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Innocent blood

SHED BY POLICE A six-month-old child will grow up fatherless—the man who prayed to raise him gunned down before he could return home. In Kiambu, 12-year-old Brigit Njoki was shot dead while watching TV in her living room. In Kitengela, a mother spent the night guarding the body of her deceased son. When the gunfire stopped, at least 11 lay dead. In a blood-soaked echo of Saba Saba, Kenya's streets have become execution grounds. As Gen-Zs marched unarmed for justice, bullets answered their cries — most fired from behind, striking down those running for safety but never reaching it. **PAGES 4 & 5**



Brigit Njoki, 12, shot and killed in Kiambu.



Peter Mugo, 21, shot dead in Kirinyaga.



Antony Kariuki, 19, shot dead in Naivasha.



Paul Mburu, 26, shot and killed in Ngong.



Jeremiah Oscar, 24, shot dead in Ngong.



Joseph Kinuthia, 24, shot dead in Ngong.



Peter Njenga, 23, shot in Naivasha.



Edwin Ndambiri, 25.



Paul Makori, 35, shot and killed in Nairobi.



Elvis Musavi, 25, shot dead in Nairobi.



Ann Nyawira, mother of Brian Kimutai, 21, addresses journalists at the Kitengela sub-county hospital mortuary, yesterday. [Peterson Githaiga, Standard]

Rude welcome for baby in hospital attacked by goons



Members of the Health Union Caucus address journalists at Kitengela Sub-County Hospital where they condemned the attack of the facility by goons during Saba Saba protests on Monday. [Peterson Githaiga, Standard]

► Doctor recalls terrifying moment when she had to operate on patient with goons all over.

► A pregnant woman was delivering a baby through C-section during the incident.

MERCY KAHENDA, KITENGELA

At 1.30pm, a pregnant woman due for delivery was wheeled to theatre at Kitengela Sub-County Hospital. The patient had been booked in as an emergency.

As the surgeon placed her on the operating table ready to deliver her, hundreds of armed goons stormed the hospital. The doctor was terrified - a baby to be delivered, a mother's life to be saved and her own personal safety.

"I was frightened. I could not move," the doctor narrated her encounter to *The Standard*, yesterday. "I was scared. I had no option, but to save a life. I could not leave the theatre. I fought my fears and continued to operate on the patient. Leaving her meant her bleeding to death, and the baby could not survive," she recalls.

Swiftly, she tightly closed theatre doors and continued to operate on the

patient. The nurse who was in theatre lost concentration, traumatised by the act of goons breaking theatre.

"The nurse was totally disoriented. I was literally running to pick theatre tools by myself. I tried instructing him to bring me tools, but he was not responding. As this happened, tension was rising," she recalls.

At some point, the nurse she says picked the baby, but would immediately leave the theatre, to attend to a goon who had severely injured his arm while vandalising the facility. It was an unfortunate encounter for the doctor.

She said though she has worked in hostile counties, where banditry and

insecurity is the order of the day, the encounter was the most traumatising. "I have never had such an encounter. I have worked in places where hooligans have attacked people, but they usually listen and let us continue to save lives. These were so rowdy, they were breaking doors, beating up people. Patients were scared for their lives. Health workers were forced to pick patients at the hospital into dressing rooms and locked doors," said the doctor.

The rowdy goons in hundreds further broke into several wards, stole oxygen, and began dictating to doctors and other health workers 'how to inject patients'. Sources at the hospital described the situation as terrifying, with the entire facility thrown into fear and confusion.

Tear gas were lobbed all over the facility, with fumes endangering health of those at the facility. The hospital medical superintendent Dr Veronica Abuto said though operations are back to normalcy, property at the facility were vandalised.

During the commotion, one of the goons sustained a deep cut after being hit by a glass. He was taken to theatre to save his life as he was bleeding profusely. He was transfused and later referred for specialised care. "The hospital was chaotic. Casualty wasn't operating because goons were in hundreds," Abuto said.

The goons stormed the facility after one of them was shot dead by police. "The rowdy demonstrators were angry, they were shouting," she added.

Elsewhere, police are reported to have turned away pregnant women in labour at Thia Sub county hospital. The incidences of attacks to hospitals, healthcare providers, and blocking of ambulances have strongly been condemned by human rights defenders and health workers

unions. The Kenya Legal and Ethical Issues Network on HIV and AIDS (KELIN) has criticised the state for failing to protect healthcare workers and patients during Saba Saba and Gen Z demonstrations.

Allan Maleche, Executive Director of KELIN, condemned the incidents as a gross violation of human rights and human dignity, saying the actions of both demonstrators and police officers have crossed a dangerous line.

"It is absurd and inhumane to block an ambulance—regardless of the situation," said Maleche. "Ambulances are not political actors. They carry the sick and injured.

Denying them passage is a fundamental violation of the right to life and health."

Maleche described the blocking of emergency vehicles and targeting of healthcare spaces as a "malicious and indecent breach of ethics, law, and basic manners."

He recalled a chilling incident last year during the initial Gen Z protests when police fired tear gas near makeshift clinics, where medics were resuscitating protesters.

"There must be parameters—red lines that should never be crossed. Hospitals and healthcare workers should never be attacked, even during unrest. These are places of healing, not battlegrounds," he said.

Maleche said that a hospital is not just a physical building but "any space where care is being given—even a church, tent, or roadside medical camp. All these must be respected." He called on the government to swiftly investigate and identify those responsible for storming health facilities and obstructing emergency services—including rogue police officers who manned blocked roads.

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NAIROBI

Gachagua allies, 35 Gen Z protesters held over Kikuyu Court raid

Two allies of former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua and 35 Gen-Z protesters will remain in custody until Thursday, July 10, following court orders issued at the Kahawa Law Courts.

Senior Principal Magistrate Gideon Kiage Oenga directed that the suspect be held for two more days as the court considers arguments by their lawyers that the proposed terrorism-related charges are unconstitutional, politically driven, and legally flawed.

"Following the lengthy submissions made by the state and defence lawyers herein in the three files opened against them, the accused be detained at their respective police stations where they were held until July 10, 2025, at 10am," Magistrate Oenga ordered.

The 37 accused are linked to the June 25 "Gen-Z anniversary" protests in Kikuyu, during which multiple government buildings were

torched. Democracy for the Citizens Party (DCP) youth leader in Kiambu County, Peter Kinyanjui alias Kawanjiru, and Serah Thiga, political associates of Gachagua, were arraigned alongside the youth demonstrators but did not take a plea after the defence team strongly objected to the charges.

"The state is using the terrorism law to weaponise justice and punish young people expressing their democratic rights," said Senior Counsel Kalonzo Musyoka.

He was joined by advocates Andrew Muge, Kibe Muigai and Ndegwa Njiru, who also claim the terrorism charges levelled by the DPP Renson Ingonga against the youths were meant to intimidate them. "These charges are not only exaggerated but meant to intimidate and criminalise young people for exercising their constitutional rights," Kalonzo added.

"What happened in Kikuyu was destruction

of property, yes, but it was not terrorism."

The charges stem from a wave of destruction that affected several government facilities in Kikuyu on June 25, 2025. The DPP's charge sheet alleges that Wanjiru, Thiga and 35 others, alongside unidentified accomplices, vandalised and set ablaze several public offices in Kikuyu.

These include Kikuyu Law Courts, Sub-County Education and Accountant's Offices, Kikuyu Chief's Office, Registrar of Persons, Registrar of Lands, Dagoretti Police Post, and the office of the Kikuyu Deputy County Commissioner.

"The suspects engaged in coordinated and destructive acts meant to instill fear and undermine the authority of the state," state prosecutor James Machira told the court.

However, Kalonzo challenged this account, saying: "You cannot change the narrative just to make an example out of these youth."

[Nancy Gitonga]



DCP officials Peter Kinyanjui and Serah Wanjiku at the Kahawa Law Courts. [KMP Service]

Judge throws out son and father's land row case amid death threats

► Father and son in tussle over a prime plot in Moyale.

► There is a twist after one party issued a death threat.

KAMAU MUTHONI, NAIROBI

Imagine presiding over a case where the verdict is subject to a threat that someone might die if the outcome is not in a party's favour.

This is the predicament facing Environment and Land Court Justice Oguttu Mboya when determining a case between a self-proclaimed police officer, Abdi Guyo Jattani, and his father Guyo Jattani over ownership of a plot in Moyale.

The judge said the court battle between the two was fascinating, mind-boggling and equally unfathomable. He observed that Abdi, who allegedly claimed to be a police officer attached to the Kenya Prisons Service, had threatened to kill Guyo. In addition, he observed that Abdi's sister, Fatuma Guyo Jattano, had also testified that he had equally threatened to kill her if she testified in favour of their father before the magistrate's court.

The judge noted that Abdi did not hide his intention. Instead, he walked to the directorate of human resource management and issued threats captured in a letter dated June 30, 2025. In the letter addressed to the commanding officer of the Judiciary Police Unit, Abdi allegedly



said "damu itamwagika" (blood will be shed) if his case was not heard on the scheduled time.

It was said to have gone a second day for a follow-up and was directed to the Judiciary's ombudsperson. Out of fear that Abdi would cause harm, the directorate urged the police boss to deploy officers to Isiolo Law Courts on July 3, 2025 and directed that no one would be permitted to enter court while armed.

Justice Oguttu said the letter amounted to blackmail, which he would not fall for. "To this end, no amount of threats, blackmail, inducement, and or intimidation can

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Oguttu Mboya, Judge

defraud the cause of justice. Moreover, I beg to remind myself that having taken the oath of office to administer justice according to the Constitution and the law, and bearing in mind that judgeship is God's delegated duty, no amount of fear can propel me to do otherwise," said Oguttu.

In the case, Abdi wanted the court to find that he was entitled to the property, including management and collecting revenue from it. He also wanted the court to bar his father from claiming it.

Abdi claimed grave contradictions in his father's testimony on who owned the property. He also contested the finding that he was born in 1973 instead of a year earlier. According to him, the magistrate passed the burden to him to prove that he was born in 1972.

Guyo argued that his son had caused the registrar of lands in Marsabit County to forge documents in a bid to defraud him land.

Justice Oguttu dismissed Abdi's argument by finding that it would have been a miracle for him to have land before he was born. "Various questions do arise. Firstly, could the appellant have been allocated and registered as the owner of the suit plot prophetically long before same was conceived and born? The answer is obvious," he paused.

He directed that Abdi pays his father the cost of the appeal, with the same being taxed by the deputy registrar of the court.

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Briefing

TURKANA. TENSION OVER FISHING GEAR THEFT

■ Tension is high in Arim area of Kokuro following a recent dispute between Turkana fishermen and Ethiopia's Dassanech community over theft of fishing equipment. Local reports indicate that a group of suspected Dassanech individuals crossed into Kenyan waters and seized an unknown number of fishing nets set by Turkana fishermen. The July 3 incident led to an exchange of gunfire between armed local reservists and the intruders. [Lucas Ngasike]

WEST POKOT. COUNTY TO 'VET' FOREIGNERS



■ The county security committee has initiated vetting for foreigners. This follows an incident where individuals believed to be from neighbouring Uganda were arrested after suspected cannibalism and organ harvesting. Foreigners from Burundi, Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and the Wagisu community of Uganda will undergo vetting. County Commissioner Abdullahi Khalif said this comes after arrest of 13 Ugandan suspects linked to a disturbing case involving murder of children and organ harvesting. [Irisheel Shanzu]

LEGISLATION

Passaris shelves 'protests' Bill after outrage

Just about a week after presenting her proposals on the Public Order (Amendment) Bill 2025, Nairobi Woman MP Esther Passaris has shelved it, at least for the moment.

The Bill, which seeks to define how demonstrations should be held, has attracted public outcry, with a majority terming it unconstitutional and that it should not be allowed to pass.

Ms Passaris said she has decided to pause the pre-publication process to allow for national dialogue and wide public engagement. "This is an invitation to co-create legislation that safeguards constitutional freedoms while ensuring public order," she said in a statement.

Saying it is a time for reflection and responsibility, Passaris noted that a just society is not built by force or fear, but by accountability on all sides from citizen to state officers. "It is my hope that this conversation will shift from confrontation to collaboration. As we honour the spirit of Saba Saba; let us move forward not in anger, but in shared accountability; each of us doing our part to secure Kenya's



Nairobi Woman Representative Esther Passaris. [Boniface Okendo, Standard]

promise of prosperity," she added.

Passaris made the remarks in what she described was in honor of Kenya commemorating Saba Saba - a day rooted in our struggle for democracy and justice. She also said it was in response to the call by the National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCCK) and other voices of conscience.

"I thank NCCCK for its bold stance in defending civil liberties, but I also challenge our religious institutions to raise the moral bar of public discourse. Let us teach and encourage a culture of peaceful protest, lawful engagement, and respectful disagreement values rooted in faith and

democracy alike," she said.

On Sunday, NCCCK made reference to the Bill, which among other issues, proposes a ban to picketing within 100 meters of Parliament, State House, Court Buildings and other "protected areas", despite these being the very public offices where citizens need to picket to present their views and concerns. "We demand that the Public Order (Amendment) Bill be withdrawn immediately," NCCCK said.

Other than proposing a 100-meter ban on protected areas, the Bill, which she defended before the National Assembly committee on administration and internal security last week, also seeks to manage protests.

It proposes to amend the Public Order Act Cap 56 to provide demarcation of assembly and demonstration zones, in which persons may hold public meetings and public processions as provided for under Article 37 of the Constitution.

Similarly, she is seeking the amendment of Section 2 of the Public Order Act to redefine the terms "public meeting" and public procession." [Irene Githinji]

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Families mourn those shot dead during Saba Saba demonstrations

► A 12-year-old girl is among those whose lives were snuffed out by bullets.

► At least 11 people were killed in the demonstrations on Monday.

STANDARD TEAM

On July 7, as the country marked 35 years since Saba Saba, Elvis Musavi stepped out of his house in Kangemi, Nairobi, at around 11am. He intended to check the situation outside, then proceed to his workplace and return home early to bond with his six-month-old child.

He never made it back. Musavi, 25, was shot in the back by police facing off with protesters in the neighbourhood, one of the epicentres of the Saba Saba demonstrations along Waiyaki Way.

Yesterday, his body was among five lying at City Mortuary, collected from various parts of the city. "I've raised him as a single mother up to this day only for his life to be cut short. I don't know how I will move on from here, even to plan for his burial in Western," his mother, Faith Indeché, told the Press after viewing the body.

She added that she spoke to him in the morning as he left for work, and when she heard that someone had been shot dead in Kangemi, it disturbed her.

Indeché said she received a call shortly afterwards from a close relative confirming that it was Elvis who had been shot, prompting her to rush to the scene.

"When I arrived, he was already gone. It pains me because he leaves behind a six-month-old child. He was shot in the back, head and arm, and died on the spot," she added.

Paul Makori was shot just outside his house and died instantly, leaving behind three children. "One of the children is supposed to join college, another is in Grade Nine, and the last-born is in Grade Five. He was the sole breadwinner and I don't know how to move on now that he was shot dead," his wife, Sabina Tabitha, said after identifying the body at City Mortuary.

She added that the 35-year-old was killed not far from their home when police officers managing the protests ordered people to move further away. Tabitha blamed the killing on the recent shoot-to-kill orders issued by Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen regarding how police should handle protesters, insisting that Makori was not among them.

Vocal Africa Executive Director Hussein Khalid said five bodies were collected from different locations: two from Riruta, one from Kahawa West, one from Rubururu and another from Githurai.

"The excessive force used by the police has everything to do with the utterances of Cabinet Secretary Murkomen last week. As we are saying, a country's solution can never be violence," Khalid said.

He observed that those killed had bullet wounds on their backs, indicating they had been shot while fleeing.

In Kiambu County, a sombre mood engulfed Kiriguini village as family members and neighbours came to terms with the death of Bridgit Njoki, 12, who was shot by police as they battled demonstrators. According to her uncle, Charles Wainaina, the pupil at Tinganga Primary School was shot while watching TV in their living room.

"Her parents and I were in a nearby homestead mourning another relative when we received a



Sabina Tabitha Ogoncho, wife to Paul Makori who was shot dead during the Saba Saba protests in Nairobi on July 7, 2025. [Kanyiri Wahito, Standard]

call that Njoki had been hit by a bullet. She was rushed to hospital by neighbours, where she succumbed to the gunshot wound," Wainaina said.

In Kiambu town, 23-year-old Dennis Mwangi was reportedly shot from the back, with the bullet exiting through his neck.

His mother, Friday Kawira, said he had stepped outside their home to check on the commotion after finishing his laundry. Another victim, Laban Kagunda from Ndumburi village, was shot in the head. His mother, Margaret Wangui, said the 25-year-old was not a criminal and did not deserve such a violent death.

The families collectively called on the government to waive mortuary fees and cover burial costs. In Ngong, three people died, allegedly from bullets fired by police officers, while ten others were injured as protesters and police turned the town into a battlefield.

"We have never seen anything like this in Ngong," said Jane Wanjiku.

At Ngong Sub-County Funeral Home, Peninah Mwikali called for justice for her son, Jeremiah Oscar, 24, who was shot dead in Ngong town.

The father of two was allegedly shot in the neck by a police officer while on his way back from a garage where he had taken his motorcycle for servicing.

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SABA SABA

REFERS to July 7th 1990 when young Kenyans took to the streets to demand multi-party democracy. There were violent protests resulting in several deaths and arrest of many leading politicians.

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"He was coming from maintaining his motorcycle at the garage. There were clashes on the road he was supposed to use, so he took an alternative route, where he was shot by a police officer on the neck. His brother took him to Zamzam Medical Centre in Ngong town, where he was confirmed dead," said the mother.

The family of Stephen Mbugua is mourning the death of Paul Mburu Issa, 26, who was also allegedly shot dead by police. Mbugua told The Standard that his son was not protesting when he was shot in the back. "I was called while at work by a close relative and informed that my son had been shot dead by a police officer. I am sad for what happened," said Mbugua.

Issa leaves behind a young family, including a pregnant wife. Calls for justice also rang out in the home of Gladys Muthoni, whose son Joseph Kinuthia, 24, was shot dead by a police officer.

"My son was coming to Ngong from Kiserian to see his father. On the way, he was shot in the head by a police officer. I came here this morning to view his lifeless body," she said.

At the Ngong Level 4 hospital bodies of Joseph Kagiri, 24, Oscar Jeremiah, 24, lie. Paul Mburu, 26, was shot and killed. He was buried according to Muslim traditions. Local leaders condemned the violence and called for restraint on both sides.

"What happened in Ngong is unacceptable," said Mbiriri Mwaura, the area Member of the County Assembly.

In Kirinyaga, police are accused of shooting dead Edwin Ndambiri, 25, and Peter Macharia Mugo, 21. Another person is admitted at Kerugoya Referral Hospital, where he is recuperating after surgery to remove a bullet lodged in his right leg.

Kevin Muiruri, 18, a student in Kabete constituency, was among the injured. He was shot in the left leg while running from the skirmishes.

He claimed that police left him at the scene after the shooting.

[Report by Omondi Powel, Pkemoi Ng'eno, Jane Mugambi, Kimaku Chege, George Njunge, Emmanuel Kipchumba and Fred Kagonye]

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KAKAMEGA

At least 67 youths arrested in Western during protests

Police in Western have arrested 67 youths from Kakamega and Bungoma counties for attempting to loot seven supermarkets during Monday's Saba Saba anniversary.

Speaking in Kakamega town, Western Regional Police Commander Isaa Mohamud said 50 youths were arrested in Maraba, Juja Kali, Amalemba, and Joyland estates in Kakamega.

"We had started experiencing goons in the name of planning to demonstrate, but in a real sense, they were planning to loot the supermarkets. We received information that three to five youths were storming various supermarkets in groups," said Mohamud.

He added: "The Naivas, Quickmart, Khetias, Chandarana supermarkets, and other supermarkets were the main target of goons who tried to infiltrate the planned demos in Kakamega town, but we have managed to arrest them and they are in our custody."

Mohamud said the 25 youths will be arraigned in court for malicious damage to property. "We are going to charge them with malicious damage, they have damaged some police vehicles," said Mohamud. **[Benard Lusigi]**



Sahajan and building in Kakamega town which was stoned. [Benjamin Sakwa]

KIambu

Outrage after police officers in Juja drag a gunshot victim

The National Police Service continues to face widespread condemnation following the Saba Saba protests that left several people dead and others nursing gunshot wounds.

The latest outrage follows a viral video showing officers from Juja dragging a man bleeding profusely, allegedly from a gunshot wound. Witnesses said the young man was shot by officers after a confrontation with youths accused of trying to loot a supermarket.

"What you see in that video is after the police snatched the body of the young man from protesters who were carrying him. The officers dragged him away before the protesters could catch up with them," one witness said.

The deceased was a motorbike mechanic in Juja and not part of the protesters. He is said to hail from Nyeri County. **[Gitau Wanyoike]**

Mother spends night with son's dead body

► Kimutai's mother could not allow police to take the body for fear it would be tampered with

► They say he was shot by an officer known to him due to a dispute over a motorbike

STANDARD TEAM

Agrieving mother has recounted the harrowing ordeal of spending the night with her son's body after he was shot dead by police in Kitengela.

In a deeply emotional account, Ann Nyawira described how the family was forced to carry Brian Kimutai's body from the hospital back to their home, fearing it might be tampered with if left in police custody.

"We had a hard time with the police after they shot him because they wanted to collect it and we feared they could interfere with it. We had to run away with his body. We had no choice but to bring him home and watch over him ourselves," she narrated yesterday.

She went on to explain the ordeal they faced at the police station, stating that officers were reluctant to let them report the incident.

"They told us they were tired and that we should go back on Tuesday. But the officer kept calling, asking where the body was," Nyawira said.

The buzz of protest drew 21-year-old Kimutai out of the house that Monday afternoon in Kitengela. Not as a rioter, but as a curious youth hoping to witness a moment that felt historic.

What began as a spark of youthful excitement ended in bloodshed. As chaos unfolded in the streets, Kimutai was cornered by police officers.

According to his mother and friends, one officer—allegedly harbouring a personal grudge—fired two shots at the unarmed young man, killing him instantly.

With his hands raised in surrender, Kimutai was executed in cold blood—another life silenced in a growing wave of police brutality.

"We were hiding behind a poster and Brian was trying to peep. When we realised police had seen us, Brian lifted his hands to surrender but the officer shot him on the shoulder, before shooting him on the neck," recounted Edwin Odhiambo, a friend.

"The first shot didn't kill him. Brian raised his hands surrendering, but he was shot a second time and he fell," Odhiambo added.

Victor Owino, another childhood



Ann Nyawira, mother of Brian Kimutai, addresses journalists at the Kitengela mortuary, yesterday. [Peterson Githaiga, Standard]

friend who was with Kimutai, explained that Kimutai had surrendered before the fatal shot.

"It was so fast. We heard gunshots, then we saw Brian lying down. We rushed to help him, but the police officer who shot him was coming toward us, so we ran for our lives. We are all sad. We just want justice for our brother," he said.

"I have not been able to sleep after seeing my friend in a pool of blood," Owino said.

Kimutai is among the 19 people killed by police officers during the countrywide Saba Saba protests on Monday, 7 July.

At his home, friends and family gathered to mourn. They have remained there since morning, consoling one another for the tragic loss of a young man whose life was cut short

by those meant to protect him.

His mother claimed that the officer who killed her son is well known to the family and that they had an ongoing dispute over a motorbike.

Her son was shot just a few metres from their house, along Kitengela Prison Road.

"I was with Brian in the morning. He told me he was not ready to go out for the protests—he was neither a looter nor a protestor," she said.

According to witnesses, she added, the officers marched towards Kimutai. He knelt down, raised his hands in surrender, but was sprayed with bullets by the same officer.

The family is now demanding justice, calling for accountability for the killing of their son.

Human rights activists have stepped in, urging an immediate investigation into the incident. They are calling for the arrest and interdiction of the officer involved, as well as a broader probe into the use of force during the peaceful protests.

Friends mourned Kimutai as a talented and hardworking painter.

"We were painters, that's what we do for upkeep. He was such a good person," said Owino.

[Report by Jacinta Mutura, Peterson Githaiga and Rosa Agutu]
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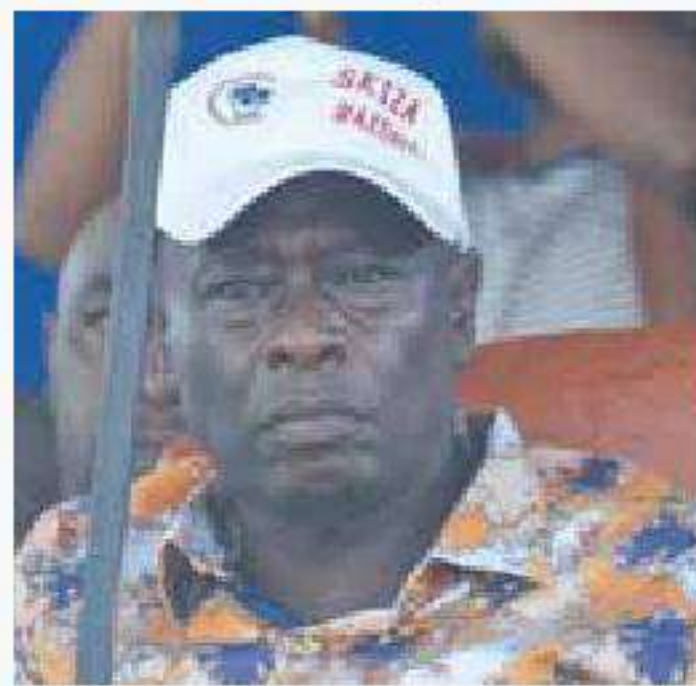
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VIOLENCE

Gachagua's party wants ICC to probe Ruto over Saba Saba chaos



Former DP and DCP leader Rigathi Gachagua. [John Muia, Standard]

Opposition political party Democracy for Citizens Party (DCP) now wants the International Criminal Court (ICC) to investigate President William Ruto over "crimes against humanity" committed during the Saba Saba day protests.

The party, led by impeached Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua, also condemned the wave of violence, looting, and destruction witnessed during a day historically associated with pro-democracy reforms.

In a statement read by Kajiado

North MP Onesmus Ngogoyo flanked by Mukurwe-ini MP John Kaguchia and Naivasha MP Jayne Kihara, the leaders called for strict sanctions on President Ruto by the international community.

"We urge the ICC to speedily investigate the President of the Republic of Kenya for the heinous acts of crimes against humanity. What is happening in Kenya is nothing short of a genocide," read the statement in part.

"...We strongly condemn this state-sponsored violence on the people. We

pass our deepest sympathies to the young people and the families who lost their loved ones. For the loss of lives and property, President Ruto must be held accountable."

Speaking in Nairobi, they also demanded that the government gives the exact number of protestors killed during the demonstrations noting that the number could be more than the 11 reported deaths.

"The DCI unleashed terror on innocent Kenyans; unmarked Subaru vehicles shooting at people indiscrimi-

nately in various parts of Nairobi, Kajiado and Kiambu counties in their homes using assault rifles. We demand to know the number of Kenyans who died. The 11 people being mentioned might just be another hoax," the statement added.

The leaders who were speaking in Nairobi also accused the State of being behind the countrywide protests and orchestrating an economic sabotage agenda in 17 counties which contribute 66 per cent of the nation's gross domestic product. [Josphat Thiong'o]

Families mourn their loved ones as traders count losses after violence

► Police blamed for shooting unarmed youth, fueling public outrage nationwide.

► Small traders fear recovery as shops looted, vandalised during the political unrest.

STANDARD TEAM

Grief yesterday engulfed families across the country as the reality of the violent Saba Saba crackdown sank in.

While some were mourning their loved ones killed in cold blood by police officers, traders were in pain as they began picking up the pieces of what was left of their investments that were destroyed by looters and goons.

A spot check by the Standard revealed that three families in Ol Kalou and Naivasha towns were mourning the deaths of their loved ones, killed in separate incidents involving police. The families have condemned the police for using excessive force to disperse the protesters, stating that their actions were unjustified.

In Ol Kalou, Nyandarua County, an up-and-coming musician named Joseph Menda, better known as Champion Kings, was shot dead by police at Tumaini Trading Centre.

He had recently released his new song, "Nchi Yetu Kenya," and was among the young people participating in the protest. Another colleague of his was shot in the leg and taken to the hospital.

Residents reported that the two were part of a group of youths who had attended a brief prayer meeting at the centre before heading to the streets. "It was then that the police intercepted them and opened fire. He died on the spot," said a resident, James Karani. The authorities later moved his body to the JM Kariuki Hospital mortuary.

In Naivasha, several individu-



West End Supermarket in Nakuru's Free Area was vandalised and looted by suspected criminals hiding among protestors during the Saba Saba Day protests in Nakuru City on Monday. [Kipsang Joseph, Standard]

als, including a college student, were killed during the protest. At the height of the violence, the Viwandani police post was set on fire, multiple hotels and shops were looted, and 20 people were taken to Naivasha sub-county hospital with various injuries.

Among these, eight protesters sustained gunshot wounds, four police officers were injured and the remaining individuals were either assaulted by police or injured while fleeing.

There were allegations that some individuals who looted businesses and caused destruction were brought in from outside the lakeside town.

At the Naivasha police station, families were in mourning. The family of 19-year-old Antony Kariuki received devastating news about his injuries, only to learn that he had succumbed while undergoing treatment.

His mother, Rahab Wambui, who had traveled from Narok, expressed uncertainty about the circumstances

Huge loss

SH50
MILLION

AMOUNT of money Stage-matt Supermarket lost after goons and looters broke into the shop in Nakuru during the Saba Saba protests.

surrounding his death, stating, "My son was shot in the stomach and died while undergoing treatment in the hospital. We are not sure what really happened."

The family of 23-year-old Peter Njenga, who was shot near Buffalo Mall, also faced their own tragedy.

His brother, James Mbugua, re-

ported that Peter, a father of two, had been visiting family in Naivasha from Nakuru when the incident occurred.

Naivasha OCPD Antony Keter confirmed that 67 people had been arrested and arraigned and police were seeking more suspects.

"During the demonstrations, property worth millions of shillings, including a police post, was damaged and we are investigating reports of gunshot deaths," he stated.

Business owners in Nakuru, Narok, and Nyandarua counties were left counting losses that ran into millions of shillings after their premises were targeted by looters.

In Nakuru, traders suffered huge losses. Stagematt Supermarket Director Viral Shah assessed the damages, stating that looters had begun throwing stones at them while they were inside the shop, forcing them to flee.

He watched from a distance as looters carried goods away adding

that he was shocked to see one individual struggling with a fridge. Shah estimated that the value of stolen and damaged property exceeded Sh50 million. "They stole the goods and destroyed everything, but they did not steal the strength and support I have; I will rise again," Viral said.

Alex Maina, a trader selling ex-UK goods and owning a shop within the supermarket premises, said he lost property worth Sh850,000. He appealed to those who stole his goods to return them. He said it will be difficult for him to recover the loss, and he will have to suspend his two employees.

West End Supermarket at Free Area remained closed yesterday.

In Narok County, 24 people who were rounded up by police following protests, were released on a Sh20,000 bond and surety of the same amount, or alternatively cash bail of Sh5,000 by a local court. They were charged with obstructing traffic along the Narok-Bomet highway and fomenting riots. In Murang'a, three families were also in grief as they came to terms with the death of their kin who were shot by police officers.

