearing" (2 Timothy 4:7-8).

Death and Funeral Announcement



Naomi Kimeu Muasya

It is with deep sorrow but with acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing on of our beloved Naomi Kimeu Muasya.

A loving mother of Benjamin Mutisya, the late Jane Mwikali, Amos Muasya, Zipporah Munyao, Eunice Monzi, Charles Kyalo, Florence Muema, Isabel Ndunge and Erastus Maweu. Mother in law of Marietta Mutisya, Mary Amos, Carol Kyalo, and Barbara Mukami, Francis Mulinge, Dr Julius Muia, Lazarus Muema and Paul Maweu.

She was sister, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend to many. Naomi was called to eternal rest in the early hours of Wednesday 16th July 2025 after a short illness.

She was a pillar of strength, wisdom, and kindness, touching countless lives with her warmth and generosity. Her legacy of love, faith, and resilience will forever remain in our hearts.

Prayers are going on daily in her home in Kalima. In Nairobi, a prayer meeting shall be held on Tuesday 22nd July 2025 at Nairobi Baptist church, Ngong Road, from 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm.

The burial will take place in her farm at Kalima Village, Emali Location, Makueni County, on Saturday 26th July 2025. We request your prayers and support during this difficult time.

"To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord."
— 2 Corinthians 5:8

May her soul rest in eternal peace.

Sport

Athletics Foreign-based Kenyan stars seek ticket to 2025 Tokyo World Championships **P.35**



Cheating
World women's marathon record holder Chepngetich suspended for doping **P.36**

Rugby

Driftwood Sevens gets Sh3m Tusker sponsorship

BY WACHIRA MWANGI

The stage is set for the 2025 National Sevens Circuit that kicks off next weekend.

Driftwood Sevens at Mombasa Sports Club will set the ball rolling for the popular circuit on July 26-27.

The opening leg has received Sh3 million sponsorship from Kenya Breweries Limited through its flagship brand, Tusker.

The tournament will see 16 top teams from across the country compete for crucial points in the six-leg national series.

"With Tusker's support, we are working around the clock to deliver a spectacular event. This tournament is a great pride for the Coast rugby fraternity. Fans can expect smooth logistics, strong competition and an enjoyable festival atmosphere," said Teddy Ndemo, the Commercial Director of Mombasa Rugby Club.

Defending champions Kenya Harlequin, Kabras, 2023 winners KCB, Menengai Oilers, Strathmore Leos, Nondies, Catholic Monks, Mwamba RFC, Nakuru RFC, and Black Blad are some of the big names that will compete.

"We are grateful to see corporates coming on board to support host clubs.

"This support goes a long way in making the sevens circuit sustainable and exciting," said Kenya Rugby Union National Sevens Circuit Director Kevin Wambura.

From Mombasa, the series will tour Nakuru (Prinsloo Sevens, Aug 2-3), Nairobi (Christie Sevens, Aug 16-17 and Kabeberi Sevens, Sept 6-7), Embu (Aug 23-24), and Kisumu (Dala Sevens, Sept 13-14).

Golf Accountants, doctors, engineers and lawyers face-off at Ruiru Sports Club

Top amateur Balala eyes fourth Kabete Open title

KAGC Order of Merit leader Lejirmah, proven Karanga also in the hunt in the 16th leg of the series

11th
Edition of the Accountants Golf Day that will be held at Ruiru Sports Club this weekend

BY LARRY NGALA

Fireworks is expected at Vet Lab Sports Club in Nairobi this weekend when a star-studded field of 90 golfers from Kenya, Rwanda, South Africa, Zambia, Burundi, India, Mauritius and Austria clash in the Kabete Open.

This will be the 16th leg in the Kenya Amateur Golf Championship (KAGC) series as players seek World Amateur Golf Rankings points that could earn them invitations to international events such as the "The Open" in England and the US Open in America.

The NCBA-sponsored-Kabete Open has a juicy purse of Sh500,000, with the winner walking away with Sh115,000.

The Kabete event is the first of the three-part Kenya Swing Series that will usher in the country's majors – the Kenya Amateur Match Play Championship next week at the Sigona Golf Club and the Kenya Amateur Stroke Play Championship, at the end of the month, at Vet Lab Sports Club.

Kenya player Adel Taufiq Balala, despite missing a number of events this year, will be one of the hot favourites at the par 72 Kabete course as he chases after a fourth title.

Michael Karanga will also be man of interest together with John Lejirmah who has dominated the series over the past three months.

In fact, Lejirmah leads the KAGC Series Order of Merit leader with 2,000 points, followed by



Adel Balala of Nyali Golf and Country Club.
CHRIS OMOLLO | NATION

Karanga with 1,095 points.

Balala's recent record at Kabete is impeccable with victories in 2024, 2022 and 2021.

The ladies' entries includes the sensation Kanana Muthomi from Windsor. Others are Bianca Ngeecu, Joyce Wanjiru, Mercy Nyanchama, and Kellie Gachaga.

Chasing the title among the visiting players will be Niyonkuru Alain of Rwanda, South Africa's Pranay Kapur and Gilbert Chalwe of Zambia.

The Kenya Swing's back-to-back format has been strategically developed to attract international talent.

At Ruiru Sports Club, the 11th edition of the annual Accountants tournament has attracted 200 entries.

Organised by golf-loving accountants, the tourney will feature the inaugural Professional Trophy involving top golfers from across all professions including law, medicine and engineering.

Each profession will field a 15-member team. The format is designed to foster friendly rivalry while promoting unity and excellence across professions.

"It has been an incredible journey. From humble beginnings to one of the most prestigious professional gatherings in golf, this tournament is a true celebration of excellence within and beyond the accounting profession," said Isaac Githinji, a member of the organising committee.

"The perception has always been that accountants are good with numbers but not necessarily with golf clubs. Over the years, we've proved otherwise, and this year we look forward to showcasing even more talent," said CPA Mike Nyangi, one of the tournament's veteran participants.

WEEKEND GOLF FIXTURES

Thika

Tomorrow: Syngenta Golf Day: First Tee: 6:30 S. Shah, M. Kimathi, J.G. Njoroge, K. Shah; 6:50 D. Njehiah, J.G. Kariuki, Ano x2; 7:00 T. Nzomo, D.G. Kariuki, L. Gitau, A. Kabuchwa; 7:10 M. Mwangi x4; 7:20 A. Mutugi, Ano x3; 7:30 W. Njenga, F. Chege, M. Ruu, J. Nzioka; 7:40 K. Nderitu, R. Kimani, L. Gitau, Ano; 7:50 L. Kihara, L. Wamuti, B.W. Ikua, Ano; 8:00 T. Mutua, F. Njenga, S. Chibayi, T. Ndikwe; 8:10 A.M. Karugu, S. Gakera, C. Muigai, M. Kinika; 8:20 I. Irungu, F.W. Maina, J. Musyoka, M. Murage; 8:30 E. Kimani, L. Gichuki, S.P. Gachanja, A. Kariuki; 8:40 J.B. Ikenye, L. Kinyua, W. Ndia, W. Njega; 8:50 J. Muriithi, M. Gathui, S. Mathenge, J. Mungai; 9:00 M. Magothe, H. Mundia, T. Gachoka, A. Nyuguto; 11:00 G. Kimemia, G.K. Ouma, T. Ndegwa, L. Mwaniki; 11:10 A. Karumbo, K. Muthami, W. Njoroge, Ano; 11:20 M. Kabando, E. Njoroge, A. Katumo, A. Saiti; 11:30 D. Njonjo, G. Maurice, F. Githuka, A.G. Maina; 11:40 Sponsor x4; 11:50 C. Karanja, P. Mburugu, M. Wahome, H. Mugendi; 12:00 E. Muthemba, S.K. Njuguna, N. Kimata, A. Kuria; 12:10 B. Waciuri, A. Kariuki, T. Mungai, A. Kiragu; 12:20 W. Ngugi x4; 12:30 J.W. Maina, W. Murwayi; J.N. Chege, A. Nderitu; 12:40 J. Murungi x4; 12:50 F. Thuo, J. Njoroge, G. Kamau, B.M. Mathenge; 13:00 E.N. Nyamu, S.W. Irungu, I. Charagu, E. Ongeri; 13:10 K. Chege x4; 13:30 W.K. Irungu x4; Tenth Tee: 6:30 L.N. Maina, J. Wanyaga, J. Shah, Ano; 7:30 B. Chemutai, D. Chepnigeno, G. Wamae, Ano; 7:50 D. Kiama, L. Gitonga, D. Mwangi, A. Kinyanjui; 8:00 S. Huni, S. Kimani, J. Muremba, P. Oketch; 8:10 U. Nyaga, J. Kariuki, I. Kamutu, K. Wairigir; 8:20 B. Ndung'u, A. Sang, B. Chemweno, D. Ebau; 8:30 H. Ileli, F. Dsouza, E. Mbulika, C. Jeptoo, 8:40 M. Njuguna, S.G. Njuguna, M. Kariuki, F. Muriuki; 8:50 B. Waweru, G. Munene, R. Kimani, S.K. Ndungu; 9:00 K. Gitau, G. Njenga, J. Kiriamiti, J. Muthae; 11:00 J.K. Ki-

mani, C. Wachira, L. Mwaniki, A. Shitseswa; 11:10 V. Ongera, N. Ong'alo, M. Mwiti, J. Maina; 11:20 Sponsor x4; 11:30 A. Macharia, S. Kogi, A. Kinuthia, V. Karumba; 11:40 E. Mochache, M. Gichugu, J. Kimathi, M. Karoki; 11:50 M. Irungu, M. Mwenda, A. Odero, N. Gulzow; 12:00 A. Gitonga, M. Kinuthia, M. Zeni, E. Kimani; 12:10 P.K. Mukuria, C. Mengere, A. Kiragu, P. Mukundi; 12:20 P. Nduati, B. Kiprono, J. Mbitu, Ano; 12:30 S.M. Kibuyi, D. Matano, J.K. Njenga, T. Burugu; 12:40 J. Karue, S. Njenga, N. Ng'ang'a, W. Njoroge; 12:50 A. Kimondo, W. Kimondo, W. Gathecha, Ano; 13:00 M. Kimani, P. Kimani, Ano x2; 13:10 T. Thayu, M. Wanjiku, S. Abuje, M.M. Kinyua; 13:20 A. Dan x4

