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President losing it

FURY Legendary poet TS Elliot wrote that men who are unaffected by death or despair are hollow. Today, as Kenya teeters on the brink of anarchy, many see those haunting words in their Head of State. When the nation cried for a father, he answered with fury. When the bereaved wept, he barked orders. As bullets tore through bodies and grief swept across the country, the President remained unmoved—neither mourning with those left bereft nor addressing the chaos consuming the country. In a moment demanding humility and healing, he chose power and punishment, ordering police to shoot rioters. **PAGE 4**

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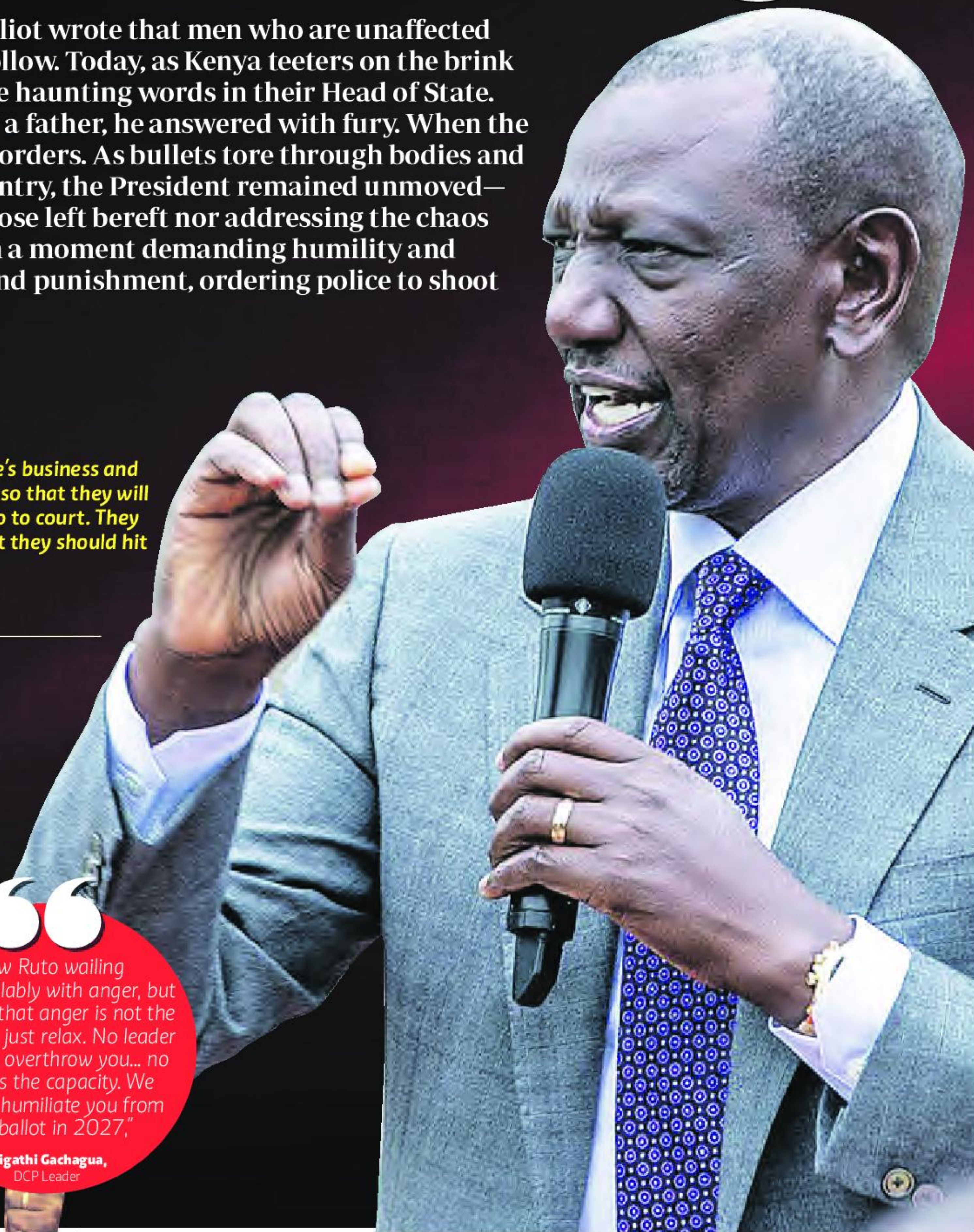
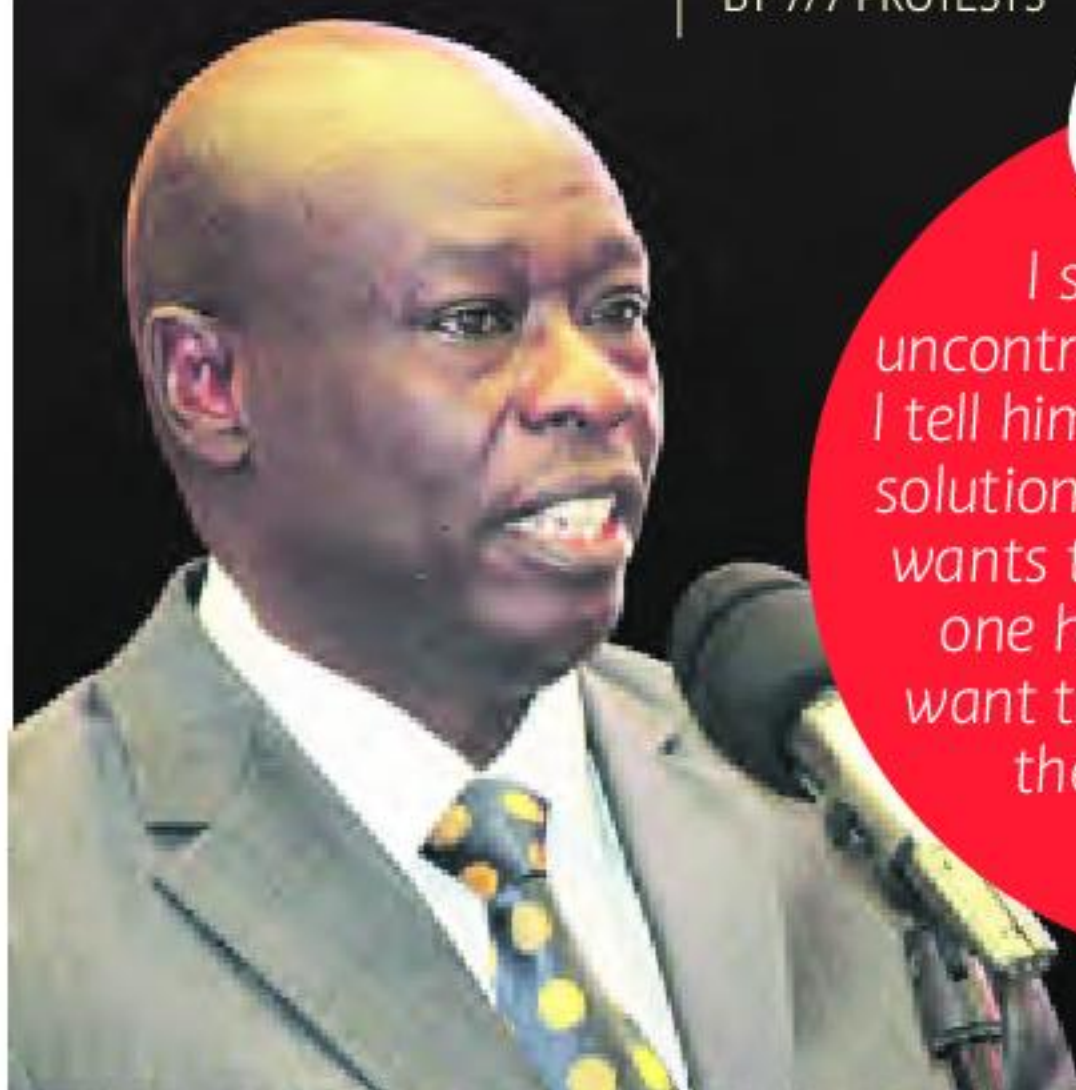
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I saw Ruto wailing uncontrollably with anger, but I tell him that anger is not the solution... just relax. No leader wants to overthrow you... no one has the capacity. We want to humiliate you from the ballot in 2027.”