Kangema MP Peter Kihungi decried the violent incident, calling for calm, warning on politicians to desist from inciting the residents, while condemning the involvement of hoodlums ferried from outside the constituency to cause unrest.

In Kigumo, one person was shot dead, and scores were injured as the protestors engaged the police in running battles. Area MP Joseph Munyoro condemned the excessive use of force on unarmed demonstrators in Kangari town.

In Kirinyaga, over 1,000 employees at the Nice Digital city, which suffered losses estimated at Sh50 million, did not report to work following Monday's destruction. In Kagio, over 200 workers at the County Supermarket also did not report to work after the supermarket was vandalised.

In Meru, Governor Isaac Mutuma and Kenya National Chamber of Commerce (Meru chapter) Chairman Joshua Mungani condemned the destruction of property in the region.

[Reports by Julius Chepkwony, James Munyeki, George Sayagie, Antony Gitonga, Jane Mugambi, Boniface Gikandi, Phares Mutembei and Benard Lusigi]

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Sian Group, Kura unite to stop effects of climate change



Maasai Flower Ltd Chairman Joshua Kulei (left) plants a tree during an exercise supported by Sian Group and the Kenya Urban Roads Authority at a flower farm in Kitengela yesterday. Over 5,000 trees were planted. [Benard Orwongo, Standard]

► Partners plant 5,000 trees and plan to improve road network around the Maasai Flowers Ltd farm.

► Businessman Joshua Kulei urges communities to preserve the environment for sustainability.

ESTHER DIANAHA, NAIROBI

In a bid to champion Kenya's green agenda of planting 15 billion trees by 2032, Sian Group and the Kenya Urban Roads Authority (Kura) have joined hands to plant trees in Kitengela, Nairobi.

The initiative at the Group's Maasai Flowers Ltd is aimed at building the biodiversity and increasing the green footprint by planting 5,000 trees.

The initiative is also aimed at increasing Kenya's forest cover and the carbon sink to mitigate pollution and other adverse impacts of climate change.

According to the stakeholders at the tree planting ceremony that brought together local residents, the initiative is already bearing fruit.

The 5,000 trees planted are expected to preserve the road corridor to deter encroachment and offer a safe and efficient road network.

Businessman and Maasai Flowers Chairman Joshua Kulei, who was the guest speaker, urged

Kura to tar mac the roads to ensure ease of movement for the locals and better logistics for the flower farm.

He asked the local community to protect the environment. "Let us work together to support each other by protecting our environment," said Kulei.

Beyond tree planting, the exercise was termed as a way of strengthening the bond with locals.

Speaking at the event, Kura Deputy Director Seth Omondi said the green cover would also prevent soil erosion and beautify the area.

"We are counting on the residents of Kitengela to nurture and protect these trees to ensure a better tomorrow for the next generations," said Omondi, noting that the authority was targeting to increase the trees to 280,758.

Kura has planted 172,019,000 seedlings with various community forest associations across Nairobi.

According to Peter Cheserem, the director of operations at Sian Group, local communities play a crucial role. Cheserem noted that the input and feedback from the locals was important in ensuring a peaceful co-existence.

He reiterated that need to pave the roads around the farm, saying it would raise the living standards of the community by increasing accessibility. "Even as we produce as much flowers for export, we try to reduce the impact on the environment," he said.

Sian Group owns four farms across Kenya including Maasai Flowers, which sits on over 40 acres of land and is a leading producer of roses.

A local, Jared Mung'are, echoed the need for expert advice on trees suitable for small parcels of land.

In 2024, Kenya's floriculture sector generated approximately Sh108 billion (\$835 million) and is projected to hit Sh110.6 billion (\$851 million) this year.

The sector is a significant contributor to the country's foreign exchange earnings. According to the Kenya Flower Council, the growth is driven by increased demand and the expansion of land dedicated to flower farming.

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THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - FOURTH SESSION (2025)

IN THE MATTER OF ARTICLES 2(5) & (6) AND 118 (1)(b) OF THE CONSTITUTION AND SECTION 8 OF THE TREATY MAKING AND RATIFICATION ACT, CAP. 4D
AND
IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 11 OF THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES ACT, CAP.179
AND
IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES (GLOBAL CENTRE FOR ADAPTATION) ORDER, 2025

INVITATION TO SUBMIT MEMORANDA

WHEREAS, Article 118(1) (b) of the Constitution requires Parliament to facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of Parliament and its Committees;

AND WHEREAS, the Privileges and Immunities (Global Centre for Adaptation) Order, 2025 was tabled in the National Assembly on 4th June, committed to the Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining for consideration and reporting to the House;

IT IS NOTIFIED that—

- (1) The Privileges and Immunities (Global Centre for Adaptation) Order, 2025 indicates that the Government of Kenya has entered into an Agreement for cooperation with the Global Centre for Adaptation (GCA), an international organization established with the aim of accelerating adaptation action and supporting climate adaptation solutions;
- (2) Pursuant to section 11 of the Privileges and Immunities Act, Cap.179, the Privileges and Immunities (Global Centre for Adaptation) Order, 2025 seeks to—
 - (a) grant GCA the privileges and immunities under Part I of the Fourth Schedule to the Act, which include—
 - (i) immunity from suit and legal process;
 - (ii) inviolability of premises occupied as offices and official archives;
 - (iii) exemption from rates and taxes, other than taxes on importation of goods;
 - (iv) exemption from taxes on the goods or services imported or purchased locally by the organization for its official use in Kenya or for exportation, or on the importation of any publications of the organization directly by it, subject to conditions imposed in customs and excise laws; and
 - (v) exemption from prohibitions and restrictions on importation or exportation in the case of goods directly imported or exported by the organization for its official use and any publications of the organization directly imported or exported by it; and
 - (b) grant the GCA director, officials and staff the privileges and immunities specified under Part III of the Fourth schedule to the Act, which include—
 - (i) immunity from suit and legal process in respect of things done or omitted to be done in the course of the performance of official duties; exemption from direct taxes upon the emoluments received as an officer or servant of the organization;
 - (ii) immunity from national service obligations;
 - (iii) immunity from immigration restrictions and alien registration in respect of officers and servants and their spouses and dependent relatives;
 - (iv) like privileges in respect of exchange control facilities as are accorded to officials of equivalent status forming part of diplomatic mission;
 - (v) like facilities for the officers and servants and their spouses and dependent relatives for repatriation in time of international crises as are afforded to diplomatic missions; and
 - (vi) exemption from tax or duty on the importation of furniture, personal property and household effects of an officer or servant first arriving to take up his post in Kenya.

NOW THEREFORE, in compliance with Articles 2(5) & (6) and 118(1)(b) of the Constitution as well as Section 8 of the Treaty Making and Ratification Act, 2012, Cap. 4D, the Clerk of the National Assembly hereby invites members of the public and stakeholders to submit memoranda on the Privileges and Immunities (Global Centre for Adaptation) Order, 2025 to the Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining.

The memoranda should be addressed to the Clerk of the National Assembly, P.O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi, hand-delivered to the Office of the Clerk, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi, or emailed to cna@parliament.go.ke to be received on or before Wednesday, 23rd July 2025 at 5.00 p.m.

The full text of the Privileges and Immunities (Global Centre for Adaptation) Order, 2025 and the accompanying Explanatory Memorandum may be accessed at www.parliament.go.ke/the-national-assembly/house-business/paper-laid.

S. NJOROGE, CBS
CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
Wednesday, 9th July 2025



We are counting on the residents of Kitengela to nurture and protect these trees to ensure a better tomorrow for the next generations."

Seth Omondi, Kura deputy director

Rerrec given five days to provide details on Sh59b audit queries

► CEO told to furnish the Auditor General with their final audit responses by Friday.

► Committee sitting called off as Rerrec CEO found unprepared for the meeting.

JOSPHAT THIONG'O, NAIROBI

A parliamentary committee has given the Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation (Rerrec) five days to provide the Auditor General with documents to clear Sh59 billion queries.

This was after a sitting was yesterday called off due to Rerrec's unpreparedness in addressing queries on unexplained and unreconciled variances of Sh8.59 billion in its books of accounts.

The National Assembly's Public Investment Committee on Energy and Commercial Affairs directed that Rerrec Chief Executive officer Rose Mkalama provides documents to the Nancy Gathungu-led team by Friday and subsequently appear before the committee next week Tuesday.

"You should not be washing your dirty linen before us. You must make sure the office of the Auditor General receive your final audit responses two days before you appear before this committee," said committee chair David Pkosing.

Proceedings of the committee had come to a halt after the MPs were unable to interrogate Rerrec's books of accounts for the financial years 2022/23 to 2024/2025 after Mkalama tabled new documents not scrutinized by the Auditors. This prompted the committee to adjourn for two and a half hours – a period during which Rerrec's management and the Auditors took to go through the documents.

But when the committee resumed its sitting at 2.30pm, the officers from



Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation CEO Rose Mkalama in a past function. [Edward Kiplimo, Standard]

the office of the Auditor General said it would be impossible to proceed due to lack of some documents. They noted that for them to ascertain the information provided by Rerrec, they needed more documents.

Ms Mkalama also asked for more time to avail the documents. "We have certain documents and schedules that we need to retrieve from the office to enable auditors verify and clear some audit queries," she said.

Key among the audit queries is the comparison of balances reflected in the financial statements with those in ledgers which reflect unexplained and unreconciled variances of Sh8,595,681,628. In the Auditor General's report for the period under review, Gathungu brought to

the fore that financial statements reflect a computer's net book value of Sh59,307,000 while re-computation revealed Sh55,483,000. This resulted in an unexplained and unreconciled variance of Sh3,824,000.

She also noted that the financial statements reflect intangible assets net book value of Sh61,212,00 while re-computation revealed Sh37,981,000 resulting in an unexplained and unreconciled variance of Sh23,231,000. Gathungu also highlighted that the corporation's Escrow US Dollar cash book was adjusted by Sh46,172,436 to cater for exchange rate gain which was not reported as exchange gain in the statement of financial performance.

"In the circumstances, the accuracy and completeness of the financial statements could not be confirmed," read the report in part. "Note 32 to the financial statements reflects capital work in progress balance of Sh16,252,778,000 which includes misclassified amounts of Sh419,290,463 for staff costs, Sh48,406,107 for rent and Sh20,521,543 for security of yards."

At the same time, the Auditor General flagged an amount of Sh571,062,727 paid to three firms for land survey services to unspecified projects. "In addition, there was no evidence of budgeting for the services, their inclusion in the annual procurement plan and competitive procurement. This was contrary to Section 45(3)(a) of the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015 which states that all procurement processes shall be within the approved budget," stated Gathungu.

"Further, the services were not supported by local services orders, contract agreements and reports by the three firms indicating the topographical maps and way leaves. In the circumstances, the regularity of the expenditure of Sh571,062,727 paid to three firms for land survey services could not be confirmed."

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REREC AUDIT QUERIES

■ Amount under scrutiny:
Sh59 billion

Audit variances flagged:

■ Unreconciled entries:
Sh8.59 billion

■ Computer assets variance:
Sh3.82 million

■ Intangible assets variance:
Sh23.2 million

■ Exchange rate gain unreported:
Sh46.1 million

Misclassified capital work costs:

■ Staff costs: **Sh419.3 million**

■ Rent: **Sh48.4 million**

■ Security: **Sh20.5 million**

■ Irregular land survey payments: **Sh571 million**

Briefing

TRANS NZOIA. GRIEF AS TEACHER DIES BY SUICIDE

■ Grief has gripped Simotwet village in Kitale after a teacher died by suicide. The body of Doris Mukite, 47, a teacher at St Philip's Tuuyokony Secondary School, was found hanging in her home. Deputy Police Commander Erick Ng'etich said no suicide note was recovered, and investigations are ongoing. "It is unfortunate that we lost a teacher," he said. Union leaders challenged the government to provide mental health support for teachers. **[Martin Ndiema]**

UASIN GISHU. UGANDAN JAILED FOR MURDER

■ A Ugandan herbalist will serve 25 years in jail after the High Court in Eldoret found him guilty of killing a nurse and dumping his body in Kimondi Forest six years ago. While sentencing Mawanda Asuman, 52, Justice Reuben Nyakundi, noted the prosecution had proved beyond reasonable doubt that he murdered Ferdinand Onger, 40. Onger was deputy chairman of the Kenya National Union of Nurses Kisumu branch, stationed at Ramogi Institute of Advanced Technology dispensary. Asuman committed the offence in 2019. **[Lynn Kolongel]**

KERICHO. LAND FOR AGRICULTURE SCHOOL

■ The government has secured 58 acres of land in Londiani, Kipkelion East for construction of the first School of Agriculture. Director of the School of Agriculture Rosemary Nyamu said at least Sh29 million has been allocated for the first phase. She said the school will offer a range of agricultural courses aimed at equipping learners with modern skills and practices to boost food production. "The institution will be the first of its kind in Kericho County. It aligns with the national government's broader goal of revitalising agriculture as a pillar for growth," she said. **[Nikko Tanui]**

NAKURU

Kabarak students to represent Africa in a global competition



Kabarak University lecturer Gordon Ogolla with students on July 8, 2025. [Kipsang Joseph, Standard]

Three students from Kabarak University will represent Africa in an international negotiations competition in Vienna, Austria.

The students will showcase their skills in resolving disputes through mediation and negotiations at the University of Vienna. The competition attracts top students from 40 universities across the globe, annually.

Mwari Chigumba, one of the students, said the team is ready to compete in the event from July 10 to 15. "Being picked as the only institution in the entire continent is no mean feat. We have put in a lot of work to stand out, especially in mediation and negotiation fields," Chigumba said.

This year marks the second time in a row after the institution made its debut presentation last

year, emerging fourth out of 40 universities globally. "We are optimistic that our students will make us proud again this year. They are doing really well in alternative dispute resolution," Gordon Ogolla, a lecturer who also heads the Multiple Justice System unit, said.

Mr Ogolla said besides the competition, the students will interact with world-leading consensual dispute resolution experts. "This kind of competition offers chances for students to interact and network with experts who develop and hone their skills in international commercial mediation," he said.

The five-day event seeks to celebrate mediation and negotiation. Besides competing teams, the event also attracts world-leading experts

from law, academia, and business. Mediation and negotiation is expected to become game-changers in the future of international commercial dispute resolution.

The competition, which has been held annually for the past 15 years, is organised by the International Bar Association, a network that brings together international legal practitioners, bar associations, and law societies, and the Vienna International Arbitral Centre, an international arbitral centre that offers alternative dispute resolution services.

The competitions mimic near-real mediation and negotiation experiences where students showcase their skills in alternative dispute resolution. **[Caroline Chebet]**



THE INSURANCE ACT (CHAPTER 487, LAWS OF KENYA)

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR APPROVAL FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE LONG-TERM LIFE 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

NOTICE is hereby given under the Insurance Act, Cap 487, Laws of Kenya (**Insurance Act**), of the intention of Old Mutual Life Assurance Company Ltd (**OMLAC**), having its registered office at 7th Floor, Old Mutual Tower, Upperhill Road, Upperhill, Nairobi, Kenya to apply to the Insurance Regulatory Authority for its approval, pursuant to Section 113 and Section 117 of the Insurance Act, of the proposed transfer of the long-term life insurance business of OMLAC to Old Mutual Life Assurance Kenya Ltd (**OMLAK**) (the **Proposed Transfer**).

Copies of a statement setting out the particulars of the Proposed Transfer and the report of the actuary in respect thereof, as approved by the Insurance Regulatory Authority (**IRA**) are available for inspection at the registered offices of OMLAC, as set out above and at the office branches, during normal business hours for a period of not less than sixty (60) days from the date of publication of this Notice.

Any person (including a policyholder, shareholder, employee or director) who has reasonable grounds for believing that he/she/it would be adversely affected by the Proposed Transfer is invited to write or make oral representations to the Insurance Regulatory Authority within sixty (60) days of the publication of this Notice stating the grounds on which he/she/it believes he/she/it would be adversely affected by the implementation of the Proposed Transfer.

Take further notice that pursuant to the provisions of section 114(1)(b) of the Insurance Act, Chapter 487 of the Laws of Kenya, the IRA has directed that the parties need to send this notice to every affected policy holder and every other person who claims an interest in a policy included in the Transfer and who has given notice of such claim to either OMLAC or OMLAK, as the case may be.

Dated: 8th July 2025

By the Order of the Board of Directors

Moses Obonyo,
Chairman,
Old Mutual Life Assurance Company Limited



THE TRANSFER OF BUSINESSES ACT (CHAPTER 500, LAWS OF KENYA)
OLD MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LTD (COMPANY NUMBER C.1/94)

NOTICE OF BUSINESS TRANSFER

NOTICE is hereby given under the Transfer of Businesses Act (Chapter 500, Laws of Kenya) that the long term life insurance business carried on by **OLD MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LTD** (Company Number C.1/94) ("**Transferor**") will, subject to the fulfilment of certain conditions precedent, be transferred to **OLD MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE KENYA LTD** (Company Number C.19223) ("**Transferee**") pursuant to the terms of a business transfer agreement to be entered into between the Transferor and Transferee (the "**Agreement**").

If the conditions precedent to the Agreement are fulfilled, the Transferee intends to acquire the assets and business of the Transferor on the completion date to be set out in the Agreement. The Transferee shall from that date carry on the business at the same premises.

All money debts or liabilities due and owing by the Transferor in respect of the businesses of the Transferor up to the date of transfer as will be set out in the Agreement, shall be received and paid by the Transferor. Save as specifically provided in the Agreement, the Transferee will not assume nor is it intended to assume any liabilities incurred by the Transferor with respect to its assets or business up to the date of transfer.

If the Agreement is not completed, this NOTICE shall be void ab initio and shall be of no effect. Any person having a claim against the Transferor in respect of the long-term life insurance business to be transferred may submit the same in writing, with supporting documentation, to the Transferor at the address below within sixty (60) days of the date of this publication.

The address of the Transferor (Old Mutual Life Assurance Company Ltd) is at
Old Mutual Tower, 6th Floor
Upperhill Road, Upperhill
Nairobi, Kenya
Attention: Name: Martin Karenju
Email: martin.karenju@oldmutual.co.ke


The address of the Transferee (Old Mutual Life Assurance Kenya Ltd) is at
Old Mutual Tower, 6th Floor
Upperhill Road, Upperhill
Nairobi, Kenya
Attention: Name: Martin Karenju
Email: martin.karenju@oldmutual.co.ke

By the Order of the Board of Directors


Moses Obonyo,
Chairman,
Old Mutual Life Assurance Company Limited



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COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF MOMBASA



PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON THE MOMBASA COUNTY HAZARDOUS WASTE REGULATIONS 2025

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 10(2)(a) and Article 232(1)(d) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, and in line with the County Governments Act, 2012, the Department of Environment and Solid Waste Management invites members of the public, stakeholders and interested parties to a public participation forum on **the draft Mombasa County Hazardous Waste Regulations 2025**.

The purpose of the forum is to receive views, comments and inputs from the public to enrich the final version of the regulations aimed at enhancing services, and ensuring a clean & healthy environment across the County.

Details of the Public Participation Forum are as follows:
Venue: Tononoka Social Hall
Date: Wednesday, 16th July 2025
Time: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Copies of the draft regulations are available at the Department of Environment offices at **The Municipal Yard, Joe Kadenge Road** and can also be accessed via the County Government website: <https://web.mombasa.go.ke/>

All are encouraged to attend and actively participate in shaping a resilient and adaptive city environment for our County.

For further information, contact:
The Office of the County Secretary
County Government of Mombasa
Tel: 0785444001
Email: cecm.environment@mombasa.go.ke

Isiolo governor survives Senate impeachment vote on technicality

► A flawed impeachment process, not exoneration, spares Guyo from ouster.

► Isiolo County Assembly's failure to follow due process hands governor a reprieve.

EDWIN NYARANGI, NAIROBI

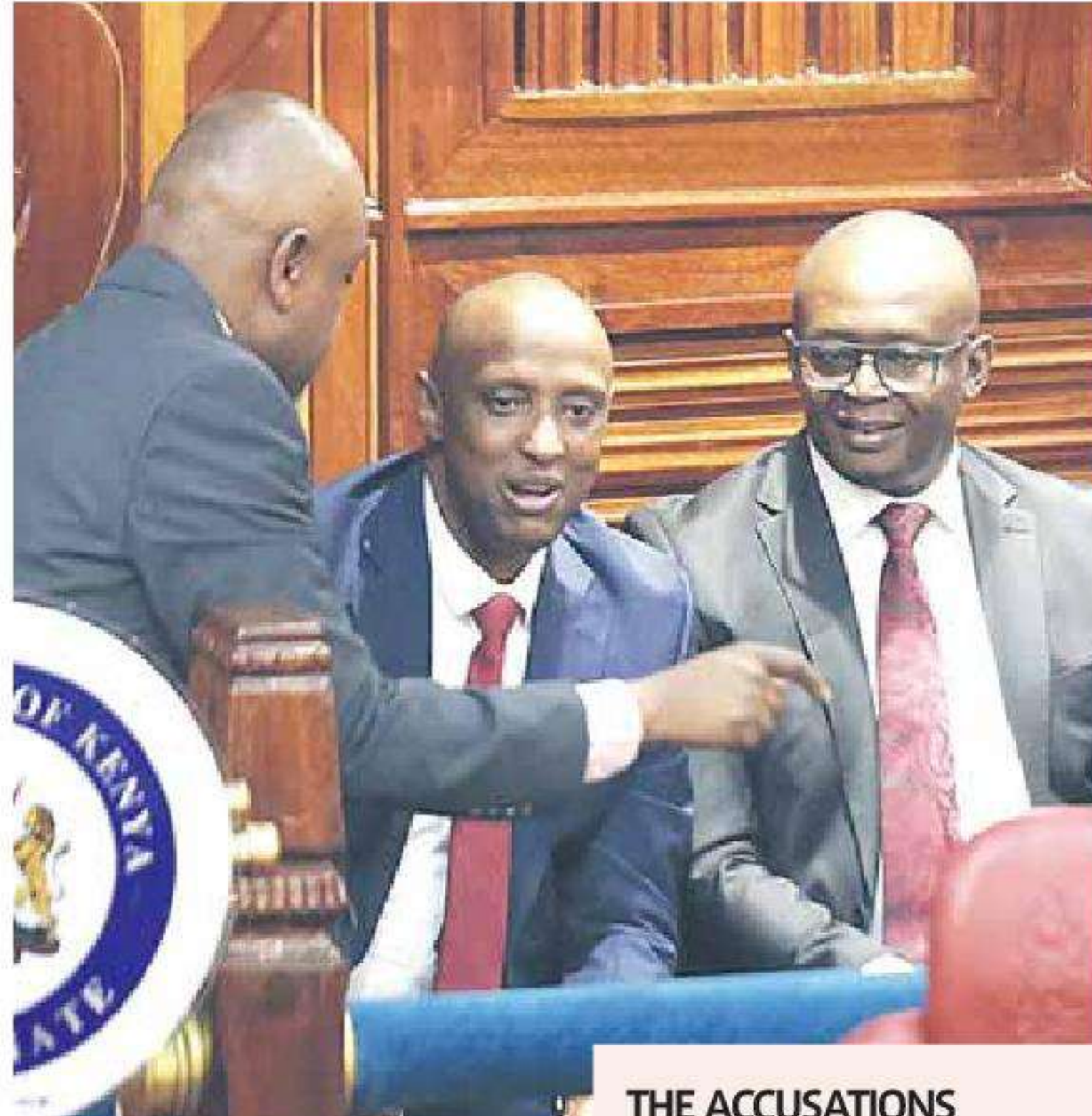
Isiolo Governor Abdi Guyo last night survived impeachment after the Senate concluded that MCAs did not follow the law in their bid to remove him from office. Some 31 senators voted to terminate the hearing of the impeachment motion, while 12 others voted to proceed with it.

Earlier, his legal team successfully raised a preliminary objection, stating that the impeachment did not take place as alleged by members of the Isiolo County Assembly.

Advocate Elisha Ongoya, who led Guyo's defence team, said nobody had certified the Hansard presented by the County Assembly, terming the motion null and void and of no legal consequence, citing the impeachment of Kericho Governor Erick Mutai which was abandoned for failing to meet the threshold. "I would like to request the Senate to dismiss the impeachment motion since it did not take place in the first place. The County Assembly has not presented any video evidence to that effect which shows that what has been brought here was cooked," said Ongoya.

Advocate Eric Theuri, also for Guyo, said they had convinced the Senate to reject what he termed a phantom impeachment, questioning the authenticity of the Hansard and alleging forged documents.

Senate Majority Leader Aaron Cheruiyot said it was time to listen



Governor Abdi Guyo (centre) with his lawyer Eric Theuri in the Senate yesterday. [Boniface Okendo, Standard]

to the issues raised by Isiolo residents during public participation and deliver justice, which may not necessarily mean impeachment but administrative remedies.

"An impeachment does not have to terminate at the preliminary objection stage saying that some of the issues raised during the impeachment motion of Kericho Governor Erick Mutai which was terminated were not addressed which should not be the case," said Cheruiyot.

Senate Minority Leader Stewart Madzayo said the issues raised against the Isiolo Governor were grave and should be thoroughly

THE ACCUSATIONS

- Governor accused of employing a bloated workforce, including 36 advisors instead of a limit of three
- That he employed 31 chief officers instead of 18 provided
- Having two deputy county secretaries whose positions are not known to law
- The bloated staff created an excessive wage bill that is 46 per cent of the annual revenue allocation, far beyond the limit of 35 per cent
- Illegally creating offices of advisors and deputy secretaries without involvement of the County Public Service Board
- Appointing chief officers under two-year contract thus creating a climate of fear and uncertainty
- Failed to utilise bursary funds in accordance with the approved budget, resulting in Sh30 million discrepancy, which cannot be accounted for

scrutinised to establish if they met the required threshold.

Nairobi Senator Edwin Sifuna said that County Assembly advocates had admitted there was no sitting on the day in question, stating that the impeachment process had not met the legal threshold.

Senator Maanzo said the impeachment of a governor is a serious matter that must follow due process, with justice accorded to all parties involved.

Vihiga Senator Godfrey Osotsi said that MCAs cannot violate the law, adding that there was no sitting or tabling of a motion to impeach the Governor. "Someone cannot sit in a bar and decide to kick out a governor and bring it to the Senate," he said.

Kakamega Senator Boni Khalwale said that MCAs across the country must respect the process of removing governors by following due process and avoiding shortcuts, noting the serious political ramifications of such actions.

Kitui Senator Enock Wambua said that regardless of what the Governor may have done, the process must be followed to the letter, adding that the MCAs can return to the Senate with a properly executed motion.

Mandera Senator Ali Roba argued that justice can only be achieved by fully examining the matters raised and criticised the premature dismissal of the case, terming it unfair to Isiolo residents.

Siaya Senator Oburu Oginga said the Senate cannot teach County Assemblies bad habits by accepting half-baked cases, and urged them to follow the proper legal procedures.

Nandi Senator Samson Cherargei said it was ridiculous for the Isiolo County Assembly to present a case without sufficient evidence.

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INTEGRITY



President William Ruto's speech writer Eric Ng'eno.

President's speech writer asks court to strike out case

President William Ruto's speech writer Eric Ng'eno has asked the courts to terminate a Sh281 million spyware case filed by businesswoman Mary Wachuka Maina.

Ng'eno yesterday told Commercial Court judge Peter Mulwa that he would be filing an application to have the case struck out.

The woman, through her company Jipe Inc, filed a lawsuit last year against Ng'eno, the Attorney General, Treasury Principal Secretary Chris Kiptoo and Head of Public Service Felix Koskei, claiming they had struck a deal to provide a software that would help President William Ruto manage online content.

However, they all deny the claims. Ng'eno claimed Wachuka was only pitching her ideas. He has also denied threatening Wachuka, adding that the case was defective as there was no prayer sought against him.

Wachuka alleged that Ng'eno convened a meeting in Nairobi where he claimed that President Ruto needed a covert AI-based analytics platform. She further alleged that Ng'eno disclosed plans to allocate Sh258 million (\$2 million) to the project via a confidential National Treasury ledger, bypassing normal procurement protocols due to the software's "state-security classification".

The case will be mentioned in October. [Kamau Muthoni]

BUDGETING

County allocates Sh2.2b only for projects amid call for austerity

Recurrent expenditure has taken up the largest portion of Vihiga County's Sh6.9 billion budget for the 2025/2026 financial year.

According to the budget approved by the assembly, Sh4.71 billion — representing 68.1 per cent of the budget — will go toward salaries, operations, and maintenance costs under recurrent expenditure.

Only Sh2.2 billion, translating to 31.9 per cent, has been allocated to development projects.

The budget marks a 6.55 per cent increase from the previous financial year.



Vihiga Governor Wilber Ottichilo.

It will be financed through an equitable share from the national government amounting to Sh5.42 billion, local revenue collection estimated at Sh378 million, and additional funding from development partners.

Governor Wilber Ottichilo, who assented to the Appropriation Bill, 2025, acknowledged the imbalance but urged departments to exercise fiscal discipline during implementation.

"We must prioritise the completion of stalled and ongoing projects before initiating new ones," he said.

[Brian Kisanji]

DISCIPLINE

Maseno School parents claim bullies tortured son, demand compensation

Parents have sued Maseno School after their Form Two son was allegedly assaulted and injured by his colleagues.

The parents accuse the school of negligence and breach of its duty to safeguard students.

According to the suit filed at the Maseno Law Courts, the student is said to have been first assaulted in the dormitory last month.

The parents say the minor reported the incident to the school authorities, but no protective measures were put in place, with the school instead instructing him to identify the bullies.

"After the half-term break, the bullying escalated, and on July 9, 2024, the minor was viciously attacked in the

dormitory and was struck with force on his private parts, causing severe pain, swelling, and difficulty in passing urine," says the suit papers.

The parents further claim that the school failed to notify them immediately although the boy was distressed and unable to walk properly.

After taking the minor to the hospital, they say the boy was diagnosed with a severe urological injury, requiring hospitalisation and procedure, and incurred a bill of over Sh410,000.

The parents are seeking compensation, general, special and punitive damages, and cost of future medical expenses.

[Daniel Chege]



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6.	Clinical Officer	CPSB 09 (JG 'K')	4
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III. Academic and Professional Certificates
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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Capital Markets Act, Chapter 485A, Laws of Kenya
Regulations 5(2) and 5(4) of The Capital Markets (Take-overs and Mergers) Regulations, 2002

**GRANT OF EXEMPTION FROM MANDATORY
TAKE-OVER REQUIREMENTS**

On 05 June 2025, we, Hubris Holdings Limited (“Hubris”) and Sanlam Allianz Africa Proprietary Limited (“SAZ”), applied to the Capital Markets Authority (“CMA”) for an exemption from the provisions of regulations 3(1) and 4 of the Capital Markets (Take-overs and Mergers) Regulations, 2002 (“Takeover Regulations”) which were triggered by the 2025 rights issue (“Rights Issue”) launched by Sanlam Kenya Plc (“SKP”). On 06 June 2025, we published a notice of our intention not to make a mandatory take-over offer to the shareholders of SKP, triggered by the Rights Issue.

Hubris and SAZ are pleased to announce that on 03 July 2025, the CMA granted them an exemption under regulation 5 of the Takeover Regulations from compliance with the mandatory takeover provisions in relation to the acquisition of up to 66.7% of the shares in SKP following conclusion of the Rights Issue. Any further acquisition of shares in SKP by Hubris and/or SAZ up to 71.47% following the conclusion of the Rights Issue will be exempt from the mandatory take over provisions under the Takeover Regulations, subject to receipt of exemptions and approvals under the Insurance Act (Cap 487) Laws of Kenya.