Machakos Tomorrow: KCB East Africa Golf Series: 6:30 E. Kimeu, M. Makau, B. Mutua, J. Mbaluka; 6:38 R. Njoroge, R. Mutuku, J. Masai, J. Kiti; 6:46 F. Maithya, V. Mutwi, Dee. Kivua, S. Makau; 6:54 J. Kaloki, J. Kitaka, J. Muendo, F. Muthiani; 7:02 A. Kioko, E. Saluni, J. Mboya, J. Komu; 7:10 A. Mwirigi, K. Kisoi, A. Kyalo, A. Mwenda; 7:18 L. Asego, J. Githaiga, D. Ndichu, G. Mugog; 7:26 V. Musalia, M. Wanjiku, M. Kili, S. Kimatu; 7:34 L. Wambui, G. Muthoni, N. Musyoka, G. Kerubo; 7:42 R. Muli, F. Museremi, P. Kibet, B. Odadi; 7:50 D. Mathuva, K. Waituka, F. Karugu, M. Ngao; 7:58 N. Mwangangi, G. Muchemi, M. Litani, L. Moffat; 8:06 D. Mwau, J. Kakunu, F. Musyimi, D.K. Muli; 8:14 V. Musili, J. Ndetto, J. Omare, B. Isika; 8:22 P. Kioko, P. Mumbua, J. Maingi, A. Githu; 8:30 E. Kieti, D. Mukavi, C. Musungu, K. Gathungu; 8:38 J. Nzioki, B. Mumo, J. Kilinda, Maj. Mumo; 8:46 F. Mbiti, P. Mbiti, G. Cheruiyot, O. Sina; 8:54 N. Macharia, G. Njoroge, W. Nanyonyi, M. Kihumba, 9:02 P. Kyengo, B.M. Mungata, J. Ndinda, C. Kimiti; Afternoon draw; 11:02 A. Mulinge, N. Muiruri, L. Kamau, M. Madegwa, 11:10 N. Abuki, D. Mwangangi, J. Kinyua, A. Mokaya; 11:18 E. Maingi, J. Nzau, J. Mathias, C. Kikui; 11:26 M. Kiambi, P. Mugo, A. Kirui, N. Omayo; 11:34 Gen. Musinga, B. Omuodo, A. Abere, D. Milla; 11:42 C. Kaloki, P. Mutinga, B. Chuma, B. Mukuria; 11:50 P. Kimatu, J. Kilanzo, B. Siro, F. Njeru; 11:58 K. Munyi,

N. Kamau, J.M. Mwaura, J. Mwanthi; 12:06 C. Wambui, J. Masaku, D. Nanganga, K. Muriuki; 12:14 C.K. Mulela, L.M. Kamba, S.K. Theuri, C. Musyoki; 12:22 C.K. Mulela, L.M. Kamba, S.K. Theuri, C. Musyoki; 12:30 W. Keya, D. Mulinge, F. Riungu, T. Musyoka; 12:38 S. Munguti, A. Mohamed, J. Liku, B. Odhiambo; 12:46 K. Kyengo, N. Kiabu, E. Obieno, F. Bosire; 12:54 P. Marangu, D. Night, L. Apukei, I. Imbuye; 1:02 J. Kamwere, J. Malatu, K. Muryao, D. Obiga; 1:18 J. Ngare, I. Lande, N. Tangut, J. Kariuki; 1:26 C. Aketch, Eng. Okemwa, L. Mokeira, F. Ngunge; 1:34 P. Mwangi, R. Nduta, M. Zeni, J. Njoka; 1:42 S. Kiruku, E. Ndegwa, J. Kitema, S. Kisilu; 1:50 N. Wairimu, A. Muiruri, G. Ndunda, P. Ndichu; 1:58 S. Bett, A. Mwenda, S. Onsongo, J. Samuel; No post entries

Ruiru Tomorrow: Accountants Golf Day: 7:00 G. Wachira, M. Gitari, S. Karanja; 7:10 F. Goco x4; 7:20 Sponsor x4; 7:30 A. Beerman, S. K Nyangi, K. Wainaina; 7:40 S. Mwangi, T. Gitonga, R. Njuguna, F. Maina; 7:50 T. Mwaura, M. Chege, N. Ongalo, W. Maina; 8:00 A. Muthigani, F. Kinyanjui, B. Waciuri, E. Kariuki; 8:10 N. Mwaura, J. Njagu, A. Makrani, T. Mwaura; 8:20 E. Ndegwa, S. Kamau, S. K Ndungi, J. Korosso; 8:30 J. Njogu, J. Muendo, E. Kariuki, G. Njuguna; 8:40 L. Mwangi, M. Mukurui, P. Kiarie, Ano; 11:00 J. Ndegwa x4; 11:10 M. Mwiti, E. Kimotho, S. Makime, I. Wanjiku; 11:20 R. Kithuka, Brig. Mohamed, C. Kai, S. Wanjia; 11:30 J. Malatu, L. Ngunge, F. Museremi, K. Muryao; 11:40 M. Mburu, A. Kiragu, A. Gachanja, E. Rugo; 11:50 S. Musyoka, A. Kimani, J. Wangari, D. Muiruri; 12:00 T. Patrick, J. Kamwere, J. Mwai; 12:10 A. Muriuki x4; 12:20 E. Kimeu, S. Edwin, Ano, Ano; 12:30 M. Nyangi, K. Mwaura, W. Mugwima, S. Rukwaro; 12:40 E. Maina, K. Berenju, J. Wachira, L. Ngunge; 12:50 C. Kazuka, S. Mangeni, B. Oketch, A. Mwaura; 13:00 A. Machochi, D. Waruinge, P. Wangondur, P. M Mwangi; 13:10 M. Kairu, A. Mburu, E. Njeri; 13:20 C. Kai, A. Maina, G. Wachira, B. Okumu; 13:30 G. Miano, L. Gachara, S. Gaithe, N. Kithae; 13:50 M. Wahome, W. Mutugi, Ano Tenth Tee: 6:35 R. Mukami, A. Maina, S. Mwtari; 6:45 S. K. Ningi, T. John, Ano, Ano; 6:55

Fr. Gaithe, S. Mokaya, Ano, Ano; 7:05 N. Kibera, C. Ndegwa, S. Mbochi, Ano; 7:15 J.M. Mwangi, T. Kiragu, S. Kingara, N. Nguithi; 7:25 G. Wachira, M. Kamau, C. Njeru, K. Mary; 7:35 E. Wachira, E. Kiragu, B. Ngima, Ano; 7:45 E. Wainaina, J. Kimanzi, J. Wanjohi, F. Kinge; 7:55 W. Kimondo, A. Kimondo, R. Kamau, P. Murumba; 8:05 N. Kingori, I. Wamoro, S. Mukurui, Ano; 8:15 J. Nyambura, K. Berenju, S. Mwaura, P. Kamau; 8:25 Dr. E. Karanja x4; 8:35 J. Kimanzi, C. Karanja, S. Muiruri, P. Kiogora; 11:05 Captain x4; 11:15 J. Ngugi, M. Muri, Maj. Mwaura, P. Mburu; 11:25 J. Mboya, F. Mugo, M. Mark, Winnie K; 11:35 J. Gitau, I. Githinji, K. Korir, S. Kingori; 11:45 B. Siro, B. Ngugi, S. Kanyora, D. Wahome; 11:55 P. Kimatu, J. Komu, A. Ngunge, S. Wairig; 12:05 Maj. Mwaura, J. G. Mwangi, J. Wahome, B. Ndongoro; 12:15 J. Karanja, O. Githinji, C. Kihara, Mureithi; 12:25 G. Omondi, P. M. Mwangi, Sponsor x2; 12:35 Dr. Gachuno, G. Njuguna, E. Wachira, G. Wanjiku; 12:45 Sponsor x4; 12:55 K. Mwangi, H. Mwura, K. Muryua, P. Mwaura; 13:05 M. Kairu, Sponsor x3; 13:15 W. Mutugi, A. Kioi, J. Wainire, J. Gachomba
Kitale Tomorrow: CFG-Isuzu Golf Tournament: 8:00 W. Wafula, E. Chessum, M. Arusei, R. Rono; 8:10 P. Kisuna, P. Shah, J. Khetia, M. Waithe; 8:20 N. Fernandes, M. Mucheru; 8:30 P. Kae, C. Mutai, P. Muita, Z. (Jnr) Trevor; 8:40 E. Mwei, J. Kisuna, H. Maina, Z. Mulaa; 8:50 Z. Jepchirchir, J. Njeri, A. Abieno, J. Mbiyu; 9:00 P. Shiharsy, L. Ngina, O. Ekesa, M. Wabuge; 9:10 E. Kirui, S. Shah, G. Nasibi, T. Mwhaki; 9:20 J. Weche, M. Ngetich; 9:30 JB Chemogog, Mk Rotich, I. Kae, T. Biwott; 9:40 N. Koech, R. Kae, J. Che-sang, E. Cherop; 9:50 Sponsor; Sponsor; Sponsor; Sponsor; 10:00 R. Kinyua, K. Tuwei, A. Kimwatan, D. Saisi; 10:10 M. Fernandes, N. Mwai, E. Otsyula, P. Kusimba; 10:20 P. Tomno, A. Birir, R. Kandia, Dr. S. Njenga; 10:30 Sponsor; Sponsor; Sponsor; Sponsor; 10:40 A. Babuh, K. Matonya, Fr. M. Rotich, R. Cuthbert; 10:50 T. Rutto, W. Misoi, V. Obieno, A. Macharia; 11:00 B. Cheruiyot, E. Ekow, L. Kibet, V. Njoki; 11:10 L. Kaptoge, Dr. M. Kituyi, A. Cheruiyot; 11:20 Clara Chesire, Aisha Achieng, Ano, Ano

Highway Secondary aiming to turn talent into careers

BY ANTHONY NJAGI

Highway Secondary School's football team has set its sights on bigger things after winning the Nairobi Region secondary schools Term Two games crown.

Highway beat Olympic High School 2-0 in Nairobi Region boys' football final at Nairobi School, and are now gunning for the national title.

The National Secondary School Term Two Games will be held in Kakamega High School from July 29 to August 3.

"I feel that we are a better team this year and we are determined to go all the way," said Highway School team captain Luis Otieno, who also plays for Mathare Flame.. Highway have been consistent over the years guided by their sports loving Chief Principal, Irungu Nduati.

Nduati is a believer in the competency based curriculum and he has led the boys to achieve things beyond winning trophies. Last year, he organised a bench-marking trip for the football team to Romania.

Nduati says that he is developing the boys' talents so that they can go as far as possible in the sport. Several school team members feature for league clubs in Nairobi.

"Sports is one of the many pathways in the competency based curriculum. Helping these boys develop the football talent they have is my way of supporting the curriculum and raising their chances of succeeding after school," says Nduati.

Nduati has prepared a Highway Secondary Sports Academy programme that will be rolled out once the junior secondary classes are started at the school.

The academy is aimed at developing sports talent in all disciplines. Nduati is in contact with football clubs in Romania, Sweden and other countries as he hopes to place his players there after they finish school.

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Highway Secondary School Chief Principal Irungu Nduati

2025 World Athletics Championships Kenyan trials will be held at Ulinzi Sports Complex on Tuesday

Formidable foreign legion set to fight for Kenya slots

US-based Ejore, Japan-based Krop amongst a slew of foreign-based athletes preparing for national trials for this year's Tokyo showdown

BY BERNARD ROTICH

At least nine star foreign-based athletes are seeking a place in Team Kenya for this year's Tokyo World Athletics Championships slated for September 13-21.