Rigathi Gachagua,
DCP Leader



UN rights agency asks State to stop police killings, address concerns

► UN Commission on Human Rights “deeply troubled” by the trend of rights violations.

► Retired CJ Maraga and Cohesion Commission blame failed leadership for discontent.

OKUMU MODACHI AND JACINTA MUTURA, NAIROBI

The United Nations has raised concern over increasing State brutality.

The UN Commission on Human Rights said it is “deeply troubled” by killings during nationwide protests on Monday as well as looting and destruction of property.

Spokesperson Ravina Shamdasani told journalists in Geneva called on the government to address the issues raised by protesters instead of repressing critics with violence and police brutality.

“It is very concerning that these latest incidents come barely two weeks after 15 protesters were reportedly killed and many more injured in Nairobi and other parts of Kenya on 25 June,” she said.

“UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Turk renews his call for calm and restraint, and full respect for the freedoms of expression, association and peaceful assembly. It is essential that legitimate grievances at the root of these protests are addressed.”

The agency committed to helping the authorities in investigations, asserting that those responsible must be held to account.

“The High Commissioner repeats his call for all reported killings and other alleged violations and abuses of international human rights law, including with respect to use of force, to be promptly, thoroughly, independently and transparently investigated,” she said.

Reports from the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights, a government agency, indicate that more than 80 people have lost their lives to police brutality during the Gen Z-led protests since June last year.

On Monday alone, at least 10 deaths were reported while scores of young people were injured in the commemoration of July 7, 1990 pro-democracy uprising.

This followed the June 25 anniversary of anti-Finance Bill protests that left at least 19 dead and several others nursing gunshot wounds. Destruction of property and looting were also recorded.

At home, Chief Justice Martha Koome called on the law enforcement agencies to embrace professionalism during the protests and to distinguish between peaceful demonstrators and criminals.

“Our country and our democratic fabric have come under strain through waves of public protests,” Koome said. “These moments have reminded us of the delicate balance that must be main-



Protesters face teargas canisters thrown by police as they march along Thika Road during Saba Saba Day commemoration in Nairobi on July 07, 2025. [Stafford Ondego, Standard]



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tained between the constitutional right to peaceful assembly and protest and the imperative of people-centered, professional policing.”

Her predecessor David Maraga also condemned the police violence killings, calling it a culmination of “violent State repression” and a betrayal of the constitutional values.

“Many had their lives cut short with bullets while others have been injured. The truth is, these young Kenyans are not alone. Their voices carry the pain of millions of Kenyans who are tired of where the country is heading,” said Maraga.

“Kenyans are tired of the violence, the collapsing economy, the poor healthcare and the failing education sector. A nation cannot stand when its people’s backs are broken.”

Maraga dismissed calls for dialogue as suggested by ODM Leader Raila Odinga, stating that the frustrations expressed by the people are as a result of failed leadership, not a

constitutional deficit.

“It is a failure that exposes the President’s abdication of responsibility when his government,” he said.

The National Cohesion and Integration Commission also condemned the loss of lives and general violence witnessed across the country.

The agency urged the government to listen to the concerns of the young Kenyans who “feel excluded, unheard and increasingly disillusioned”.

“The unrest being experienced is a loud and painful signal of the growing discontent among our youth,” said NCIC Chairman Samuel Kobia.

“Their frustration stems from high unemployment, economic hardship, lack of trust in institutions, limited opportunities and a perceived failure of leadership to address their needs and aspirations.”

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RULE OF LAW

Court bars IG Kanja from barricading roads to Nairobi CBD



A road block in Upper Hill, Nairobi, to keep motorists away from CBD on Monday. [David Gichuru, Standard]

The High Court has barred Inspector General of Police Douglas Kanja from erecting barricades or blocking roads within Nairobi’s Central Business District (CBD) during public protests.

The conservatory orders issued yesterday follow a petition by the Katiba Institute challenging recent police actions that led to the closure of major roads and public spaces in the CBD ahead of the June 25 Gen Z anniversary demonstration and the Monday Saba Saba protests.

Justice Lawrence Mugambi faulted the government for blocking roads without issuing prior notice to the public, terming the move as disruptive and lacking in transparency.

He noted that such actions had far-reaching consequences, including obstructing emergency services, paralysing court operations and preventing ordinary citizens from accessing workplaces and essential services.

The judge emphasised that even in matters of public order, the government must act within

the bounds of the Constitution and uphold the principles of proportionality and fairness.

In his ruling, the judge observed that the failure to notify the public in advance amounted to an arbitrary exercise of power, undermining the rights of Kenyans to freedom of movement and access to public spaces.

He stated that the inconvenience caused by these sudden roadblocks was avoidable and unjustifiable, especially when no credible explanation had been provided by the police.

Justice Mugambi noted that during the Monday protests, ambulances were prevented from reaching hospitals, courts were forced to adjourn for lack of staff and witnesses, while ordinary Kenyans were unable to access their workplaces.

“In the circumstances, the request to grant conservatory orders as per the notice of motion dated June 25, 2025, filed by Katiba Institute is merited and necessary to ensure the public is not

inconvenienced without prior notice,” he ruled.

Katiba Institute has termed the police action an infringement on constitutional rights such as freedom of movement, peaceful assembly and access to public spaces.

The petitioner argued that the move had severely disrupted daily life and caused delays in emergency services.

“In recent days, security agencies under the instruction of the Inspector General of Police have cordoned off large portions of Nairobi’s CBD, bringing business and public transport to a halt,” said Katiba in the application.

“These actions are not only unconstitutional but also harmful to the economy.”

The court directed the petitioner to file and serve written submissions within 14 days. IG Kanja and Attorney General Dorcas Oduor were given seven days to file their responses.

The matter will be mentioned on October 2 for further directions. [Nancy Gitonga]

Medics relive Kajiado hospital siege ordeal

► Kitengela health staff delivered baby while violent mob stormed hospital premises.

► Nurses disguised themselves in patients' clothes to escape attackers.

MERCY KAHENDA, NAIROBI

Details have emerged of the horror visited on health workers at a hospital in Kitengela, Kajiado County by goons during protests to mark Saba Saba on July 7.

In an exclusive interview with The Standard, doctors and nurses at Kitengela Sub-County Hospital in Kajiado recounted the attack by a violent mob that left them severely traumatised.

"Fortunately, we have psychologists...but even with that, you still feel and live it even after you finish, the memory does not go away. You suppress it for the sake of other patients," said Dr Sara Rashid during the interview at the hospital yesterday.

Though the hospital offers psychological support, Dr Rashid said no counselling can erase the memory of delivering a baby on the operating table as chaos unfolded outside the theatre walls.

Rashid, who has served at the facility for over 10 years, was preparing to perform an emergency C-Section, when goons stormed the facility.

"We had just wheeled the patient into theatre. Suddenly, there was noise—shouting, loud banging and people running. The goons had entered," she recalls.

Armed with clubs, stones and metal rods, the attackers overwhelmed the hospital's outpatient wing, sending patients and staff fleeing.

Stood their ground

But inside the theatre, Dr Rashid and her team stood their ground and raced against time to save the life of mother and baby. The team, proceeded with surgery, but her colleagues were anxious and terrified.

"A nurse whom I was with in the theatre was trembling. I asked her for an instrument and she could not respond. I had to switch to autopilot. The voice in my head kept telling me—one patient at a time. That is what I focused on," she said.

After the procedure, the mother developed complications and was bleeding. As this happened, the goons were rioting outside the facility. Leaving the mother on the table, she says "spelt instant death".

"The C-Section took longer than usual, because of complication but I could not leave the mother because of chaos, as such meant instant death," she says.

In the middle of the procedure, yet another emergency emerged—one of the attackers had injured himself while vandalising the hospital.

Unconscious and bleeding pro-

fusely, he was carried to the floor of the theatre by three others, who knelt and begged for help. Still in her bloodied scrubs and emotionally drained, Dr Rashid did not hesitate.

"We transfused him and stitched his wounds. He was going into shock, but we managed to stabilise him," she says. The newborn and the mother are all safe, undergoing review waiting for discharge.