Date: 09 July 2025

Hubris Holdings Limited and Sanlam Allianz Africa Proprietary Limited

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"We make an urgent call to the International Criminal Court, to speedily investigate the President of the Republic of Kenya for the heinous crimes against humanity. What is happening in Kenya is nothing short of a genocide."

Democracy for Citizens

EDITORIAL

It's time for Gen Zs to rethink their strategy

Despite calls for reason to prevail, Saba Saba Day on Monday was tainted by blood, just like the other demonstrations recently. At least 10 young people were killed mostly by police bullets on a day that was meant to remember the heroes and heroines of the second liberation.

The Monday killings brought to more than 30 the number of people killed by police during demonstrations in the last one month alone. The number of those injured during these protests in most major urban centres runs into hundreds. It is ironical that demonstrations called to protest police killings have led to more police killings. But that is not unexpected when those in power fail to condemn police misconduct and instead vow to stand with the same officers who have stoked public anger.

Besides killings, there has been widespread looting and destruction of property. Images of shops and supermarkets and other businesses being looted and vandalised are shocking and sobering. One wonders why businesspeople and their employees are being punished for the sins of the government. More shocking was the attacking and vandalism of hospitals by goons. Raiding hospital is not protesting, it's madness of the highest order.

But it would be imprudent to blame this sad state of affairs on the Gen Zs as the government would want us to. The protests have been infiltrated by goons, some of them clearly with the blessings of political leaders or even the government. Police and goons have recently been seen working together to crush the demonstrations. These goons are still at work. However, it appears that more criminals have joined the 'party' and are busy making hay while the sun shines.

Clearly, the well-intentioned Gen Z demos, that were aimed at reorienting our country to the right direction are taking us to the exact opposite direction. Kenya is teetering on the brink of anarchy.

The time to stop that descent is now. Both sides must sober up immediately. The government must start doing what young people and Kenyans expect it to. The President should lead the nation in condemning police killings and brutality, not declaring support for the police when the public is outraged by their misconduct. The government should promise to pay greater attention to areas such as health, education and unemployment that are pushing Kenyans into desperation and penury. In addition, the government must stop provoking Kenyans by engaging in projects that are deemed wasteful, such as giving people tokens in the name of empowerment.

The Gen Zs should also take a break, sit back and assess the success or otherwise of their demos. We have lost too many young people, and more will be lost in the hands of an intransigent government. More property will be looted and destroyed.

Instead of going on with protests, youths should strategise for the 2027 elections - that are only two years away - by applying for ID cards and registering as voters. They should identify leaders who can make a difference and rally behind them. They can bring the change that they want through the ballot without their blood being spilled in the streets.



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MY TWO CENTS

Amid bloody turmoil, Kenyans are slowly losing their humanity



FAITH WEKESA

I love cross border travel. One of my frequent destinations is Rwanda. Kigali, that beautiful, serene city cradled by hills is my Mecca. A visit to the genocide memorial site is always the highlight. It is my grounding place. The place for reflection where I set my heart and priorities right. Underneath the serenity of that beautiful city lies a remainder of how far down a people can fall when ideals, feelings and convictions are left unchecked.

Fast forward to yesterday morning. Commuting along Mombasa Road, my eyes caught sight of something that is still haunting me. A man lay on the ground, motionless, covered by a lesa. What attracted me to notice the body were two heavily armed officers in camouflage. Watchful. Alert. They seemed out of place standing there.

It perplexed me, still does, how all of us seemed to have moved on barely hours after the mayhem that reigned barely hours ago.

Life moved on. We were busy catching mata-tu, navigating traffic to get to the office on time as if just a few hours before, there weren't bodies strewn on the streets.

At the stage, everyone seemed busy minding their business. There wasn't a single sign that lying on the dirty street was someone's son, someone's brother, maybe even a father.

We have moved from the beautiful nation of people with hearts full for each other to zombies functioning on auto pilot amidst the tragedy around us. We have trained our brains to compartmentalise and put far away things that we find too terrifying to face. We wake up, prepare for work, have breakfast and carry on; a people slowly dying inside. Completely desensitised.

Our conversations reflect how far gone we are. Online, you read posts of people excitedly sharing how they watched "three people being gunned down". Their tone jubilant. In their eyes, they deserved it. In their understanding, it was a message to the leader on the opposite side. A show of power and a reminder to dissenters to comply or perish.

We pile the numbers of those dead in our heads. We analyse the trend in our mind not because we crave for a stop to the madness but simply because we need numbers to quote when the next cycle of violence visits our country. Slowly, bloodshed no longer terrifies us.

We are not okay as a nation and this calm we are living in amidst the bloodshed and chaos should terrify us. We are slowly losing

our humanity and the oneness that once defined us is slipping. Like robots, we move forward refusing to internalise what is happening before our eyes as if, by ignoring it, we will magically go back to the Kenya we were before all this started. (When did all this start by the way?)

As our leaders keep silent for fear of upsetting their political alignment, as our religious leaders stay away and only come up for air when it suits them, we need to recall ourselves as citizens and refuse to allow our country to slide to desolation. We do not have to experience a full blown war, we do not need to have our country torn apart to fully understand the devastation that blood spilling brings. We have seen enough already.

At this point, I am not even sure who I am talking to but I do know one thing, where we are at as a country is tragic. And if we citizens have any shred of patriotism left, we must refuse to let our hearts be hardened by what is going on around us and be humans first, be Kenyans first. We cannot normalise terror. We must choose to feel again. To break.

Because if we don't, if we continue to casually talk of bodies in the streets, there will come a day when there will be no school to attend, no office to rush to and no Kenya to call home.

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PALAVER

Raila Odinga, Ben Onyango [benonyango575@gmail.com], is a seasonal politician who was well known for his strong stand on democracy and the rule of law when he was the opposition leader. "But since he joined hands with President Ruto, the opposite holds today. It is sad to see Raila silent on police brutalities and extrajudicial killings. Does being in the broad-based government change everything? Raila should speak on these issues just as he used to condemn them."



The political atmosphere in Kenya, notes Pamilla Mugure [pamilamugure15@gmail.com], is tense. "There is growing pressure on the President as economic struggles and public frustrations rise. Many citizens are openly expressing concerns, leading to questions about whether the President will be allowed to complete his term peacefully. While the Constitution protects his tenure, the rising cost of living and unmet expectations have created anxiety. Still, some urge patience, hoping stability will prevail and that leadership will respond to the people's cries."

Smoking in the public should be declared illegal everywhere in the country since it poses a serious health threat, advises Owuor Chrispho [owuorchrisphomaseno@gmail.com]. "This habit causes suffocation in some people. It's particularly bad for asthmatic patients who might be forced to inhale tobacco smoke in public places. The government must enforce regulations already in place to control smoking in public spaces and if possible, ban cigarette smoking."



Is it only money that matters to wealthy people? asks Peter Mungai [petermungai2016@gmail.com]. "For years now, dirty water from an estate at Kathiga in Kiambu County has been draining into Mutundu stream. With the water now contaminated, small-scale farmers who used to grow vegetables using the stream water have stopped it. The dirty water has also found its way to a neighbour's land. Numerous reports have been made to the Kiambu County offices at Kikuyu, visits have been made, but the matter ends there."

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Should the Gen Z protests now come to an end?



DILTON MWANJE,
EDUCATOR



Many people have lost their lives

I support the call for an end to the countrywide Gen Z protests. Owing to the wanton destruction of property and businesses witnessed, it's urgent and necessary that the protagonists put a halt to the protests. The primary goal of these protests, when the youths took to the streets, was to get a solution to the problems that have cloaked the country for far too long, including unemployment and corrup-

tion. It is sad that the move has served to catalyse the very evils that forced them to the streets. Worse still, many innocent lives have been lost on the streets with youths and teenagers being murdered. A way out should be pursued by all the players: Government and youths. The issues should be solved amicably. We have a country to protect for both the current and future generations. In the wake of the destruction and breach of peace, it is clear that the demos are no longer peaceful. The looting, destruction of property, police killings and injuries are a wake up call for all that there is need to change tack.

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Go on with liberation struggle

Peaceful demonstrations should continue since the government has failed to understand the Gen Z's language which is job creation through manufacturing and agro-processing. Instead the broad-based government has fully deployed youths to full time demonstrations. It is absurd to over-tax in order to grow the economy when there are more approaches that can ensure good circulation of

money and reduce inflation. President William Ruto should avoid the Marxist and Capitalist approach and instead embrace a potent mix of communism and socialism (balanced capitalism). The destruction and crime incidents associated with the demos notwithstanding, the Gen Zs should press on with the liberation struggle. The fact that there is a serious infiltration of the Gen Z demos by suspected political activists should not change the good cause of our young men and women to push the Kenya Kwanza regime to respect human rights and govern the country in the right manner.

Text and photos: Erastus Mulwa

TECHNOLOGY

As artificial intelligence advances, it's time to rethink our career choices

Recently, tech giant Microsoft announced the largest round of layoffs since 2023. Six thousand staff were asked to leave. What is unique about this round of layoffs is that a significant number of the now redundant roles are being replaced by Artificial Intelligence (AI).

According to an analysis by Bloomberg, more than 40 per cent of the 2,000 Microsoft staff laid off in Washington state, were software engineers. More unsettling is the fact that some of the engineers had months earlier been asked to rely more on AI tools, they obliged and, in the process, trained them. They were replaced by the AI tools they helped generate. CrowdStrike, the cybersecurity multinational, laid off 5 per cent of its workforce due to improvements in AI-powered cybersecurity tools.

While it is now clear that AI is here with us, the unexpected reality is that AI would replace tech jobs, like software development. Less than two years ago, and even now, one would be forgiven for assuming that blue-collar and low-skill work would be first in line for automation. However, things seem different. White-collar tech professionals—the very architects of the digital world—are discovering that their own creations are rendering them redundant.

Coding, once a daunting and complex task that few could understand and even fewer had the patience to explore, can now be done by a few clicks of a mouse. Large language models (LLM) and AI coding assistants like GitHub Copilot and even ChatGPT can not only write code, they can debug and optimise code at speeds that no human can possibly match. For context, tasks that would ordinarily take a team of junior developers a number of days to complete, can now be



Gabin Omanga,
Member of the Institute of Risk Managers, East Africa Chapter

done in minutes.

A study by Gartner predicts that 80 per cent of routine programming tasks could be automated by 2028. Equally, a McKinsey study in 2024 indicated that AI technologies were already capable of automating work done by approximately 70 per cent of the tech workforce.

This strange and ironical technological displacement presents a deeper societal question: What careers will remain safe from the reach of AI?

The answer to this dilemma lies not in resisting automation, but in leveraging what makes us uniquely human. Careers previously considered by many as being lacklustre and boring, could be the last straw for humans.

Tasks such as human resources, teaching, men-

tal health, communications and public relations that are grounded in interpersonal communication, emotional intelligence, empathy, and a deep cultural understanding are proving to be more resilient to automation. While AI comes in handy in crunching numbers and simulating scenarios, it lacks the capacity to engage in moral reasoning, differentiating cultures in a global set-up and genuine emotional insight and human judgment.

In HR for instance, AI can help filter CVs and extract longlists and shortlists, answer basic employee queries and conduct staff surveys. However, when it comes to the essence of human resource tasks such as coaching, conflict resolution, handling sensitive interpersonal dynamics and nurturing company culture, real human interaction becomes a necessity. In fact, a workplace increasingly dominated by automation, demands even more human-centered leadership and support than ever before.

Communication is another field where humanity still leads. Whether it's navigating complex negotiations, leading change management, or crafting messaging that resonates on a personal level, these are not easily outsourced to machines. The subtleties of tone, cultural nuance, and emotional timing are still beyond the grasp of even the most advanced AI.

Rather than chasing the next soon-to-be automated technical niche, young professionals should consider developing skills in communication, emotional intelligence, and people-oriented disciplines. These are the traits that will not only remain in demand—but will rise in importance as AI takes over more of the mechanical and analytical work.



GITOBU IMANYARA,
FORMER MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

We do not need referendum to change what is wrong, Raila

I read with keen interest the statement issued by my comrade of the struggle, Mr Raila Odinga, reflecting on the 35 anniversary of Saba Saba and calling for a “national intergenerational conclave.” His recollection of our shared history is largely accurate though in many places selective. I therefore feel obliged on behalf of the thousands who bled and still bleed for freedom, to respond candidly and place the record and our obligations beyond doubt.

First, let us agree: Saba Saba was never a branding exercise. It was an act of organised defiance against lethal State violence. What defined the day was not the fame of its conveners but the courage of ordinary Kenyans who faced dogs, batons and live rounds armed only with hope. Their descendants are the Gen Z demonstrators filling our streets today. They too are being met with bullets, abductions and slander. To them, sermons about “coming together” ring hollow unless tethered to justice.

Raila is right that Section 2A fell because the Moi regime finally read the temperature of the nation. But he understates a critical fact: It fell because the regime realised that each murder, each illegal detention was making it ungovernable. Reforms materialised only after the price of repression exceeded the benefits of autocracy. That historical lesson is vital now. Kenyans are not pleading for another conference hall; they are demanding consequences for those who maim and kill in uniform.

Second, my brother calls for “comprehensive police reforms” as though we have not already legislated them. The Constitution of 2010 birthed the Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA), the National Police Service Commission and a world-class Bill of Rights. What stands between us and civil policing is not the absence of dialogue; it is the presence of impunity. We do not need another conclave to know that officers who fire live ammunition at unarmed youths must face open courtrooms and eventual prison.

Third, Raila proposes that the conclusions of his proposed dialogue be taken to a referendum. Before we plunge the nation into another expensive plebiscite, let us complete the devolution, judicial reform and public-finance guarantees that Kenyans already ratified in 2010. The absence of jobs is not a constitutional gap; it is a governance failure. Young people do not eat referenda. They eat work, scholarships and functioning clinics.

Fourth, I must confront a painful silence in Raila’s statement: The fate of our comrades who languished in torture chambers with us. Many secured court orders for compensation; successive governments, including some in which Raila served, ignored those decrees. Dialogue without honouring these debts is moral bankruptcy. It tells current protesters that their sacrifice, too, will be forgotten once the elites cut their deals.

Fifth, I reject the narrative that the nation stands at a binary choice between “chaos” and “coming together.” The real choice is between justice enforced or injustice entrenched. We can have order through law-



ful policing and accountable leadership, or we can have the calm of fear that inevitably explodes. Dialogue becomes meaningful only when grounded in that clarity.

So what is to be done? I propose four immediate actions:

1. Criminal accountability: The Director of Public Prosecutions must open homicide files on every protest death since 2017, beginning with Chris Msando and advancing to the present. Command responsibility must reach Cabinet level.

2. Financial restitution: Treasury must release all pending court-awarded damages to torture survivors and families of extrajudicial victims within the current fiscal year.

3. Oversight activation: Parliament must restore funding to IPOA and enact standing-order changes that compel the Interior Cabinet Secretary to appear for questioning within 47 hours of any protest-related fatality.

4. Youth economic rescue: Redirect the Sh20 billion earmarked for vanity projects, including the proposed State House cathedral, into an emergency youth enterprise fund administered transparently by county structures.

These measures require no conclave, no referendum, no plenary at a resort. They require political will and the integrity to subordinate personal ambition to the common good, precisely what Saba Saba demanded of us then and now.

Finally, to Raila: History records your courage, but it will also record your choices in the autumn of your career. You can use your influence to insist on the enforcement of existing laws or to midwife yet another elite bargain that pacifies anger without curing injustice.

“Raila, history records your courage, but it will also record your choices in the autumn of your career. You can use your influence to insist on the enforcement of existing laws or to midwife yet another elite bargain that pacifies anger without curing injustice.”

On this anniversary, let us honour the fallen not by clapping for speeches but by completing the revolution they began: A Kenya where no mother buries a child felled by the State and no citizen waits a lifetime for the justice a court already decreed. That, comrade, is the dialogue the nation needs.

Alternative View

Generation Z’s outrage is based on unverified allegations



LEONARD KHAFABA

A young Gen Z woman recently appeared on national television to express her opposition to the now-enacted 2025 Finance Bill. Her performance left many shocked—not because of her arguments, but the lack thereof. She showed no basic understanding of the Bill’s provisions, offering no substantive critique, and instead delivered well-spoken but misleading claims. Many of these have since been debunked by the Treasury Cabinet Secretary.

She is not alone. A significant number of young protesters often rely on popular but inaccurate talking points. This problem goes beyond the Finance Bill. As Prof Makau Mutua recently noted, “Gen Z protestors understand Kenya’s constitution the least among our educated classes. Most have never seen or read it.”

While youth may excuse some of this, it is even more troubling when adults, who should know better, accept hearsay as fact. Even worse is the tendency to treat these narratives as gospel without questioning their truth.

Take, for example, the story circulating that President William Ruto is building a Sh1.2 billion church at State House. Given Kenya’s economic challenges, the claim has caused understandable outrage. But a closer look reveals the truth: The Sh1.2 billion is the total renovation budget for all State Houses and lodges in the country, not a single church. Furthermore, the church in question is merely replacing an existing structure and will cost far less. For context, the ACK Diocese of Embu is constructing an 11-story complex at only Sh300 million.

Divisive narratives

Sadly, the wisdom of “trust but verify” is often ignored. This has created fertile ground for misinformation that escalates public anger, sometimes with national security implications. Consider the case of an opposition MP who was said to be abducted, though evidence suggests otherwise.

More recently, activist Ndiangu Kinyagia resurfaced after claims he had been taken by police—claims that led to the vilification of law enforcement and a High Court censure, despite the truth eventually emerging.

Clearly, there are groups intent on spreading divisive narratives. The real danger is not their claims of suppressed freedoms but the unwillingness to scrutinise such claims. Those who challenge the popular anti-government discourse are often dismissed as regime apologists.

Even seemingly harmless phrases like “wantam” have been turned into rallying cries of discontent, despite being based on distortions or resolved issues. Meanwhile, economic data tells a different story. Inflation stands at 3.8 per cent, within the Central Bank of Kenya’s target. Food and fuel prices have stabilised after the government’s interventions. The current account deficit is at its lowest in five years. Forex reserves are strong, exceeding the statutory four months’ worth of import cover and interest rates are approaching pre-Covid-19 levels.

Yes, many Kenyans continue to face hardship, but so do people globally. Prof Emmanuel Mutisya, an economist, notes, “The economic challenges Kenya faces today are being experienced globally.” He adds that Kenya remains Africa’s top six performing economies.

It is time Kenyans acknowledged what’s working, even while calling for more progress. Manufactured outrage over false claims harms our national unity. Those who spread it must be challenged. Democracy allows us to change leaders at the ballot. Until then, let us remain informed, vigilant and peaceful.

Mr Khafafa is a public policy analyst



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HOT ON X

MP: Listen to what youths are saying

@Honcalebamisi: Don't test the patience of the jobless idle youths. They can decide to declare maandamano everyday until you resign. It has happened elsewhere. Listening to issues raised by young people is the solution. Suppressing democracy is never a solution.

@Dr...: But President William Samoei Ruto must Rule Kenya till 2032. No doubt at all.



@zollz: You are an MP, have you raised these issues in Parliament?

@Mokamba28: You are becoming clever all of a sudden. What is that we don't know?

@PeterKipkirui6: Part of the solution lies with you. You're an MP. STOP complaining as though you're a mere citizen.

@JamesWa96: Ironical for you as a leader to cheer jobless youths when you are supposed to legislate solutions to this problem.



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FROM THE WEB

Police shoot two dead in Kangemi

Standard: Two people shot dead in Kangemi as police clash with Saba Saba protesters in Nairobi; heavy security, tear gas, bonfires reported as Kenyans mark anniversary.

Reichert As Richard: Millions of Kenyans see death as a better option instead of remaining alive with problems caused by politicians.

Malik Ningning Wero Sekel:

Reasonable force must be applied. Those demonstrators are not peaceful, they are robbers.



Adeline M Evans:

I watched the protests at Githurai, the boys were really trying to provoke the police. If it's maandamano, it should be peaceful.

Alfred Ruto: They wanted to be labeled heroes. They have become the heroes.

Thomas Hallu: I will not be too quick to blame the police.

Hon Noah Kering: We sympathize and move on!

Ronny Kipkoech: No one sent them, they went on their own. Those who remained indoors are safe and alive.

ECONOMY

Kenyans abroad contribute immensely to our economy; help them to invest back home

In another show of how the Kenyan diasporians have continued to lend a hand in the socio-economic development of our country, they remitted \$440.08 million in May 2025, the second-highest monthly diaspora inflow ever.

Total remittances for January to May hit \$2.10 billion, averaging \$419 million per month. Notably, four of the five months in 2025 rank among Kenya's top 10 highest diaspora remittances on record, signaling a historic year.

Three key issues are necessary with regard to the good performance of the Kenyan diaspora. First, the Kenyan diaspora is emerging as one of the best globally and nationally, and has overtaken the traditional sources of foreign exchange earners for Kenya.

In 2022, it earned \$4.027 billion while tea earned \$1.2 billion, horticulture earned \$901 million, chemicals earned \$521 million, coffee earned \$307 million, and petroleum products earned \$77 million. Diasporians have become the chicken that lays the golden egg, which should be protected and incentivised to do much more.

Secondly, the Kenyan diaspora is affected by global and emerging issues, including globalisation, which has affected much of the world and will continue to be a defining feature now and in the future. Diasporians have already embraced that concept and have migrated to other nations where they are doing exemplary well.

The future will be shaped by greater interconnectivity and world trade rules and regulations and the countries which have strategically prepared themselves will reap big. Third, the theme calls on Kenyans in the diaspora and those here to "Jenga" Kenya, meaning all of us join hands in building our nation through our small but impactful ways and actions.

One way of helping the diasporians to invest back home is through the establishment and operationalisation of the diaspora bond, which can be used for infrastructure financing, bank capitalisation and debt management.



For diaspora bonds to be successful the government should strengthen the governance of the bonds, including adequate reporting. Secondly, policymakers should clearly demonstrate the link between the bonds and a credible country development strategy that advances sustainable economic growth and fosters a conducive investment climate.

Third, it should target specific projects or enterprises that produce sufficient economic value to support repayment of the bond as well as meeting significant needs of the broader population. Fourth, it should enhance the credit of bonds in line with the standards of international development agencies and financial institutions.

Mutegi Giti, Nairobi

Revive Ajira centres dream for youths' sake

In Kenya where youth unemployment continues to rise, there is urgency to rethink job creation strategies. With a tech-savvy and educated youth population but limited formal employment opportunities, encouraging remote online work among the youth, can solve problems of joblessness, poverty and idleness that are ruining lives.

Freelance writing, virtual assistance, transcription, digital marketing, programming, and data entry are online jobs that can be done remotely and can provide sustainable income for the youth, especially in rural and marginalised areas.

The 2016 launch of Ajira Digital Programme was aimed at preparing young people for online work. The Ministry of ICT rolled out the programme with the goal of training one million youths to access digital jobs. While the initiative received initial praise, its implementation was swallowed by corruption and selfish political policies.

To date, Ajira centres have not attained their intended purposes. If there is any success, it's minimal. However, with intentional investment, good policies and grassroots mobilisation, the government can turn digital work into a lifeline for millions of jobless graduates.

Jackson Samoei

WAR

In its conflict with Iran, Israel is the aggressor

The 12-day war between Israel and Iran has deepened a growing realisation: That Israel is not a victim, it's the aggressor. Throughout this period, Iran responded with restraint in the face of provocation. In stark contrast, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu came across as a blood-thirsty bully, while President Donald Trump, true to form, appeared erratic in his responses. But what stood out most to me was Israel's habit of "running to Dad".

The US remains Israel's unwavering protector, stepping in when-

ever Israel faces global criticism or strategic pressure. Israel's ongoing actions in Gaza—massacring civilians, including women and children, and starving desperate people waiting in line for food aid—are not signs of strength. These are signs of desperation, cruelty, and political failure. They are inhumane and indefensible. As a state born from the ashes of one of the world's worst atrocities—the Holocaust—Israel should understand better than most the horror of collective punishment and human suffering.

Julius Koome, Meru



PRESS FREEDOM

Prosecute those who have been attacking journalists

Journalists have been beaten and injured while covering protests across the country. Some of their equipment, including phones and cameras, got lost or were destroyed. We seem to have lost respect for our journalists as a country and don't care about them. We have forgotten that journalists act as a watchdog, and that they play a very crucial role of ensuring that the voices of the marginalised are heard, and that the actions of the powerful are scrutinised.

So, when journalists are attacked, it's not just an assault on an individual,

but a direct attack on the very foundation of democracy itself. Thus, attacks on journalists are unacceptable, and those involved should be held accountable. When the government fails to protect journalists or hold their attackers accountable, it only emboldens those who want to silence the press, and more of this will continue to happen. This kind of impunity needs to stop immediately. Those involved should be held responsible in order to avoid such a thing from happening again. **Leticia Afandi, youth advocate, Naya Kenya**

Devki's bold move on Kishushe collides with community rights

- ▶ Steel company accused of bypassing community consent in Kishushe iron ore deal.
- ▶ Local cooperative members demand fair mining benefits, fear forced displacement.

BENARD SANGA AND RENSON MNY-AMWEZI, TAITA TAVETA

Kenya's mining industry is once again engulfed in a storm, one riddled with murky land deals, state-facilitated corporate dominance and the systematic sidelining of local communities.

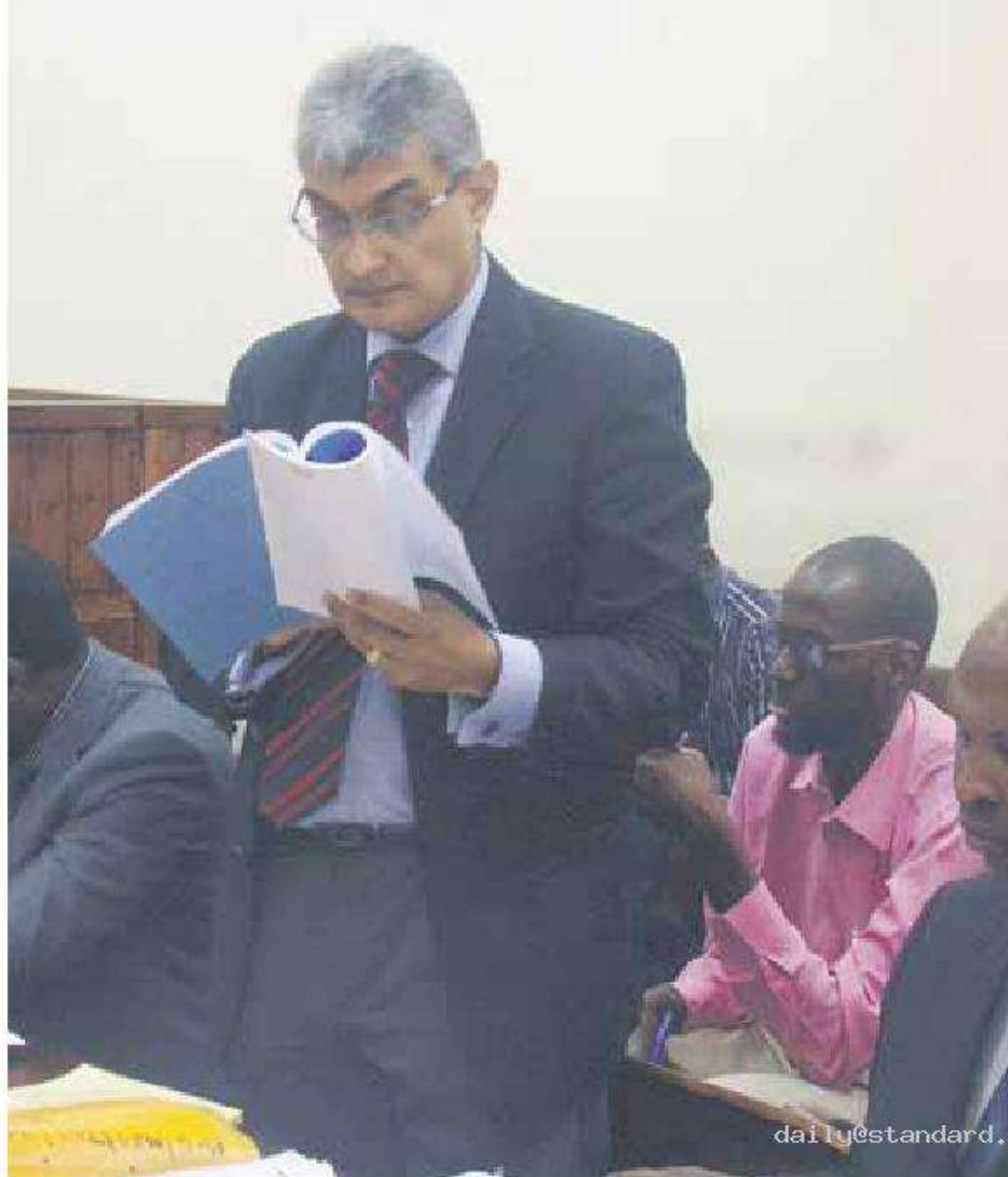
At the epicentre lies a familiar pattern—rich mineral deposits buried in neglected, peripheral regions where mining law can easily be ignored, land ownership records are deliberately kept chaotic, and where grassroots institutions, both the state and civil society, are too weak to resist exploitation.

This sinister pattern has long gripped Kishushe Ranch in Taita Taveta County. Though legally owned by a community cooperative society, the ranch has endured decades of pillaging by external, unscrupulous investors, yet the residents remain chained in poverty.

Attempts by the state to intervene, such as former Mining Cabinet Secretary Najib Balala's high-profile 2013 cancellation of 31 mining licenses covering 4.5 million acres, offered no cure.

The purge, tainted by secrecy, is only the tip of the iceberg of the deeper rot within the ministry. Under President William Ruto's government, a stinky but no less ruthless campaign is underway across the country's extractive zones.

Devki Group, a corporate behemoth that has, in recent years, renewed its voracious appetite for mineral-rich land in politically marginalised territories, is embroiled in



Wanjala Mining Company Limited lawyer Sajiv Kagram appears before Mombasa High Court Lady Justice L Kimongoi seeking orders to remove 150,000 tonnes of iron ore and machinery from 12,000 hectares of disputed Taita Taveta ranch land. (File, Standard)

the tussle over Kishushe.

Over the last three years, Devki has funnelled more than Sh50 billion into two major iron ore processing plants in Samburu and a cement clinker facility in West Pokot. Its footprints in the marginalised territories are bold, the tactics brutal and the goal unmistakable is complete control.

President Ruto commissioned two of Devki's projects and this year launched the construction of the Taita Taveta iron ore plant in Manga shopping centre along the Nairobi-

Mombasa highway in Taita Taveta county. The company had earlier acquired a 500-acre piece of land from another private ranch to put up the plant.

In 2022, Devki, for the first time, thrust itself into Kishushe Ranch Cooperative Society, once heralded as a textbook example of successful community land ownership. The result was immediate turmoil.

The cooperative's leadership, which holds the key to the entry of any investor into mining on community-owned land, splintered just as Devki's intentions became public. Allegations of bribery, coercion and state-sponsored manipulation immediately surfaced. The firms' management has, however, in the past denied these allegations.