They will have their work cut out for them during the national trials at the Ulinzi Sports Complex in Nairobi in a meet that could be considered a mini-World Championships considering the quality that will be on show.

US-based Susan Ejore will face off with Faith Kipyegon, Nelly Jepchirchir, another US-based runner Dorcas Ewui, former World Under-20 champion Purity Chepkirui and Mary Ekiru for a Tokyo ticket in women's 1,500m.

Ejore, who trains at Flagstaff city in Arizona, US also represented Kenya at the Paris Olympic Games last year in women's 1,500m, finishing sixth in a time of 3:56.07.

She joined Monro College in the US in 2016, but shifted to Oregon University, where she studied Psychology and graduated in 2020. She has been training alongside the Boston Marathon champion Sharon Lokedi, among others.

Edwin Kurgat, who trains with Ejore at the Flagstaff in Arizona, will try his luck in the men's 5,000m after earning a place in the 10,000m

To better his chances Kurgat, who holds an Industrial Engineering degree from Iowa State University, has pitched camp in Iten, Elgeyo Marakwet County over the last few days.

He will have to reckon with Japan-based Stanley Waithaka who missed the 10,000m slot and has been in the country sharpening his skills.

Also in the mix in men's 5,000m trials is the Oklahoma State University Student Brian Musau who last weekend broke the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) 5,000m record with a time of 12:59.82 at the

Sound running Sunset Tour

Musau told Nation Sports he could not wait to join the Kenya team.

Japan-based Jakob Krop, who won a bronze medal in the 2023 Budapest World Athletics Championships, could be thinking of graduating his position, but must first make the Kenyan team.

University of Mexico student Mathew Kosgei will fancy his chances in the men's 3,000m steeplechase.

Kosgei, the World Under-20 3,000m steeplechase silver medallist, who is pursuing a degree in Exercise Science said he is preparing well in Kenya.

"I came back to the country two weeks ago. We have some of the best athletes at the trials. I know it will be competitive but I believe in my preparations," said Kosgei.

Sports Management undergraduate student at Alabama University Doris Lemongle will be seeking a place in the women's 3,000m steeplechase race. She recently won the NCAA national title.

University of New Mexico student Pamela Kosgei who is pursuing a degree in Population Science will also compete in women's 3,000m steeplechase.

"I arrived in Kenya on Monday. My aim is a top-three finish," said Kosgei who is also the 5,000m and 10,000m NCAA champion.

Leah Jeruto from Oklahoma University will fight for spot in women's 10,000m.

Kenyan triple jump record holder Winny Bii, a student at the University of Texas A&M in the US will be supremely confident of winning her specialty on Tuesday. But will she make the World Championships qualifying mark of 14.55m?

She improved on her national record with an effort of 14.14m at the Ed Murphy Classic meet in the US last weekend.



Susan Ejore of Kenya racing in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games women's 1,500m Round 1 at the Stade de France, Saint-Denis, France on August 6, last year. JOAN PERERUAN | NATION

Kenyans struggle to leave impression in world university games

BY GEOFFREY ANENE

Kenya Open tennis championship winner, Kael Shalin Shah, stumbled on the first day of International University Sports Federation (FISU) Summer World University Games yesterday, losing 6-3, 6-2 to Italy's Fabio De Michele in a preliminary round match in Rhine-Ruhr, Germany.

Shah, a student at Denison University in the USA, struggled to win points on his first serve, managing just 15 compared to the Italian's 29.

He also secured only 21 receiving points compared to his opponent's 33.

Shah's early exit means Kenya has no surviving representative in the men's singles category, as Mount Kenya University's Derick Ominde did not travel to Germany af-

ter failing to secure a travel visa on time.

Kenya's hopes now rest on African Games champion Angella Okutoyi, who is yet to begin her campaign in the women's singles draw.

Her compatriot, Cynthia Wanjala of Cowley College in the US, also missed the biennial event due to visa delays.

Okutoyi and Shah will team up in the mixed doubles category.

Beyond tennis, Kenya is also participating in taekwondo, badminton, and athletics at the Varsity Games, which have brought together more than 9,000 athletes from 100 countries.

In taekwondo, Selina Zenna (welterweight) and Erick Gitonga (heavyweight) lost their opening matches to Slovenia's Lorena Zabukovec and Malaysia's Ken Haw Chin,

respectively.

Kenya is also represented in taekwondo by Stacy Alice (featherweight), Haji Ombago (flyweight), and Annah Jumwa Mwandawiro (bantamweight).

Zenna, who studies at USIU-Africa and is also the captain and reigning East Africa University Games champion, had earlier expressed optimism about the team's chances.

"We've been training hard and believe we can fight for medals because most of us have won several competitions," she said.

All five Kenyan taekwondo players won gold medals at the East Africa University Games, raising hopes that they would deliver again at the global stage.

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Foreign-based stars eye team places in Kenyan trials ahead of World Athletics Championships P.36



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Mvurya rallies fans to support Stars

Harambee Stars will play the Democratic Republic of Congo on August 3 in Group 'A', then play Angola, Morocco, and Zambia in Nairobi

BY VICTOR OTIENO

Kenians have been urged to embrace the delayed 2024 African Nations Championship (Chan) as the tournament presents a good opportunity to elevate the country's profile globally.

At the same time, the government has set an ambitious target for Harambee Stars of winning the 19-team tournament set for August 2 to 30.

Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania will co-host the biennial tournament reserved for players plying their trade in their respective home leagues.

Speaking yesterday at a stakeholder meeting in Nairobi, Cabinet Secretary for Sports Salim Mvurya said hosting the eighth edition of Chan will not only boost Kenya's standing globally, but the tournament also comes with economic benefits which Kenyans should capitalise on.

"This is a moment to mobilise all Kenyans to seize the opportunity and demonstrate our hospitality and passion for football as we welcome the world and the continent to Kenya," Mvurya said.

"This is a momentous occasion for our country, one we should grab with both hands so as to elevate our status. Once we have a successful Chan, we will have a very good experience managing 2027 Africa Cup of Nations."

Much like the 2024 Chan, Kenya will co-host 2027 Afcon with Uganda and Tanzania. In addition to hosting all of Kenya's Group "A" matches, and one Group "C" encounter, Nairobi will also host the tournament's final on August 30. All of Kenya's group matches, and the tournament's final will be staged at the 55,000-seater Moi International Sports Centre (MISC) Kasarani.

CS Mvurya also noted that with Nairobi also hosting the tournament's headquarters, the event presents a valuable opportunity for revenue generation, particularly through the country's tourism sector. Following President William Ruto's visit to Harambee Stars in camp at MISC Kasarani on Wednesday, Mvurya said they had agreed that Kenya's goal is to win the tournament.

"His Excellency the president yesterday (Wednesday) had an opportunity to interact with the team and what they have agreed is that they will play in the final and retain the cup here in Kenya because we cannot host the tournament and lose the final. We are hosting the tournament, and we shall win it," said Mvurya.

He promised the team adequate support. Kenya will open its campaign in the tournament against the Democratic Republic of Congo on August 3, before playing Angola (August 7), Morocco (August 10),



Sports Cabinet Secretary Salim Mvurya addresses sports stakeholders at Weston Hotel in Nairobi yesterday. PHOTO | POOL

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Teams that will compete in 2014 African Nations Championship in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania

and Zambia (August 17).

Speaking at the same function, Football Kenya Federation President Hussein Mohammed asked local fans to be well-behaved throughout the tournament, and to turn out in large numbers even for matches that do not involve Ha-

rambee Stars. "We will host a lot of guests from all over the world who will be attending these games so let us be in our best behaviour and show the true spirit of Kenya's hospitality," Hussein observed.

"You can imagine a scenario where Fifa and Caf officials come

and see matches not involving Harambee Stars are sold to capacity. The image it portrays and the momentum it leaves is invaluable in the hosting of future games," he added.

On his part, Nicholas Musonye, the chairman of Kenya's Local Organising Committee (LOC), said that the country is ready for the games.

With Kenya boasting many top-class hotels he assured the visiting teams and fans of accommodation. Musonye also assured them of smooth travel and safety during their stay in the country. "We have enough hotels, so our teams and guests in general will be given very reliable accommodation. We have one of the best road networks and travel companies in Africa. Every visitor is assured of proper transport while the security has been taken care of at the highest level," said Musonye.

Meanwhile, three Kenyan referees namely Dickens Mimisa, Samuel Kuria and Stephen Yiembe are among those selected to officiate in the competition. Fresh from officiating as an assistant referee in the 2025 Fifa Club World Cup, Yiembe will serve as Video Assistant Referee while Mimisa, who was named Kenya's 2024 Male Referee of the Year, will be a center referee. Mwangi will serve as an assistant referee. He earned his international badge in 2019.

Marathon world record holder Chepng'etich suspended over use of banned substance

BY AYUMBA AYODI

Women's marathon world record holder Ruth Chepng'etich has been provisionally suspended for doping.

Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) flagged down Chepng'etich, 30, on Thursday evening for the use and presence of prohibited substance Hydrochlorothiazide (HCTZ).

AIU indicated that a notice of charge has been issued against Chepng'etich regarding the detection of the prohibited substance, which is a diuretic. HCTZ is a diuretic, used clinically to treat fluid retention and hypertension.

This follows an investigation into the Kenyan athlete's positive test which was reported to the AIU on

April 3, this year, at an estimated concentration of 3800 ng/mL in urine. Presenting a brief chronology of this case, AIU's head, Brett Clothier, revealed that Chepng'etich was notified and interviewed in person by the AIU in Kenya on April 16, and complied with requests regarding the investigation.

When there is a positive test for diuretics and masking agents, a provisional suspension is not mandatory under the World Anti-Doping Code.

Clothier explained that Chepng'etich was not provisionally suspended by the AIU at the time of notification, but she opted for a voluntary provisional suspension on April 19 while the AIU's investigation was ongoing.

"In the intervening months, the AIU continued its

investigation and today issued a Notice of Charge and imposed its own provisional suspension," said Clothier.

However, Clothier noted that Chepng'etich has the right for her case to be heard before a Disciplinary Tribunal and that the AIU will not comment further until this matter has been concluded.

Chepng'etich, who competes under Rosa Associati management, withdrew from 2025 London Marathon held on April 27 alleging that she had not prepared well. She broke women's marathon world record and became the first woman in history to run sub 2:10 when she clocked 2:09:56 to win the Chicago Marathon October last year.

Chepng'etich, the 2019 world marathon champion,

obliterated the previous record of 2:11:53 by Ethiopian Tigist Assefa set in Berlin on September 24, 2023.

With Chepng'etich accepting voluntary suspension, she could get four year-ban, a suspension that could see her forfeit her marathon world record, depending on when she tested positive for the banned substance.