A visit by The Standard team at the facility revealed tension and fear among healthcare workers, including guards.

Though services were slowly returning to normalcy, the encounter remains grim, unheard of in the country, and internationally, even in times of war, as hospitals are safer places.

Nurse Brenda* is visibly still shaken. Her eyes wells with tears as she recounts the terrifying events that unfolded on Monday. At exactly 1:30pm, she says, a group of irate goons stormed the hospital, and by 1.55pm, chaos erupted, lasting for about four hours.

"They stood at the perimeter wall, armed with clubs and machetes and began hurling stones at the hospital, shattering windows," she recalls. Amid the confusion, the attackers forced their way into the casualty unit.

What followed was pure horror. The goons began indecently touching female health workers, with clear intent of sexual assault. "It was terrifying. They started touching us inappropriately. We had to run for our safety," says a nurse who spoke on condition of anonymity.



Some of the health workers in patients' clothes at Kitengela Hospital on Monday. [Mercy Kahenda, Standard]



In desperation, the nurses dashed to the hospital laundry area, grabbed patients' clothes and disguised themselves to escape the attackers.

"We dressed in patients' clothing to try and hide—the goons were after us. Their intentions were clear—they wanted to rape us," she says. The incident remains vivid in her mind.

"I do not think I will ever forget that day. I am not sure if I will ever be at work whenever we have any dem-

onstrations," says Brenda. "Nurses were literally hiding anywhere they could, while the goons roamed the hospital and shouting threats. It was a nightmare".

At the height of chaos at Kitengela Hospital, one woman stood guard—literally. A hospital security officer, still shaken by the ordeal, recounted harrowing experience of shielding mothers and newborns as armed goons stormed the facility.

"There were about 70 women in the maternity ward at the time. Nearly 60 of them had been cleared for discharge, but they couldn't leave," she said. "Everyone was scared. The mothers were especially worried about the safety of their newborns in the neonatal unit."

With tension rising, the guard said mothers could not access their pre-term babies, some of whom needed regular monitoring. In an attempt to reassure the anxious mothers, the guard took an unusual step. To prevent further intrusion, she locked the gates leading to the maternity wing.

Though brave and courageous having saved amid fracas, Rashid still feels the weight of that day and observes that hospitals, police stations and all government institutions should be protected in times of chaos, protests or war.

"We expect during maandamano, we are ready to receive patients, to assist. The same people who attack hospitals are the same ones who come here seeking care. At the end of it all, saving lives is why we are here—even when it hurts," emphasises Dr Rashid.

Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Union (KMPDU) warned that unless order is restored, healthcare workers will be forced to withdraw services during future protests.

"If this continues, we will issue a decree: No healthcare worker will report to work during demonstrations. From cleaners to consultants—we'll stay away unless we're guaranteed armed protection," said KMPDU Deputy Secretary Dr Dennis Miskellah.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 (1) (a) and (d) of the Act, an election for Chairperson and members to the Council shall be held on the **20th and 21st August 2025.**

The election shall be in respect of: -
a) The chairperson of the Council; and
b) Two (2) members of the Council representing Rift Valley and Coast/Eastern Regions.

Dated 10th July 2025.

Ms. Carol Gachii
Returning Officer.

Ruto, nation's father, goes missing when needed most

- The President has not consoled with the scores of families mourning their lost kin.
- Ruto has instead chosen a combative tone and even ordered police not to relent.

NDUNG'U GACHANE, NAIROBI

As the country slides into anarchy amid protests and police brutality, many Kenyans are left wondering who will steer the ship. The Head of State and Government, President William Ruto, appears to have failed to fill the nation's father-figure role.

Political analysts and commentators have called on President Ruto to provide leadership and adopt a conciliatory tone to heal a bleeding nation.

According to analysts, the Head of State should inspire trust, hope, and provide a sense of stability and guidance to the country—qualities they argue Ruto has not demonstrated.

According to Prof Gitile Naituli, a Professor of Leadership and Management at Multimedia University, such attributes are essential as they enable a President to navigate turbulent times and build a strong connection with the public.

"By emphasising collaboration and shared goals, a conciliatory approach can help bridge divides and reduce political tensions," Prof Naituli observed. Analyst Joshua Mwangi noted that instead of providing leadership during a time of national crisis, the President appeared angry at the very citizens he is mandated to protect—even as he issued "shoot in the leg" orders to police.

"The actions and remarks by the President should be presidential. He is supposed to lead all Kenyans, as opposed to calling those opposed to his leadership style terrorists. He should bring the country together, not employ divide-and-rule tactics," Mwangi said.

He was referring to an incident on Tuesday in which Ruto described those who burnt police stations as terrorists and vowed to deal with individuals allegedly plotting to oust him from power unconstitutionally.

"I want to tell those characters giving us lectures that they can change this administration using violence and unlawful means before 2027—let them try," he said.

"This is a democratic nation and Kenyans will choose the nation's leadership through the ballot. We cannot choose leadership through violence. That is not going to happen in this country."

This comes even as the Opposition continues to pile pressure on the President to resign, claiming he



President William Ruto inspects construction at the 540 housing units project in Dagoretti North, Nairobi County, yesterday. [PSC]

has breached his social contract with Kenyans. Meanwhile, a section of the political class say they are consulting on a strategy for holding him to account.

Former Chief Justice David Maraga maintained the buck stops with the President, saying he was to blame for the current turmoil and proposed it was time to "commence a process to hold the President accountable for gross violations of the Constitution."

"Kenyans can decide what this process would entail. I am confident that together, we will reset this country to the rule of law, restore dignity and rebuild our economy. I pray for wisdom and for continued courage for us all," he said.

On her part, People's Liberation Party leader Martha Karua accused Ruto's administration of blatant disregard for democratic principles. She urged the President to heed public calls to resign.

"Whether you have been elected overwhelmingly or marginally, when the people loudly express themselves, in developed democracies, a government would not resort

to killing—it would actually resign and pave the way," Karua said during an interview on Citizen TV. She added: "But we are seeing a ruling elite that has no respect for the people or the Constitution. Not respecting people's voices and resorting to murder to sustain yourself in power is total contempt—not only for human life but also for the voices of the people." Karua said the eruption of protests in at least 37 counties indicated that Kenyans had effectively fired Ruto's administration.

"I may think I'm the best, but if people think otherwise, I must give way to what the people think. I am not the one who has sacked William Ruto; it is the people of Kenya who, through coming out in 37 counties, collectively told him: you and your regime—your share of life has expired." She cited former South African President Thabo Mbeki's resignation when recalled by his party as a model of responsible leadership.

Separately, Jubilee Party Secretary-General Jeremiah Kioni said the President should listen to Kenyans' outcry and initiate an exit strategy.

He rejected the idea of a national dialogue, as proposed by ODM leader Raila Odinga.

"The nationwide calls are 'Ruto must go (now)' and that doesn't require dialogue—it requires an exit plan. Calling for a national dialogue is a gimmick to hold Kenyans for the next two years while the ruling elite enjoy power," he said.

However, as Karua and Kioni called for Ruto's resignation, former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua insisted the President should serve his full term.

"Mr Ruto, just relax. No leader wants to overthrow you from government. No one has the capacity. We want to humiliate you at the ballot in 2027," he said.

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DIRECTIVE

President orders police to shoot in the leg any person causing chaos

President William Ruto yesterday issued new orders to police officers—barely two weeks after Interior Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen gave a similar directive.

The President gave officers the green light to shoot in the leg anyone who dares to attack a police station or government installation.

Ruto made the remarks in Nairobi, two days after the 35th anniversary of the Saba Saba demonstrations, which have so far claimed the lives of 31 young people, according to the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR).

According to the Head of State, attacking police stations or government installations amounts to a declaration of war, and the police should respond firmly.

"Anyone who will attack a police officer or police station... that is a declaration of war in the Republic of Kenya, and that is unacceptable," said a seemingly furious Dr Ruto. He added: "Anyone who takes fire to go and torch someone else's business and property should be shot in the leg—so that he can go to hospital, then afterwards to court." Ruto's remarks quickly attracted criticism from Kenyans, who expressed concern that police may now resort to excessive force following the directive from the Commander-in-Chief.