Devki, which had already imported the machinery for plant construction, ran into a problem. The mineral-rich lands were under the control of local artisanal miners and a cooperative that had already aligned itself with another rival investor, Acher Post Ltd, which has also applied for a mining license. Kenya's mining protocols are clear. An investor must present their proposal to the cooperative's management committee owning the land.

A meeting ensues where the investor lays bare how he intends to implement the project, highlighting how the cooperative members will benefit from the project.

If accepted by the community committee, the proposal is escalated to a full members' AGM or a special meeting convened for that sole purpose, where the proposal is scrutinised by members through questions and views. Only after thorough vetting and consensus does the committee draft an agreement.

Lease documents seen by *The Standard* have been signed by one society faction led by Danson Kidai Mwandoto and some members of his group.

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Cracking the whip

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NUMBER

OF mining licenses covering 4.5 million acres that were cancelled by former Mining Cabinet Secretary Najib Balala in 2013. The cancellation has offered no cure.

KAJIADO

Nurses threaten to strike after goons storm hospital



NNAK President Collins Otieno Ajwang. (Wilberforce Okwiri, Standard)

The National Nurses Association of Kenya (NNAK) has condemned the violent attack of Kitengela sub-County Hospital in Kajiado County by goons during Saba Saba protests.

The nurse have threatened to down tools if the safety of nurses and healthcare facilities is not guaranteed. The chilling incident took place as Kenyans marked 35th Saba Saba anniversary, commemorating the push for multi-party democracy.

The goons invaded the facility, dis-

rupting critical services and terrorising medical staff and patients.

According to reports, the attackers forcibly gained entry into an operating theatre while a Caesarean section procedure was underway. The sudden intrusion endangered the lives of the mother, her newborn baby and the surgical team performing the procedure. The chaos didn't stop there.

The goons proceeded to break into various hospital wards, carted away oxygen cylinders and even dictated

to doctors and nurses "how to inject patients". The incident was terrifying, with patients and staff fleeing in all directions and the entire facility plunged into fear and confusion.

Speaking in Kisumu, NNAK Chairman Collins Otieno Ajwang condemned the attack and demanded immediate arrest and prosecution of the goons.

He warned that unless urgent measures are taken to protect nurses, they will be forced to withdraw their services. [Rodgers Otiso]

Briefing

KERICHO. STUDENTS ISSUE STRIKE NOTICE

■ Tension is rising at Bureti National Polytechnic after students issued a strike notice over several grievances. Their grievances include poor road infrastructure, unreliable electricity supply and unaddressed academic and extracurricular activities concerns. In a letter dated July 7, addressed to Litein Police Station boss, the students outlined longstanding challenges that they believe have negatively impacted their welfare and learning environment. [Nikko Tanui]

BARINGO. THREE TOWNS GET MUNICIPALITY STATUS

■ Baringo County has upgraded Eldama Ravine, Mogotio and Marigat towns to municipality status. County Executive Committee Member for Lands Reuben Rutto said the upgrade aims to promote urban growth, enhance governance and improve service delivery. With these additions, the total number of municipalities in the county has increased to four, following Karbarnet. This is the first time in Baringo's history, since the advent of devolution, that three municipalities have been created. [Yvonne Chepkwony]

HOMA BAY. FARMHAND KILLS BOSS'S CHILD, SELF

■ Grief has engulfed Manera village after a farmhand murdered his employer's daughter before committing suicide. Brian Manase, 25, reportedly killed Ida Odhiambo, 16, in her parents' home. Ndhiwa sub-county police boss John Losia, say Ida's mother Pamela Audi left her home with the farmhand last week and travelled to Kisumu for business. However, when she returned home on Sunday, she found her body under the bed while the man's body was found hanging from the roof of his house. Police have launched investigations. [James Omoro]

BUNGOMA. LUSAKA SIGNS SH16B BUDGET INTO LAW

■ Governor Kenneth Lusaka has signed into law Bungoma County's Sh15.9 billion Finance and Appropriation Bill for the 2025/26 fiscal year, unveiling an ambitious blueprint he says is aimed at fast-tracking equitable growth and improving public service delivery. Of the total budget, Sh10.86 billion, about 68 percent, is earmarked for recurrent spending, while Sh5.06 billion (32 per cent) will fund development projects. "This is more than figures. It is a commitment to translate our people's hopes into tangible results," said Lusaka. [Juliet Omelo]

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Deadly protests shake investors, threatening recovery —Oxford

► Demonstrations forced Nairobi's CBD and key traderoutes to shut down affecting most businesses on Monday.

► Analysts call for credible fiscal and governance reforms to improve the business environment.

BRIAN NGUGI, NAIROBI

Kenya's fragile economy faces renewed strain after deadly protests during Monday's Saba Saba commemorations triggered widespread business closures, transport paralysis and investor jitters—further dampening recovery prospects, analysts said yesterday.

The protests, which saw at least 11 people killed and 550 arrested, forced Nairobi's Central Business District (CBD) and key trade routes to shut down, dealing another blow to businesses still recovering from June's anti-government rallies. Wholesale markets, banks and logistics firms suspended operations, while cargo trucks were stranded for hours on blocked highways linking Kenya to Tanzania and Uganda.

The violence compounds an already grim outlook, analysts say.

Kenya's Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) remained contractionary for a second straight month in June (45.3), with output and new orders declining due to prior protests and weak demand. While some firms expressed optimism about future activity, analysts say the latest unrest will crush sentiment.

"The downturn in business activity in June was driven by contractions in both output and new orders, largely stemming from social unrest, weaker consumer spending and challenging economic conditions. Interestingly, business sentiment showed some signs of improvement in June: optimism about future activity reached its highest level since May 2024, with 18 per cent of businesses anticipating output growth over the next year," said Oxford Economics.

"However, this renewed optimism will likely be short-lived due to the renewed outbreak of deadly protests. Time and again, protests of this magnitude have dealt a heavy blow to business and investor confidence."

Oxford Political Economist Jervin Naidoo and Senior Economist Shani Smit-Lengton observed the recent downturn in business activity in June was driven by contractions in both output and new orders, largely stemming from social unrest, weaker consumer spending and challenging economic conditions.

They added that although business sentiment showed some signs of improvement in June, "this renewed optimism will likely be



Protesters demonstrate at Kasarani roundabout along Thika Road during Saba Saba Day commemoration in Nairobi on Monday. [Stafford Ondego, Standard]

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Oxford Economics report

SH6.5
BILLION

AMOUNT of money the hospitality sector risks to lose per month if the instability continues according to the Kenya Association of Hotelkeepers.

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The Mombasa-Nairobi highway, a vital trade corridor, saw delays after police barricades and bonfires disrupted cargo movement. The Port of Mombasa reported a drop in truck arrivals.

Malls in Nairobi's upscale and middle class districts and its environs as well as other major towns closed preemptively, while e-commerce platforms suspended deliveries.

Hotels reported cancellations as the US and UK issued travel alerts.

The sector, which contributes 10 per cent to GDP, risks losing \$50 million (Sh6.5 billion) monthly if instability continues, per the Kenya Association of Hotelkeepers.

President William Ruto's government faces mounting criticism for prioritising security crackdowns over economic dialogue, protesters and human rights agencies say.

"Without credible fiscal and governance reforms, these protests will keep erupting and businesses can't plan ahead," said an executive at a Nairobi-based manufacturing firm that halted production Monday.

Foreign direct investment (FDI), which fell 23 percent year-on-year in Q1 2024, could decline further, analysts cautioned. "Multinationals are reviewing contingency plans, including partial relocations to Rwanda or Tanzania," a risk consultant told *The Standard* anonymously.

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GOVERNANCE

State orders big sacco to adopt delegate system



Commissioner for Cooperatives Development David Obonyo. [Boniface Okendo, Standard]

Co-operative societies with more than 5,000 members have been directed by the government to adopt a delegate system for better management.

A circular from the Commissioner for Cooperatives Development, seen by *The Standard*, has directed societies with over 5,000 members to amend their bylaws and adopt a delegate system within six months.

The circular, issued by David Obonyo, Commissioner for Cooperatives Development, notes that managing large cooperative memberships has become increasingly challenging, especially during annual general meetings.

While this reflects the trust members have in cooperatives to grow their finances, Obonyo says there is a need for a more efficient management approach.

"A huge membership has caused challenges in the effective conduct of general meetings, which are key decision-making organs of cooperatives," Obonyo says in the circular dated June 18, 2025.

He cites Section 93A(c) of the Cooperative Societies Act and Rule 54, which require cooperatives with 5,000 or more members to adopt a delegate system of representation.

"The number of delegates should be no fewer than 150 and no more than 500," he adds in the circular, which has also been copied to the Council of Governors, county executive committee members in charge of cooperatives, and the Sacco Societies Regulatory Authority (Sasra).

Some cooperatives, such as Afya Sacco Society, already operate under a delegate system.

The circular further directs cooperatives to amend their bylaws to include this provision and develop clear structures for selecting delegates, defining their responsibilities and setting their term limits and replacement criteria.

This, it says, will ensure delegates truly represent the interests and views of the wider membership.

"These directives should be implemented within six months from the date of this circular," Obonyo says. [Graham Kajilwa]



Tops & Flops

EAAGADS	11.35	12.45	9.69%
SAMEER	6.62	7.10	7.25%
CIC INSURANCE	3.15	3.36	6.67%
EVEREADY	0.85	0.90	5.88%
UMEME	22.50	23.70	5.33%
EA PORTLAND	42.80	39.95	-6.66%
KENYA POWER	11.65	11.10	-4.72%
UNGA	21.80	20.80	-4.59%
TOTAL	24.05	23.55	-2.08%
DIAMOND TRUST	80.00	79.00	-1.25%



Nairobi Securities Exchange | Main Investment Market

52WK HIGH 52WK LOW			VWAP	PREVIOUS PRICE	VOLUME	
AGRICULTURAL						
14.50	10.00	Eaagads Ltd Ord 1.25	AIMS	12.45	11.35	6,400
440.00	240.00	Kakuzi Plc Ord.5	00		365.25	-
301.00	81.00	Kapchorua Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	AIMS	301.00	304.00	300
430.00	320.00	The Limuru Tea Co. Plc Ord 10.00	AIMS		310.00	-
32.60	13.60	Sasini Plc Ord 1.00		15.50	15.25	89,500
289.00	120.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	AIMS	232.00	234.25	5,500
AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES						
49.00	18.50	Car & General (K) Ltd Ord 5.00		22.00	21.95	2,300
BANKING						
20.00	10.00	ABSA Bank Kenya Plc Ord 0.50		19.95	19.95	55,800
38.00	26.50	BK Group Plc Ord 0.80		35.35	35.25	4,000
83.25	43.05	Diamond Trust Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 4.00		79.00	80.00	6,500
52.50	33.70	Equity Group Holdings Plc Ord 0.50		50.50	50.50	2,145,100
9.74	2.80	HF Group Plc Ord 5.00		7.62	7.48	31,000
39.00	15.80	I&M Group Plc Ord 1.00		37.60	37.70	29,400
48.00	15.00	KCB Group Plc Ord 1.00		47.30	47.00	1,225,600
65.00	28.50	NCBA Group Plc Ord 5.00		62.75	62.75	35,000
180.00	90.00	Stanbic Holdings Plc ord.5	00	178.25	180.00	3,100
319.00	134.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00		303.25	305.00	39,300
18.35	10.10	The Co-operative Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 1.00		17.25	17.30	138,800
COMMERCIAL AND SERVICES						
0.45	0.45	Deacons (East Africa) Plc Ord 2.50	AIMS		0.45	-
1.88	0.59	Eveready East Africa Ltd Ord.1	00	0.90	0.85	23,900
5.40	2.70	Express Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	AIMS	3.89	3.88	1,000
4.66	4.66	Homeboyz Entertainment Plc 0.50	GEMS		4.66	-
9.18	3.83	Kenya Airways Ltd Ord 1.00		5.20	5.20	218,900
3.46	2.00	Longhorn Publishers Plc Ord 1.00	AIMS	2.78	2.81	1,300
5.00	1.76	Nairobi Business Ventures Plc Ord. 0.50	GEMS	1.89	1.86	42,300
22.40	10.60	Nation Media Group Plc Ord. 2.50		14.05	14.00	33,600
7.28	1.80	Sameer Africa Plc Ord 5.00		7.10	6.62	35,200
10.80	4.50	Standard Group Plc Ord 5.00		6.58	6.62	1,200
18.70	10.85	TPS Eastern Africa Ltd Ord 1.00		15.25	15.25	201,400
0.41	0.16	Uchumi Supermarket Plc Ord 5.00		0.31	0.31	37,000
3.95	1.80	WPP Scangroup Plc Ord 1.00		2.75	2.75	14,400
CONSTRUCTION & ALLIED						
5.55	5.55	ARM Cement Plc Ord 1.00			5.55	-
84.00	21.30	Bamburi Cement Plc Ord 5.00			54.00	-
47.00	29.00	Crown Paints Kenya Plc Ord 5.00			40.95	-
3.27	0.72	E.A.Cables Ltd Ord 0.50			1.71	-
55.75	4.38	E.A.Portland Cement Co. Ltd Ord 5.00		39.95	42.80	12,300
ENERGY & PETROLEUM						
7.52	1.94	KenGen Co. Plc Ord. 2.50		7.38	7.32	2,834,300
12.40	1.30	Kenya Power & Lighting Co Plc Ord 2.50		11.10	11.65	1,473,400
4.20	4.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Plc 4% Pref 20.00			4.10	-
6.00	6.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Plc 7% Pref 20.00			6.00	-
26.00	14.55	TotalEnergies Marketing Kenya Plc Ord 5.00		23.55	24.05	2,900
24.75	6.30	Umeme Ltd Ord 0.50		23.70	22.50	361,200
INSURANCE						
8.70	4.01	Britam Holdings Plc Ord 0.10		8.42	8.46	33,900
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2.97	1.05	Kenya Re Insurance Corporation Ltd Ord 2.50		2.43	2.31	6,602,000
12.20	3.30	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ltd Ord. 1.00		10.65	10.70	8,100
11.00	4.00	Sanlam Kenya Plc Ord 5.00		8.06	7.90	21,400
INVESTMENT						
16.50	7.60	Centum Investment Co Plc Ord 0.50		12.35	12.25	59,300
1.12	0.27	Home Afrika Ltd Ord 1.00	GEMS	0.68	0.66	315,900
1500.00	1,500.00	Kurwitu Ventures Ltd Ord 100.00	GEMS		1,500.00	-
5.60	1.91	Olympia Capital Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00		3.78	3.76	2,900
1.78	0.29	Trans-Century Plc Ord 0.50	AIMS		1.12	-
INVESTMENT SERVICES						
9.80	5.22	Nairobi Securities Exchange Plc Ord 4.00		9.74	9.42	41,500
MANUFACTURING & ALLIED						
95.00	65.00	B.O.C Kenya Plc Ord 5.00		91.50	91.25	1,800
495.00	325.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Plc Ord 10.00		380.25	373.25	100,200
23.90	11.00	Carbacid Investments Plc Ord 1.00		21.75	21.10	8,100
205.00	100.00	East African Breweries Plc Ord 2.00		200.25	193.50	176,500
2.33	0.86	Flame Tree Group Holdings Ltd Ord 0.825	GEMS	1.33	1.29	36,100
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EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS						
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TRADE

Trump tariff threat clouds final day of BRICS summit

US President Donald Trump's decision to hit "anti-American" BRICS nations - including China and India - with an extra 10 per cent trade tariff roiled the final day of the bloc's summit in Rio de Janeiro on Monday. Trump threatened the 11-nation grouping - which includes some of the world's fastest-emerging economies late on Sunday, after they warned against his "indiscriminate," damaging and illegal tariff hikes. "Any Country aligning themselves with the Anti-American policies of BRICS, will be charged an ADDITIONAL 10 per cent Tariff," Trump wrote on social media. BRICS members account for about half the world's population and 40 per cent of global economic output. Member s China, Russia and South Africa responded coolly to Trump's latest verbal barrage, insisting the bloc was not seeking confrontation with Washington. But host Brazil's leftist President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva was less diplomatic.

"We are sovereign nations," Lula said. "We don't want an emperor." Conceived two decades ago as a forum for fast-growing economies, BRICS has come to be seen as a Chinese-driven effort to curb US global influence.

But it is a quickly expanding and often divergent grouping - bringing together arch US foes like Iran and Russia, with some of Washington's closest allies in Latin America, the Middle East, Africa, and Asia.

Some US allies inside the bloc had tried to blunt criticism of Trump by not mentioning him or the United States by name in the summit statement.

Saudi Arabia - one of the biggest purchasers of US high-tech weapons -- even kept its foreign minister away from Sunday's talks and a BRICS group photo, seemingly to avoid Washington's ire.

But such diplomatic gestures were lost on the US president who said "there will be no exceptions to this policy."

In April, Trump threatened a slew of punitive duties on dozens of economies, before backing off in the face of a fierce market sell-off. Now he is threatening to impose unilateral levies on trading partners unless they reach "deals" by August 1, with BRICS nations seemingly faced with higher tariffs than planned.

It cannot have helped that BRICS leaders also condemned the recent US and Israeli bombing of Iran's nuclear facilities - a show of solidarity with fellow member Iran.

Beijing insisted BRICS was not seeking confrontation with the United States. "China has repeatedly stated its position on that trade and tariff wars have no winners and protectionism offers no way forward," foreign ministry spokeswoman Mao Ning said. [AFP]



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12 Months Kenyan shilling	10.71%	11.26%
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ICEA USD FIXED INCOME FUND	104.10	104.10
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Britam Equity Fund Ksh	120.27	124.46
CIC Equity Fund	7.05	6.87
CIC Balanced Fund	6.80	6.65
African Alliance Managed Fund KES	22.2968	20.9992
African Alliance Equity Fund KES	185.5877	174.2866
African Alliance Fixed Income Fund	11.6771	11.3004
Equity Balanced Fund Kenya Shilling	161.68	163.05
Sanlam Fixed Income Fund	7.62	7.62
Sanlam Balanced Fund	25.24	25.24

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Trump hosts Netanyahu in push to stop devastating war in Gaza

- ▶ Netanyahu said he had nominated Trump for the Nobel Peace Prize.
- ▶ But he was more cagey on peace and ruled out a full Palestinian state.

AFP, WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump hosted Benjamin Netanyahu for dinner at the White House on Monday as he pressed the Israeli prime minister to end the devastating Gaza war. Netanyahu's third visit since Trump's return to power comes at a crucial time, with the US president hoping to capitalize on the momentum from a recent truce between Israel and Iran.

"I don't think there is a hold-up. I think things are going along very well," Trump told reporters at the start of the dinner when asked what was preventing a peace deal.

Sitting on the opposite side of a long table from the Israeli leader, Trump also voiced confidence that Palestinian group Hamas was willing to end the conflict in Gaza, which is entering its 22nd month.

"They want to meet and they want to have that ceasefire," Trump told reporters at the White House when asked if clashes involving Israeli soldiers would derail talks.

The meeting in Washington came as Israel and Hamas held a second day of indirect talks in Qatar on an



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (right) hands over a letter to US President Donald Trump as they meet at the Blue Room of the White House in Washington, DC, on July 7, 2025. [ANDREW CABALLERO-REYNOLDS / AFP]

elusive ceasefire.

Netanyahu, meanwhile, said he had nominated Trump for the Nobel Peace Prize -- the US president's long-held goal -- presenting him

with a letter he sent to the prize committee.

"He's forging peace as we speak, in one country, in one region after the other," Netanyahu said.

But Netanyahu was more cagey on peace with the Palestinians and ruled out a full Palestinian state, saying that Israel will "always" keep security control over the Gaza Strip.

"Now, people will say it's not a complete state, it's not a state. We don't care," Netanyahu said.

Several dozen protesters gathered near the White House as Trump and Netanyahu met, chanting slogans accusing the Israeli prime minister of "genocide."

Trump has strongly backed key US ally and fellow conservative Ne-

tanyahu, lending US support in Israel's recent war by bombing Iran's key nuclear facilities.

But at the same time, he has increasingly pushed for an end to what he called the "hell" in Gaza. Trump said on Sunday he believes there is a "good chance" of an agreement this coming week.

"The utmost priority for the president right now in the Middle East is to end the war in Gaza and to return all of the hostages," White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt said.

Leavitt said Trump wanted Hamas to agree to a US-brokered proposal "right now" after Israel backed the plan for a ceasefire and the release of hostages held in Gaza in exchange for Palestinian prisoners.

The latest round of negotiations on the war in Gaza began on Sunday in Doha, with representatives seated in different rooms in the same building.

Monday's talks ended with "no breakthrough," a Palestinian official familiar with the negotiations told AFP.

The Hamas and Israeli delegations were due to resume talks, with Trump's special envoy Steve Witkoff set to join them this week in an effort to secure a ceasefire.

The US proposal included a 60-day truce, during which Hamas would release 10 living hostages and several bodies in exchange for Palestinians detained by Israel, two Palestinian sources close to the discussions had earlier told AFP.

NETHERLANDS

ICC seeks arrest of top Taliban leaders over persecution of girls and women

The International Criminal Court on Tuesday issued arrest warrants for senior Taliban leaders in Afghanistan over the persecution of women, a crime against humanity.

ICC judges said in a statement there were "reasonable grounds" to suspect Supreme Leader Haibatullah Akhundzada and chief justice Abdul Hakim Haqqani "have committed... the crime against humanity of persecution... on gender grounds."

"While the Taliban have imposed certain rules and prohibitions on the population as a whole, they have specifically targeted girls and women by reason of their gender, depriving them of fundamental rights and freedoms," the court said.

The court said the alleged crimes had been committed between 15 August 2021 when the Taliban seized power and continued until at least January 20, 2025.

The Taliban had "severely deprived" girls and women of the rights to education, privacy and family life and the freedoms of movement, expression, thought, conscience and religion, ICC judges said.

"In addition, other persons were targeted because certain expressions of sexuality and/or gender identity were regarded as inconsistent with the Taliban's policy on gender."

The ICC, based in The Hague, was set up to rule on the world's worst crimes such as war crimes and crimes against humanity.

It has no police force of its own and relies on its member states to carry out its arrest warrants -- with mixed results.

In theory this means that anyone subject to an ICC arrest warrant cannot travel to a member state for fear of being detained. [AFP]



Haibatullah Akhundzada. [AFP]

NIGERIA

Gangs kill 40 in ambush on self-defence groups

An armed gang killed at least 40 members of village self-defence groups in a weekend ambush and related attack in Nigeria's central Plateau state, the Red Cross and residents told AFP on Tuesday.

One resident described the assaults as a "revenge" attack on local vigilante groups set up to defend communities from the gangs.

For years, the heavily armed gangs -- locally known as "bandits" -- have intensified assaults in rural areas in northwest and central Nigeria where there is little state presence, killing thousands and conducting kidnappings for ransom.

Plateau state Red Cross secretary Nuruddeen Hussain Magaji said "hundreds of vigilantes were ambushed" Sunday and 30 killed in the village of Kukawa.

That attack came as the vigilantes regrouped after clashes earlier in the day in the nearby community of Bunyun Nyalum left 10 vigilantes dead, said Musa Ibrahim, a resident.

Usman Nyalum, another resident, said the assault on Bunyun Nyalum came after a recent mobilisation of vigilantes in the area killed scores of bandits.

"Since the killing of the bandits by our vigilan-

tes, the remaining bandits keep on trying... to take revenge," he told AFP.

Magaji, the Red Cross official, warned the toll could rise as "more dead bodies of the vigilantes will be recovered from the bush".

Officials and residents confirmed the attacks overnight, though without concrete death tolls.

Nigeria's restive Plateau state also regularly sees deadly clashes between herders and farmers over land and natural resources.

Much of the violence in Plateau occurs in areas with little state presence, giving criminals a sense of impunity, researchers say. [AFP]

NAIROBI

Rwanda marks 31 years of liberation after war

Rwanda High Commissioner to Kenya, Ambassador Ernest Rwamucyo, on Friday highlighted the country's progress 31 years after its liberation, locally known as 'Kwibohora'.

Speaking at the High Commission in Gigiri, Nairobi, during the 31st Liberation Anniversary, Amb Rwamucyo said the event, celebrated every July 4, honours the day when the Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF) and its army, now the Rwanda Defence Forces (RDF), ended the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi and began rebuilding the nation.

"This important day therefore signifies the beginning of Rwanda's transition from an oppressive and discriminatory regime... to a new, modern and forwarding looking democratic and prosperous nation," he said.

He added: "Liberation marked the beginning of the rebirth of Rwanda... a journey of unity and reconciliation and the country's ongoing renewal and vision for a brighter future."

Guests included Caroline Karugu, Principal Secretary in Kenya's Ministry of East African Community, diplomats, defense attachés, and members of the Rwandan community in Kenya.

To Rwanda's international friends, Rwamucyo said Liberation Day is

also a time to celebrate solidarity and shared values.

"Thirty-one years ago, Rwanda stood at a crossroads," he said. "From the ashes of genocide, Rwanda has risen with courage and purpose."

He credited the country's progress to inclusive governance, local solutions, and a citizen-centered development approach. He said Rwanda's model of reconciliation and accountability has inspired others globally.

"We have worked tirelessly to dismantle the ideologies that once divided us," he said, "and to instill a shared national identity built on unity and patriotism."

PS Karugu said Liberation Day marks the end of a painful chapter and the start of unity and progress.

"It is a day to honour the sacrifices made, reflect on the journey from tragedy to triumph, and celebrate the spirit of 'never again,'" she said.

She praised Rwanda's transformation and President Kagame's leadership, calling Rwanda "a model of inclusive development".

Karugu said Kenya stands with Rwanda in building a future based on justice and prosperity. She noted deepening ties, with 10 MoUs signed during the 9th Joint Permanent Commission.

[James Wanzala]



Amb. Ernest Rwamucyo, Rwanda's High Commissioner to Kenya, and Caroline Wanjiru Karugu, PS for EAC Affairs, propose a toast during Rwanda's 31st Liberation anniversary. [Willberforce Okwiri, Standard]

GERMANY

Berlin says Chinese military targeted German plane with laser over Red Sea

Berlin on Tuesday said the Chinese military had targeted a laser at a German aircraft participating in an EU-led mission to protect marine traffic in the Red Sea.

"Endangering German personnel and disrupting the operation is entirely unacceptable," the foreign ministry said on X, adding that Beijing's ambassador to Berlin had been summoned for talks.

The German aircraft was targeted "without reason or prior contact... during a routine operation" over the Red Sea while taking part in the European Union's Aspides mission, a

spokesman for the German defence ministry said.

The aircraft in question was a so-called "multi-sensor platform" used as a "flying eye" for reconnaissance.

The Chinese vessel had "taken the risk of endangering (German) personnel and equipment", the spokesman added.

The German aircraft's mission was subsequently abandoned following the encounter and returned to a base in Djibouti.

It was not immediately clear whether the laser was a weapon or a laser guidance system. [AFP]



Elementary school children eating food prepared by the government's free meal programme at a classroom in Jakarta, Indonesian on June 23. [AFP]

Indonesia free meal plan hit by delays, poisonings

► The National Nutrition Agency has said it will evaluate the scheme.

► But spooked parents doubt the government can deliver.

AFP, JAKARTA

When an Indonesian mother dropped off her daughter at school in May, she did not expect her to become violently sick after eating lunch from the government's new billion-dollar free meal programme.

"My daughter had a stomach-ache, diarrhoea, and a headache," the woman told AFP on condition of anonymity about the incident in the Javan city of Bandung.

"She also couldn't stop vomiting until three in the morning."

Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto touted the populist scheme as a solution to the high rates of stunted growth among children, as he carved his way to a landslide election victory last year.

But its rollout since January has stumbled from crisis to crisis, including accusations of nepotism, funding delays, protests and a spate of food poisonings.

It was slated to reach as many as 17.5 million children this year to the tune of \$4.3 billion.

But so far it has only served five million students nationwide from January to mid-June, according to the finance ministry.

The poisoning issues were not isolated to that girl's school -- five others reported similar incidents.

But Prabowo has lauded the number of illnesses as a positive.

"Indeed there was a poisoning today, around 200 people out of three

million," he said in May.

"Over five were hospitalised, so that means the success rate is 99.99 percent. A 99.99 per cent success rate in any field is a good thing."

Large-scale aid programmes in Indonesia have a history of allegations of graft at both the regional and national levels.

Experts say this programme is particularly vulnerable, with little in the way of accountability.

"A big budget means the possibility of corruption is wide open, and with lax monitoring, corruption can happen," said Egi Primayogha, a researcher at Indonesia Corruption Watch.

"Since the beginning, the programme was rushed, without any good planning. There is no transparency."

The programme was rolled out soon after Prabowo took office in October and local investigative magazine Tempo reported that "several partners appointed" were Prabowo supporters in the election.

Agus Pambagio, a Jakarta-based public policy expert, said Prabowo rushed the plan, with critics saying there was little public consultation.

"Japan and India have been doing it for decades. If we want to do it just like them within a few months, it's

suicide," he said.

"We can't let fatalities happen."

The plan's stated aim is to combat stunting, which affects more than 20 percent of the country's children, and reduce that rate to five percent by 2045. Prabowo's administration has allocated \$0.62 per meal and initially set a budget of \$4.3 billion for this year.

But authorities have been accused of delays and under-funding the programme. A catering business in capital Jakarta had to temporarily shut down in March because the government had not paid the \$60,000 it was owed. The case went viral and it eventually got its money back.

The government announced a \$6.2 billion budget boost recently but revised it by half as problems mounted in its ambitious quest to deliver meals to almost 83 million people by 2029.

Widespread cuts to fund the programme's large budget also sparked protests across Indonesian cities in February. Yet some say the programme has benefited their child.

"It's quite helpful. I still give my son pocket money, but since he got free lunch, he could save that money," Reni Parlina, 46, told AFP.

However a May survey by research institute Populix found more than 83 percent of 4,000 respondents think the policy should be reviewed.

"If necessary, the programme should be suspended until a thorough evaluation is carried out," said Egi.

The National Nutrition Agency, tasked with overseeing free meal distribution, did not respond to an AFP request for comment.

The agency has said it will evaluate the scheme and has trained thousands of kitchen staff.

Kitchen partners say they are taking extra precautions too.

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Virgo – Aug 23 - Sep 22
There is a stubborn quality to the day's energies, and if you're feeling raring to go and ready for action, you could meet some resistance. You'll attract the most luck if you tone down the tendency to overdo or overindulge.



Libra – Sep 23 - Oct 22
You can feel a little divided, wondering whether to stick with the familiar or take a chance. Your need for security and comfort is more pronounced, and it can be a good time for emotional renewal if you're determined to get it.



Scorpio – Oct 23 - Nov 21
Today is strong for sharing and connecting, and the potential stumbling block comes from overreaching. Aim to respect your limits before committing to too many things. Today's strong for seeking activities that engage your mind. While restlessness is possible, looking at things from a balanced perspective builds your confidence naturally.



Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 21
You could be battling restlessness or indecision, as part of you might feel you should be more involved than you are. Keep an eye on excess spending or borrowing. The day's energies are better for rest and comforting, emotionally-centering activities.



Capricorn – Dec 22 - Jan 19
Others' demands on you may feel a bit excessive, or you may be attempting to please someone and at the same time striving for independence. Whichever the case, it's best to avoid excess. You're better off keeping things even and smooth now so that you're not at a disadvantage later.