Other athletes from Rosa Associati camp who have been banned before include two-time national cross country champion Sheila Chelangot, and 2016 Olympics marathon champion Rita Jeptoo. The 27-year-old Chelangot, the 2020 and 2021 national cross country champion, has been flagged down for taking Erythropoietin (EPO) that is commonly abused by athletes to enhance performance through the stimulation and production of red blood cells.



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EDITOR'S NOTE

Why are our women politicians playing into the hands of sexism?

I have spent the better part of my career championing women's stories, believing that representation matters, that seeing women in leadership would inspire a generation of girls to dream bigger. Today, I find myself questioning whether the very women I have celebrated are inadvertently becoming obstacles to the equality we have fought so hard to achieve.

Recent events in our political landscape have left me deeply unsettled. I watch as

women leaders allow themselves to be reduced to objects of male desire in public forums, participating in sexual innuendo as political rhetoric, their dignity seemingly negotiable for applause and political relevance.

More troubling still, I see the silence that follows when their male counterparts make lewd comments about their bodies.

This is not the Kenya I envisioned when we promulgated our Constitution in 2010. Fifteen years later, we have not implemented the two-thirds gender rule, and watching our current political discourse, I wonder if we ever will.

Every time a woman leader responds to objectification with a smile, every time she uses sexual metaphors to make political points, she sends a chilling message to young women watching: this is the price of political participation.

I think of the bright-eyed university students I meet, the young women who speak passionately about changing Kenya. What are they learning from these public displays? That intelligence is secondary to sexualised performance? That to succeed in politics, one must be willing to be diminished?

The defence I often hear is that politics



DORCAS MUGA-ODUMBE

When political discourse becomes sexualised, we undermine the fundamental premise of democracy itself. How can we expect voters to take women seriously as leaders if the women themselves do not demand to be taken seriously?



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is rough, that women must adapt to survive in male-dominated spaces. But adaptation should not mean capitulation. When women leaders normalise their own objectification, they make it acceptable for all women to be treated similarly.

What particularly pains me is the lost opportunity. These women hold positions of influence precisely because previous generations fought for their right to be there. Yet instead of using their platforms to demand respect, some choose to perpetuate the very systems that once excluded them.

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The women who came before us like Phoebe Muga Asiyo (God rest her soul) did not smile through their objectification; they challenged it. We are at a crossroads. We can continue down this path, where women's participation in politics becomes a performance of degradation, or we can demand better.

The girls watching these political rallies deserve role models who show them that intelligence, competence, and dignity are not negotiable. They deserve leaders who understand that true empowerment comes not from playing along with patriarchal games, but from refusing to play them at all.

Our girls are watching. What are we teaching them?

ON THE RADAR

Compiled by Wanja Mbuthia

Jane Muiruri

She was recently appointed Nation



Media Group's Chief Human Resources Officer. With 25 years of progressive leadership experience across diverse sectors, Jane brings a wealth of expertise, passion, and purpose to the role. She is expected to provide strategic oversight of the HR function across NMG. An MBA holder in Strategic Management and a certified Executive Leadership Coach, Jane is also a Prosci-certified Change Management Practitioner and a graduate of premier leadership programs from Strathmore Business School.

Fahima Araphat Abdallah



The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission announced the election of Commissioner Fahima Araphat Abdallah as its vice-chairperson. This marks the first major internal appointment following the recent gazette and swearing-in of a chairperson and commissioners. At 33, Fahima becomes the youngest vice-chairperson of the IEBC. She first made headlines in 2013 when she was appointed Ward Administrator for Shella Ward, making her the youngest person to hold that position in Lamu.

Sophia Sitati

She was recently named as the acting Registrar of Political Parties



effective July 14, 2025. She joins the Office of the Registrar of Political Parties (ORPP) from the Office of the Attorney General, State Department for Justice & Human Rights and Constitutional Affairs, where she served as Chief State Counsel. In an official statement, ORPP said Sitati has a wealth of experience as a seasoned legal practitioner having served in various portfolios in government.

WHAT'S UP AFRICA?

NIGERIA

7,000 women expected at Lagos empowerment conference

SheCan Nigeria unveiled partners for its "SheCan Do More" conference in Lagos this month, expecting over 7,000 women attendees. Themed "Women and Her Power," the conference, according to Ezinne Ezeani, Founder, SheCan Nigeria, aims to inspire, equip and remind women of their power and potential. The conference will feature panel sessions with experts, plus special sessions on networking, family wholeness, health, and mentorship. Partners include MTN Nigeria, Wema Bank, and other major organisations.

CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Development bank reaches gender parity milestone

The African Development Bank this week attained Level 2 Edge certification, in recognition of its commitment to monitoring, benchmarking, and achieving gender parity in its workforce. This comes only two years after achieving Level 1 certification. In 2019, 83 per cent of the executive workforce was men. By 2023, the number of women in senior leadership had increased from 15 to 25 percent. The Bank has set a goal for reaching 50/50 gender parity by 2030.

GHANA

Women call for action on 'invisible' care burden

The Network for Women's Rights in Ghana has called for national action against unpaid care work and time poverty, which continue to hinder the economic, educational, and political advancement of women and girls. According to the organisation, Ghanaian women disproportionately bear the burden of unpaid care work. "The disproportionate care responsibilities shouldered by women and girls is an invisible burden that has been largely ignored in macroeconomic policymaking," said Netright's boss.

Alumnae unite against alleged predator teacher



Alumnae of Alliance Girls High School in Kikuyu, protest outside their almer mater on July 10, 2025, over alleged sexual harassment of students by a male teacher. WILFRED NYANGARESII | NATION

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Daisy's World How to recognise when someone in authority is crossing the line – and what to do



An open letter to girls who have encountered sexual predators

To the girl who knows something isn't right,

Over the past week, you likely heard about the widely published exposé of a teacher from a prestigious girls' high school in Kenya. In the investigation, what sounds like a charismatic teacher took advantage of the trust that an entire system had in him, to groom young girls for sexual molestation. It has taken close to two and a half decades for the story to surface; for victims to find the courage to speak publicly, and hopefully, for the wheels of justice to begin to move.

On Wednesday, I had lunch with a bunch of ladies who shared similar experiences – of paedophile teachers. Teachers who said inappropriate things to them; touched them in a weird manner or manipulated them into inappropriate conversations. In one of my WhatsApp girl groups, my friend (her name is Debra) told us the story of a teacher who had 'a relationship' with one of her classmates. Mind you, they were in primary school. When the 'relationship' was discovered by the school administration, the whole class was caned.

My friend does not remember if any disciplinary action was taken against the paedophile. She does not also remember if there were any lessons for the girls about how to keep themselves safe from rogue teachers. These and more stories I have read on social media confirmed what I always suspected: paedophiles exist across time, professions, and geographies. I have written about my experiences in a previous column so this week, I will dedicate the space to practical steps. What should you do if someone close to you – a father, an uncle, a teacher, a pastor, a lecturer – is preying on you?

I'd like to begin by speaking directly to a girl who has already been a victim of abuse. If you see this letter, let it remind you that you are not to blame for what happened to you. You can still speak out. Molestation thrives in secrecy. There is a chance the person has threatened you. Maybe they said they will kill your entire family if you tell anyone. Perhaps they have threatened to stop paying your school fees if you speak out. Speak out anyway. Refuse to be burdened by what is not yours. Don't carry someone else's shame!



Daisy Okoti

My biggest survival guide since I was about 12 has been, not giving anything a chance to fester. It could be a comment that makes you uncomfortable or a neighbour staring at your chest for too long. When I was 19, someone referred to me as "sweetheart" in a text message. This older man was someone I respect and I did not think he

had ulterior motives. But his referring to me as "sweetheart" made me feel very uncomfortable. It did not matter to me that I knew him as a good guy, it mattered that the reference made me uncomfortable. In my reply message to him, I asked why he called me sweetheart. We had a conversation, and I explained to him that the reference made me uncomfortable.

Your experience may not be exactly as mine. It could be that someone is inviting you for drinks or buying you gifts. It could be someone asking you bizarre personal questions such as "why is your bum bum growing so big?" or "what did you dream about last night?" The point I am making is you will likely know when someone who is entrusted with authority over you says lewd things to you. Trust that gut feeling. If you are not confident enough to say no to this person, speak to another older person that you can trust.

At one point, I felt uncomfortable about the actions of one of my lecturers. But I was not sure if I was just being sensitive or if there was something this particular lecturer, who had promised me pizza, was up to. I sat down with one of my mentors. I was 21. When I finished describing everything, this mentor told me I was being groomed for something, and she gave me useful tips that were applicable in my context. Please speak out. You have not done anything wrong and you are not guilty. The sooner you speak out, the faster tragedy can be averted.

I will end with another note to any young girl or young woman who has survived a paedophile. It was not your fault. I pray that in one way or another, you find complete healing.

With care,
Daisy

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Voice Male Why the conversation must shift from 'what happened?' to 'how do we stop it happening?'

The time for institutional indifference to gender-based violence is over

"Are you part of the solution or the problem?" So reads a mural featuring a quizzical baboon. In gender discourse, those who are indifferent to gender based violence (GBV) are considered perpetrators by omission, and part of the problem.

On July 10, Kenyatta University (KU) and University of Warwick in the United Kingdom showcased their rootedness in the solutions group. This was done through a webinar on a partnership to create safe spaces in institutions of learning. Led by Prof. Judy Waudu of KU and Prof. Georgia Kremmyda of Warwick, the webinar was designed to: create awareness about the importance of safe spaces for women and girls in higher education and work places; share knowledge and best practices from ongoing projects and academic institutions; amplify the voices and lived experiences of young women to inform policy and practice; identify key challenges and barriers to safety, inclusion and empowerment; foster dialogue and collaboration among stakeholders to develop practical, sustainable solutions; and inspire commitment to creating safe, more inclusive environments across education, community and work sectors.

The rationale is that despite various measures to address GBV, including through legislation, "it remains widespread in the country, occurring within home, communities, the workplace as well as learning environments". Moreover, a 2022 study by KU's Centre for Gender Equality established that 28.4 per cent of students had experienced the vice, 58.7 per cent were aware of unsafe spaces on campus and only 3.6% reported incidents,



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the majority restrained by fear, stigma and slow administrative response.

The project has created an App to enable anonymous reporting that triggers real time response and tracking towards justice for survivors. It is also a mechanism for gathering and storing data. Related activities include awareness creation, development of policies against GBV and involvement of students and staff in furthering and sustaining the intervention. Of note is the engagement of what are referred to as "GBV ambassadors". This is a group of students who are trained and deployed to reach out to and mentor their peers on relevant topics.