The shoot-to-cripple order comes at a time when intense public debate surrounds the charges facing those arrested in connection with attacks on police stations.

The National Police Service Act outlines the circumstances under which officers may use firearms on suspects or criminals.

Section 19 of the Act states that firearms should only be used as a last resort—when less extreme measures are insufficient to protect life or prevent serious harm.

The Act explicitly prohibits the use of firearms for punishment, intimidation, or discrimination, and requires officers to justify their actions and be subject to investigation where necessary.

In a scathing rebuke to the opposition, President Ruto—who was

inspecting Affordable Housing Units for police officers in Kilimani—claimed he had exercised patience for too long. He labelled attacks on government installations as acts of terrorism, saying the perpetrators would be dealt with decisively.

On the issue of unemployment, Dr Ruto accused unnamed individuals of inciting the youth to destroy businesses and property in an effort to undermine his administration.

"I want to ask them: did the employment crisis begin when I became President? Let's be honest. If some people have other motives, let them come out clearly. I have played a big role in ensuring that youths get employment," said Ruto.

He cited the Affordable Housing programme and online job opportunities—claiming they have absorbed around 200,000 Kenyans—as evidence of his administration's efforts to combat youth unemployment.

While acknowledging that unemployment remains one of his government's biggest challenges, the President said the issue cannot be resolved overnight.

At the same event, Ruto dismissed the opposition as "foolish" individuals using unemployment as an excuse to incite unrest, alleging they were plotting to oust him before the end of his term.

"They want to plan demonstrations, violence, destroy property, and kill people to take over before 2027—but I dare them to try. They will regret it," he warned, adding that Kenya is a democratic state where leadership is determined at the ballot box.

"Those characters giving us lectures about changing this administration through unlawful means must remember it is the people who decide—through the ballot," he added, questioning why they did not cause similar unrest during previous regimes.

"Before I took over, there was Moi, Kibaki, and Uhuru. Why are they causing trouble under my leadership? That is nonsense," he said, vowing that those sponsoring the destruction of property would be arrested.

[Pkemol Ng'enhoh]



Police officers engage protesters along Lake View in Nakuru County during the Monday demonstrations. [Kipsang Joseph, Standard]

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When leadership fails its people, bullets silence cries, not solutions

► After the Interior CS issued the shoot-on-sight threat, police have been seen to handle demonstrators more brutally.

► President Ruto's order for Police to shoot protesters in the legs points to a government okaying a policy of brutality.

BRIAN OTIENO AND OMONDI POWEL,
NAIROBI

The past few weeks have tested Kenya, as a restless youth push for better governance from the leaders they voted into office.

The country has experienced three major waves of protests, resulting in at least 50 deaths of young Kenyans, some of whom are children as young as 12, and hundreds of injuries.

Property worth millions of shillings has been looted or destroyed in riots that have accompanied the demos.

Armed gangs have stormed streets across the country, clobbering and mugging Kenyans as police watched unmoved. In some instances, such thugs have marched alongside law enforcement officers. There have been arson attacks on police stations, government offices and hospitals.

And the nation, looking to its leadership to propose a way out of the current madness, has often ended up disappointed.

Such was the case when President William Ruto yesterday ordered the shooting of protesters "in the legs", an illegal declaration as the Constitution bars the President from issuing operational orders to Inspector General of Police.

His remarks, criticised widely as reckless, came hours after the State-funded Kenya National Human Rights Commission revealed that it had documented 31 deaths from Monday's anti-government protests, the highest death toll in a single day.

Police officers

Flanked by the country's senior-most police officers when he launched a housing project for the police officers in Nairobi, the Head of State essentially patted the rogue police service on the back, casting doubt on whether victims of brutality can expect to find justice.

That is despite sustained calls for accountability, which have driven young Kenyans into successive rounds of demonstrations, the latest being Monday's Saba Saba protests, held to commemorate the July 7, 1990, countrywide marches to agitate for pluralism.



Police officers charge at protesters in Nairobi on June 17, 2025, following the death of blogger Albert Ojwang' while in police custody. The demonstrators denounced police excesses. [AFP]

"Anyone burning down someone else's business and property should be shot in the legs, so that they will pass through the hospital as they go to court. They (the police) should not kill them, but they should hit them and break their legs," a visibly angry President said, adding that he would ensure peace in the country "by whatever means possible."

He had equated attacks on police officers and stations with a declaration of war and "terrorism."

The President's remarks follow shoot-on-sight orders by Interior Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen on protesters storming police stations. Murkomen would follow up the illegal order with assurances to the police that the government would not cooperate with investigations on killer cops.

Ruto's and Murkomen's statements point to a government okaying a policy of brutality when it ought to be seeking to end the chaos that is claiming lives with each passing wave of protests. The remarks are, undoubtedly, discouraging to families of victims of police brutality.

"It is unfortunate that the President and Interior Minister are making such statements," said Boniface Mwangi, a rights activist who has helped mobilise Gen Z protests. "They have chosen to suspend the rule of law and pursue a policy of brutality. No family can expect to find justice."

When we spoke to Mwangi over the phone, he said he was returning from Kathiani, Machakos County, where he had attended the funeral of Elijah Mwongeli, killed during the June 25 demos.

"He (Ruto) is desperate and thinks he can use fear to control dissent, which won't work. The people he is

threatening to shoot go to demonstrations, having written their obituaries. Such scare tactics won't work on them. He is responding to the activities around the protests instead of listening to the grievances young Kenyans are airing," said Mwangi.

Since Murkomen issued the shoot-on-sight threat, police have been seen to handle protesters more brutally, evidenced from the death toll that rose from 19, per rights groups, to Monday's 31.

Live rounds

On Monday, a squad of security agents roamed the streets of Nairobi and Kajiado counties, leaving death in its wake.

In video clips shared online, police are recorded taking aim at protesters and firing live rounds.

In others, such as a clip a resident of Limuru shared with The Standard, showed officers shooting randomly.



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William Ruto, President

It is such random shooting that saw a bullet kill Brigit Njoki, 12, whose body lay in a morgue cooler as Ruto made his chilling threat yesterday.

Njoki was killed on Monday by a stray bullet, which pierced through the roof of their home, hitting her in the head. Lucy Ngugi, her mother, tearfully narrated her daughter's final moments, too broken to think about justice for her daughter.

If Njoki's tragedy had not moved the President, then the story of Ann Nyawira, a grieving mother who had to spend the night with her dead son, Brian Kimutai, shot by the police on Monday in Kitengela, should have broken his heart.

The President said no word about Kimutai, or any of the victims of brutality, but he has previously praised the conduct of police officers for their conduct in the protests, emboldening their violations of the law.

These violations have led to more than 100 deaths since the Gen Z protests broke out last year. Rights groups said at least 60 people died in last year's anti-tax protests. This year's death toll has already hit 51.

On July 25, 19 Kenyans were killed in demonstrations to commemorate last year's protests.

Days earlier, Boniface Kariuki, a mask vendor, had been shot in the head by a police officer at close range. He later died in the hospital.

Ruto has previously promised accountability for victims of brutality but has faltered on his delivery. Families of some more than 70 young Kenyans, whom the opposition Azimio coalition said died during protests in 2023, still wait for justice. Nothing has been forthcoming, even in the wake of a cooperation deal between Ruto and former Prime Minister Raila Odinga

that promised such justice.

"The President should be seeking to protect people enjoying their right to picket and justice for victims of brutality," said Gitile Naituli, a professor of leadership and management.

"Ruto should be planning to meet these young Kenyans and chart a framework within which their grievances will be addressed and not threaten them."

Prof Naituli, who remarked, "these people have gone mad," said Kenyans should document inflammatory utterances by top government officials that can be filed as a petition to the International Criminal Court.

The grievances by the youth have evolved since last year, when they first took to the streets in protest. The demos, sparked by controversial tax proposals, morphed into a push to force Ruto out of power. Ruto's proposed ouster has endured in this year's protests, also driven by the push for accountability.

These changing objectives have often attracted talk that the protesters have lost the plot.

But demonstrators, some of whom told The Standard they do not expect their protests to yield much in changes, see protests as the "only language the government understands."