Aquarius – Jan 20 - Feb 18
Something has to give to balance your life better, particularly when it comes to working and resting, as well as attending to both physical and emotional needs. Today also holds the potential for better understanding a complex relationship or your own complicated feelings, once you get past the day's occasional restlessness.



Pisces – Feb 19 - Mar 20
Try to tame the tendency to overdo. It's best not to take on too much, as tempted as you may be with new ventures and ideas or connections with friends and networking. Check in with your self to understand whether your impulses are based on real need and not just boredom!



Aries – Mar 21 - Apr 19
Your plate is full with all that's happening both personally and professionally, and there's a temptation to pile more on, which, of course, should be watched. Reminders of the rules and your responsibilities can serve as a useful checkpoint.



Taurus – Apr 20 - May 20
Too many choices can be overwhelming. You have a bigger-than-usual appetite for taking on new interests or developing existing ones, but the temptation may be to go overboard with this. Try to focus on releasing tension now.



Gemini – May 21 - Jun 21
Focusing on your personal goals and values will do more for your happiness than too much attention to external signs of progress. Look for new ways to get creative, but avoid overcommitting today for the best results.



Cancer – Jun 22 - Jul 22
Later today, you're in a great position to work on a problem behind the scenes or sort out a domestic issue with great success. Concentrating more when learning or connecting can greatly improve your experiences today.



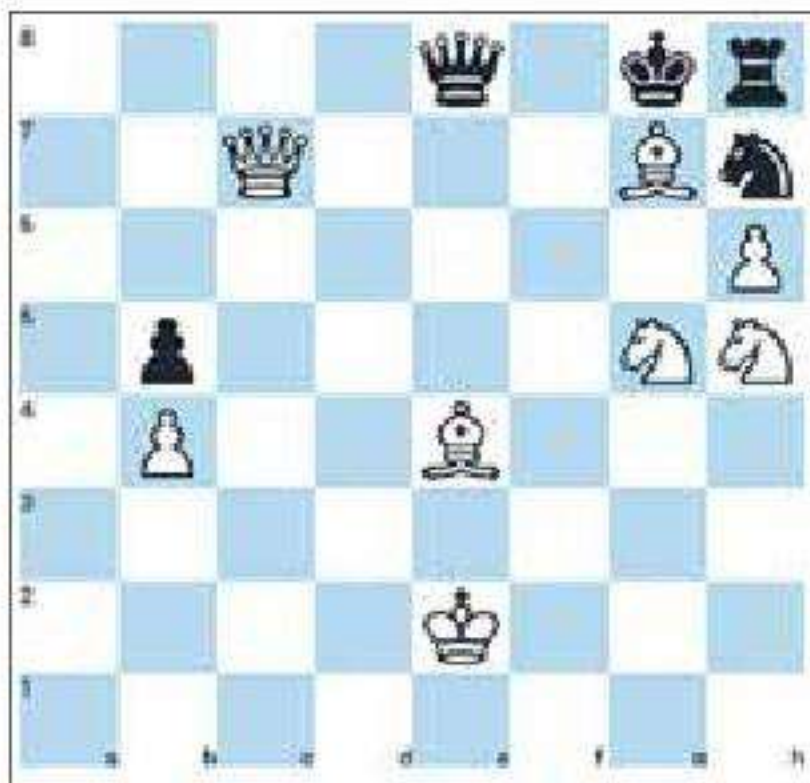
Leo – Jul 23 - Aug 22
Today doesn't support ambitious or bold moves, so aim to take it easy and go with the flow, conserving your energy for opportune periods. Still, getting organized can benefit you at this point, so consider fending off rebellious urges so that you can stick to the task until completion.
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CHESS

Easy puzzle
Black mates in 2 moves.



Intermediate puzzle
White mates in 2 moves.



Tuesday's solution

Easy:
1...Bb1+
2.Kb3Qa2#

Intermediate:
1.Rf5Kxf5
2.Nc5#

SOLVIT

E	A	C	H	18
J	F	G	B	20
D	H	J	G	22
E	C	B	A	17
12	22	17	26	

Difficulty

The letters have a distinct value between 1 and 9. Two of these values and the totals horizontally and vertically have been given. Solve all the values.

Today's Clues

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J
			7		6			

Tuesday's solution

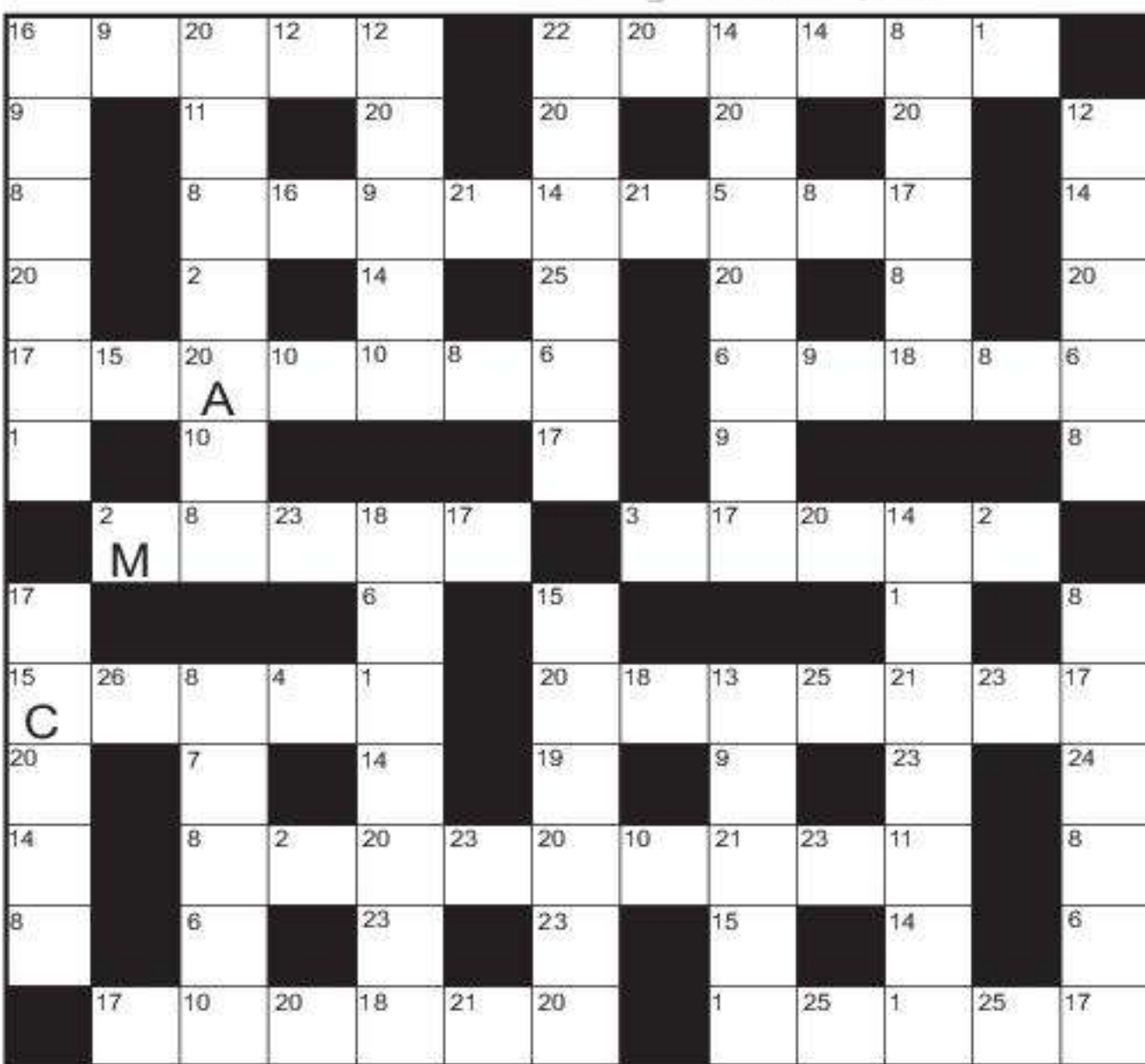
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J
5	7	2	9	3	1	8	6	4

CODEWORD

CLUE
Each letter in this puzzle is represented by a number 1-26.

Crack the code and solve the crossword. Every letter of the alphabet is used at least once.

Three letters are already in place to get you started.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Tuesday's solution

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

KAKURO

	17	31		23	10
9			4		
14			3		
	30		20		
	24				
13	10				
5			12		13
3			7		

The totals for the rows and columns are given on the left for the rows and above for the columns in the shaded boxes. The single digits which give the totals are used only once e.g. 10 = 1, 2, 3, 4 or 1, 4, 5 or 2, 3, 5 etc but not 2, 2, 6 or 1, 1, 8 or 3, 3, 2

Tuesday's solution

	17	32		29	9
3	8	1	3	2	1
15	9	6	3	6	3
	23	9	7	8	5
	7	2	1	4	
10	1	4	2	3	5
11	8	3	3	1	2
16	9	7	12	5	7

SUDOKU

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

Tuesday's solution

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

By Kham



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great."

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LOST Title Marama/Shirosta/622

LOSS of title Deed: Land reference Number 19959/34 Title number -106216 Juja of Romanus Odhiambo Otieno

LOST Title Deed Grant No. I.R.N. 4854 (L.R. No. 7918/563) of HASSAN GULEID ABDILLE

LOST Title Deed Elburgon/Elburgon block 8/18 Hezekiah Mbugua Kaingwa (deceased)

LOST title deed I.R 17049

LOST T/deed Mavoko Town Block 2/11636

LOST Greencard Nyaribari Chache B/B/ Boburia/12742

LOST title LR 337/647 Bir Singh and Company Limited

LOST title deed Land Reference No LR, No 19665

LOST title deed Land Reference No LR, No 19668

LOSS of title deed No. Irong/Iten/3435

TITLE No. Dagoretti/Mutuini/628

LOST Title Kjd/Kisaju/20735

A22/NOTICES

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r.3(3)(d))

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No.13 of 2019)
NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USER

The registered owners of plot L.R. No. Aguthi/Gatitu/8414 located in Nyeri Municipality, Skuta area, proposes to change its use from **Agricultural use to Public purpose (Church Auxiliary Facilities)**, subject to approval by the County Government of Nyeri. 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 - Lands, Physical Planning and Urban Development
County Government of Nyeri,
P.O. BOX 1112-10100, Nyeri.
Name of the Registered Planner: Gitonga Kelvin
Ritno Reg. No. 0270

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No.13 of 2019)
NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USER

The registered owners (s) of Nairobi Block 234/55 Located along Oloitoktok Road, Kileleshwa within Nairobi City County wishes to Change its use from **residential to commercial cum residential (apartments)** subject to approval by the Nairobi City County Government. Any individual(s), Organization(s) and Institution(s) with comments or objections to the proposal should submit them in writing within 14 days to:

The County Executive Committee Member
Built Environment and Planning
Nairobi City County
P.O. Box 30075-00100, Nairobi
Planner John T. Mbau

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r.3(3)(d))

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No.13 of 2019)
NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner of Plot L.R. No. Naromoru/Block 2/Mururu/213 Located in Wakarusa area proposes to Change Use from **Agricultural to Residential Multi-dwelling (Detached Units)** subject to approval by the County Government of Nyeri. 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 County Executive Committee Member
County Government of Nyeri
P.O. Box 1112 - 10100, Nyeri
Name of Registered Planner: John M. Maina
Reg. No PP0163

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No. 13 OF 2019)
CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner of Iveti/ Misakwani/1868 located at Misakwani area off Machakos-Kangundo Road within Machakos Subcounty is proposing to change its use from **Agricultural use to Residential Multi dwelling units** subject to approval by the County Government of Machakos. Individuals, organisations, institutions etc. with objections or comments on the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:-

The CECM Energy, Lands, Housing & Urban Development
Machakos County Government
P.O. Box 1996-90100
Machakos

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT NO. 13 OF 2019
CHANGE OF USER

The registered owners of Title North Maragoli/Chavakali/818 located off Kisumu-Kakamega Road, in Sabatia Sub County intends to change use from **Agricultural Use to Residential/Commercial Use** subject to approval by County Government of Vihiha. Individual(s), Institution(s), Organization(s) etc. with objections/comments to the proposal should forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this notice to:

The CECM, Physical Planning, Lands, Housing and Urban Development,
County Government of Vihiha
P.O Box 344-50300
Maragoli.

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KENYA AT KISUMU
CIVIL SUIT NO. 26 OF 2017

RIDHWAN TRADING COMPANY LIMITED
..... 1st PLAINTIFF
SULEIMAN NOOR OSMAN 2nd PLAINTIFF

-VERSUS-

ZARAH OMAR MBARAK 1st DEFENDANT
FAMILY BANK KENYA LIMITED 2nd DEFENDANT

OKOTH MARK OKELLO 3rd DEFENDANT
RICHARD ODHIAMBO OTIENO 4th DEFENDANT

HEARING NOTICE
TAKE NOTICE that the above matter has been fixed for hearing of the main suit 13th October 2025 in the High Court at Kisumu Courts before Hon. Justice Mwangi at 8:05 AM, or soon thereafter as may be convenient.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in default of your attendance on the said date and time, the Court may proceed to make such orders as may deem fit to grant, your absence notwithstanding.
DATED at NAIROBI this 6th day of July 2024

[Signature]

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ADVOCATES FOR THE PLAINTIFF

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C.M.E.L.C SUIT NO. E 051 OF 2025

VERONICA WAITHERA MUNGAI 1st PLAINTIFF/APPLICANT
ROSEMARY WANJIKU NDERITU 2nd PLAINTIFF/APPLICANT

SHOULDER INVESTMENTS LIMITED 1st DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT
THE LAND REGISTRAR NAKURU 2nd DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL 3rd DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE BY WAY OF ADVERTISEMENT
(Pursuant to leave of court granted on 16th June 2025)

TO: SHOULDER INVESTMENTS LIMITED

TAKE NOTICE that the above named plaintiff has instituted the above captioned suit in the Chief Magistrate Court, Environment and Land Court Division at Nakuru in which you are named as the 1st Defendant.

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DATED at Nakuru this 7th day of July 2025

OGEAL L. & COMPANY
ADVOCATES FOR THE PLAINTIFF

DRAWN & FILED BY:
Ogeal L. & Company Advocates,
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P.O Box 19110-20100,
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REPUBLIC OF KENYA
IN THE CHIEF MAGISTRATES COURT OF KENYA AT NAKURU
C.M.E.L.C SUIT NO. E 050 OF 2025

VERONICA WAITHERA MUNGAI 1st PLAINTIFF/APPLICANT
ROSEMARY WANJIKU NDERITU 2nd PLAINTIFF/APPLICANT

SHOULDER INVESTMENTS LIMITED 1st DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT
THE LAND REGISTRAR NAKURU 2nd DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL 3rd DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE BY WAY OF ADVERTISEMENT
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TO: TABITHA WANJIRUNGIGI

TAKE NOTICE that the above named plaintiff has instituted the above captioned suit in the Chief Magistrate Court, Environment and Land Court Division at Nakuru in which you are named as the 1st Defendant.

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FORM PLUPA/DC/3

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT NO 13 (2019) NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USER

The owner of the Parcel Title Number. **Thika Municipality Block 14/1582** Located off **Garissa road, in Makongeni area, Thika Sub-County, Kiambu County** wishes to **Regularize the Change of use** for the parcel currently under **Agricultural to Commercial (Hotel and Restaurant)** subject to approval by the County Government of Kiambu. Individual(s), Organization(s) and Institution(s) etc. with objections or comments to the proposal should submit them in writing within fourteen (14) days from the date of this advert addressed to:

The CECM Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development
County Government of Kiambu,
P.O. Box 2344-00900,
Kiambu.

PHYSICAL PLANNER: John Thomas Ngugi Mbau
REG No. RPP 0284.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT NO. 13 (2019) NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USER

Notice is hereby given that the registered owner of Plot No. **RUIRU KIU BLOCK 2/26215** located within Ruiru Sub-County, off Eastern Bypass, Kamakis area has applied for permission to change its use from **RESIDENTIAL SINGLE DWELLING TO LIGHT INDUSTRY (STORAGE FACILITY)** subject to approval by Kiambu County Government. Individuals, Institutions, Members of the public, etc. with objections or comments to the proposal should serve notice of such in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

CECM - LAND, PHYSICAL PLANNING, URBAN DEVELOPMENT
KIAMBU COUNTY GOVERNMENT
P.O. Box 2344-00900,
Kiambu.

PHYSICAL PLANNER: JOHN THOMAS NGUGI MBAU
RPP 0284.

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r.3(3)(xi))

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT No. 13 OF 2019 NOTIFICATION OF EXTENSION OF USER

The registered owners of L.R. No. 7219/14/1, in Thogoto, Kiambu County – along the Southern Bypass, propose to extend its use from Agricultural to include **Light Industry (Petrol station and ancillary services)** subject to approval by the County Government of Kiambu. Individuals, Institutions or members of the public with comments and/or objectives to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

The County Executive Committee Member,
Land, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development.
P.O. Box 2344 - 00900, Kiambu.

Dated: 9th July 2025. Name of the Registered Planner Enock O. Chawere,
Reg. No 0338

FORM PLUPA/DC/2

(r.3(3)(x))

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANING ACT (NO. 13 OF 2019)

NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED SUBDIVISION

Notice is hereby given that the owner of Plot **L.R.NO. 4967/121** has applied to Kiambu County for permission to subdivide the land parcel situated in Tigoni area off Kiambu Road between coordinates 1°06'47.5"S and 36°47'53.8"E. A Plan of the site and details of the proposed subdivision is deposited at the CECM's office and may be inspected free of charge between the hours of 8.00 am and 5.00 pm until the 29th day of July 2025. Any person who wishes to make any representations or objections to the proposed subdivision should serve notice of such representations or objections in writing to the **CECM: Land, Housing, Physical Planning & Urban Development, County Government of Kiambu, P.O. Box 2344- 00900, Kiambu**, not later than 21 days of publication of this notice and shall at the same time submit a copy of such representations or objections by notice served on the undersigned at the address mentioned below.

Signed: Silas Mbaabu Gichuru; Silas@supremeplans.co.ke

Dated this day 8th Day of July, 2025

Name of the Registered Planner: Silas Mbaabu Gichuru Reg. No. 0249

FORM PLUPA/DC/2

(r.3(3)(x))

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANING ACT (NO. 13 OF 2019)

NOTIFICATION FOR REGULARIZATION OF SUBDIVISION

Notice is hereby given that the owner of Plot, Title No: Nairobi/Block 118/382 has applied to the Nairobi City County for permission to regularize the subdivision of land situated in Kamulu area off Kangundo road with coordinates 1°17'26.8"S and 37°02'27.2"E. A Plan of the site and details of the proposed subdivision is deposited at the CECM's Office and may be inspected free of charge between the hours of 8.00 am and 5.00 pm until the 22nd day of July, 2025. Any person who wishes to make any representations or objections to the proposed regularization of subdivision should serve notice of such representations or objections in writing to the **CECM: Built Environment and Urban Planning, Nairobi City County. P.O. Box 30075-00100, Nairobi**, not later than 21 days of publication of this notice and shall at the same time submit a copy of such representations or objections by notice served on the undersigned at the address mentioned below.

Signed: Silas Mbaabu Gichuru; Silas@supremeplans.co.ke

Dated this day 9th Day of July, 2025

Name of registered Planner: Silas Mbaabu Gichuru Reg. No. 0249

FORM PLUPA/DC/2

(r.3(3)(x))

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANING ACT (NO. 13 OF 2019)

NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED SUBDIVISION

Notice is hereby given that the owner of Plot Title No: **Nairobi/Block 105/8335** has applied to the Nairobi City County for permission to subdivide land situated in Utawala area off Eastern Bypass with coordinates 1°16'13.4"S and 36°58'49.2"E. A Plan of the site and plans and details of the proposed subdivision is deposited CECM's Office and may be inspected free of charge between the hours of 8.00 am and 5.00 pm until the 22nd day of July, 2025. Any person who wishes to make any representations or objections to the proposed subdivision should serve notice of such representations or objections in writing to the **CECM: Built Environment and Urban Planning, Nairobi City County. P.O. Box 30075- 00100, Nairobi**, not later than 21 days of publication of this notice and shall at the same time submit a copy of such representations or objections by notice served on the undersigned at the address mentioned below.

Signed: Silas Mbaabu Gichuru; Silas@supremeplans.co.ke

Dated this day 9th Day of July, 2025

Name of registered Planner: Silas Mbaabu Gichuru Reg. No. 0249

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT No. 13 OF 2019

NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE

THE OWNER OF PLOT NO. **RUIRU KIU BLOCK 13/284** IS PROPOSING CHANGE OF USE OF THIS PROPERTY FROM **AGRICULTURAL TO RESIDENTIAL MULTIDWELLING (FLATS)** SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY KIAMBU COUNTY GOVERNMENT. INDIVIDUALS, INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANISATIONS WITH OBJECTIONS OR COMMENTS ARE REQUESTED TO FORWARD THEM IN WRITING WITHIN FOURTEEN (14) DAYS OF THIS NOTICE TO:-

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P.O. BOX 2344-00900,
KIAMBU.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT NO 13 OF 2019
CHANGE OF USE

The owner(s) of land parcel no. **KIAMBU MUNICIPALITY BLOCK 5(KIAMUMBI) /922** Located at Kiamumbi near Pretoria Street estate along Pretoria Street wish to carry out change of use from **Agricultural to residential multi-dwelling (maisonettes)** subject to approval by the Kiambu County Government. Individuals, institutions, organizations etc. with objections or comments concerning the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice.

**CECM, Land Housing, Physical Planning, Municipal Administration and Urban Development,
Kiambu County,
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Registered planner. Kelvin Ritho. Reg no 0270

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
IN THE ENVIRONMENT & LAND COURT AT VOI
ENVIRONMENT & LAND CASE NO. E006 OF 2025

KIMWADU GRANTON NJAI PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

1.COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF TAITA TAVETA
2.KATINDI MWAUFUYE MWAKSHUNGI
3.MWAMBETA MWARAGASI
4.LAND ADJUDICATION OFFICER-TAITA TAVETA COUNTY..... DEFENDANTS

To:
1.KATINDI MWAUFUYE MWAKSHUNGI
2.MWAMBETA MWARAGASI

**(SUBSTITUTED SERVICE BY ADVERTISEMENT UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 17)
(pursuant to an Order by Hon. Justus E. K. Wabwoto issued on 3/07/2025)**

TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff herein have commenced the above proceedings vide **Plaint** dated **11th April, 2025** in which you are named as the **2nd & 3rd Defendants** respectively. A copy of the summons can be obtained from the Voi Environment & Land Court Registry or from the office of **Odongo B. O. & Co. Advocates, 1st Floor, Furaha Plaza, Nkrumah Road, Mombasa.**

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that failure to enter appearance within 15 days from the date of this advertisement the Court will proceed as it deems fit with the hearing, and the plaintiff will be heard exparte and such order(s) may be given as the court may deem just.

DATED at MOMBASA this 4th day of July, 2025

**ODONGO B. O. & COMPANY
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Duly instructed by the landlord under the Distress for RENT ACT CAP 293 Laws of Kenya, we shall sell the under listed goods belonging to **Rahab Wanjiku Mugo** by public auction as follows: -
ON FRIDAY 18TH JULY, 2025 AT 10:30 AM, AT OUR ROYAL MARKET, 1ST FLOOR APT 4B, CROSS ROAD, THIKA. LOT A.

1 NO. DINING TABLE (6 CHAIRS), 1 NO. DOUBLE DOOR FRIDGE (MICA), 1 NO. MICROWAVE (MICA), 1 NO GAS COOKER, 1 NO. TOASTER (MICA), 1 NO. AIR FRYER, 1 NO. WATER HEATER, 1 NO. SOUND BAR/SPEAKER (SUMSANG), 2 NO CARPETS WITH FLOOR MATS, 1 NO. 75" LG TV, 1 NO 50" SUMSANG TV, 1 NO. IRON BOX, 1 NO SOFA SET (6 SEATER), 1 NO. COFFEE TABLE (4 STOOLS), 1 NO TV CABINET, 3 NO. FLOOR VASES, 3 NO. CORNER STAND, 3 NO. MIRRORS, 3 NO DINNING CHAIRS, 1 NO. BLENDER, 1 NO. WALL CLOCK (QUATZ).

CONDITIONS OF SALE.

1. All bidders are advised to view the goods and verify their conditions at our said office during normal working ours as the same are not warranted by the auctioneer and shall be sold on as –is – where is basis.
2. The sale shall be subject to a reserve price and shall be sold to the highest bidder at the fall of the hammer.



MOGO AUTO LTD
P.O. Box Number 29107-00100
Pine Tree, Kaburu Drive, Nairobi, Kenya

MOTOR VEHICLES FOR SALE

We are inviting offers from interested parties for the purchase of motor vehicles in our car yards countrywide , as listed below:

NO.	REG NO.	MODEL /MAKE	YOM	YARD/LOCATION	FORCED VALUE
1	KCN314F	Toyota Probox	2010	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	600000
2	KB13706	Toyota Caldina	2005	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	400000
3	KCN054S	Toyota Isis	2010	Mombasa - Car Yard - Ferry (Cars)	722500
4	KCY841Y	Suzuki Swift	2013	Kisumu - Car Yard - Kanyamedha (Cars)	637500
5	KCK062L	Mazda Demio	2009	Mombasa - Car Yard - Ferry (Cars)	420000
6	KBR72BW	Toyota Probox	2006	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	215000
7	KBX045V	Toyota Voxy	2006	Meru - Car Yard - Kathita (Cars)	530000
8	KCC903A	Subaru Impreza	2007	Kisumu - Car Yard - Kanyamedha (Cars)	450000
9	KCL227Q	Subaru Forester	2010	Mombasa - Car Yard - Ferry (Cars)	1040000
10	KCX996C	Suzuki Alto	2014	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	125000
11	KBH496J	Toyota Harrier	2003	Meru - Car Yard - Kathita (Cars)	600000
12	KDJ828V	Mazda Demio	2015	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	722500
13	KDD411Y	Toyota Passo	2014	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	535000
14	KCY529F	Mazda Demio	2012	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	357000
15	KDJ071A	Suzuki Wagon R	2015	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	459000
16	KCG934V	Mazda Demio	2012	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	330000
17	KBY451K	Honda Accord	2007	Kisumu - Car Yard - Kanyamedha (Cars)	620000
18	KCY029T	Subaru Forester	2013	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	935000
19	KAU971T	Toyota Corolla	2002	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	333000
20	KDA582K	Toyota Probox	2015	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	675000
21	KAZ070M	Toyota Carina	2000	Kisumu - Car Yard - Kanyamedha (Cars)	297000
22	KCG406H	Nissan Dualis	2008	Kisumu - Car Yard - Kanyamedha (Cars)	722500
23	KB1327M	Toyota Corolla	2002	Kisumu - Car Yard - Kanyamedha (Cars)	340000
24	KCM719W	Toyota Wish	2011	Kisumu - Car Yard - Kanyamedha (Cars)	807500
25	KBF124A	Nissan X-trail	2001	Meru - Car Yard - Kathita (Cars)	255000
26	KBU225A	Toyota Noah	2005	Kisumu - Car Yard - Kanyamedha (Cars)	495000
27	KDA381E	Hyundai Santa Fe	2014	Kisumu - Car Yard - Kanyamedha (Cars)	2250000
28	KBU313H	Toyota Wish	2005	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	405000
29	KB1134B	Toyota Mark II	2001	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	382000
30	KCN141C	Nissan Teana	2010	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	612000
31	KCW182U	Volkswagen Touran	2012	Meru - Car Yard - Kathita (Cars)	756000
32	KB453A	Toyota Caldina	2002	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	187000
33	KBW285Q	Toyota Probox	2006	Meru - Car Yard - Kathita (Cars)	112500
34	KCZ896E	Honda Fit	2013	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	612000
35	KDG780B	Toyota Probox	2016	Kisumu - Car Yard - Kanyamedha (Cars)	666000
36	KBY665G	Toyota Isis	2006	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	340000
37	KBN272T	Toyota Mark X	2005	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	467500
38	KBN915B	Nissan X-trail	2003	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	387000
39	KCH244C	Audi A3	2009	Kisumu - Car Yard - Kanyamedha (Cars)	680000
40	KDQ510Q	Mazda Cx-5	2017	Mombasa - Car Yard - Ferry (Cars)	2250000
41	KCS461M	Isuzu Como	2011	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	289000
42	KCR506Y	Mazda Demio	2011	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	414000
43	KBM567R	Toyota Premio	2004	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	488000
44	KDE943S	Suzuki Alto	2014	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	270000
45	KCF102Z	Nissan March	2008	Nairobi - Car Yard - Kiambu (Cars)	225000

Viewing of MOTOR VEHICLES to be done at MOGO Car Yards. (call 0114823694) for directions) to verify the details, as SALE IS 'ON-AS-IS WHERE-IS-BASIS'.
Bids should be submitted through email: **cars_sales@mogo.co.ke** (as well put down your mobile number on the mail) or drop in a sealed envelope and clearly marked "Tender for Motor Vehicle" addressed to:
**Mogo Auto Ltd, Pine tree, Kaburu Drive
P.O Box 9979 - 00100
NAIROBI.**



**KENYA POST BANK PENSION TOWERS, 2ND FLOOR
OFFICE SUIT NO.10, MURANG'A ROAD, NAIROBI.
P. O. Box 75185-00200, NAIROBI, KENYA
Office Line: 0792824665
Email: Immediateauctioneers@gmail.com
Repossession & Realization or Charged Securities**

PUBLIC AUCTION

DULY INSTRUCTED BY OUR CLIENT, WE SHALL SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION BELOW MOTOR VEHICLE ON **16TH JULY, 2025 AT 11:30 AM** AT OUR OFFICES, **KENYA POST BANK PENSION TOWERS, 3RD FLOOR, SUITE NO. 17.**

**MILIMANI SCCCOMM/E 4983 OF 2024
JASES AUTO GARAGE LIMITED VS. CHRISTINE KITHINI KIKOMBO & ZIPPORAH WANGUI WANJIRU**

REGISTRATION NO.	MAKE/MODEL	LOCATION/PARKED
KCY 963K	SUZUKI	JASES AUTO GARAGE LTD

**CONDITION OF SALE
CASH AT THE FALL OF THE HAMMER**

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P.O. Box 12451-20100 Nairobi
Email: ikwandi@gmail.com
Website: www.ikwandi.com

PUBLIC AUCTION

UNDER INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED FROM OUR PRINCIPALS THE CHARGEES, IN EXERCISE OF THEIR STATUTORY POWER OF SALE WE SHALL SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION THE UNDER MENTIONED PROPERTY.