Key challenges so far registered include a stubborn patriarchal culture bolstered by retrogressive practices, gender stereotypes and, paradoxically, technological advancements which have created new platforms for GBV. Studies and anecdotal evidence show that online GBV is a major global concern that manifests in body shaming, digital stalking, anonymous attacks, character assassination, sexual blackmail, unauthorised publication of intimate photos and private information, cyberbullying, sexual harassment and impersonation. The diffuse nature of social media, through which these abuses occur, makes the fight against the vice complicated given the

platform's immediacy and extent of reach. The initiative talks about "preventing" GBV. Most interventions on GBV revolve around response (action after the fact) yet the bullet that will eliminate the vice is that of prevention (action before it happens).

Coming out clearly during the seminar was the fact that this is still an infant initiative whose long term impacts are yet to be harvested and that the university has so far not deliberately mobilised staff members into the ambassador initiative, which should be a natural next step.

In addition, the initiative is yet to be evaluated. But its rollout alone confirms proactivity that could be emulated by other institutions of learning and beyond.

But what is a safe space in the first place? Kenyatta University's Safe Spaces Protocol for Prevention of GBV defines this as a sphere "in which the physical, social, psychological and spiritual health and well-being of all employees and learners are assured, irrespective of the status they hold within the institutional hierarchy".

Perhaps unknown to many, a safe spaces application manual exists in Kenya and is domiciled in the State Department of Gender Affairs. Although this document clarifies that a safe space is not a physical structure, its guidelines leave no doubt that the designers actually conceived it as such. The conceptualisation thus coheres with that in the humanitarian and development circles where safe spaces are understood to be actual physical sanctuaries where victims of GBV go for physical protection, healing and empowerment.

Ideally, everywhere should be a safe space. The idea should then not be about "establishing" or "creating" safe spaces but ensuring that every space is safe. Continuing to think of creating such spaces is an endorsement that some areas must remain unsafe, which is self-defeating. This is a conceptual conundrum to be dealt with.

Incidentally, the webinar came right on the heels of allegations by alumnae of a famous Kenyan girls' school about serial sexual abuses of current and past students by a staff member. The published report highlights institutional inertia and obsession with reputation than justice for survivors. Should this school not be the next candidate for the safe spaces initiative?

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Against all odds Caroline, Patricia, and Valary— and their stories of overcoming life-altering disabilities that forced them

Our disability stories: How we bounce

Three women, three disabilities, three unstoppable dreams; despite losing their sight or mobility, they found alternative paths back to education

BY TEBBY OTIENO

The call comes at the worst possible moment. You're weeks away from sitting your Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) exams—the gateway to your future. Your bags are packed for the final stretch, dreams crystallizing into plans. Then everything changes in a single night.

This is Caroline Muroki's story. But it's also Patricia Mativo's story. And Valary Oleisia's story. Three women whose paths crossed with adversity at life's most crucial junctures, yet refused to let circumstances write the final chapter.

A homestead in Limuru: Caroline's journey back to light

Below the cold horizons of Limuru lies Caroline Muroki's family homestead, where the 19-year-old first-year Kenyatta University student welcomes visitors with a warmth that immediately puts everyone at ease. She's on a long holiday, and as introductions begin, something beautiful happens—we describe ourselves by mentioning the colours of our dresses and our hairstyles so that Caroline can paint a mental picture of who we are.

"This kind of introduction wasn't something I thought would become normal, but because I have a visual disability, I've embraced it," Caroline says softly as we shake hands and exchange smiles.

She moves freely around her home, settling into her favourite sofa seat without hesitation. "Welcome home. This is where we live," she says, explaining that she has mastered their home setup so completely that she doesn't need a white cane or anyone to guide her. This same confidence allows her to handle daily household chores independently.

But Caroline's journey to this moment of quiet confidence has been anything but linear. In 2009, persistent headaches began plaguing the then-high school student just weeks before her KCSE exams. She was a registered candidate, ready to take the next step toward her dreams.

I liked accounting and wanted to pursue it after high school. But unfortunately, with losing my sight, I had to change careers.

Caroline Muroki



"We had broken for our last midterm in high school. We bid each other goodbye and hoped to see each other the following Tuesday after the short holiday for our KCSE. Unfortunately, it never happened. My classmates later saw me in an ICU bed," Caroline recalls. That night, her condition worsened dramatically. She was rushed to Kijabe Hospital, where doctors diagnosed her with meningitis—a life-threatening inflammation of the brain and spinal cord membranes.

"I thank God I managed to come out of the ICU. After a few weeks, I came out of the ward, but on a wheelchair and in diapers because I was recovering from paralysis," Caroline tells *The Voice*.

Each day following her discharge pushed her further away from writing KCSE exams with her classmates. Caroline was weak—she could neither sit nor do anything by herself. Her life had completely turned around. She hoped her former school, where she had registered for the national exams, would intervene so she could write her papers from her bed, but that intervention never came. When the 2009 KCSE candidates sat their last paper, Caroline chose to focus on recovering, remaining optimistic that she would one day write the exams herself. The journey ahead proved longer and more challenging than she had imagined.

Caroline had hoped to return to her former school, perhaps repeating Form Three and continuing her education. Unfortunately, her visual disability meant acquiring an additional skill—learning to use Braille. Scholars at the Kenya Institute for Special Education advised her to undergo rehabilitation, and she agreed. During this period, she attended counselling sessions alongside mobility orientation and life skills courses.

"Meningitis affected me, so learning Braille didn't work for me, and that affected my learning. I went to different institutions, but they turned me away because I didn't understand Braille. They were like, 'No Braille, no schooling.' I got discouraged and felt that I had wasted my four years. I wished I had gotten married immediately after Class 8," Caroline says of her initial struggles with visual disability.

Being out of school and struggling to accept a new lifestyle made her more vulnerable. The ambitious Caroline, who should have been planning to join university, was now at home, uncertain about her next steps. During this period, she conceived and gave birth to her daughter. She reveals that although becoming a single mother wasn't planned, caring for her baby with her parents' support kept her engaged and purposeful.

"My baby girl, now 10 years old, played a big role in my life for the three years before she started school, because I was at home instead of being in school. My baby kept my mind occupied," Caroline shares.

When her daughter started attending school, Caroline found the motivation to sit for her KCSE exams. This time, she chose not to attend a school but instead registered as a private candidate. Having already covered the four-year high school syllabus, she was confident about performing well in the examinations.

She hired tutors who came to her home to help with revision. The tutors would arrive with revision papers, work through them together, select topics they believed were likely to be examined, and take Caroline through them. The personal tuition, she says, favoured her since she was revising material she already knew.

During the examination period, she had a female invigilator trained to handle her specific needs. The two were in the same room but separate from other candidates. Her invigilator would read the questions aloud, Caroline would provide her answers, and the invigilator would write them on the answer sheet to be marked alongside those of other candidates.

Caroline's 14 years of resilience bore fruit when she scored a B-minus mean grade in the 2024 KCSE exams. This excellent performance secured her a place at Kenyatta University, where she is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in Psychology.

"When you are blind, as much as you have to live a normal life, you are limited. When I was in school, I liked accounting and wanted to pursue an accounting course after high school. But unfortunately, with losing my sight, I had to change careers," she

explains. Her first year on campus has gone well, thanks to arrangements the university has made with drivers within the institution for all people with disabilities. This ensures students with special needs can get transportation whenever needed, as long as it's within the university compound. She also uses her phone's audio function to record lecturers during lessons and listens to them later for revision.

Caroline is reaching out to well-wishers who can support her with a separate voice recorder so she doesn't need to delete recordings to create space for new lectures on her phone.

"When I have early classes, I wake up quite early because, with my challenge, I can't risk missing the one-on-one lectures. I cannot read by myself, unlike other students who would be fine with PDFs. For me, I have to attend physical classes so that when I read the PDF later, I'll remember what I was taught," Caroline shares about her current study challenges.

From accident to Oxford: Patricia's transcendent journey

The world truly is a global village. Although miles away from Kenya, *The Voice* conducts a virtual interview with Patricia Mativo, who is in the UK where she has been a student for the past two years, pursuing a Master's degree in Environmental Change and Management at Oriel College, University of Oxford.

She's in the middle of a whirlwind of activities but spares a few minutes for our scheduled interview. Her journey to study overseas involved extensive applications to the university and the MasterCard Foundation Scholarship through the Africa Initiative in Oxford—a process she describes as energy-draining. Before qualifying, she had received several rejection letters, so settling in to study and experience a new culture is evidence that her efforts were worthwhile.

"The UK is wet almost every time of the year. I'm in a foreign country and a highly competitive university. I always question myself—how on earth did I make it here?" she says with warm laughter as we begin our virtual interview.

Like Caroline, Patricia also found herself forced out of school. The vehicle they were traveling in from Tanzania to Kenya was involved in a road accident. Seeking treatment took longer than expected, leaving her with a mobility disability that made it impossible to catch up with her former classmates. She was out of school for two years, nursing her injuries, and has used crutches to assist her mobility ever since.

"The university where I am has a structure called Disability Advisory Services. I introduced myself to them so they could understand my needs and communicate them to other departments I would be involved with, ensuring my stay in school is as comfortable and safe as possible, which helps me have smooth programs here," Patricia shares.

Patricia is among the top candidates in the country. After the accident, when she returned to high school, she passed the entry exam at her new school to join Form Three.

Caroline Muroki has been visually impaired since Form Four. Last year, she sat her KCSE examinations as a private candidate and scored a B minus. She is currently a student at KU. PHOTO: POOL

Them out of school, for years, and threatened to end their educational dreams forever; but they refused to give up ced back to high school and university

When she sat her KCSE exams in 2016, she scored grade B with 66 points. This excellent performance secured her a slot at Multimedia University of Kenya, where she studied for a bachelor's degree in Analytical Chemistry and graduated with First Class Honours in 2021.

"I chose a humanity course, which isn't something I pursued for my degree, because I wanted to connect more with people. Chemistry is something I love, and it would have been much easier for me," she explains.

As she breaks glass ceilings, she remains equally keen on disability inclusion and gender matters, which is why her master's research focuses on people with disabilities in areas with poor sanitation in Nairobi's informal settlements. At Oriel College, University of Oxford, she has hosted an event for people with disabilities and a separate one for women of colour (Black, Asian, and Mi-

nority Ethnicities). She has also launched the Accountability Buddies Group, a platform that supports African students in accessing funded opportunities for their master's or PhD programs.

"When people see us graduate out here, it's not a small thing. It took a lot of work, emotions, and loads of so many things. Graduating isn't small for anyone. Many dynamics happen during a university student's years, and depending on whether you have the right support system, friends, and parents determines how you reach completion," Patricia notes.

Screen readers and second chances: Valary's digital revolution

Back in Kenya, we travel to Thika School for the Blind, where we meet Valary Olesia, another young woman whose story echoes familiar themes of resilience. The sound of a screen reader on her phone immediately captures our attention—it helps her use electronic gadgets because she cannot read without it. Valary first came here just after Form Four; worked for about a year, then left for university. She has now returned as the lead assistive technology computer instructor.