There have been calls for alternative means of airing their concerns, such as dialogue, fronted by Raila on Monday, who proposed an "intergenerational conclave."

Machakos Deputy Governor Francis Mwangangi said. "What happened to the Nadco (National Dialogue Committee) talks and the 10-point cooperation agreement? Have they been implemented? What they (the government) want to do is kick the can down the road until the elections come, because we don't need to talk to end extra-judicial killings and abductions, and achieve better governance."

Young Kenyans mostly shun calls for talks, arguing that the President does not listen.

Indeed, he has promised more than once to end abductions, which continue to date, and extra-judicial killings. The soaring death toll in the police's hands lends credence to their fears.

The Head of State has often chosen to play victim, a script he fell back on when he lamented bout being the target of a smear campaign he falsely claimed his predecessors were never subjected to, the strongest indication that he remains unmoved by the deaths of protesters in the hands of the police.

Mount Kenya

"Why didn't they visit this chaos on Mwai Kibaki and Uhuru Kenyatta?" Ruto added a statement in line with an narrative that pro-government politicians have tried to push that paints the Gen-Z protests as a Mount Kenya affair.

Indeed, while the Mt Kenya region has flared in the current round of protests, demonstrations have been in other areas. Gen Z demonstrators have repeatedly shunned ethnic associations, asserting their movement was "tribe-less."

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Gachagua claims Ruto using terror charges, militia to muzzle dissent

► Former DP alleges Mt Kenya targeted with violence to force political submission.

► DCP leader urges President to stop housing levy, brutality, profiling and illegal detentions.

NDUNG'U GACHANE, NAIROBI

Former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua yesterday accused President William Ruto of using terrorism charges to stifle dissent even as he accused his administration of overseeing a State-sponsored militia to maim, kill and destroy property and then blame it on leaders perceived to be unfriendly to his administration.

According to Gachagua, anti-government leaders would be blamed for the mayhem caused by the "State-backed militia" and then charged with terrorism in a scheme targeting Mt Kenya to force the region to submit to Ruto's intimidation.

In an interview, he claimed the Ruto-led administration was on an overdrive to sabotage the economy of the Mt Kenya region and other regions

where the president was not receiving political support.

The Democracy for Citizens Party (DCP) leader alleged that during the Saba Saba protests on July 7, the militia working under instructions and guidance from the police were dropped in strategic places in the country and mostly in Mt Kenya to wreak havoc.

"The militia were procured by Mr Ruto, governors and MPs allied to him. These regions included; Nairobi, Kiambu, Kajiado, Kisii, Nyeri, Murang'a, Kiambu, Kirinyaga, Meru, Nyandarua, Kitengela, Ongata Rongai, Machakos, Embu, Wote. They had clear instructions to loot and destroy specific properties," he said.

He also alleged that the killersquad of 101 specialists 'under instructions from National Intelligence Service (NIS) top bosses was armed with assault rifles and drove in a convoy of an unmarked Subarus shooting and killing innocent protesters aimlessly in the streets and estates.

Gachagua claimed the shoot to kill order issued by Interior Cabinet Kipchumba Murkomen and his remarks that the government would not cooperate with investigations into police conduct, has emboldened security



Former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua with MPs and DCP leaders during a media briefing at his Karen residence in Nairobi, yesterday. He criticised President Ruto for using the Anti-Terrorism Act to intimidate the opposition. [Bernard Orwong, Standard]

forces. "Police officers are now on record threatening citizens in their homes, boasting of their license to kill, acting with a confidence that can only come from the highest echelons of power. Murkomen's admission that these are not just instructions from him but "orders from above" removes any ambiguity about where responsibility lies," he said.

Accusing Ruto of turning against the Mt Kenya region that overwhelmingly voted for him in 2022 elections, Gachagua accused the President of destroying the community's businesses and making them the black sheep of Kenya.

"These state-sponsored militias were key in torching various parts of the country with ease of police assistance to prefer terrorism charges

on specific people from the Mt Kenya region. So far, about 50 young people are in courts on trumped-up charges of terrorism in scenarios of stage-managed crimes by the state."

"Again, this is a clear onslaught on Kikuyus. A case in point is when a police station in Mawego, Homa Bay County was torched, the suspects were charged with arson, but when a police station in Kiambu was torched, suspects were charged with terrorism," the former Second-in-Command said.

He claimed there was a plot to use the mayhem to blame his allies who include DCP official Mithika Linturi, MPs Mukunji Gitonga (Manyatta) in Kitengela and Ngong, they blame Onesmus Ngogoyo (Kajiado North) John Kaguchia (Mukurwe-ini) and

Senators Seki Lenku (Kajiado) and James Murango (Kirinyaga).

"We want to remind President Ruto that it is not kikuyus who want him out of the office. It is the entire people of Kenya. Kenyans are suffering equally across the country. That is why, Kenyans have said, if you, Mr William, believe that it is the kikuyus who want you out, then all Kenyans are Kikuyus," he added.

At the same time, Gachagua dismissed claims by the President that his rivals were plotting to oust him from power unconstitutionally.

"I saw Ruto boiling with anger, but I tell him that anger is not the solution, he should stop being angry as anger will not help. He needs to know what he needs to do. We advise him that the one-term movement is not getting you out of power outside the constitution. It is a 2027-ballot objective to get you out of the office.

"Mr Ruto, just relax, no leader wants to overthrow you from the government, no one has the capacity. We want to humiliate you from the ballot in 2027. Stop creating narratives to justify the use of trumped up charges against your critics," Gachagua added.

According to Gachagua, Ruto's solutions to manage the anger by Kenyans included abolishing housing levy, ending police brutality and ethnic profiling, abolishing the 101 killer squad, honoring the promise of giving jobs to hustlers and ending illegal detentions.

He was responding to Ruto's claims that similar unrest was not witnessed during Uhuru and Kibaki's tenures and that the issue of youth unemployment did not start with his administration claiming the issue was prevalent even in his predecessors' regimes.

Gachagua announced that he will be travelling to the United States to talk to Kenyans in diaspora and the international community on the state of the nation and assured his supporters that he would closely monitor the goings on in the country.

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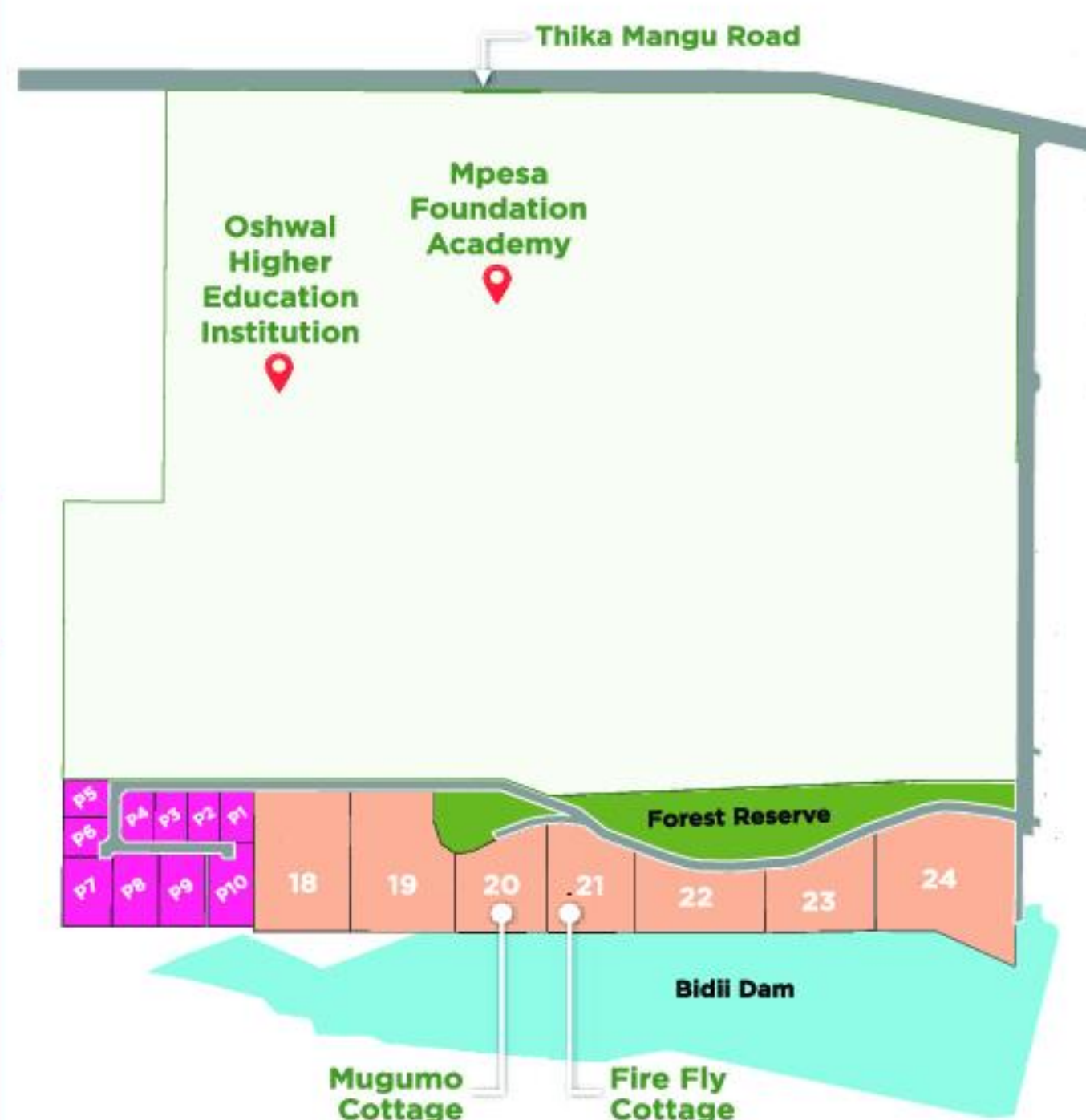
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These state-sponsored militias were key in torching various parts of the country with ease of police assistance to prefer terrorism charges on specific people from the Mt Kenya region.”