❖ **DEVELOPED PROPERTY MEASURING 0.034HA OR 0.084 ACRES APPROXIMATELY SITUATED WITHIN YUKOS ESTATE KITENGELA TOWN ON 24TH JULY, 2025 AT OUR BRANCH OFFICE, MILELE CENTRE, 1ST FLR, RM 1013/15, BEHIND EQUITY BANK, KAJIADO-NAMANGA RD, KITENGELA TOWN STARTING AT 12NOON.**

All that piece of land known as **L.R. NO. KAJIADO/KAPUTEI NORTH/ 40767 MEASURING 0.034HA OR 0.084 OF AN ACRE APPROXIMATELY KAJIADO COUNTY** The property is situated within a gated set up in an estate referred to as Yukos Estate. Access to the property off Nairobi- Namanga Road is via a left turn at Total Energies Kitengela Petrol Station onto an unnamed motorable earthen surfaced road and proceeding for approximately 100 meters to the estate's main gate and then proceeding for approximately 385 meters to the subject property. The property is located approximately 3.7 kilometers from Kitengela Town and 35 kilometers from Nairobi City Center. The property lies within GPS Coordinates -1.506422, 36.957480. The Property measures 0.034 Ha or 0.084 of an Acre approximately and the title tenure is freehold interest. The property is developed. The property is registered under the name of **Anastasia Muthoni Muroki, Michael Martin Muroki Mark Munyiri Muroki, Jacinta Njeri Muroki** of P.O BOX 44645-00100 **NAIROBI**

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- All the interested purchasers are requested to view the property and verify the details for themselves as these are not warranted by the auctioneers or the chargee.
- A deposit of 25% of the purchase price **MUST** be paid in cash or banker's cheque at the fall of the hammer and balance to be paid within 90 days to the chargee.
- A refundable bidding deposit of **Kshs. 1,000,000/=** for the property by way of bankers cheque to the auctioneers.
- Conditions of sale are available on request at our offices and viewing of the Property can be done on prior arrangement.
- The sale is subject to a reserve price and other requisite consent.

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VINTAGE AUCTIONEERS

**Auctioneers/ Repossessors/ Debt Collectors/ Court Process Servers
Delamere Flats, Block E, Room 26,
Milimani Road, Opposite Integrity Centre
P.O. Box 105190-00101, Nairobi Tel: 0703 381 005 / 0714 588 332
Email: vintageauction10@gmail.com**

PUBLIC AUCTION

- Under instructions received from The Small Claim's Court at Naivasha we shall sell the below mentioned Containers which are held at **Capital Diamond Storage and Auction Yard** on **17th July at 10:00 a.m.** at our above mentioned office
 - SCCC NO. E606 OF 2024 - NAIVASHA. **HELLEN ACHIENG APIYO-VS- CLIMAX COACHES LTD.** M/V REG NO. KCE 112X- SCANIA BUS
 - SCCC NO. E607 OF 2024 - NAIVASHA. **RUTH MOKEIRA ONGORI-VS- CLIMAX COACHES LTD.** M/V REG NO. KCE 112X- SCANIA BUS
 - SCCC NO. E609 OF 2024 - NAIVASHA. **BORIS BOGETA MOSE-VS- CLIMAX COACHES LTD.** M/V REG NO. KCE 112X- SCANIA BUS
 - SCCC NO. E611 OF 2024 - NAIVASHA. **MICHAEL OCHIENG OPA-P-VS- CLIMAX COACHES LTD.** M/V REG NO. KCE 112X- SCANIA BUS

- Under instructions received from The Employment And Labour Relations Court At Nairobi Law Courts we shall sell the below mentioned motor vehicle which is held at **Capital Diamond Storage and Auction Yard** on **17th July at 10:30 a.m.** at our above mentioned office.

RE: ELRC NO. E117 OF 2022- NAIROBI.
LUBUELLAH & ASSOCIATES ADVOCATES-VS- MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY.
M/V REG NO. KCP 678K - TOYOTA HIACE
RE: ELRC NO. E118 OF 2022- NAIROBI.
LUBUELLAH & ASSOCIATES ADVOCATES-VS MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY
M/V REG NO. KCP 678K - TOYOTA HIACE
RE: ELRC NO. E119 OF 2022- NAIROBI.
LUBUELLAH & ASSOCIATES ADVOCATES-VS- MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY
M/V REG NO. KCP 678K - TOYOTA HIACE
RE: ELRC NO. E120 OF 2022- NAIROBI.
LUBUELLAH & ASSOCIATES ADVOCATES-VS- MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY
M/V REG NO. KCP 678K - TOYOTA HIACE
RE: ELRC NO. E132 OF 2022- NAIROBI.
LUBUELLAH & ASSOCIATES ADVOCATES-VS- MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY
M/V REG NO. KCP 678K - TOYOTA HIACE

- Under instructions received from Capital Diamond Storage Yard on Disposal of uncollected goods Act (Cap. 38) we shall sell by public auction the below mentioned motor vehicle which are held at Capital Diamond Storage Yard on **17th July 2025 at 11:00am** at our above mentioned office.

MOTOR VEHICLES:

 - 21CG 027A - FORD ECOSPORT
 - 21CG 004A - TOYOTA FORTUNER
 - KBM 978X - TOYOTA PROBOX
 - KCP 632T - VOLVO IRE ENGINE TRUCK
 - KSX 959 - ISUZU DIRECT
 - KAL 030B - NISSAN B16
 - KCH 629C - NISSAN LAPESTA
 - KBQ 509L - TOYOTA VITZ

CONDITIONS ON SALE

- Interested purchasers are required to verify the details and particulars of the motor vehicles for themselves as these are not warranted by the Auctioneer, Chargee or Advocate AS SALE IS "ON-AS-IS-WHERE-IS-BASIS".
- All interested purchasers will be required to make a refundable deposit of Kshs. 50,000/- by bankers cheque to obtain a bidding number prior to the auction.
- On a successful bid, a deposit of **25%** must be paid in **CASH** or **BANKERS CHEQUE** at the fall of a hammer and the balance to be paid within 7 DAYS from the date of sale.
- The sale is subject to reserve price.
- The Auctioneer reserve the right to reject any bid without giving reason for doing so.

Kiambu Road, opp. Evergreen Square
P. O. Box 598 - 00100, G.P.O Nairobi,
Tel. 0722 584 463/ 0756 685 757
Email: nairobichannels@gmail.com.

NCA NAIROBI CHANNELS AUCTIONEERS

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals the financiers, under Matter of Repossession we shall sell the under-mentioned motor vehicles on **17TH July 2025 at 11.00 a.m.** at our above mentioned offices.

REG. NO.	MAKE	YOM	STORAGE YARD
KDL 542N	TOYOTA AXIO	2017	GREYPOST YARD
KDB 845K	TOYOTA VITZ		GREYPOST YARD
KDK 571N	TOYOTA PROBOX	2015	SKLS YARD

TERMS

- Purchasers to view and verify details themselves; as these are not warranted by the Auctioneer or the Principals.
- Sale is on AS-IS-WHERE-IS-BASIS and subject to reserve price.
- Payment via Banker's cheque or RTGS before close of business.
- A refundable deposit of 50,000/= to obtain bidding number prior to the auction.
- The auctioneer has the right to reject any bid without giving any reason.

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Nairobi G.P.O
larauctioneers@gmail.com
0722 647 615 / 0732 257 161

Auctioneers, Debt Collection, Private Investigation and Process Service

PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions from our principals, THE FINANCIERS, we shall sell the under mentioned repossessed motor vehicle by public auction on **18th July 2025** at our yards starting **10.30 a.m.**

NO	REG NO	MODEL	CC- FUEL - YOM	YARD
1	KAW 966L	CRANE XCMG	9715CC Diesel 2006	The Auction centre
2	KDB 866V	HONDA FIT	1310CC PETROL 2013	The Auction centre
3	KDH 707V	LEXUS	1990CC PETROL 2015	The Auction centre
4	KDN 725B	TOYOTA ALLION	1790CC PETROL 2016	The Auction centre
5	KDB 290M	TOYOTA PROBOX	1490CC PETROL 2015	Startruck Caryard and storage
6	KHMA 964K	SDLG	6750CC DIESEL 2016	Integra storage yard
7	KDP 334A	SUZUKI ALTO	660CC PETROL	SK dhahabu yard
8	KBY 281V	TOYOTA RAUM	PETROL	Startruck Caryard and storage
9	KBF 226B	VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT	PETROL	Startruck Caryard and storage

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- Cash at the fall of the hammer.
- The bidding to be done through the office email or during auction date.
- The auctioneer has a right to reject any bid without giving a reason.
- The subject of sale is as it is.
- All the interested bidders are requested to view and verify the details for this is not warranted by the auctioneers or our principal.



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Auctioneers / Repossessors / Debt Collectors / Court Process Servers / Commission Agents
Call: 0722 - 273 848
0722 - 370 887
Email: charauction@gmail.com

Kenya House
Moi Avenue
4th Floor, Room 6
P.O. Box 3259 - 00200
Nairobi

PUBLIC AUCTION

1. Under instructions received from principal landlady Julia Ngunyo Munyua vs Lydia Adhiambo Obare (tenant)
We shall sell by Public Action the below mentioned household items which is held at Ruaka Joyland on **Thursday 17th July, 2025 at 10.30 am.**

3seater sofaset, HP laptop, Dell laptop, Ramton coffee maker, Hair flat screen TV 14inch, Ramtons Microwave, Ampex woofer plus 2 speakers, pro gas meko, High kitchen table(2), two door LG Fridge, 46inch Hisense Flat Screen Tv, wooden Book selves(2), 2 six by five heavy duty mattress, blender, five by six wooden bed, five buckets, assorted kitchen wares, 1 seat, 2 floor carpets, 1 TV stand, assorted books, 46 inch TCL flatscreen TV, Hisense microwave, 2 door ALLYONS fridge and 3 fridge guards.

2. Under instructions received from kajado Small claim Court Case No. E268/2024 Janet Mueni Joel -vs- Paul Kinyili and Sarah Nduku Peter
We shall sell by Public Action the below mentioned motor vehicle which is held at Tumbo Storage Limited Machakos junction on **Friday 18th July, 2025 at 10.30 am.**

**MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION NO. KBD 474P. FH
CANTER WHITE IN COLOUR**

CONDITIONS FOR SALE

- Cash at the fall of the hammer.
- The subject sale is as is basis.
- Viewing can be done at the indicated location during working hours.



4th Avenue Towers
9th Floor Suite No. 2
4th Ngong Avenue, Ngong Road
P.O. Box 59969-00200 Nairobi
Tel: 0720846060/ 0727237483
Email: complianceauctioneers@gmail.com

(Licensed Auctioneers) Auctioneers, Repossession, Private Investigators,
Debt Collectors, Process Servers, Court Brokers, Estate & Commission Agents.

PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our principal/financiers, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned motor vehicles and goods as follows:

**1. ON MONDAY 14TH JULY 2025 AT 10:00 A.M AT JOGODO ROAD MOTORS STORAGE AND SALES LIMITED
JOGODO RD NAIROBI
RE: IN THE MATTER OF REPOSSESSION FINANCIER VS ABDISEMED MAHAMUD SHEIKH**

REG NO.	MAKE	COLOUR	YOM	BODY
KCD 346F	NISSAN	DUAL IS	2008	S.WAGON

**2. ON THURSDAY 17TH JULY 2025 AT 11:00A.M AT FORESIGHT MOTORS & STORAGE YARD.
RE: RUIRU SCC NO. E313 OF 2025
MARCLUS NJUE MWANIKI VS PAUL KARANJA MWURA & MATHA INDUSTRIES LIMITED**

REG NO.	MAKE	COLOUR	YOM	BODY
KAN 384V	ISUZU		2001	LORRY/TRUCK

**3. ON FRIDAY 18 TH JULY 2025 AT 11:00 A.M AT PHILLIPS INTERNATIONAL STORAGE YARD
KILELESHA NAIROBI.
RE: IN THE MATTER OF REPOSSESSION FINANCIER VS YATTANI ADANO JATTANI**

REG NO.	MAKE	COLOUR	YOM	BODY
KDS272B	VOLKSWAGEN	GOLF R	2017	S.WAGON

CONDITION OF SALE:

- All interested Purchasers/bidders are requested to view the motor vehicles during normal working hour upon prior arrangement with our office and verify the details for themselves as these are not warranted by the auctioneer or the chargee/principals.
- Bidders are required to obtain a refundable deposit of Kshs. 5,000 to obtain a bidding number.
- Online bids are also acceptable
- Cash or Bankers Cheque at the fall of the hammer.
- Sale is subject to reserve price, and the auctioneer reserves the right to reject any bid without giving reasons for doing so.



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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our Principals, the Financiers, we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicles by public auction on **Wednesday 16th July, 2025** starting from 10.30 a.m.

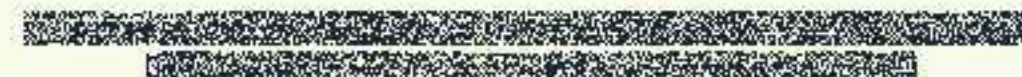
NO	REG NO.	CAR AND MAKE	YARD
1.	KDM 710D	TOYOTA NOAH	BLACKBIRD STORAGE YARD

- All interested buyers are requested to view from **9TH JULY, 2025 BETWEEN 8.30am to 4.30p.m.** And verify all the details of the Motor vehicle as these are not warranted by the Auctioneer.
- The motor vehicle will be sold on 'As Is Where Is' basis.
- The successful bidder **MUST** make arrangements to pay the balance of purchase price within 24 hours failure to which storage charges shall be leveled and deposit paid **FORFEITED**.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

STRICTLY CASH AT THE FALL OF THE HAMMER

0722 560 209 / 0756 461 687
Tribal Towers, P.O. Box 186-00100
Nairobi, Kenya



PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions from our principles we shall sell the undermentioned motor vehicle and household items in a public auction on **16th July 2025** at startruck yard, Kiambu road starting at **10:30 a.m.**

IN THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT NAIROBI MILIMANI COMMERCIAL COURTS CMCC CASE NO. 3950 OF 2019 MARK A.M RAFIMBI & EUNICE MUTHONI GITONGA Against BETHUEL KIAMA MACHARIA & ELIZABETH NJERI KIAMA

Five seater sofaset, 1 two burner cooker, 1 jiko koko, 1 progas 6kg, 1 Von point small fridge, 1 tv stand, 1 sony speaker, 1 table, 1 M gas 13kgs, 1 wooden coffee table, 1 car woofer, 1 Ramtons microwave, 3 curtains, 1 Mika water dispenser, 1 wall clock, 2 electric extensions.

Motor vehicle Registration no **KCX 652 M** Toyota Noah

CONDITIONS OF SALE

Cash at the fall of the hammer

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TOPLINK AUCTIONEERS

**Court Brokers, Bailiffs, Repossessors and Debt Collectors
F&F HOUSE LTD, 1ST FLOOR, TOM MBOYA STREET,
P.O BOX 15381 - 00400 NAIROBI, TELEPHONE: 0722759888**

PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from the chargee we shall sell the following property.

VACANT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY IN RUIRU GIKUMARI AREA, KIAMBU COUNTY

ON 24TH JULY, 2025 AT 10.30AM AT OUR OFFICES F & F HOUSE FORMERLY NCM HOUSE 1ST FLOOR ROOM 3, TOM MBOYA STREET

All that piece and parcel of land known as **TITLE NO. RUIRU/ RUIRU EAST BLOCK 4/7746 RUIRU AREA, KIAMBU COUNTY** measuring 0.0376 HA or 0.093 ACRES appx. This subject property is located within an area locally identifiable as "GIKUMARI" Area, Ruiru, off Eastern Bypass, Ruiru Sub-County in Kiambu County. The property lies approx. 1.6Kms South East of Gikumari Primary School within the said area. Within coordinates (-1.197500, 37.091750) or 1°11'51.0" S 37°05'30.3" E. It is registered in the name of **THURANIRA MUTUA**.

CONDITIONS FOR SALE

All interested purchasers are requested to view and verify the details as the financiers or the Auctioneer do not warrant these. A deposit of 25% must be paid in RTGS or Bankers Cheque at the fall of the hammer and the balance within 90 days. The property can be viewed daily and conditions of sale to be obtained from our offices. Sale is subject to a reserve price.

ZEBRA HOUSE KENYA AUCTIONEERS

**HAZINA SHOPPING COMPLEX SOUTH B ROOM 15.
P.O BOX 72286 00200 NAIROBI. TEL. 0726819114/0729709250**

PUBLIC AUCTION

We shall sell by public Auction the under mentioned on **Thursday 10th July, 2025 at 11 a.m** or soon thereafter at our offices in **Hazina Shopping Complex, Plains view road South B, Nairobi**

**IN THE MATTER OF
ANYUA CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD..... PLAINTIFF
VS
NJURU INDUSTRIES LTD..... DEFENDANT
MCONSU CASE NO. E896 OF 2023**

Assorted lighting products as follows:

- 28 boxes 4ft tubes
- 30 boxes 2ft tubes
- Grill lamps - 300 boxes
- 7 watt bulbs - 85 boxes
- 5 watts 86 boxes
- 96 boxes rechargeable bulbs
- 5 boxes dimer switches
- Assorted switches
- Assorted sockets
- 3 boxes TV outlets
- 39 boxes consumer units
- Assorted LED bulbs
- Assorted extantion cables
- Assorted mirror lights

Full and detailed list can be obtained from the auctioneer upon payment of 500/- for a for a catalogue.

**On Tuesday 15th July, 2025 at 11.am or soon thereafter at our offices in Hazina Shopping Complex, Plains view road South B, Nairobi;
FINANCIER VS FREDRICK OCHWATA OMONDI
i. Motor Vehicle Reg No. KBZ 653, Toyota Fielder**

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- All interested purchasers are required to make arrangements to view the items and motor vehicle and verify the details, as these are not warranted by the auctioneer or our clients. **SALE WILL BE "ON - AS - IS - WHERE - IS - BASIS"**
- The sale is subject to the reserve price.
- Cash at the fall of the hammer



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Email: prodigycommence@gmail.com

PUBLIC AUCTION
Duly instructed by our principals, the charges we shall sell by public Auction the below mentioned property.
ON THURSDAY 24th JULY 2025 AT 11:00AM AT OUR OFFICES, NATURE HOUSE TO MBOYA STREET ROOM NO. 4, 2.3 NAIROBI
All that property known as LR No M/W OKD TOWN BLOCK 12/10106 MCHAKOS and registered in the name of JOSHUA KENDI of P.O. Box 30866-00100 NAIROBI.
The property is located in Kamulu, Mavoko county town Machakos along kangundo Road. Area of the property is in 0.034 of a hectare. Erected on the plot is a three bedroom bungalow.
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CONDITION OF SALE
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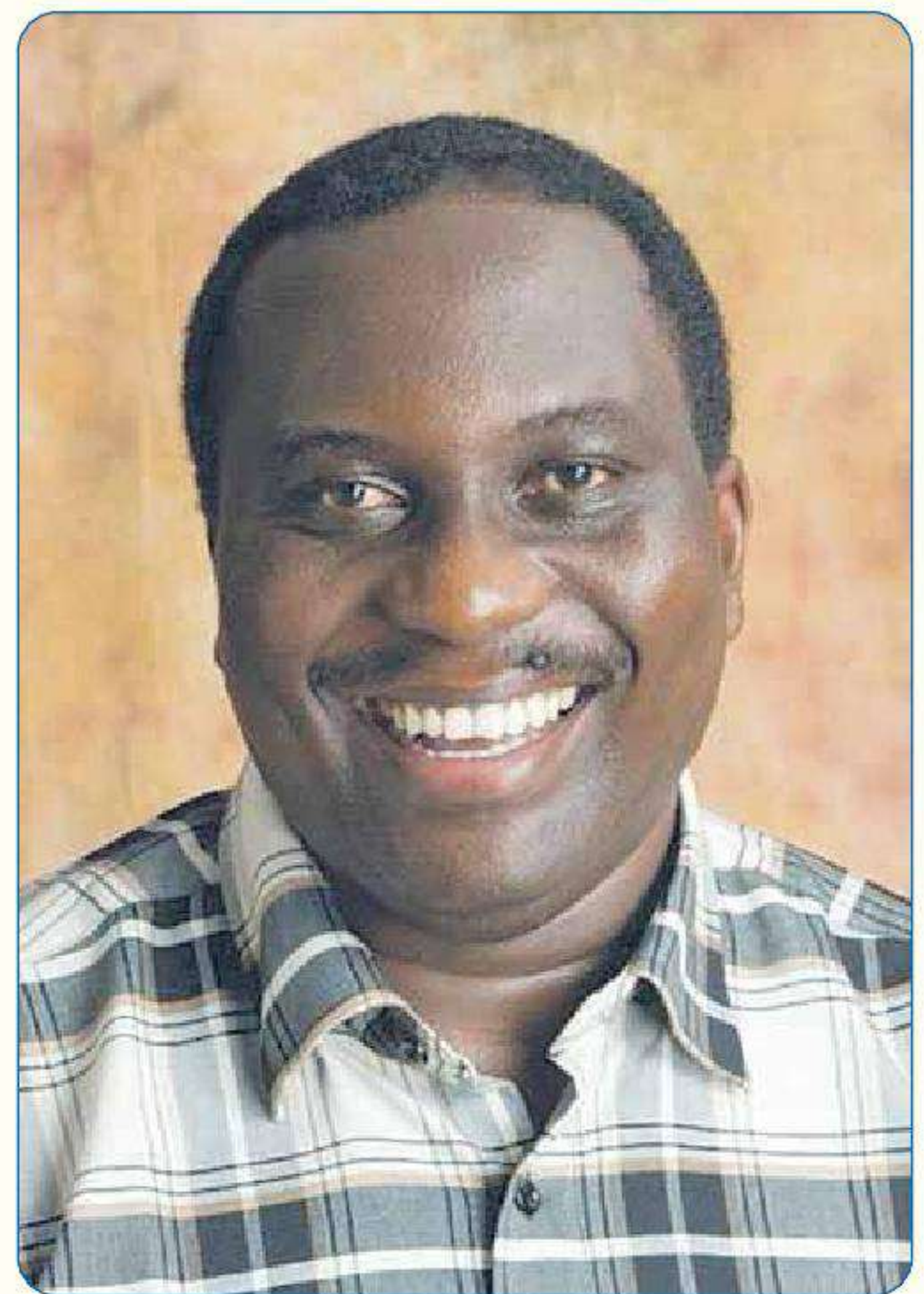
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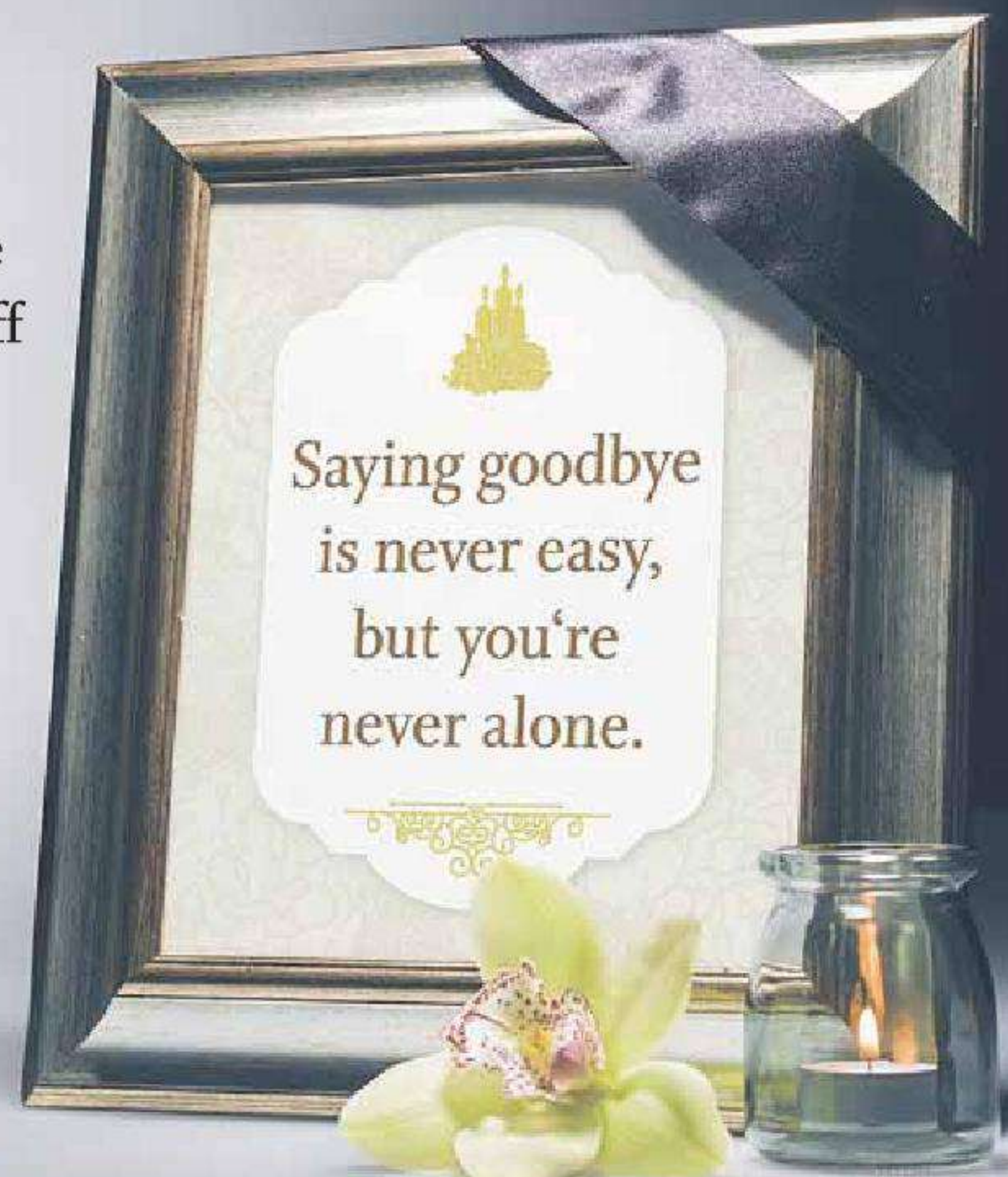
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Simbas roar past Uganda to keep World Cup dreams alive

► Chao scores a brace to inspire Kenya to a 32-24 win over Uganda.

► Kenya will face Zimbabwe in semis.

WASHINGTON ONYANGO

Kenya Simbas survived a late scare in Uganda to qualify for the 2024 Rugby Africa Cup semi-finals after knocking out the Rugby Cranes 32-24 in an entertaining quarter-final match at Mandela National Stadium, Kampala yesterday.

After leading by 19 points with 15 minutes left on the clock, the hosts scored two late tries in an attempt to sting the Simbas, who showed class and calm in disaster to hold off the comeback attempt and win.

Griffin Chao scored a brace for Kenya as Barry Young and captain George Nyambua also crossed over the whitewash in the win. Jone Kubu added con-

versions, while Barry Young sealed it with two drop goals.

The Simbas showed they learned a lot from their high-intensity training camp in South Africa when Griffin Chao sold a pair of wheels on the left wing to score near the corner for a 5-0 lead after Timothy Omela missed the conversion.

Kenya returned to the score sheet again when Barry Young picked an offload from Jone Kubu to score between the sticks for 12-0.

Silenced by the earlier Kenyan dominance, Aaron Ofoyrwoth awakened the thousands of Ugandan fans in the stands with a try at the half-hour mark, Joseph Aredo adding the extras to cut Kenya's lead to 12-7.

In the final half, Simbas picked up from where they left off. However, this time Barry Young split the posts with a drop goal for a 15-7 lead.

Aredo replied with a penalty for Uganda to cut the lead again to 15-10 before Kenya went on a 10-minute rampage.

George Nyambua grounded Kenya's



Kenya Simbas fly-half Barry Young (centre) in action against Uganda during yesterday's Rugby World Cup qualifiers in Kampala, Uganda. [Nile Special Media]

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RUGBY AFRICA CUP

Yesterday's Quarter-final Results

■ Zimbabwe	43-8	Morocco
■ Algeria	41-6	Ivory Coast
■ Namibia	55-17	Senegal
■ Kenya	32-24	Uganda

Semi-final Fixtures

■ Kenya	v	Zimbabwe
■ Namibia	v	Algeria



third try of the match at the hour mark after a strong scrum turnover, bulldozing his way over the whitewash to score a try that Kubu converted to stretch the scores to 22-10.

Six minutes later, Kenya Cup champion Chao danced his way to the try box for his brace after splitting the Ugandan defence, who committed their front row in a lineout after a deep throw from Eugene Sifuna. The beautiful set play saw Simbas lead 29-10.

Not wanting to disappoint their fans, Uganda awakened again, this time by former Kabras Sugar fullback Philip Wokorach who beat two Kenyan defenders to score between the posts for 29-17 after Aredo's conversion.

Almost immediately, Adrian Kasito's chip and chase caught the Kenyan defence napping, beating Samwel Asati before a loose ball enabled Byron Oket-ayot to ground the ball for Uganda, who cut the gap to 29-24 after Wokorach's conversion.

Barry Young sealed Kenya's win with a late drop goal for a 32-24 win.

Kenya will now face off with Zimbabwe in the semi-finals, while Namibia will play Algeria in the other semi-finals.

The tournament acts as a qualifier for the 2027 Rugby World Cup in Australia. The champion will qualify for the World Cup.

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ATHLETICS

Nairobi City gains momentum amid quest for healthy lifestyles



Athletes compete in 10km men's race during the 2025 Nairobi City Marathon. [Stafford Ondego]

With his face glowing with pride, Antonio Bundi relished the thrilling moment of crossing the finish line during the fourth edition of Nairobi City Marathon that took place on Sunday in Nairobi, the Kenyan capital.

The 22-year-old, a native of a serene village in northern Kenya, braved the chilly dawn weather to race along the 27.1-km Chinese-built Nairobi Expressway, competing against both local and international long-distance runners.

Bundi knew his chances of winning the 21-km half marathon were slim, but the thought of running alongside well-known athletes of long-distance races was irresistible.

"This is my first time to participate in the Nairobi City Marathon," Bundi said.

"Surprisingly, I finished the race without any

major hiccup. I feel energised to run similar ones in the future."

Themed "I Love Nairobi-Run the City You Love," this year's race attracted over 17,000 elite and amateur runners from more than 70 countries and regions, including more than 13,000 Kenyans and 300 Chinese nationals.

Ruth Kemunto, a bubbly amateur runner from the western Kenyan county of Kisii, was in her element after completing the 10-km race, sweating profusely but rehydrating with mineral water.

Participating in the annual competitive race has been her personal goal, driven by the quest for physical wellness that many of her peers have ignored in the relentless pursuit of career mobility and financial success.

"Finishing the 10-km race triggered some renewal in my whole mental, physical, and emotional realm. Running is fun and therapeutic. I am confident I will compete in the 21-km race next year," said Kemunto.

Since May 2022, when the inaugural Nairobi City Marathon was held, the subsequent editions have grown in stature, prestige, diversity, and impact on the wider society.

The prize money has also been increased, with this year's full marathon winners awarded Sh3.5 million (about 27,100 U.S. dollars), and half marathon winners in both male and female categories taking home Sh2.5 million.

In addition, the race elevated the sustainability agenda through partnerships with the United Nations Environment Program. [Xinhua]

Defending champs Dagoretti Mixed chase national ticket

► Coach O'rao says their main objective is to secure their return to East Africa games.

► The regional heavyweights launch their title defence in Group A.

ELIZABETH MBURUGU, NAIROBI

Nairobi Region girls' football champions Dagoretti Mixed Secondary School will be on a mission to retain their title at this year's regional Term Two games that begin today at Nairobi School.

Dagoretti have dominated the Nairobi games since dethroning Olympic High School in 2019. They are determined to be among the eight girls' teams that will compete for top honours at the 2025 Kenya Secondary Schools Sports Association (KSSSA) National Term Two games set for July 28 to August 2 in Kakamega County.

Dagoretti coach Joseph O'rao said their aim is to retain the regional trophy and book their ticket to Kakamega.