"When I was in Form Three, I started getting wrong answers even after using scientific calculators, and the teachers began realising there was a problem. I also had frequent headaches and convulsions because the pressure on my brain was too much," Valary recalls.

She was constantly at the school's sickbay, but the day the pain overwhelmed her, she called her uncle, who lived near the school. After getting permission from the principal, they went to Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital, where CT scan results showed a



Valary Olesia became visually impaired at the age of 17 whilst she was in Form Three. She holds a degree in Gender and Development Studies and is currently the lead assistive technology computer instructor at Thika School for the Blind. PHOTO | POOL

growth on her brain. She was then referred to Nyeri General Hospital, where surgery was performed.

"After the surgery, I was in the hospital for two weeks. I went back home, but I had been diagnosed with tuberculosis of the brain, so I took medicine for six months. The medicines were huge and difficult to take, and they were red in colour," she tells *The Voice*.

Healing proved difficult, causing her to miss school for a year. Even when she was ready to return, going back wasn't easy—she had to transfer to a special school.

"I was mourning and crying every day. I thought I was the only blind person who could be healed by Jesus. I kept hoping He would come to touch my eyes and I would see again. I was almost falling into depression. I felt like the world was mine alone."

To adapt to her new life, she enrolled at Machakos Technical Institute for the Blind, where she interacted with other people with visual disabilities.

"That institute changed my life because I realised there's a mode of reading and writing when you're blind. I could proceed with my life—it wasn't the end."

With Braille skills acquired, she returned to school in Form Two and, in 2016, sat her KCSE exams, scoring C plus. She then enrolled at Kenyatta University and pursued a four-year bachelor's degree in Gender and Development Studies.

"I love advocacy focusing on disabilities, inclusion, and championing human rights, especially the rights of women and girls who are marginalized. I was particularly motivated to pursue this course because I'm outspoken, so I can champion the rights of girls and women with disabilities like myself."

Valary is part of the SRHR Alliance, which builds capacity on engaging stakeholders online with information about where girls in the community who lack sanitary pads can be referred to the alliance or request pads directly for distribution to girls who

need them.

"Life after school is engaging. I'm a sexual reproductive health rights advocate—I do it out of zeal. You know, if you have a disability and you have a boyfriend and need to practice safe sex, you look for condoms and people question you. But disability doesn't define reproductive life. We need to enjoy conjugal rights like other people do, so it doesn't limit you from accessing any other right because of your disability," says the mother of two.

Valary graduated in 2021 with second-class upper honours, then completed an internship with the government at the Capital Markets Authority before landing employment at Thika School for the Blind. Her roles include mentoring staff, conducting assistive technology training, and reviewing curricula, among other responsibilities.

She emphasizes that the digital transformation leading to assistive technology—where those with visual disabilities can access soft copy materials and let screen readers do the reading—represents a significant milestone.

Breaking digital barriers: The technology revolution

Speaking during this year's Inclusive Africa Conference, Irine Mbari-Kirika, founder and executive director of inABLE, emphasized the need for digital developers and owners to make digital products and services accessible to everyone with disabilities.

Her sentiments are echoed by Dr Imaana Laibuta, who serves as a judge at the Court of Appeal. He acknowledges that technology is breaking barriers to information access for people with disabilities, particularly in the education sector.

"Our systems are quite supportive despite the fact that technologically, we are far behind. When I started studying law at university, all books were in print. We didn't have the kind of digital technology we have today where you can conduct research. Those of us who are blind and use Braille face storage challenges because Braille is very bulky. There's only so much you can record and store," Dr Laibuta, who has total visual loss, tells *The Voice*.

Like Caroline, Patricia, and Valary, Dr Laibuta also lost his vision later in life. He was 22 years old when a medical accident left him with visual disability. He notes that disability impacts people differently—those who are resilient and set goals for themselves, working toward achieving them with or without disabilities, excel academically and in life despite numerous challenges, including discrimination against women with disabilities.

"Support mechanisms seem more robust when it comes to women with disabilities. You cannot ignore the fact that our society is highly prejudiced against women and disabilities, and disability itself. So when it's a woman, it's even worse. For most of them, society thinks they really shouldn't be looking for reproductive health services," Dr Laibuta says.

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Patricia Mativo was involved in a road accident whilst in Form Two, forcing her out of school for two years. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Analytical Chemistry with First Class honours from Multimedia University, and a Master's in Environmental Change and Management from the University of Oxford. PHOTO | POOL

2009

Year persistent headaches began plaguing Caroline who was then in high school

2016

Year Patricia sat for KCSE examination scoring grade B of 66 points and securing a slot at Multimedia University

C+

The KCSE grade Valary achieved after acquiring Braille skills and returning to school in Form Two in 2016

Saying no Halima's fierce resistance in a school compound changed her life forever

From child marriage to PhD dreams: The girls breaking traditional barriers

Cultures that equate menses with readiness for marriage are trapping girls across rural areas

BY MANASE OTSIALO

The mathematics lesson was in full swing when the hired vehicle pulled into the school compound. For *Halima Dubow, what seemed like an ordinary morning in Form Three was about to become the day that would define the rest of her life.

It was about 10am when another student came to their class and informed her of her father's presence in the school compound. She excused herself and went out, her mind racing with possibilities—none of them preparing her for what was to come.

Her father alighted from the car and walked with her to the farthest point of the school compound. He did not bother to report his arrival and his mission to the school administration, and all this happened without the teachers' knowledge. The school administration was not even bothered with the arrival of the car in the compound.

"It was at this corner of our school compound that he dropped the bombshell," recalls Halima, who was born in 1999. "He said a man had approached him and he had agreed to marry me off."

The words hung in the air like a death sentence to her dreams.

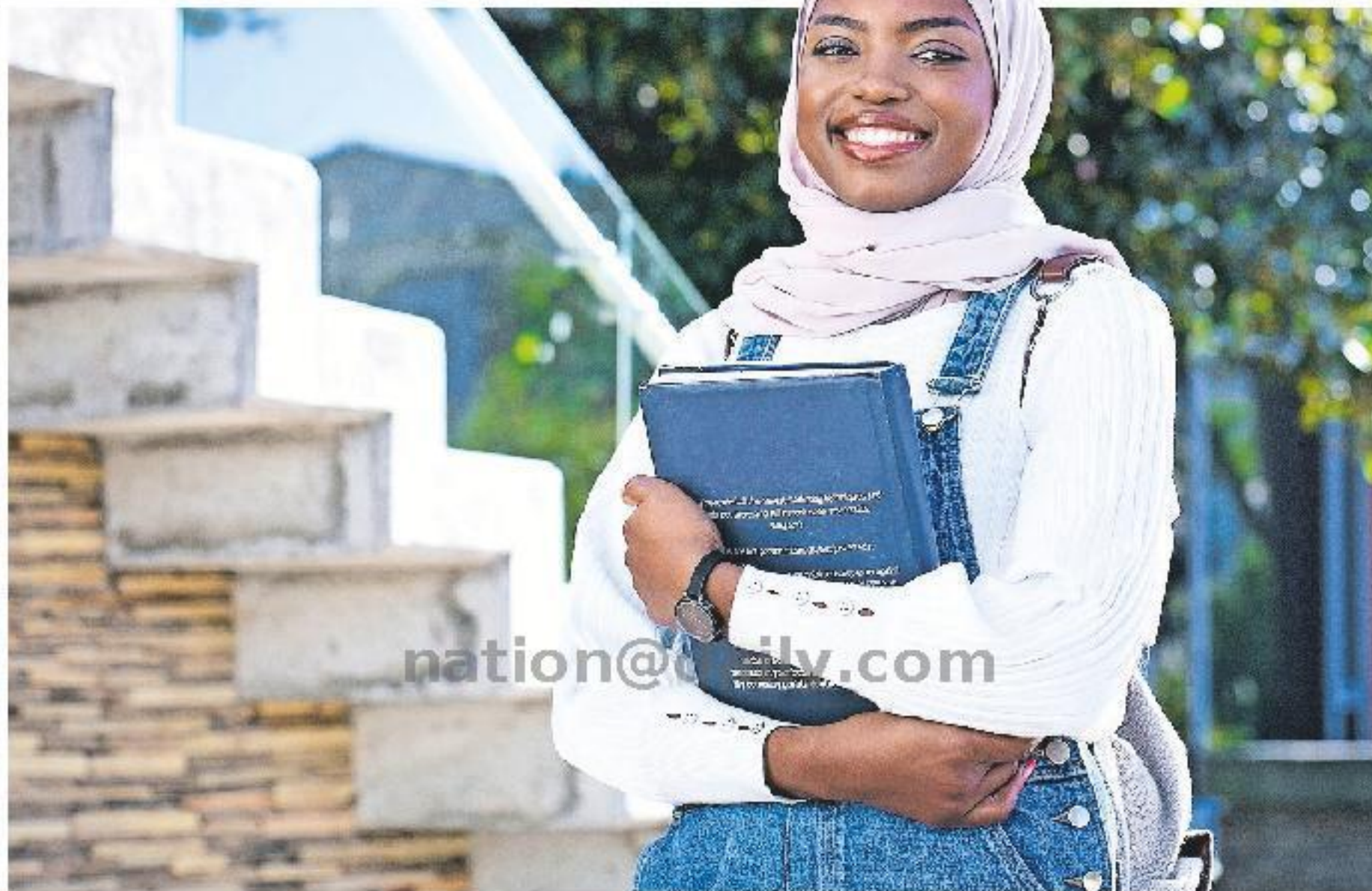
"It shocked me. I told him off on his face without caring about fatherhood," she says, her voice still carrying the defiance that saved her future that day.

Pattern of resistance

Her father was shocked but was so determined to have her drop out of school and get married. The plan was to have her married over the school holidays that were a week away. "I could not understand why he chose to come to school instead of waiting for me to get home for holidays," Halima reflects. According to her father, the man was from America and they had agreed that he would pay her school fees. "I wondered how a married woman could continue with my studies uninterrupted. Marriage was not on my mind at that time."

With quick thinking, Halima deployed her only weapon. "I threatened to report him to the school principal, and this statement helped me win the war. He quickly rushed to the car and signalled the driver to speed off." Halima's story might have ended there, but in communities where tradition runs deep, one victory rarely means permanent freedom. There was another attempt in 2019 to marry her off, which she rejected.

"I had joined university when a man came wanting to marry me. I rejected again. My father gave up on me but went ahead and married off my sisters," she says.



In 2021, Halima rejected a proposed marriage again to a man, a father of nine back in her village in Ijara.

"I never allowed my father to decide my fate. I wanted to study and attain a PhD. I am now doing my degree in ICT at Garissa University," she says with quiet pride.

Today, the tables have turned. Halima, now employed, sends her father at least Sh10,000 every month for his own use.

"He is proud of me now. He always regrets forcing my sisters out of school to get married. They are divorced and staying with him at home."