Rigathi Gachagua, Former Deputy President

Kariuki mourned amid more police killings

► The mask vendor was shot in the head at point-blank range by police in Nairobi on June 25.

► He succumbed to brain damage after being on life-support machine for nearly two weeks.

OKUMU MODACHI, NAIROBI

Boniface Kariuki, the hawkler shot by police during protests in Nairobi on June 25, was eulogised as a hard-working person even as calls to end extra-judicial killings reigned his requiem mass yesterday.

At the unusual memorial service — without his body and with only a handful of people present — a sombre mood and tension engulfed All Saints Cathedral as friends and family paid tribute to the deceased.

Kariuki succumbed to brain damage after being on life-support machine for nearly two weeks.

He was shot in the head at point-blank range by police officers while selling face masks in Nairobi's Central Business District during the first anniversary of youth-led anti-Finance Bill protests.

According to his family, Kariuki

was their only hope and one who had a bright future even as his mother, Susan Njeri, recounted his last moments before the tragic news of his death struck them.

She said she had communicated with him a day before he was shot and warned him against joining the protests and that he had assured them that he would not go to the streets.

"We never knew that would be our last word with you, and that was your goodbye to us," she recounted in a speech shared by a relative. "I loved you so much as my first son and my heir. Rest in peace my son," said Njeri.

His siblings expressed their pain, saying they are unable to come to terms with the loss.

"You were the only hope for us and our parents. You had a bright future filled and you wished well for all of us. We have nothing else to add, but to say that we will miss you so much. We loved you so much Bonnie," they said.

"We have not even been able to express the pain that we feel inside us because our young cousin, brother and son was robbed of his life unexpectedly," shared family spokesperson Emily Wanjira.

Equally, Kariuki's friends remembered him as an individual who toiled and moiled to earn a living from his



Boniface Kariuki's mother, Susan Njeri, breaks down at All Saints Cathedral during a memorial service for her son. [Kanyiri Wahito, Standard]



He told me that one of his dreams was to build his parents a good house. But his dreams have been shattered,"

Boniface Kariuki's friend,

said. "He was visionary. He told me (the friend) that one of his dreams was to build his parents a good house. But his dream have been shattered," said one of his friends.

They called on the State to act and bring to an end the police brutality against protesters witnessed in the recent past, claiming the lives of many young Kenyans including that of Kariuki.

"It is painful as a country knowing

that many people have died because of police brutality in the country. The country is at pain," he said.

He added: "It is high time you (the government) made sure that there is no extra-judicial killings because today it is Bonnie's and tomorrow it might be another person."

And amid the pain inside the church, it emerged that beneath the sorrow lied fear and tension that chaos could erupt at the church compound.

"There's heavy security checks because there was fear and anticipation that rogue people would invade the church," one of the security guards confided in The Standard.

His sentiments pointed to worries that some members of the public could grab his casket, run with it to the City Centre and disrupt operations.

Law enforcement agencies have, in the recent past, come under sharp scrutiny for using excessive force in curtailing the protests.

Kariuki will be laid to rest on Friday in Kangema, Murang'a county.

On Tuesday, Kenya National Commission on Human Rights reported 31 fatalities from the Saba Saba commemoration protests.

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COURT

Police seek to detain Manyatta MP, two other suspects for 14 days over alleged terror links

The Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) has applied to continue holding Manyatta MP Gitonga Mukunji, *Inooro FM* radio journalist James Mbochi and boda boda rider Stanley Mbuti for an additional 14 days to complete investigations.

The trio are under probe for alleged terrorism-related activities, including suspected recruitment of goons and financing of violent groups during the July 7, Saba Saba protests.

Appearing before Magistrate Richard Koech at Kahawa Law Courts, State Prosecutor James Machira argued that releasing the three could jeopardise ongoing investigations.

"The suspects were arrested while in possession of materials indicating financial facilitation of individuals involved in criminal activities across Nairobi, Embu and other parts of Central Kenya," Machira told the court.

The prosecution claims that MP Mukunji was found with a diary marked "KYPA" containing names and amounts paid to various persons connected to an array of criminal activities in Nairobi, Embu and various parts of the central region between June 25, 2025 and July 7, 2025. It also alleged that the MP had payment records to individuals allegedly connected to acts of arson, attacks on police officers and destruction of public and private property.

"The MP was transferring money to individuals linked to various criminal activities, including but not limited to arson, malicious damage to property, assault on police officers and civilians, and an incident that resulted in the death of one civilian," Machira told the court.

"Of particular concern is one Evans Ngare



Manyata MP Gitonga Mukunji behind bars at the Kahawa Law Courts. [Wilberforce Okwiri]

Njiru alias Balala, noted in the diary, who is under active investigation for orchestrating violent acts and remains at large," said Chief Inspector Desterio Omukaga in a supporting affidavit.

The trio was arrested at Toll area in Juja aboard a black Range Rover with no number plates, a deliberate act, the DCI says, was designed to conceal their identities and movement in connection to coordinated criminal activities, in violation of Section 12 of the Traffic Act.

But the defence, led by Senior Counsel Kalonzo Musyoka and advocate Ndegwa Njiru, fiercely opposed the application, terming the allegations as "wild, speculative, and politically motivated." [Nancy Gitonga]

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TYPHOID CONJUGATE VACCINES (TCV)

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Typhoid disease?

- Typhoid is a serious bacterial infection caused by *Salmonella Typhi*.
- It spreads through contaminated food and water and causes high fever, weakness, stomach pain, and other symptoms.
- Without treatment, it can be fatal.

Who is most affected by Typhoid disease?

- Everyone is at risk of getting typhoid disease, especially children aged less than 15 years. Typhoid places a significant and underestimated burden on children in sub-Saharan Africa, with poor communities often being most susceptible.

How does Typhoid disease spread?

- Typhoid is spread by the fecal-oral route through contaminated food and water, usually due to unsafe water, inadequate sanitation, and poor hygiene habits.

Why is there increased risk for Typhoid disease?

- Increasing drug resistance, climate change, and urbanization heighten the risk for typhoid outbreaks worldwide.

What are the risk factors of Typhoid disease?

- Typhoid risk is highest in settings where sanitation and hygiene is poor and water is unsafe.
- Environmental and social factors such as overcrowding, natural disasters and climate change put children in endemic and emergency settings at most at risk.