Competition is very stiff this year but we must just defend our title and return the national games. We have been working very hard fill the gaps that were left by our players who finished school last year and I can confidently say that our current squad is equal to the task," O'rao said.

Kenya Police Bullets centre back Rebecca Odato is among Dagoretti players who cleared school last year. Odato was also part of the history-making Junior Starlets Under-17 team that played at the 2024 Fifa Under-17 Women's World in the Dominican Republic. She won the women's Premier League title with Police on her debut season.

Dagoretti are in Group A alongside Mwangaza Secondary School, Hon John Njoroge and Kibera Girls Soccer Girls. Coach O'rao said Kibera Girls Soccer, Moi Girls, Soweto Academy and Huruma Girls are the biggest threats to their title ambitions.

Moi Girls are in Group B where they will clash with Beth Mugo, Babadogo and perennial rivals St Georges.

Group C has Ruai Hill School, Pangani Girls, Zawadi Secondary School and Buruburu Girls. Soweto and Huruma will battle it out in Group D that also has Ngara Girls and the Kenya High.

O'rao will bank on the services of midfielders Shaine Kyalo and Neema Mbalaka, forwards Lucy Amoit and Lucy Achieng, defenders Cisse Nambuya and Sasha Wekesa as well as goalkeeper Shallet Baya.

Their dependable defender Susan Cynthia has been sidelined with an injury but will be fit in



Dagoretti Mixed High School's Sophia Jabir (left) in action against Bethmugo Secondary School's Vallyar Mukovi in last year's Nairobi Region Term Two games. [Jonah Onyango, Standard]



The girls have bigger dreams because they are also looking to excel at the nationals."

Joseph O'rao, Dagoretti Mixed Secondary school coach

time for the nationals, should they bag the ticket.

National boys' football champions Highway Secondary School will begin their campaign in Group C alongside Moi Forces Academy (MFA) and Shammah Secondary School.

Former champions Upper Hill will also be out to secure their slot to the national stage after many years in the cold.

They were boosted by the return of their experienced tactician Joseph Makokha who led them to the 2013 and 2017 national gongs.

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SCHOOL GAMES

Major clashes on offer as Rift Valley giants meet in games

Rift Valley Secondary Schools Sports Association Term Two games are promising an adrenaline-packed action.

Sports giants are from today converging in Eldoret for major showdowns.

From volleyball giants, national volleyball champions Cheptil Secondary school, to football kings and queens making comebacks to the Rift Valley regional stage and to surprise teams, the stage has been set for thrillers.

Cheptil's principal and team manager Kipyego Ngetich said their boys are ready for the showdown.

"We are confident of winning the Rift Valley regional trophy in boys' volleyball, but we are not going to underrate our opponents," said Ngetich.

"Last year, Burundi denied us the East African trophy and our dream this year is to qualify for the national games and from there, we will do our best and return to East Africa to redeem ourselves."

Aside from boys' volleyball, Cheptil will also be in action in the girls' 3x3 basketball.

Their girls' volleyball squad are not at the regional games this year, leaving Kosirai Girls with the assignment of representing Nandi in Eldoret.

A football extravaganza is also in store as the best from Rift Valley assemble for glory at Hill School, Eldoret.

Eldoret-based Wareng High School, representing hosts Uasin Gishu, are returning to the regionals after six years.

Wareng will be taking on Narok, Nakuru and Elgeyo Marakwet in Pool D with St Joseph's Kitale, which had a dramatic run to the regional games, playing against Baringo and West Pokot in Pool A.

St Joseph's had beaten Bwake Boys 1-0 in a hotly contested match played at Chebisaas Boys in Uasin Gishu last week after days of controversies that caused abandonment of their matches in Trans Nzoia.

Before the finals, St Joseph's had humiliated their archrivals St Anthony Boys 5-0 in a rematch of the semi-final, also staged in Uasin Gishu. [Stephen Rutto]



Namwela Boys volleyball team in action against Cheptil in last year's national games. [Sammy Omingo, Standard]

POOLS:

Football:

Boys:

Group A:

■ St Patrick's
■ Starehe
■ Brookshine

Group B:

■ Upper Hill
■ Zawadi
■ Ruai Hills

Group C:

■ Highway
■ MFA

Shammah

Group D:

■ Lenana
■ Waylight
■ Olympic
■ Group E:
■ Beth Mugo
■ Oasis
■ Ofafa Jericho

Group F:

■ Brownhill
■ Babadogo
■ Dr Ribeiro

Group G:

Langata

■ Jamhuri
■ Hospital Hill

Group H:

■ Garden Estate
■ Nairobi School
■ Mwangaza

Girls:

Group A:

■ Dagoretti Mixed
■ Mwangaza
■ Hon John Njoroge
■ Kibera Girls Soccer

Group B:

■ Moi Girls
■ Beth Mugo
■ Babadogo
■ St Georges

Group C:

■ Ruai Hills
■ Pangani
■ Zawadi

Group D:

■ Buruburu
■ Kenya High
■ Ngara
■ Huruma

Soweto

Volleyball:

Boys:

Group A:

■ Hospital Hill
■ Shadrack Kimalel
■ Lenana
■ Starehe

Group B:

■ Ruthimitu
■ Upper Hill
■ Mwangaza
■ Pumwani

Group C:

■ Langata
■ Nairobi School
■ Githurai
■ Ofafa Jericho

Group D:

■ Ruaraka
■ Kware
■ MFA
■ Babadogo

Girls:

Group A:

■ Soweto Academy

Nembu

Garden Estate

Group B:

■ Brownhill
■ Beth Mugo
■ Kahawa Garrison

Group C:

■ St Georges
■ Mbagathi
■ Zawadi

Group D:

■ Kenya High
■ Peter Kibukosya
■ Ngara Girls

FOOTBALL



Real Madrid's Kylian Mbappe in past Champions League action. [AFP]

Mbappe and PSG set for reunion as Real eye final

Kylian Mbappe will come up against Paris Saint-Germain for the first time since leaving the French club a year ago as Xabi Alonso's Real Madrid revolution gets its biggest test yet in today's Club World Cup semi-final.

Mbappe should be remembered as a PSG legend, having spent seven prolific campaigns there and eventually departing as their all-time top scorer with 256 goals in 308 games.

But his legacy was a little tainted by the manner of his departure, the sense among many that for the last half of his time in Paris he was just waiting for the right moment to move to Madrid, the club he had dreamed of representing as a young boy.

PSG, under their Qatari president Nasser al-Khelaifi, were not happy with the way in which Mbappe chose to run down his contract in order to sign for Real in 2024, denying them a transfer fee.

A bitter legal dispute has gone on between the parties for much of the time since, with Mbappe claiming he is owed 55 million euros in unpaid wages and bonuses from his spell in Paris.

The latest twist came just this week, when one of Mbappe's lawyers told AFP that the France captain had withdrawn a complaint of moral harassment against his former employers.

That was after the Paris prosecutor's office revealed last month that an investigation had

been opened following a complaint by the player over the way he was treated by PSG in the summer of 2023.

He believes he was sidelined by PSG and made to train with players the club were looking to offload after refusing to agree a new contract.

Mbappe missed a pre-season tour to Japan and the start of the next campaign before eventually being reintegrated into Luis Enrique's squad.

All of that should have been behind Mbappe long ago, given the way his first season at Real has gone on a personal level.

The 26-year-old scored 43 goals in 56 matches for his new club across all competitions up to the end of the campaign in La Liga. [AFP]

Chema praying for strong finish as they eye promotion to top tier

- ▶ Captain Ndegwa confident they will secure a spot in the men's top tier
- ▶ They want to achieve this feat on their first attempt having joined the league this season.

ELIZABETH MBURUGU, NAIROBI

Men's Division Two side Chema Volleyball Club will go full throttle in their final push for promotion to the Kenya Volleyball Federation (KVF) Men's National League.

Two sides from the lower tier will be promoted to the National League this weekend. Chema are currently third on the standings with 22 points and must win their remaining matches to enhance their chances of joining the big boys' next season.

They have three points less than top of the table Beast who they also play at the weekend.

Chema captain Kenneth Ndegwa exuded confidence saying that they have what it takes to end the season in the top two and move up the ladder.

"Our aim is to win our remaining matches and earn a promotion to the National League. We have had a good season because we are fairly new in the league competition and have performed well. We have won eight out of nine matches and I believe that we can win the remaining games and achieve our objective," Ndegwa said.

He added that based on their current spot on their standings, they are not far from a promotion and all they have to do is remain focused.

"From my analysis of the table we are not far from achieving our goal. We just have to remain focused, keep our eyes on the ultimate prize and give our best on court."

Chema have only one match to Eldowas who are currently second on the table with 24 points. Chema, Beast and Eldowas have played nine matches winning eight and losing one but they are separated by points earned from a superior set ratio.

Ndegwa who was part of the Chema team that participated in the 2025 Genocide Tournament in Rwanda said that the event was an eye opener for most of their players who were featuring in an international tournament for the



Chama Volleyball team captain Kenneth Ndegwa during a past training session. The Division Two Club is eyeing promotion to the Kenya Volleyball federation Premier League. [Courtesy]

first time.

"It was a great exposure for individual players who were playing for the first time in an international event. The invaluable lessons learned and experience gained will without doubt add value to our promotion campaign," he added.

DIVISION 2 REMAINING FIXTURES

■ Chema	✓	Microspikers
■ Simlaw Seeds	✓	Chema
■ Chema	✓	Deaf Volleyball
■ Beast	✓	Chema

Chema, who are seeking to make the impossible possible by gaining a promotion in their debut season, will take on 13th place Microspikers on Friday and Simlaw Seeds on Saturday.

Simlaw who are fourth on the table with 21 points also pose a threat to Chema's National League ambitions. They have two matches lined up on Sunday where they will take on Deaf Volleyball before ending their season with a duel against league leaders Beast Volleyball.

A good show in their last matches will increase the Juja-based sides chances of grabbing one of the two promotion slots.

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FOOTBALL

Relentless Spain reach Euro 2025 quarters

Spain reached the quarter-finals of Women's Euro 2025 on Monday after the world champions hammered Belgium 6-2 while Italy were held to a 1-1 draw with Portugal at the death.

A brace from the magnificent Alexia Putellas and further goals from Irene Paredes, Esther Gonzalez, Mariona Caldentey and Claudia Pina gave Group B leaders Spain a second thumping win.

Montse Tome's team will win the group if they avoid defeat to Italy, who are two points behind La Roja in second after being denied qualification late on by third-placed Portugal, on Friday.

Few would bet on Spain failing to secure first place after two blistering performances in which they have netted 11 times.

"We knew they would try to sit back and hold us off at the beginning, we could have been better, sure, but you need to adapt during the game. We managed to do that and create good opportunities," Tome told reporters.

"We have to improve but we did what we planned to do."

Belgium, who twice levelled through Justine Vanhaevermaet and Hannah Eurlings, are close to going home after eventually being blown away by relentless waves of attacking football.

They acquitted themselves well until Caldentey forced home Spain's fourth in the 61st minute, defending with grit and causing problems with some punchy breakaway football.

"It was difficult because I really believed in what we were doing and I loved seeing my players give everything they had," said Belgium coach Elisabet Gunnarsdottir. [BBC]



Spain midfielder Alexia Putellas celebrates one of her goals against Belgium. [AFP]

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Chebet and Kipyegon now eye golden show at Tokyo Worlds



5000m world record holder Beatrice Chebet (left) and 1500m world record holder Faith Kipyegon at Talanta Plaza where they were awarded Sh5 million by Sports Cabinet Secretary Salim Mvurya yesterday. [Jonah Onyango, Standard]

► World record holders jetted home on Monday night.

► Olympic champions receive Sh5 million from the Sports CS Mvurya.

OCHIENG OYUGI, NAIROBI

New world record holder Beatrice Chebet believes Kenya's 5000m team has what it takes to win all the medals at the Tokyo World Championships in September.

The double Olympic champion who spoke at Talanta Plaza yesterday and also at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport on Monday night said her main focus now was the World Championships.

"A World Championship gold is the only medal I don't have at the moment and my focus going to Tokyo is a gold medal. I know it will not be easy but with teamwork everything is possible," Chebet said.

"It will not be easy, I can't say I am going to Tokyo to just pick gold without working hard. I know there will be strong athletes team from other countries, but I will try my best to win gold.

"I believe with a team of Faith (Kipyegon), Agnes (Ngetich) and Ekidor (Margaret), we can sweep the medals in 5000m in Tokyo," Chebet, who won 10,000m and 5000m gold at the Olympics in Paris last year said.

Chebet became the first woman to run the

women's 5000m in under 14 minutes, clocking a world record 13:58.06 at the Eugene Diamond League meeting on Saturday.

Chebet's 5000m record came just over a year after she had become the first ever female athlete to clock a sub-29 in the women's 10,000m, running a world record 28:54.14 at the same venue.

Both Chebet and 1500m world record holder Faith Kipyegon were each awarded Sh5 million by Sports Cabinet Secretary Salim Mvurya yesterday.

Kipyegon who was fresh from attempting

the sub-4 minute in the mile in France, lowering her 1500m record by 36 seconds, clocking 3:48.68 in Eugene also on Saturday.

"It is a huge achievement for me breaking my own world record every year from 2023 and until now I am breaking my own world record. I thank God for that," she said.

"I can't say what I did in Eugene was a revenge mission after failing to break four in the mile in Paris. Breaking four was to send a message to the world that breaking four minutes in the mile is possible.

"It was also about inspiring the young generation out there, inspire young women out there to dare and dream," Kipyegon said.

The Eugene Diamond League meeting also acted as trials for Kenya to pick the men and women's 5000m and 10,000m squads for the Tokyo World Championships on September 13-21.

Kipyegon and Chebet also decried the state of athletics facilities in the country and asked the government listen to what athletes have always raised on the facilities.

On his part Mvurya described Kipyegon and Chebet as game changers who have redefined the sport of athletics across the globe.

"Faith, you are a living legend; by shattering the world record you have cemented your storied legacy.

"Beatrice, your historic run has redefined the landscape of long distance running. You have done something many thought was miles away," Mvurya said.

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State of the art facilities will not only serve us and athletes of my generation, but also those coming after us, who are currently looking on us for inspiration, and the generations in the future.”

Faith Kipyegon, 1500m World record holder

TRIBUTES

Speeding likely cause of Diogo Jota car crash

Liverpool and Portugal star Diogo Jota was likely speeding when his car veered off a motorway in Spain last week killing him and his brother, Spanish police said on yesterday.

The shock deaths of Jota, 28, and Andre Silva, 25, on July 3 plunged the football world into mourning, less than two weeks after the striker had got married.

An ongoing investigation is examining "the marks left by one of the vehicle's wheels... everything points to a possible excessive speed beyond the road's speed limit", the Civil Guard said.

"All the tests conducted so far indicate that the driver of the vehicle was Diogo Jota," it added.

The force had previously said a tyre had probably blown out while the vehicle was overtaking, causing it to crash and burst into flames in the northwestern province of Zamora.

Just hours before the accident, Jota had posted a video of his June 22 wedding to partner Rute Cardoso, with whom he had three children.

The deaths sparked an outpouring of grief, particularly in the brothers' native Portugal and at Jota's Premier League club Liverpool.

Political leaders as well as star players from Portugal and Liverpool joined family and friends at the funeral on Saturday in the Porto suburb of Gondomar.

Following spells at Atletico Madrid, Porto and Wolverhampton Wanderers, Jota became a fan favourite at Liverpool after joining the Premier League giants in 2020.

He netted 65 times for the Reds in five seasons, lifting the League Cup and FA Cup in 2021/22 and helping them win a record-equalling 20th English league title last season.

The striker also earned 49 caps for Portugal and was part of the team that won this year's UEFA Nations League.

Younger brother Andre played in midfield for FC Penafiel in Portugal's second tier. [AFP]



Diogo Jota remains carried out of church ahead of his burial on Saturday. [AFP]



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REGULATION

UK TO BAN NON-DISCLOSURE PACTS THAT GAG WORKERS



Employers will be banned from using non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) to silence victims of workplace sexual misconduct or discrimination, the government has said.

An amendment to the Employment Rights Bill, which is expected to become law later this year, will void any confidentiality agreements seeking to prevent workers from speaking about allegations of harassment or discrimination.

Deputy Prime Minister Angela Rayner said it was "time we stamped this practice out".

The use of NDAs to cover up criminality has been in the headlines ever since Zelda Perkins, a former assistant to Harvey Weinstein, the Hollywood mogul and now convicted sex offender, broke her agreement to accuse him of abuse.

More recently, the now-deceased Mohamed Al Fayed, who used to own Harrods, was accused of deploying confidentiality clauses to silence women who accused him of rape and abuse.

An NDA is a legally binding document that protects confidential information between two parties. They can be used to protect intellectual property or other commercially sensitive information but over the years their uses have spread.

Ms Perkins began campaigning for a change in the law more than seven years ago when she spoke out against Weinstein.

She now runs the campaign group Can't Buy My Silence UK and said the amendment marked a 'huge milestone' and that it showed the government had 'listened and understood the abuse of power taking place'.

She told the BBC's Today Programme: "Let's see what comes out in the actual details". She said "the real horror" of NDAs was that "the law protected the powerful person in the room, not the victims of a sexual crime".

Ms Perkins said many of these agreements designed to silence victims would be unenforceable in court but they work because many victims do not know that. "Because of the nature of an NDA, no one gets to see it. So they can say anything to make the victim afraid to speak," she said.

The change in the law would bring the UK in line with Ireland, the US, and some provinces in Canada, which have banned such agreements from being used to prevent the disclosure of sexual harassment and discrimination.

Employment rights minister Justin Madders said there was "misuse of NDAs to silence victims", which he called "an appalling practice".

"These amendments will give millions of workers confidence that inappropriate behaviour in the workplace will be dealt with, not hidden, allowing them to get on with building a prosperous and successful career," he added. [BBC]

RETAIL

UBER EATS PARTNERS WITH CARREFOUR KENYA TO EASE DELIVERY OF GROCERIES



From left: Global Consumer Operations, Grocery and Retail at Uber Eats Trufena Oyatsi, GM - Grocery and Retail at Uber Eats Cikida Gcali, Regional Director - EA at Majid Al Futtaim Retail Christophe Orcet and E-Commerce Director - EA at Majid Al Futtaim Retail Ashkan Danesh during the launch of the Uber Eats and Carrefour partnership. [Courtesy]

Uber Eats has signed a partnership agreement with Carrefour, owned by Majid Al Futtaim, that will make grocery shopping faster, easier, and more convenient.

The pact will also see Carrefour extend customer access to its wide range of groceries and household essentials through Uber Eats, with Uber One members enjoying free delivery on all Carrefour orders.

The collaboration brings together one of the leading retail brands with the delivery platform, ushering in a new era of on-demand grocery delivery tailored to the modern customer.

Through the partnership, customers can now shop Carrefour's wide selection of fresh produce, pantry staples, and household essentials directly via the Uber Eats app, with door-to-door delivery in as little as 30 minutes.

"Consumers today are choosing services that respect their time and simplify their lives, and grocery delivery is no exception," said General Manager for Grocery and Retail at Uber Eats Cikida Gcali.

"Our partnership with Carrefour brings together two brands known for quality and reliability to meet the everyday needs of Kenyan households. We're proud to offer access to high-quality groceries and home essentials, all from the comfort of the home, and on their schedule."

Regional Director - East Africa, Majid Al Futtaim Retail Christophe Orcet said the collaboration marks a significant step forward in the firm's mission to make shopping more accessible, seamless, and aligned with evolving lifestyles.

"Through our partnership with Uber Eats, we're expanding our reach, delivering greater value and convenience to more customers across Kenya. From dinner ingredients to everyday essentials, Carrefour is now just a few taps away, bringing quality and convenience straight to your doorstep."

Customers can search "Carrefour" within the Uber Eats app to browse the available products. Orders can be tracked in real-time.

The service is currently available across select locations and will continue expanding to more areas in the coming weeks. [Esther Dianah]

QUOTE



Murang'a's agricultural strength gives it a natural edge in industrialisation. The county leads in tea and avocado production and ranks second nationally in macadamia and coffee, all with high export and value addition potential."

James Mwangi, Equity Group CEO



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HUSTLE NOMICS

WOULD YOU PARTICIPATE IN A DINOSAUR RACE TO REJUVENATE YOUR HEALTH?

Who can contest that Kenya is an idle nation? If you are not working, how do you keep yourself busy without visiting a pub, particularly over the weekends?

Should it surprise anyone that miraa, alcohol and drugs are popular pastimes? And that English Premier League is a cult? Noted the reaction to Diogo Jota's car crash and his demise? What is our past time without playgrounds, seen as a "waste" better build up into rental houses? I hope affordable housing has open spaces for the occupants to breathe.

Which estates have playgrounds? Even affluent estates like Runda or Karen lack parks or playgrounds. It's as if Kenya is a giant bedroom.

In other countries, such public places are common even in poor neighbourhoods. They keep citizens sane and healthy. And events are organised to keep citizens busy.

Maybe that is why we are so eager to build on open grounds. We rarely put them into use. One event to keep citizens busy and entertained took place in Seattle, USA, last week. It was a dinosaur race held on a race course.

National lexicon

Volunteers bought dinosaur costumes, each for about \$36 (Sh4,680). You too can buy such a costume on Amazon! It was fun from the video clips shared. There were race categories based on age.

Despite our deep belief in religion including creation, dinosaurs are still part of our national lexicon. Remember Jurassic Park?

The Tanzania National Museum in Dar es Salaam has dinosaur bones. Kenya?

Why can't we organise such events?

The starting point is getting public spaces. Even when public spaces are available, they are idle. Think of Kasarani, City or Nyayo stadiums.

Without public rallies or crusades, they are idle most of the time. What of all the school playgrounds over the weekends? Idleness breeds despair, anger and hopelessness. Let's keep the youngsters and even the elderly busy. Human beings are not made to stay indoors despite building houses. We are better off outdoors; it's healthier and gives us more freedom. Open the door and a baby will crawl out!

One thought that with devolution, more public spaces would be available. We are still waiting.

Watching TV, being online and playing video games might seem cool.

But we have healthier options. With some creativity, our youngsters will be kept busy and away from evil. Let's start with a dinosaur's race! [XN Iraki]



A screenshot of a "dinosaurs" race in Seattle, USA. Let's keep our citizens busy and entertained. [XN Iraki]

SUCCESSION



When sibling rivalry kills once promising business enterprises

For some businesses, when the founder dies or is incapacitated, it doesn't take long to see some cracks emerging.

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There are family-run businesses spanning generations that seem to have defied the odds and stood the test of time.

It seems the founder's vision was taken to the next level each time a new pair of hands took over running the business, growing or expanding it to the conglomerate or the market behemoth it is.

But not all family businesses follow a similar script. When the founder dies or is incapacitated, it doesn't take long for fractures to begin emerging within a short time.

What was an envied and dominant market leader crumbles and slowly dies. Examples are replete locally of such businesses like in retail and long-distance transport sectors. That said, what is it like to have siblings running the same business?

Siblings rivalry

Asian-operated businesses have a higher rate of success where siblings work harmoniously than, say, African-dominated ones.

A quick look at their businesses shows many Asians instil sound business ethics in their children from a young age; no wonder we see parents and their children working under the same roof or man-

ning different branches of the same business.

The African mindset is making its own profit or having a controlling share in such family enterprises, more than growing the business to the next level, no wonder the fast collapse.

And granted, where the lesser of the siblings is more qualified in matters of business over the older ones, the probability of the latter taking directives from the lesser one looks impossible.

It seems even the pecking order plays out in business, just like in a family setting.

Think of siblings ganging against one of them to orchestrate that ouster, and the likely litigation cases to follow that will more eat into the business than growing it.

It is not a surprise that the country had been treated to such cases amongst siblings from a once-thriving retail outlet.

Calling shots

Apart from sibling rivalry, the ones with the controlling stake believe they are the ones with a say in everything that matters in the business.

No matter how sound proposals from one with minimal stakes sound, they're overlooked.

This is because the one who calls the shots will take it as an attempt to undermine their authority.

This can be frustrating, given that the former cannot increase their net worth like bringing more investors into the fold in an environment where ideas are strangled, nor can they sell their stakes to an outsider and exit on amicable terms.

No wonder siblings infighting will see the business disintegrate slowly.

The ego of one

For any decision to be implemented, there's a need for a sit-down for all stakeholders to agree, but

in some instances, where such decisions may meet a voice or two of objections, there are siblings whose egos cannot be pricked.

This could be the senior most of all, the likely fatherly figure to the rest.

His role in hierarchical ranking is similar to director of the company. His lesser siblings have more of a market grasp, and trying to counteract decisions made out of the blue could see raised voices.

One person's ego doesn't allow for sober reasoning. It's either his or her way or the highway.

It becomes toxic working with your sibling, and this toxicity is observed even in family gatherings where they may not stand the sight of each other.

It makes for an interesting observation if a sibling has fired another from work and how they relate in that family gathering.

But, as they say, grief is what can see siblings projecting a united face, but behind that dark cloak is simmering anger, where they can drag each other through the corridors of justice in a long, prolonged business fight.

This is such that by the time the case is being concluded, the business fortunes have long dwindled as litigation fees eat into its bottom margins.

However, it pays to observe that the collapse of the siblings' controlled business is not all about infighting, but also other factors like poor management, play a role.

For example, suppliers may not be paid on time and withdraw their services.

Financial institutions would be knocking for that credit facility or auctioneers waiting if the business had no means of attracting cash injections.

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MOTORING

Isuzu targets drivers in road safety campaign

Vehicle assembler Isuzu East Africa has partnered with Lions Sight First Eye Hospital, AutoXpress and Bridgestone to launch a road safety campaign.

The third edition of the Eyes On The Road targets truck, fleet, Public Service Vehicles (PSV) and school transport drivers. "The campaign will involve medical checkups at all our over 80 dealers and will include eye, blood pressure and sugar level checks," said Isuzu East Africa Managing Director Rita Kavashe.

"This third edition of the programme targets to reach 100 drivers per day, and it will support the government to ensure the economy continues to grow because they drive the economy through transporting goods, and therefore our work will complement the government."

She said Lions Sight First Eye Hospital will do medical checkups while Auto Express and Bridgestone will ensure tyre issues are taken care of.

Isuzu Director of Aftersales and Channel Development Julius Ndegwa said the launch reaffirms their role, not just to be a logistics partner but a responsible organisation that cares about the well-being of all Kenyans and the economy.

"While road crashes are caused by many factors, including unroadworthy vehicles, poor roads, the driver's health and alertness, remains the key contributing factor to those causes," said Ndegwa. The Managing Director of AutoXpress, Shandeep Shah, a retailer and distributor of automotive products and services in Africa, said that when they talk to their customers, the feedback they get is the unavailability of quality drivers.

Giovani Tolasi, Bridgestone General Manager for Sub-Saharan Africa, said the campaign started in 2019 in Dubai. It was later rolled out in the Middle East and North Africa, with Kenya being the first country to experience Eyes On The Road.

Lions Sight First Hospital General Manager Dr Rizwana Peerbhoy said by prioritising the health of drivers, they are also doing it for every passenger and load carried. [James Wanzala]



Isuzu East Africa MD Rita Kavashe during a road safety campaign by Lions Hospital and other stakeholders. [David Gichuru]

SPECIAL REPORT

Street vendors, kiosks lead in the sale of counterfeit products

The low prices associated with fakes are the main motivators, with cosmetics and personal care hygiene sector products accounting for 88.32 per cent of the items.

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Street vendors have been singled out as the main sellers of counterfeit goods in a new survey by the Anti-Counterfeit Agency (ACA). The survey also lists pesticides and insecticides as the most counterfeited goods according to the level of awareness of consumers.

The survey shows a majority of Kenyans could be using fake deodorant, toothpaste, soap and body washes as they are the most counterfeited products among cosmetics.

This further extends to artificial hair, nail polish and even tissue papers, which ACA says proliferation in the market is driven by high consumer demand.

The survey states that consumers are likely to encounter counterfeit products when they purchase items from street sellers and their local shops.

The low prices associated with counterfeit products are the main motivators behind these purchases.

The Consumer Level Survey Report 2025 lists agricultural inputs and agrochemicals as the most affected sector when it comes to counterfeits. The survey has ranked 16 sectors. The severity of counterfeits in any of the sectors is based on the level of awareness of customers.

The agricultural inputs and agrochemicals sector has an awareness level of 39.52 per cent followed by alcoholic drinks (36.57 per cent) and cosmetics and personal care hygiene (33.99 per cent).

The least affected sectors based on the level of awareness are tobacco products (7.63 per cent) followed by metal and allied (6.74 per cent) and timber, wood and furniture (5.13 per cent). The survey says the agricultural sector faces significant counterfeit challenges. "Some 89.16 per cent of respondents identified pesticides, insecticides, and

herbicides as the most counterfeited products, followed by fertilisers (54.29 per cent) and animal feeds (45.60 per cent)," the survey says.

Seeds are the least counterfeited products in this category.

When it comes to alcoholic drinks, wine is the most counterfeited product accounting for 50.12 per cent followed by beer (47.44 per cent) and whiskey (42.68 per cent).

"While gin (23.05 per cent), brandy (19.27 per cent) and liqueurs (11.71 per cent) are less frequently counterfeited, the presence of craft spirits (11.22 per cent) reveals vulnerabilities within niche markets," the survey says.

Skincare items

ACA says the cosmetics and personal care hygiene sector faces high rates of counterfeiting, especially in personal care products, including skincare items, toothpaste, shampoos and sanitisers.

These products account for 88.32 per cent of counterfeit reports. "Artificial hair and hair care products (such as hair dyes and styling products) also have substantial counterfeiting rates at 67.72 per cent, driven by high consumer demand," the agency says in the survey.

"Tissue products, including diapers and sanitary towels, are also counterfeited, with a rate of 34.12 per cent, raising concerns about the quality and safety of essential hygiene items."

According to the report, China has been associated with the origin of counterfeit goods by most respondents. The perception is based on quality. Other countries mentioned are Turkey, Japan, and Tanzania.

"The results show that counterfeit goods were primarily purchased from street sellers (59.37 per cent) and shops or kiosks (54.42 per cent), indicating that even more formal retail environments are susceptible to counterfeit items," the survey says.

It adds that online platforms accounted

Most counterfeit items

- Pesticides
- Insecticides
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Soap body washes
- Artificial hair
- Nail polish
- Tissue papers
- Artificial hair
- Skincare items
- Shampoos and sanitisers.
- Alcoholic drinks
- Fertilisers
- Tobacco products

42.5

PER CENT

RESPONDENTS cited low prices as the primary motivator, indicating that cost remains a critical factor even when the authenticity of the products is questioned.

33.75

PER CENT

RESPONDENTS who mentioned the easy availability of counterfeit products, reflecting a convenience factor that may overshadow concerns about quality or safety.

11.25

PER CENT

RESPONDENTS who said brand name recognition influenced them, demonstrating that the allure of familiar brand names, even when associated with counterfeit products, plays a role in purchase decisions.



Retail shop. The findings suggest that a knowledge gap exists regarding the risks of counterfeit goods. [Jenipher Wachie, Standard]

for 31.27 per cent of counterfeit purchases, reflecting the growing role of e-commerce in the counterfeit trade.

"Supermarkets, typically considered more regulated, accounted for 21.31 per cent, raising concerns about the vulnerability of formal retail spaces," the survey says.