Not every girl has Halima's fortune—or her fierce determination. *Zamzam says she was forced out of school by her father while in Class Three. "My father said he wanted me to look after our goats, yet his plan was to prepare me for marriage when he forced me out of school," she explains.

One evening, she was taken by her auntie to Biliko area in Isiolo from her Habaswein area, only to be left in the hands of an old man. "That man was much older than my own father. I realised I was married after my aunt left me and that man asked me to sleep in his room."

The marriage was a prison, but Zamzam refused to accept it as her fate. After some time of enduring the hardship and battering by her "husband," she decided to leave the marriage and trekked to Isiolo town.

"I met a woman there who cared to hear my story and offered me a place to sleep. I stayed in Isiolo under the care of a non-governmental organisation until I finished school." At 13 years old, *Bishara was set for marriage planned by her uncle. Her uncle planned the marriage in exchange for some cows after their family livestock was wiped by the drought. "I was told we are visiting Garissa town over the school holiday

and that my brother was getting married," recalls Bishara. "I was excited. I had a new dress. My aunt took me to a salon for henna painting on my hands. I was just overjoyed."

Together with a relative, Bishara boarded a bus heading to Garissa town for her purported brother's wedding.

"While on the road, I overheard a phone conversation and I realised I was the bride and that there was nothing like my brother's wedding. I cried and felt betrayed."

The intended groom was a 70-year-old man she knew very well.

"The man I was to marry used to come to our home. We are from the same village and he owns livestock. He had given some cows to my father and uncle as the bride price."

Her brother helped her escape before she arrived in Garissa town for marriage.

System's blind spots

According to Benjamin Kinywa, a children's officer in Garissa, these stories represent cases of child marriage in the region that go unnoticed.

"We are dealing with a society that is holding onto culture and religion to suppress the girl-child. It is believed the moment a girl starts experiencing her monthly period then she is ready for marriage," he says.

The challenge is compounded by geography and corruption.

"Most cases happen in rural areas and men prefer getting young girls from these areas for marriage," Kinywa explains.

"Lack of knowledge on the rights of a girl-child and the existence of many unprofessional religious leaders are our main challenges. We are cancelling many marriage certificates officiated by religious leaders who conduct Nikah in the rural areas."

The issue of issuance of identification

My father said he wanted me to look after our goats, yet his plan was to prepare me for marriage when he forced me out of school.

Zamzam



cards to underage girls in the region is among factors fuelling early marriages. "We have cases where underage girls have ID cards courtesy of politicians and when found married, the police have dismissed our cases based on the ID presented," Kinywa says. The silence surrounding these marriages only breaks when things go wrong. "You will hear of early marriage cases when parties involved disagree on personal issues including dowry or when the couple starts fighting," he says.

On March 22, 2025, the stakes of this cultural battle became tragically clear. Gaala Aden Abdi, 17, a refugee from Dadaab Refugee Camp, was allegedly murdered by her husband as she protested forced marriage at Ademasajida Location in Wajir County.

She had endured 30 days of physical abuse from Mohamed Kassim Tifow, 55, her husband. Tifow and two other people have since been charged with the murder of Gaala at Garissa High Court.

In this landscape of entrenched tradition and systemic failure, women like Maka Kassim are building bridges to freedom. She is the proprietor of Kamuthe Women's Rights Network based in Garissa County with a membership of 2,558 women.

"Child marriage is a long-standing tradition and it is seen as a normal way of life. It is believed that if a girl is getting the first period then she is supposed to be in her own home. In some families, child marriage is a way to preserve family honour, protect girls from premarital relationships, and ensure their virginity," Maka explains.

The group has since started a safe house where victims of child marriage are kept, counselled and integrated back into society. "We have about 20 young girls at our safe house within Garissa where we offer counselling and a home for those rejected by their families." Operating in a patriarchal society comes with its own challenges. "We are seen as impediments to what many see as family progress. We started this group to allow our girls an opportunity to continue with their education," Maka says.

Seeds of change

Despite the resistance, progress is measurable. Under Kamuthe Women's Rights Network, several girls rescued from child marriage are back in school across Garissa.

"We have several girls in different schools in Fafi where secondary education is free courtesy of the National Government Constituency Development Fund. Some are expecting whilst others are mothers already."

Sometimes, the solution requires creative family negotiations. "In some instances, the group approaches the girl's mother who accepts to care for her grandchild as the young girl continues with her studies."

The support network extends beyond local communities. "It is not that easy but we are getting support from the national government and non-governmental organisations including ActionAid," Maka notes.

She cites limited access to education and opportunities, social and family pressures as the main catalysts for child marriage.

"We have cases where families may face social pressure to marry off their daughters at a young age, and girls are encouraged to marry early to avoid being seen as 'old' or 'unmarriageable,'" she explains.

The power imbalance runs deeper than individual families. Maka says power imbalance in society where men wield more decision-making power over women contributes to the practice.

"We are faced with a religious perspective which is always misinterpreted causing more harm to our girls in our region," she says.

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Breaking the cycle Married off in adolescence, Veronica is determined her daughters will write their own stories

Turkana mother sells charcoal, walking 20km to the market to educate her daughters; she donated her own land where the local primary school was built. Her daughters have taught her basic Kiswahili

BY WANGU KANURI

The sun in Turkana Central, Turkana County is relentless, baking the land until it shimmers beneath an unyielding sky. By midday, the ground around Nabwelpus Primary School is scorched, the silence punctuated only by the laughter of children and the bleating of goats.

Here, tradition is law. For most girls, childhood is short—a brief, bright moment before the beads is draped, the bride price negotiated, and a life of domestic duty begins.

There are no fences at Nabwelpus Primary School. The world is open: goats wander across the dusty grounds, and daily life drifts seamlessly between classroom and village. From where I stand, I see a group of three teenage girls, faces shiny with sweat, balancing yellow jerry cans as they fetch water from the watering point just next to the classrooms.

One girl bends with extra caution as she fetches; her belly, swollen with pregnancy, presses against her blue dress. She is not yet sixteen, yet her childhood has already been traded for a future she had little say in.

Nearby, a much younger girl lingers as her peers pick books donated by the Ajuma Foundation. Around her neck, rows of black and red beads glint in the sunlight—a clear signal to all: she is being groomed for marriage. Here, beads are more than jewellery; they're a public declaration, marking a girl's journey out of childhood and into a fate negotiated by her elders.

On the assembly point, a young boy is guiding the goats past the school's premises. He pauses, looks at his peers with books and his eyes water. "I wish I could go to school," he says quietly, when we speak. But his father disagrees. The animals need tending, and tradition claims his labour for the family's wealth. School, he's told, is not for boys like him.

This is everyday reality in Turkana—a place where the absence of boundaries is both literal and symbolic, and where custom too often seals a child's fate before her voice can grow strong.

Amid this openness—where school and village are one—I find Veronica Amoiti. She sits on the rough cement verandah in the shade of one of the classrooms, a presence of calm authority. Her posture is upright; her eyes, unwavering. Veronica's Maasai shuka and green leso, once vibrant and bright, have faded over the years under Tur-

My parents were against education. They never knew the value, so I never went to school.

Veronica Amoiti



Veronica Amoiti during the interview on June 18, 2025. The mother of nine chose to educate three of her five daughters. PHOTO: POOL

The child bride who refused to repeat history, sent her daughters to school

kana's punishing sun.

Around her neck, strands of green, yellow, navy blue, orange, and red beads rest—each one an emblem of beauty and identity of a Turkana woman. Her wrists are circled by simple bangles, and her hands are tough, shaped by years of gathering firewood, nurturing and caring for her children, tending animals, and, most recently, burning charcoal to keep her daughters in school.

Veronica is a mother of nine—five girls and four boys. Unlike most in her community, she made a choice that drew quiet stares: she chose to educate three of her five daughters and only one of her four sons.

She does not speak English or Kiswahili; the head teacher translates as she shares her story. "Boys take after their father. Boys protect wealth, but girls bring wealth," she says, her beads catching the sun. In Turkana, the logic is simple: boys inherit the herds, girls are exchanged for cattle, often married off as young as ten.

But was it an easy choice, to choose to educate her daughters?

"Not quite... I'd say I wanted to test the waters. Back then in the community forums, education was praised as an avenue to change our lives. So, we dared to explore it."

400

Amount in Kenya shillings that Amoiti earns from each bag of charcoal that she sells to educate her daughters

MOTHER WHO BROKE CULTURE

Veronica burns charcoal in sweltering heat to pay for her daughters' school transport, despite never having attended school herself.

She broke tradition by choosing to educate three of her five daughters instead of marrying them all off, while donating her own land for the village school.

Through her educated daughters, Veronica has learned Kiswahili words and how to use a mobile phone, becoming a student in her own home at middle age.

Her husband was also supportive. Their church too. The then pastor had attended school and in between sermons often spoke about the benefits of education. So, when the government arrived, urging nomadic families to enrol their children and requesting land for a new school, Veronica and her husband offered a piece of their own.

Nabwelpus Primary was built where goats once grazed—a gesture that continues to earn them respect.

But tradition demanded compromise. She explains, "At first, all five girls joined, but we made two drop out and married them off, to keep our tradition."

Veronica herself never saw the inside of a classroom. "My parents were against education. They never knew the value, so I never went to school." Married off as soon as she reached adolescence, Veronica now takes pride in the change she has brought to her own home.

Her life is not easy. Her hands, speak of endless labour. Every bi-weekly, she burns and sells charcoal, for Sh400 a gunia, in the sweltering heat to raise fare for her daughters' transport. The journey from Nabwelpus to Lodwar market is about 20 kilometres a journey she is willing to keep on taking to support her girls.

She adds, with a hint of pride, that her daughters' strong academic progress keeps her motivated. What does the future look like for your daughters after Form Four—will they be married off? "They themselves will choose. If they feel they want to get married after their Form Four, that's fine. If they want to continue with school, I have no problem. I will support whichever decision they make."

The two daughters, she tells me, are now in a high school in Busia County, and have become her teachers in unexpected ways. "I learn a lot through them. Now, I understand a few Kiswahili words like kuja (come), kari-bu (welcome) among others," she says, pride softening her face.

Not only is she now able to communicate, Veronica also shares that her daughters have taught her how to use her mobile phone for calls and texts—skills she never imagined gaining.

Change in Turkana comes slowly. For now, educating some children while others are married off is still an improvement over previous years, when nearly all girls were married off. While there is still a long way to go, mothers like Veronica are the quiet force gradually changing the trajectory for girls in Turkana.

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Good Read Plus-size bias: Oscar winner's memoir exposes how body shaming destroys women's careers

From sexual abuse survivor to Oscar winner to Hollywood outcast: Mo'Nique's journey

Monique Angela Hicks, known by her stage moniker Mo'Nique, grew up as the youngest of four siblings in Woodlands, Baltimore, on the East Coast of the US. She was the daughter of Alice Imes, an engineer, and Steven Imes Jr, a counsellor. From the ages of seven to eleven, Mo'Nique was sexually abused by her brother Gerald, who was later sentenced to 12 years in prison for defiling a different girl.