How can safe water and sanitation protect against Typhoid disease?

- By safely separating waste from water sources used for drinking, cooking, washing, or swimming and ensuring that water is treated and free of contamination, we can help prevent the spread of typhoid and many other diseases.

How can good hygiene protect us against Typhoid disease?

- Proper food handling and hygiene practices — including handwashing with soap and water, using safe water sources, and boiling or treating food and beverages — play a large role in the prevention of typhoid, which is often spread by contaminated food or beverages.

What is Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine?

- This is a safe and effective vaccine that offers high protection against drug-resistant *Salmonella Typhi*.

Who is eligible for Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine (TCV)?

- The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends TCV for:
 - Children aged 6 months and older in typhoid-endemic areas.
 - High-risk populations in areas with poor sanitation and limited access to clean water.
 - Travelers to regions where typhoid disease is common.

How many doses of Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine (TCV) are needed?

- Current evidence supports long term immunity after a single dose.

Can TCV be given together with other vaccines?

- Yes. TCV can be safely given at the same time as other childhood vaccines.

Where will TCV vaccine be available in Kenya?

- The Ministry of Health will be providing the TCV vaccine in all immunizing facilities across all the 47 counties in Kenya.

Who will receive the Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine and Measles-Rubella vaccine during the immunization campaign?

- During the campaign, all children aged 9 months to 14 years will receive the Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine (TCV). In addition, children aged 9 months to 5 years will also receive the Measles-Rubella (MR) vaccine.

What happens after Typhoid and Measles Rubella vaccine campaign?

- Typhoid Conjugate vaccine and Measles Rubella vaccine will be provided routinely at 9 months in all immunizing facilities.

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INTEGRITY

Ex-KFCB boss Mutua ordered to repay Sh27m

The former head of the Kenya Film Classification Board, Ezekiel Mutua, has been asked to return Sh27 million paid in irregular salary.

In a ruling by the State Corporations Appeal Tribunal, Dr Mutua was surcharged after the KFCB board increased his salary from Sh348,840 to Sh1,115,850 when he was given a second three-year term.

The Inspectorate of State Corporations had declared the contract renewal as irregular and unlawful, arguing that it was done without the input of the Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC), State Corporations Advisory Council and the approval of the Cabinet Secretary.

According to the inspectorate, the government issues circulars to guide the implementation of the SRC Act in the public sector.

But angered by the declaration, Mutua challenged the matter at the State Corporations Appeal Tribunal.

And in its ruling last month, it upheld the surcharge, and instructed Mutua to refund the millions.



Former Kenya Film Classification Board CEO Ezekiel Mutua. [File, Standard]

Mutua served for his first term from October 26, 2015, up to October 21, 2018, and nearing the expiry of his first term, he requested for a renewal of the contract. The board chairperson, in a letter dated May 14, 2018 to the Cabinet Secretary for Sports and Heritage, asked for the CEO's contract renewal.

But in his response a few days later May 29, the CS made it clear he did not intend to offer Mutua another term.

"However, and contrary to the Cabinet Secretary's response, the board, through a letter of June 7, 2018, went ahead to renew the contract of Mutua as the CEO for a further three years with effect from October 26, 2018," says the ruling.

The board directed the Human Resource and Administration committee to review and provide guidelines on Mutua's salary increment based on his past performance.

In a meeting on January 31, 2019, the ruling noted that committee had divergent opinions, but the board went ahead and approved the raise.

On the same day, the board informed the CS, who wrote back on April 30, 2019 declining to approve the salary increase.

"The Cabinet Secretary also directed the board to recover any amounts that may have been paid in respect of the proposed salary increment in case the board had implemented it," reads the ruling.

In his defense, Mutua pointed the finger at the board. Mutua argued that he continued "to work and earn a salary without any objections, reservations and or queries from the Cabinet Secretary, and it made him believe that he was discharging his duties legitimately and he had been properly appointed by the board."

Also surcharged alongside Mutua was Nehemiah Kipkoech, a board member, for the irregular approval of the pay increment. [Jacinta Mutura]

EDUCATION

Learners and teachers asked to use music festivals to nurture creativity

Kenya Music Festival has urged schools to use the event to sharpen creativity skills for teachers and children.

James Indimuli, the deputy executive secretary, said the 97th edition of the festivals gives learners a platform to showcase their cultures and creativity through art.

In the Rift region, 90,000 learners drawn from 14 counties are expected to make their presentations. Chairman of the Rift Valley chapter, Simon Masake, said this year's event will be packed with creative pieces.

The activities have been part of the co-curricular events but form part of

the new Competency-Based Education as a pathway identified as Arts and Sports Science, which interested learners will concentrate on in the senior secondary school.

Students enrolled in this pathway will study subjects such as music, dance, fine arts, theatre and sports science from Grade 10.

The music festivals take place two months after the National Drama and Film Festivals, that was marred with controversy following Butere Girls' play, *Echoes of War*, that the State deemed too controversial. [Caroline Chebet and Ann Njoroge]

COURTESY CALL



Acting Standard Group Plc Chief Executive Officer Chaacha Mwita with Trans Nzoia Governor George Ntembeya at the Group headquarters on Mombasa Road, Nairobi, yesterday. Mr Mwita emphasised that the media house remains neutral in its political coverage, but has taken note of progressive voices in the society. He added that the company has a duty to always stand with the people. Speaking earlier on Spice FM, the governor accused the national government of hypocrisy, claiming the so-called broad-based approach was being used to silence critics while rewarding tribal voting blocs. [Kanyiri Wahito, Standard]

Sections of Finance Act illegal, High Court told

► Petitioner says some sections were changed without public participation.

► Case says some clauses will raise prices and reverse gains in malaria fight.

KAMAU MUTHONI, NAIROBI

The implementation of the Finance Act, 2025, may not be a walk in the park after a case filed seeking to block it.

The case filed yesterday is seeking conservatory orders, arguing that the finance law, which President William Ruto signed on June 26, will overburden Kenyans.

The petitioner, Godfrey Musania, cites the removal of Value Added Tax (VAT) exemptions on essential products such as mosquito repellents and construction materials.

"If the conservatory orders sought are not granted, millions of Kenyans stand to suffer irreversible harm, including cost of living, health risks and arbitrary deprivation of property," says the suit papers.

"The implementation of the impugned provisions commenced on July 1, 2025, and unless restrained, will continue to cause irreparable harm to the public, including increased cost of living, denial of access to health products and violation of economic and proprietary rights."

Treasury Cabinet Secretary John Mbadi, Attorney General and the Kenya Revenue Authority have been named as the respondents.

The petition notes that on April 30, Mbadi presented the Bill to the National Assembly proposing amendments to several revenue laws, including the Income Tax Act, VAT, the Excise Duty Act and the Stamp Duty Act.

The suit states that the changes were passed on June 26 and became law five days later.

Nevertheless, the case argues that the National Assembly failed to conduct meaningful public participation, citing Sections 62 and 65 of the Act as some of the clauses that were inserted without involving the

public. Section 65 meant that products such as tiles, sinks, wash basins, iron and non-allow steel would fetch more taxes, according to the petition.

"Lack of public participation violates the Constitution and renders the impugned provisions of the Finance Act, 2025, constitutionally invalid for failure to comply with the procedural requirements established in law," says the suit.

The petition argues that by deleting VAT exemption for mosquito repellents, the government was reversing the gains made against malaria.

"Given the known mortality and morbidity associated with malaria, the effect of this amendment is to threaten the lives of millions of Kenyans, particularly those in low-income households and malaria-endemic regions. This constitutes an indirect yet unjustifiable limitation to the right to life under Article 26(1), and (2) of the Constitution."

Musania requests Justice Lawrence Mugambi to determine that the enactment and implementation of the Act violates the Constitution. He wants the court to declare that all the sections introduced at the committee stage without public participation are unconstitutional.

He is also seeking an order to suspend implementation of the contested sections of the law, and to have Mbadi, AG and KRA shoulder the cost of the case.

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“The implementation of the impugned provisions... will continue to cause irreparable harm to the public, including increased cost of living, denial of access to health products and violation of economic and proprietary rights,”

Godfrey Musania, petitioner.