Other purchase locations comprised only 2.36 per cent, which the report says suggests that counterfeit goods are mainly found in more common retail channels.

"These findings emphasize the widespread availability of counterfeit goods across both informal and formal purchase points, posing significant challenges for regulation and consumer protection," the report says.

The report says that 60.48 per cent of



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Survey

tion processes.

"Understanding consumer sentiment toward counterfeit purchases can help inform policy and marketing strategies, guiding efforts to protect consumers and legitimate businesses," the agency says in the survey.

The results from the survey revealed that 42.5 per cent of respondents cited low prices as the primary motivator, indicating that cost remains a critical factor even when the authenticity of the products is questioned.

"This suggests that many consumers are willing to overlook potential risks associated with counterfeiting in favour of financial savings," the survey says.

"Additionally, 33.75 per cent of respondents mentioned the easy availability of counterfeit products, reflecting a convenience factor that may overshadow concerns about quality or safety."

Brand names

It adds that brand name recognition influenced 11.25 per cent of respondents, demonstrating that the allure of familiar brand names, even when associated with counterfeit products, plays a role in purchase decisions.

Other reasons cited include product popularity (10 per cent), and minimal mentions of product origin and warranty, each contributing to 1.25 per cent. "This suggests that quality concerns are less influential compared to the immediate benefits of low cost and accessibility," the survey adds.

The survey collected views from 2,185 respondents from eight counties.

Six of these counties – Mombasa, Nairobi, Nakuru, Nyeri, Machakos, and Kisumu – were identified as counterfeit hotspots. Two counties – Garissa and Busia – were included to represent the remaining regions of the country.

The survey reveals that more than half of the respondents reported having personally experienced adverse effects from counterfeit goods, indicating a significant issue with counterfeit products in the Kenyan market. "The consequences of counterfeit goods can range from financial losses due to poor quality items to serious health risks from counterfeit pharmaceuticals or unsafe electronics," the survey says.

"These results underscore the urgent need for consumer education, increased awareness about the dangers of counterfeit products, and stronger regulatory measures to curb their sale."

respondents admitted to purchasing counterfeit goods, either knowingly or unknowingly, in the past 12 months, while 38.52 per cent reported no such purchases.

It says this indicates a high prevalence of counterfeit purchases and highlights the need for increased consumer awareness about product authenticity.

"The findings suggest that a knowledge gap exists regarding the risks of counterfeit goods," the survey points out.

It adds that educational initiatives should focus on why consumers buy counterfeit goods whether due to lower prices or limited availability and address these motivations through targeted interventions, such as stricter regulations and enhanced product verification processes.

FORUM

Players call for increased investments to power Africa's industrialisation

As the geopolitical landscape shifts in strides never seen before, with world powers taking protectionist stances, Africa is on the receiving end, reeling from tariffs and other changes that the 'big boys' make. If this is not a wake-up call for Africa; what would?

“Manufacturing - the silver bullet”

In Kenya's Vision 2030, manufacturing has been outlined as one of the key sectors that drive economic growth, with an aim to hit a 20 per cent contribution to the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The 2025 Economic Survey report records that manufacturing contributed 7.3 per cent to the GDP in 2024, six years to 2030, making it almost impossible to hit the target.

On a continental scale, even though Africa accounts for 18.83 per cent of the world population, its contribution to the pool of manufactured goods sits well below three per cent.

Speaking at the Kenya Development Corporation's (KDC) Next Frontier Africa 2025 summit in Nairobi recently, the Principal Secretary in the State Department of Industry Dr Juma Mukhwana, said it is high time Africa focuses on industrialisation.

"The globe is discussing the fourth industrial revolution, but it is important to remind ourselves that Africa has not experienced its first industrial revolution," he says.

"The consequences of this are that with a population of 1.5 billion people in Africa, it only contributes 2.8 per cent of the share of manufactured goods in the global market. When you compare to Europe, with only nine of the world population, they account for 24 per cent of global manufactured goods."

The PS implored Africans to build Africa and not wait for external players to change the status quo. He said "part of the challenge we have is the attitude of the African investors. For some reason, Africans don't see themselves as investors, making us spend a lot of time travelling the globe chasing investors."

Dr Mukhwana noted that only Africans can industrialise Africa and it's high time the continent challenges itself.

Foreign direct investment

The realities of a globalised world have broken down investment barriers across jurisdictions, offering an opportunity for viable investments to attract capital across borders since capital is globally mobile. This capital flows where the return is highest with the lowest risk. "We have a lot of work to do in reducing the risk perception of our country so that we can attract more capital," said Centum Investment Company chief executive James Mworira.

Speaking at the summit, Mworira noted that Kenya needs global capital because of the demographic composition of the country. "If you don't get the capital in, you won't have enterprise formation. If you don't have enterprise formation, you won't have jobs. If you don't have jobs, you have what we saw last week (youth demonstrations)."

Kenya's Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflow relative to GDP is one per cent, whereas successful peer countries are at three to five per cent. Mworira has noted that we need to grow the one per cent to about five per cent.

"If you have the debt, but the debt cannot meet the equity tranche, the debt cannot be deployed.



Kenya Development Corporation Director General Norah Ratemo at a past event. [David Gichuru, Standard]

Many funders have debt but have not disbursed because there are no enterprises to invest in, caused by insufficient equity capital," says Mworira. Private investment which majorly entails loans from banks, has been on the decline over the past 10 years. This has taken a beating in favour of investment in the public sector, where the preference and returns on government papers are higher.

"We are now 13-14 per cent of GDP, whereas peer countries are between 25-30 per cent of GDP. Socio-economic consequences, tax shortfalls and unemployment are a product of the 10 years of suppressed investment in the private sector," says Mworira. Even though a lot of reforms have been done to catalyse foreign direct investment, including tax incentives through the Special Economic Zones and taxes around repatriation of dividends, the need for a predictable policy environment remains important.

"When I tell foreign investors these incentives are there, many don't believe it. They also don't believe they will stay. It's important that we convey certainty," noted Mworira.

The high local debt appetite by the government has heavily contributed to crowding out of the private sector from accessing the much-needed credit, which in turn derails investment.

Institute of Economic Affairs chief executive Kwame Owino said investment is hard in an environment where an investor has to compete with the government for cash.

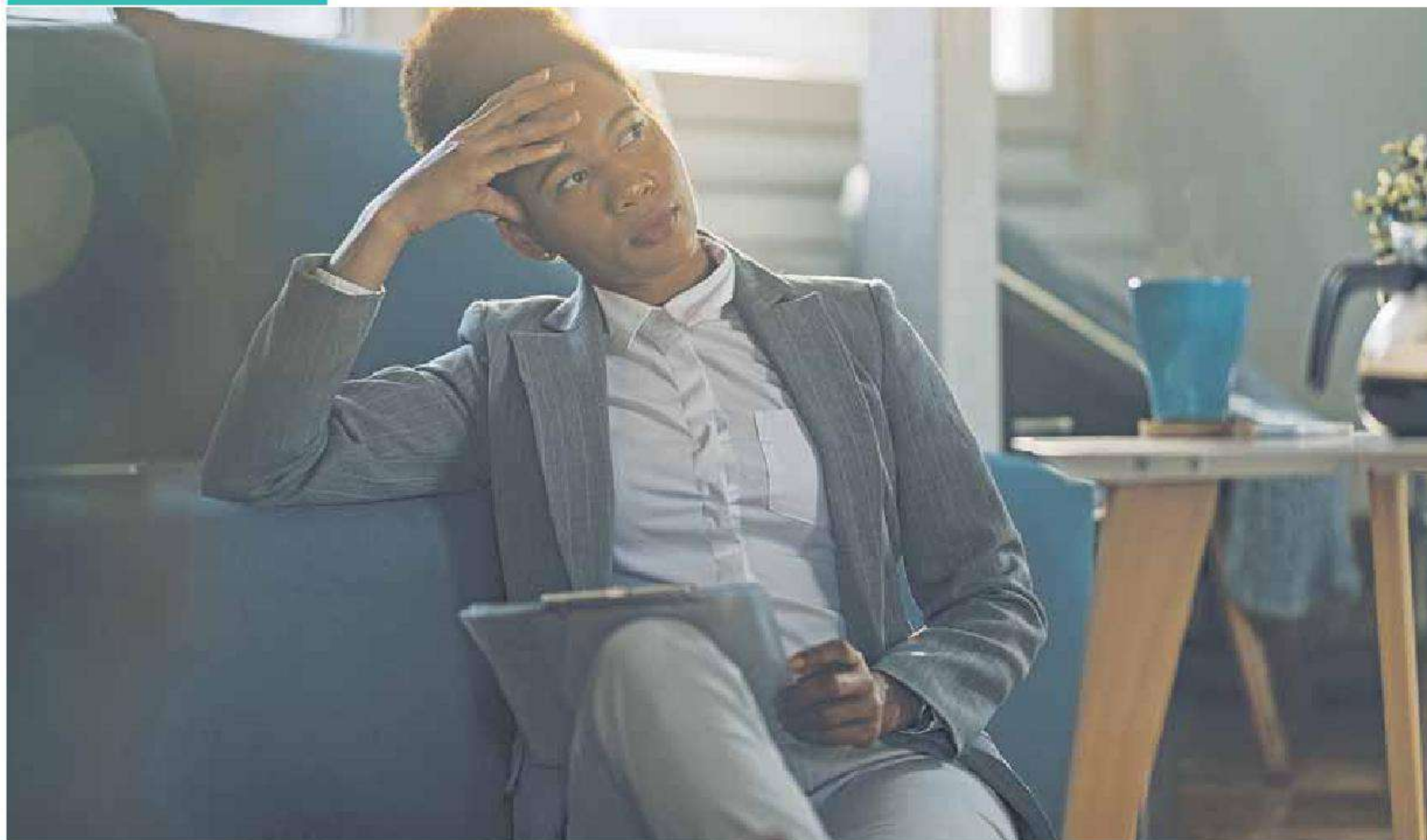
"When all one has to do is buy treasury bonds at 10 to 11 per cent return, whereas most investments bring at most seven per cent, there's no competition, shrinking the space for most investors to get capital to expand or go into a new value chain," said Kwame.

"Remember, that sensible investment usually requires five or six years before you have a return. If the investment climate is changing every six months, it shows the policy environment needs a serious fix."

KDC has intervened in the livestock value chain, partnering with the World Bank to form a de-risking fund. "We have managed to raise \$40 million (Sh5.2 billion), but it's not enough," says KDC Managing Director Norah Ratemo. "It is supposed to incentivise private capital to bring in the big money."

With this model, once derisked, more private capital funds are set to come on board, with the current target being \$100 million (Sh13 billion). [Noah Kipkemboi]

CRISIS MANAGEMENT



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While there are considerations to make so as not to run into legal issues, there are also considerations for what NOT to do.”

Professional breakup: How to oust a co-founder legally, smoothly

There are a number of reasons that a co-founder may want to part ways with another co-founder. There are also legal considerations to keep in mind when co-founders separate.

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Imagine this. Jean and John, who met at a startup incubator, founded a company together. But as they grew, Jean realised that she and John weren't aligned on many things, including what the company's future should look like.

Neither John's goals nor his behaviour reflected the company's mission, so Jean ousts John from the business.

Reasons for a co-founder's departure

There are a number of reasons that a co-founder may want to part ways with another co-founder.

1. Lack of dedication

A startup that wants to scale for a big exit typically requires founders who dedicate long hours for little pay (at least at the beginning). While some founders, like Jean, are willing to do

that, some, like John, are not. Jean was willing to put in as many hours as it took to meet her responsibilities. John, on the other hand, arrived late and left early, demonstrating that he wasn't dedicated to his role—or the company.

2. Difficult to work with

Some founders are simply difficult to work with. They're not collaborative, they're closed off to others' input or they belittle or micromanage their employees. While in the office, John's attitude was one of superiority.

He felt that certain tasks were below him and that others should do the “heavy lifting.” He criticised his employees at every opportunity, lowering morale and eventually pushing a very dedicated, key employee out of the company.

3. Lack of alignment with vision

While a dream team of co-founders might be committed and great as colleagues, they might have different

visions about the company's future.

For example, they may disagree on a pivot other founders believe is necessary. Jean wanted to focus on R&D (research and development) to ensure ongoing innovation, but John was focused on expanding the company.

In addition to his behaviour, this lack of alignment caused so much tension that Jean started the process of terminating her co-founder.

Legal considerations

In addition to mistakes that can be made during the termination process, there are several legal considerations to keep in mind when co-founders separate.

1. Complying with employment law

Founders are almost always employees by law. When terminating an employee, keep in mind—and meet—the legalities of termination, including filing certain paperwork and notices, and meeting deadlines for paying the final paycheck, for example. When the tension between Jean and John began, Jean documented each instance so she had a relevant backup at the time of John's termination.

2. Is your relationship buttoned up?

Make sure you are not giving an ousted co-founder leverage. Breaking promises or not protecting the company legally in its founding documents on IP assignments or confidentiality obliga-

tions means that they now have valuable IP the company needs.

3. Do you have the legal right?

It's critical to ensure that a co-founder has the legal right to terminate another co-founder. If they do not, they should take the necessary steps to secure those rights; it might not be as simple as telling them they are fired.

For example, the company's bylaws might allow a co-founder to be terminated only if the board votes to do so.

The ousting founders need to make sure they can—and do—get board support. When John's performance began to decline, Jean consulted with the company's board to ensure the board was informed from the outset. While there are considerations to make so as not to run into legal issues, there are also considerations for what NOT to do.

1. Don't think about a separation agreement

A legally binding separation agreement can get you a release of claims, potentially non-disparagement terms and other benefits for the company, including agreements to not sue.

Investors will want to see this if at all possible in diligence.

It's worth some money to get this. As soon as John's performance started suffering and other employees began complaining about his behaviour, Jean consulted an employment attorney to prepare the paperwork necessary for a

separation agreement, enabling the process to be completed without worrying about a potential lawsuit.

2. Forget to cut off access to systems

To prevent an ousted co-founder from accessing company information post-termination, ensure that they can no longer access the company's systems. Disgruntled employees with access to company data can cause major problems. Once John was officially “out,” all access to company information was cut off; Jean knew that, if given the opportunity, John would have tried to access certain data once he exited the company.

3. Bash the ousted founder to employees, investors and other stakeholders

Sometimes in trying to explain the ousted founder's departure, founders will resort to speaking negatively about them; this opens the company to defamation liability.

It can also reflect badly on the company and the founding terms. Finally, it can lead to the ousted founder becoming more hostile toward the company.

Despite their differences, Jean maintained reasonable levels of professionalism. Although the process was stressful for her, her team and ultimately the company, John's ouster and the reasons behind it remained within the executive leadership team.

Ramifications of skirting the law

All of this advice hinges on the remaining founders meeting the requirements to legally terminate a co-founder. When they don't, there are ramifications.

1. Incurring penalties and legal claims

First, by not complying with employment laws, penalties can be incurred, and legal claims are given to the ousted founder; these can add up. For example, in California, if all wages aren't paid on the final day of employment, the ousted founder is entitled to a penalty equal to one full day of wages for every day until they are fully paid (up to 30 days).

In addition to the separation agreement, Jean presented John with his final paycheck at the termination meeting.

2. Post-termination negotiations

If you don't button up your relationship with the founder prior to termination, you will be stuck post-termination negotiating for what you need.

At this point, you are unlikely to have much leverage.

OPINION



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Wisdom of generations: Shaping future of work via collective strength

For the first time in history, five generations are working side by side.

This unprecedented convergence spanning from seasoned traditionalists to tech-savvy Gen Zs presents both a challenge and an opportunity for today's organisations.

The workplace is no longer a simple transaction of work for pay, but a dynamic space where diverse perspectives, values, and expectations must coexist and thrive.

The World Economic Forum's 2025 discussions reinforced how digital transformation, automation, and evolving work models continue to reshape our understanding of work.

These forces are not only changing how tasks are performed but are also challenging organisations to rethink how they create value for their people.

The question now is: how can organisations respond effectively while engaging every generation?

Rethinking Employee Value Proposition for a multigenerational workforce

At the core of this shift is the Employee Value Proposition (EVP), which shapes how organisations attract, retain, and engage talent. A one-size-fits-all EVP no longer works.

To succeed with a multigenerational workforce, companies must broaden their EVP to reflect the distinct priorities of each generation.

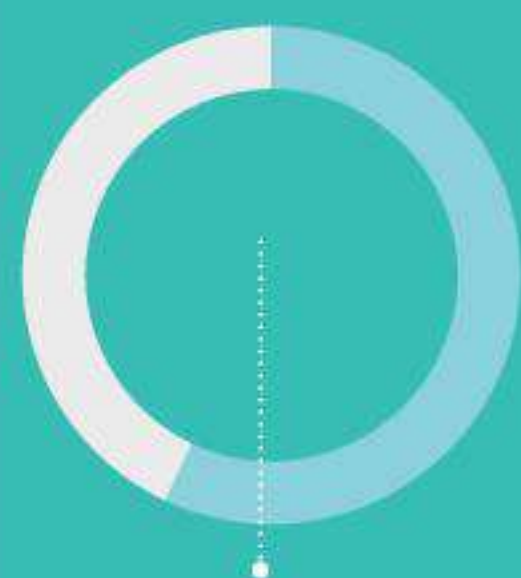
Baby Boomers seek stability, job security, and long-term benefits.

Millennials and Gen Z prioritise purpose, flexibility, career growth and work-life balance. Today's challenge is to create an EVP that resonates with the values of all generations.

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This shows organisations recognise retention challenges but have yet to fully address them through EVP.

Harnessing the power of hybrid and remote work

The rise of hybrid and remote work has introduced new opportunities for flexibility, but it has also exposed generational differences in how work is perceived.

Younger generations are driving the demand for digital collaboration, remote work, and flexibility, valuing autonomy, results and control over their time.

Conversely, older generations often value the structure and predictability of traditional office-based work.

Leaders need to balance flexibility with structure by focusing on meaningful work and results rather than just physical presence. This approach supports both those who prefer remote autonomy and those who thrive with office routines.

The role of mentorship and reciprocal learning

One of the greatest advantages of a multigenerational workforce is the opportunity for reciprocal learning. Senior employees provide experience, institutional knowledge, and strategic insight, while younger generations bring technology skills and fresh approaches.

Organisations must therefore foster mentorship as a two-way exchange, where both sides learn from each other. This mutual learning builds respect, innovation and collaboration.

Lifelong learning: A necessity for all

For now and beyond, continuous learning is becoming a necessity. Organisations must invest in lifelong learning, ensuring that all employees, regardless of age or

experience, are equipped with the skills needed to navigate an ever-changing landscape.

Senior employees must be empowered to develop digital skills, while younger employees should be given the tools and support to grow into leadership roles.

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The importance of listening and adapting

Amid this generational convergence, one constant remains - the need for leaders to listen.

The most successful organisations will be those that continually engage with their employees to understand their needs and concerns.

Regular feedback—through surveys, pulse checks, and open dialogue—allows organisations to stay attuned to the needs of their workforce.

By acting on this feedback, leaders can tailor policies and initiatives to reflect the changing dynamics of the workforce.

The workplace of the future will be defined by the collective wisdom and strength of all five generations.

As we move forward, leaders must rise to the challenge by embracing the diversity of thought, experience, and skill that each generation brings.

The task is not easy, but the reward is clear: a workplace that is not only productive but also inclusive, dynamic, and forward-thinking.

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Matcha: Japanese tea taking over the world

Matcha is the new drink of choice at hip cafes worldwide, but Japanese producers are struggling to keep up with soaring demand for powdered green tea.

Here's what you need to know about the drink beloved of weekend treat-seekers and "wellness" influencers:

What is matcha?

The word matcha means "ground tea" in Japanese and comes in the form of a vivid green powder that is whisked with hot water and can be added to milk to make a matcha latte.

Green tea was introduced to Japan from China in the early ninth century and was first used for medicinal purposes. Matcha came much later, in the 16th century Kyoto - part of the tea ceremony tradition developed by tea master Sen no Rikyu. Today, there are different grades of matcha quality, from "ceremonial" to "culinary" types used in baking.

How is it produced?

Matcha is made from leaves called "tencha", which are grown in the shade in the final weeks before their harvest to concentrate the flavour, colour and nutrients. This "requires the construction of a complex structure with poles and a roof to filter the light", explained Masahiro Okutomi, a tea producer in Sayama, northwest of Tokyo.

Tencha leaves, rich in chlorophyll and L-theanine, a compound known for its relaxing effects, are hand-picked and de-veined, then steamed, dried and ground between two stone mills to produce an ultra-fine powder. It can take up to an hour to produce just 40 grams (1.4 ounces) of matcha - making the powder on average twice as expensive to produce as standard green tea leaves.

What are its benefits?

Many drink matcha for its rich grass-like taste, but others are drawn to the drink's nutritional properties.

It is rich in antioxidants, and can aid concentration because of its caffeine content: one cup contains on average 48 milligrams, slightly less than a drip coffee but nearly twice as much as a standardly brewed green tea.

"Matcha is often seen as being good for your health," said Shigehito Nishikida, manager of Tokyo tea shop Jūgetsudo. "But people are also attracted to the Japanese culture around tea: the ritual, the time taken, the aesthetics," he said.

Why is it so popular?

Japan produced 4,176 tonnes of matcha in 2023 - a huge increase from the 1,430 tonnes in 2012. More than half of the powder is exported, according to the agriculture ministry, mostly to the US, Southeast Asia, Europe, Australia and the Middle East. [AFP]

More Kenyan students **opting for TVETs**

A significant number of learners who qualified to join universities have instead chosen to pursue higher education in TVETs

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Despite qualifying for university education, a growing number of Kenyan students are choosing to bypass degree programmes in favor of technical and vocational training.

In 2025, more than 42,000 students who scored the minimum university entry grade of C+ in the 2024 Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) examinations opted not to apply for placement through the Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service (KUCCPS).

This trend reflects a growing shift in the perception of education pathways, with more learners and parents prioritizing practical skills and employability over traditional academic qualifications.

According to Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Ogamba, only 201,695 out of the 246,391 eligible candidates (83%) applied for university placement through KUCCPS. This means over 42,000 students, despite qualifying, chose to forgo the centralized application system altogether.

The KUCCPS placement report revealed that a total of 310,502 students were placed in various higher learning institutions, including 194,372 in degree programmes, while the rest secured slots in diploma and certificate programmes in TVETs, Kenya Medical Training Colleges (KMTc), and Teacher Training Colleges (TTCs).

The decision by thousands of students to snub university education is not new. In recent years, the government has noted a steady increase in the number of qualified KCSE candidates declining university admission.

For instance, in 2023, nearly 22,000 students with C+ and above failed to apply for university placement, while in 2024, the number stood at around 27,000. This year's figure of 42,000 represents a steep jump, sparking concerns over the accessibility, affordability, and appeal of Kenya's university education system.

Why Are Students Skipping University?

1. Cost of University Education

Despite increased government investment, including a Ksh25.85 billion allocation towards university education, many students still consider it financially out of reach. Beyond tuition fees, students must also contend with accommodation, food, transport, and learning materials.

"University is expensive even with government capitation. For many rural families, the cost of living in cities where uni-

versities are based is just too high," said Dr. Sarah Githinji, a higher education policy analyst. "Some students even fail to raise the Ksh1,500 required to apply for placement through KUCCPS."

For those from economically challenged backgrounds, the inability to secure funding from the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) can further discourage enrollment. Limited awareness of such financial aid programs, especially in rural regions, compounds the problem.

2. Faster Route to Employment

Courses offered in TVETs, KMTcs, and TTCs are perceived to lead to quicker job opportunities. These programmes are often shorter in duration, ranging between one and three years, unlike degree courses that take four or more years.

According to KUCCPS, over 20,000 students applied for the Primary Teacher Diploma Programme—a number that dwarfs the 13,823 available slots. Similarly, nursing, clinical medicine, and emergency medical technician training at KMTcs have grown in popularity due to their direct linkage with employment.

"Students want courses that give them hands-on skills and make them employable within a short time," said Paul Ouma, the Principal of a TVET institute in Kisumu. "They see their peers struggling after university, doing unpaid internships or hustling, and they want to avoid that."

3. Mismatch between degrees and job market

One of the most cited reasons for the declining interest in university degrees is the disconnect between university training and job market demands. Graduates often emerge with degrees that do not match available job opportunities, leading to high levels of youth unemployment.

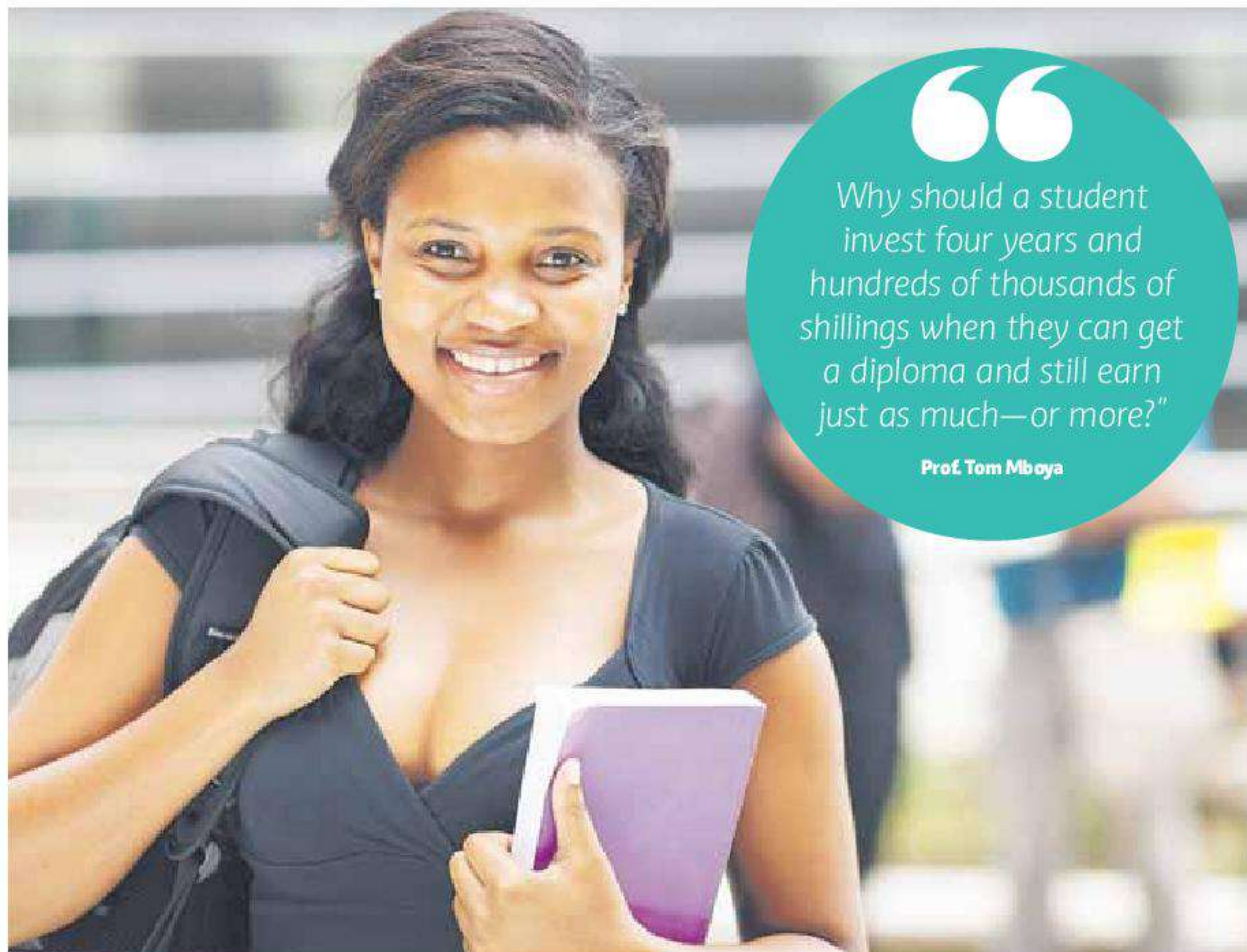
According to a 2023 report by the Federation of Kenya Employers, nearly 40% of university graduates remain jobless two years after graduation. This has contributed to a growing perception that university education does not guarantee employment.

"Some degree holders are doing the same jobs as diploma or certificate holders," noted Prof. Tom Mboya, an education economist at Kenyatta University. "Why should a student invest four years and hundreds of thousands of shillings when they can get a diploma and still earn just as much—or more?"

Barriers Beyond Economics

1. Technical and Logistical Challenges

Accessing the KUCCPS portal requires internet connectivity, digital literacy, and in some cases, guidance on the application process. These requirements can be



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a barrier for students in remote areas who lack access to ICT resources.

CS Ogamba acknowledged that 7,000 applicants were not placed, possibly due to technical issues, system errors, or failure to meet cut-off points in competitive programmes like medicine, law, and engineering.

Despite KUCCPS working with Huduma Centres and deploying officers to schools for awareness campaigns, these challenges persist.

2. Personal and Social Factors

Some students miss university placement due to family obligations, health issues, or societal pressures such as early marriages and caregiving responsibilities.

"In many communities, girls are expected to take care of younger siblings or start families early," said Naomi Wambui, a community education advocate in Narok. "By the time they get their results, their path is already decided for them."

This reality is especially harsh in arid and semi-arid counties where early marriage, poverty, and lack of role models continue to limit educational advancement.

The government has been aggressively pushing TVETs as a viable path to employment and national development. President William Ruto's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda includes significant investment in technical training to address skill gaps and boost productivity.

The shift is evident in enrolment trends. In the latest KUCCPS report:

- 7,640 students chose to join TVET institutions
- 6,750 students selected KMTcs and TTCs

These numbers represent a critical rebalancing of education priorities and signal a growing trust in skills-based training.

"TVETs are no longer for those who 'failed'," explains Dr. Esther Mutua, Director of Education Policy at the Ministry of Education. "They are centers of excellence producing artisans, technicians, and innovators who are shaping Kenya's future."

Students who missed out on KUCCPS placement are not without options. The Open University of Kenya (OUK), launched in 2023, offers flexible, online-based degree programmes that allow students to work while learning. Additionally, most TVETs have rolling intakes, making it easier for late applicants to find a spot.

"OUK was created to absorb those who might not follow traditional education paths," said Dr. Patrick Njuguna, Registrar at OUK. "Our tuition is affordable, and our courses are designed for the working student or the family caregiver."

Experts argue that while alternative education pathways are crucial, the government must also address the underlying issues driving students away from university.

Recommendations include:

- Expanding HELB coverage and making it accessible during KUCCPS applications.
- Waiving or subsidizing the KUCCPS application fee for low-income students.
- Increasing public awareness on funding and placement processes.
- Ensuring equitable internet access and ICT training at the secondary school level.
- Introducing labour market-aligned courses at universities to increase employability.

"Education should not be a burden but an opportunity," said Prof. Mboya. "It's time we redesigned university education to meet the expectations of today's learners and the needs of tomorrow's economy."

The declining number of university applicants among qualified KCSE students is a symptom of a larger transformation in Kenya's education and labour landscape. With rising costs, uncertain returns on investment, and the allure of technical training, many young Kenyans are making bold, practical decisions about their future.

While some see this as a crisis, others argue it could be a sign that the country is finally embracing diverse, more inclusive pathways to success.

As Ogamba put it during the release of the placement results, "Education must serve the nation's needs. Whether through universities or technical colleges, what matters is that our youth are prepared to build the Kenya we all envision."