From childhood, Mo'Nique developed a valiant commitment to speaking the truth and an outspoken, brutally honest, searing conviction to stand for what was right. In the 11th grade, she was violently assaulted by her female classmates after she revealed to one of their boyfriends that the child his girlfriend was expecting wasn't his.

When Mo'Nique was growing up in Baltimore, she admired a young, eloquently knowledgeable, plump Black TV reporter named Oprah Winfrey. Oprah was then a presenter of a local Baltimore television show called *People are Talking*, for WJZ-TV between 1978 and 1988.

Mo'Nique was greatly inspired by watching a fluently articulate, full-figured Black woman—a rarity on American television stations, which constantly glorified skinny blonde white women as the ideal of beauty.



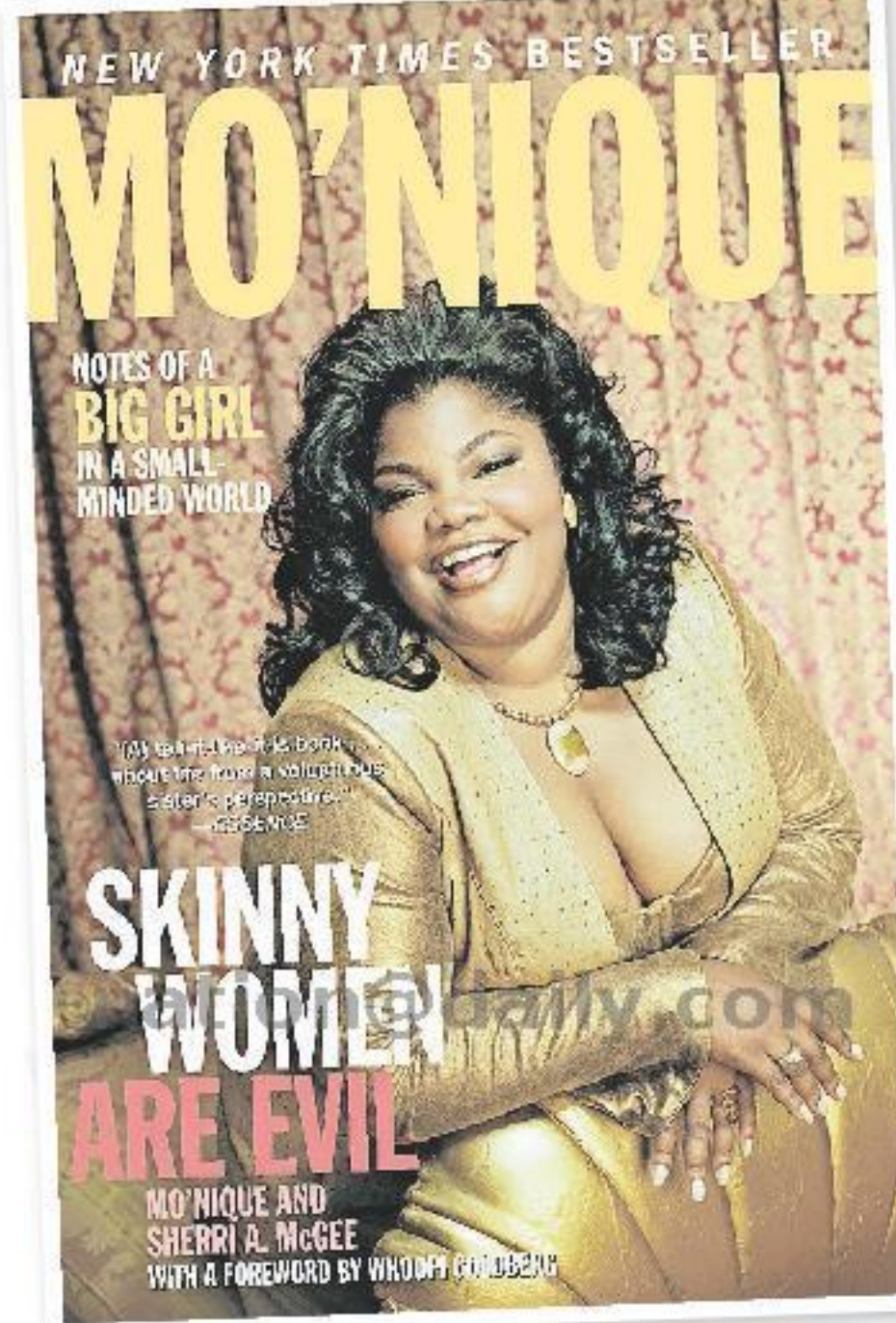
Jeff Anthony

Portly Black women received little attention. In her quest for fame, the imposing image of Oprah provided an extra element of motivation for Mo'Nique and inspired her painstaking ascension to stardom.

She first earned recognition as a stand-up comedian, leading to her breakthrough role three months after arriving in Los Angeles, California, on 30 August 1999, as Nikki Parker in the sitcom *Parkers*.

The show opened doors to a plethora of opportunities. She was subsequently contracted for a nationwide touring stand-up comedy show called *Queens of Comedy* in 2001, accelerating her performances in legendary New York City comedy venues *Show Time at the Apollo* and *Def Comedy Jam*. The exposure reinforced her commitment to excellence, which elevated her appearance in the films *Phat Girls* and *Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins* in 2006 and 2008 respectively.

On October 5, 2009, her late-night, Atlanta-taped talk show, *The Mo'Nique Show*, debuted on Black Entertainment Televi-



sion (BET). In the same year, she signed a contract with Hollywood producer Lee Daniels. She began filming *Precious*, the film bankrolled by Tyler Perry and Oprah Winfrey, where she portrayed a cruel mother to her sexually abused daughter, who was

played by Gabourey Sidibe.

She received 17 different awards for that role, including an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress, becoming only the fourth Black woman ever to win an Oscar and earning the validation of the mainstream

movie audience.

When Mo'Nique received her first massive cheque as an actress whilst filming *Parkers* in 1999, she relished the respite and was grateful until she discovered that other actresses were being paid significantly more than she was. Her intuition and scrutiny led her to discover how other, favourably skinnier women with lesser talent were being treated, and she was outrageously appalled. She openly voiced her protestations against it, creating a myriad of adversaries within Hollywood.

She bore the brunt of how overweight Black women were undervalued, disrespected, exploited, mistreated, underserved, and violated in the film industry. The implicit message she perceived was that she was a fat Black woman who should simply be grateful for her meagre earnings and a few murky movie roles.

After the filming of mainstream movies, actors and actresses are expected to make premiere and promotional appearances in prominent cities and events organised by studio executives to promote each film. Mo'Nique had earned a measly \$50,000 for her role in *Precious*, and when Tyler Perry approached her for a promotional tour, she rejected the offer due to the lack of additional compensation.

Following her rejection of Perry's offer, false rumours reverberated around the industry that Mo'Nique was peevish, obstinate, and excruciatingly difficult to work with. She started losing roles over the lies that were circulating about her, and to her dismay, Oprah—who Mo'Nique had confided in about her traumatic childhood abuse—hosted her brother Gerald, who had molested her, on her daily talk show on

November 6, 2009.

After she won an Oscar for *Precious* in February 2010, Mo'Nique was offered another leading actress role for the hit movie *The Butler*, but upon hearing about it, Oprah demanded it and was eventually awarded the role. Consequently, Lee Daniels offered Mo'Nique another lucrative role to star as Richard Pryor's grandmother in the iconic comedian's biopic, but Oprah used her Hollywood seniority and financial influence to convince the producers to grant her the role instead.

Mo'Nique was subsequently offered a multimillion-dollar contract to star as the leading character Cookie Lyon in the Fox Network series *Empire*. Unfortunately, the producers ended up dropping her due to the whirlwind of concocted false rumours that she was difficult to work with and awarded her role to Taraji P Henson.

She ended up losing a total of ten million dollars' worth of film and TV roles, and consequently had a tumultuous meeting with Tyler to address his complicity in inaccurately labelling her difficult to work with. For legal purposes, she recorded an audio admission of Tyler taking accountability for ruining, barring, and ostracising her career and eventually blackballing her.

Skinny Women are Evil: Notes of a Big Girl in a Small Minded World is a forthright, candid, and frank memoir about how outrageously the public treats overweight Black women and how the derogatory discrimination permeates the corridors of Hollywood studios.

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Legal Eye Constitutional rights: Article 27 of Kenya's Constitution protects all citizens regardless of education level

Dear Vivian,

I have been experiencing domestic abuse in my marriage. My husband says no one will believe me when I report it and that the law does not care about uneducated women. Please advise me on the steps I can take to secure my safety.

Jane Maitha,
Nanyuki

Dear Jane,

First and foremost, Kenyan law does not discriminate in its application. The Constitution of Kenya, specifically Article 27, enshrines the principle of non-discrimination and emphasizes equality and freedom from discrimination for all persons. Therefore, whether you are educated or not, we are all equal before the law.

While there is no universal solution for escaping abuse and domestic violence, know that many women in Kenya have successfully broken free from such situations. The appropriate first step is reporting the abuse and seeking support through the proper channels.

My abusive husband made me believe I was too 'unlearned' to get justice

The National Gender-Based Violence Toll-Free Helpline (1195) serves as a crucial resource for survivors, providing a platform for reporting incidents and receiving life-saving assistance. As the first and only service of its kind in Kenya, this helpline has become an essential tool in the country's efforts to address and mitigate gender-based violence.

Additionally, civil society organizations such as Covaw, Creaw, and Fi-



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da-Kenya operate toll-free lines where you can report incidents. These direct reporting lines help guide you through the process of filing reports with the police.

The Protection against Domestic Violence Act, 2015, defines domestic violence as violence or the threat of violence against a person by another person with whom they have a domestic relationship. Your relationship with your husband falls squarely within this definition. Importantly, this law broadens the scope of domestic violence be-

yond physical abuse to include economic and emotional abuse.

The law requires that any person who reasonably suspects that domestic violence is being or has been committed may report this information to police officers or any other person in authority. Furthermore, the law states that anyone who attacks, intimidates, or harms a person who reports domestic violence commits an offense. This provision is crucial, as many such cases are unfortunately treated as private domestic matters rather than the criminal offenses they are.

With assistance from the organizations mentioned above, you can apply

for a Protection Order from the court. This order directs the respondent not to engage in conduct that constitutes domestic violence and may include a non-contact order, which prohibits the respondent from being anywhere near you.

Additionally, where you have suffered personal injuries, property damage, or financial loss as a result of domestic violence, the court may award you compensation for such injury, damage, or loss as it deems just and reasonable.

Finally, despite these civil remedies, domestic violence—particularly involving physical abuse—remains a criminal offense and should be prosecuted as such.

Remember, you deserve safety and protection. The law is on your side.

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