PARLIAMENT

MPs to grill Energy, Treasury CSs over Sh30b debt and power deals

A House team has summoned Cabinet Secretaries Opiyo Wandayi (Energy) and John Mbadi (Treasury) over a Sh30 billion debt owed to Kenya Power.

This came as Parliament begun reviewing all power purchase agreements with Independent Power Producers (IPPs) to help lower the cost of electricity.

The National Assembly's Public Investments Committee on Commercial Affairs and Energy has also invited Rural Electrification Renewable Energy Corporation (Rerec) over its multi-million shilling debt.

Committee chairperson David Pkosing directed the persons of interest to appear before the House team on August 5, 2025 for a round table meeting to discuss how the debt will be repaid.

It also emerged that Kenya Power is owed billions by the ministries of Energy and Treasury for the provision of subsidized power under the Rural Electrification Scheme (RES).

Notably, the Rural Electrification Scheme

(RES) is funded by the national government and implemented by Kenya Power on behalf of the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum (MOEP).

At the same time, Parliament yesterday began reviewing all power purchase agreements by IPPs in a bid to lower electricity cost.

The Committee said it has taken this step following a forensic audit by the office of the Auditor General.

Pkosing, while decrying the rising cost of power, called it a national concern and claimed that some IPPs could be behind the spike bypassing hefty profits onto already burdened Kenyans.

"The people of Kenya are paying too much for electricity, and one of the suspects are IPPs and their power purchase agreements," said Pkosing.

We know they might be owned by the who is who in our country which raises suspicion. We will use the forensic audit to make firm recommendations that serve Kenyans better. We must change how these agreements work for the good

of the country," stated Pkosing.

Kaloleni MP Paul Katana urged the committee to summon CS Wandayi and other "influential" figures linked to the deal.

Influential people

"This has been a serious issue. Last time, we asked how quickly these power companies were licensed and learned that many powerful leaders were behind them," he said.

"The Energy CS must tell us how many companies are licensed, the kind of agreements in place and whether they are serving Kenyans as intended."

Kenya Power CEO Joseph Siror, however, defended the IPPs, arguing that the technology used to generate electricity determines the cost.

"The cost of power depends on the technology. Historically, purchases have been expensive but going forward, costs should come down as we retire old and costly IPPs.

This should make electricity cheaper for everyone," Siror told the House team while responding to audit concerns raised by the Auditor General.

Asked whether all IPPs could be retired, Siror responded in the negative. "We retired one last year. But you cannot retire all of them. In the past three months alone, we've had to load-shed, which means blackouts for many areas. If we turned off all the IPPs today, more than half the country would face blackouts because we wouldn't generate enough electricity to meet demand," he said.

The committee ruled that while it continues to analyse existing power purchase agreements, future deals must better protect consumers from high costs.

"We must find an arrangement that is cost-effective for Kenyans by balancing production with demand," Pkosing said. "We should also work towards cheaper technology for power generation so electricity becomes more affordable for all." [Jospaht Thiong'o]

Counties to share Sh79b extra allocation in new Senate Bill

► Funds include conditional grants from loans and development partners.

► Devolved units to get boost for livestock, healthcare with new development funding plans.

EDWIN NYARANGI, NAIROBI

All the 47 devolved units are set to collectively receive Sh79.2 billion as part of the County Governments' Additional Allocation in the 2025/2026 financial year, if a new bill that is before the Senate is approved into law.

The County Governments' Additional Allocations Bill, 2025, identifies conditional additional allocations to county governments from the proceeds of loans or grants from development partners in the 2025/2026 financial year.

The bill makes a provision for the transfer of conditional and unconditional additional allocations from the National Government's share of revenue and from development partners to county governments for the financial year 2025/2026.

The bill sponsored by the Senate Finance and Budget Committee Chairman Ali Roba if passed, will ensure that counties access additional funds from the National Government and development partners to facilitate the exercise of their functions.

"The devolved units will receive Sh56.9 billion as part of conditional additional allocations to county governments from proceeds of loans or grants from development partners in the 2025/2026 financial year," said Roba.

The amount includes Sh13 billion loan for the Second Kenya Devolution Support



Senate in session. The County Governments' Additional Allocations Bill, 2025 if passed will ensure counties access more funds to facilitate their work. [Elvis Ogina, Standard]

Program (KDSP2) – Service Delivery and Investment Grant (Level 2), Sh10.3 billion from the International Development Association (IDA) (World Bank) for the Second Kenya Urban Support Project (KUSP2) – Urban Development Grant (UDG) and Sh6.18 billion for the County Climate Resilience Investment (CCRI) grant.

At the same time, Sh7.7 billion from the World Bank will fund the National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP), the Kenya Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (KWASH) Programme funded by the German Development Bank will gobble up Sh4.6 billion, while the Food Systems Resilience Project (FSRP) will cost Sh3.2 billion.

The Water and Sanitation Development Project (WSDP) will be financed at a cost of Sh3 billion across the devolved units, the Kenya Urban Support Project (KUSP) – Urban Institutional Grant (UIG) will be

allocated Sh1.3 billion while German Development Bank will finance the Drought Resilience Programme in Northern Kenya (DRPNK) at a cost of Sh1.27 billion.

"Counties will also receive Sh1.2 billion from the German Development Bank for the co-financing of County Climate Resilience Investment (CCRI) Grant," said Roba.

The Kenya Informal Settlement Improvement Project 2 (KISIP2) will be financed by the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) at a cost of Sh1 billion while the Kenya Informal Settlement Improvement Project 2 (KISIP2) will be funded at a cost of Sh840 million.

The Kenya Livestock Commercialization Project (KeLCoP) will receive Sh634.5 million in funding, while the Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA) will provide a Sh510 million grant for the Primary Healthcare in Devolved Context (PHC) programme.

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NAIVASHA

Another protester shot during Saba Saba demos succumbs to injuries

Another victim of police brutality related to the Saba Saba protests has died from gunshot wounds.

James Nayo, 37, died while undergoing treatment at Naivasha sub-County Hospital, where he had been taken during the protests on Monday.

Nayo is the third fatality of the police shooting in Naivasha, according to a report from the hospital.

Earlier, 19-year-old Antony Kariuki and 23-year-old Peter Njenga also died at the same facility.

Nayo's death occurred shortly after

President William Ruto instructed police to shoot hooligans in the leg before bringing them to court, in an effort to address the violent demonstrations.

Bernard Warui, the medical superintendent at the hospital, confirmed the death, stating that the victim had a bullet lodged in his stomach.

He noted that 20 people were admitted to the facility on Monday, with eight of them suffering from gunshot wounds.

"We have now lost three people to



Rahab Wambui whose son, Antony Kariuki, was shot dead by police in Naivasha. [Antony Gitonga, Standard]

gunshot wounds, while the others are in stable condition and continuing to receive treatment," he said.

Dr Warui also said that among the twenty patients brought in during the height of the protests were four police officers, who were treated and discharged.

Naivasha Deputy County Commissioner Josiah Odongo rejected claims that hired goons were transported to the town in government vehicles to incite chaos.

Odongo described the allegations

made by Naivasha MP Jane Kihara as troubling and bordering on incitement, especially as security officers were actively pursuing those involved in the violence.

The MP alleged that National Youth Service buses transported dozens of youths to various neighbourhoods in Naivasha with instructions to loot and burn specific businesses.

In response, the administrator stated that the government's priority is to protect businesses in the town.

[Antony Gitonga]

Kenya's health sector cash troubles deepen after Global Fund cuts Sh7b

► Action comes hot on the heels of the US government through USAID suspending assistance to the sector.

► The funding shortfall from the Global Fund will further jeopardise efforts to combat HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria.

MERCY KAHENDA, NAIROBI

The Global Fund has significantly reduced its financial support for Kenya's health sector, just months after the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) paused assistance to the sector.

Kenya's allocation, according to a letter dated June 30, 2025, dropped from \$408 million (Sh53 billion) to \$354 million (Sh46 billion), creating a funding gap likely to jeopardise efforts in the fight against HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria.

In its correspondence to Health Cabinet Secretary Adan Duale, the organisation urged the government to develop sustainable strategies to safeguard progress made in the health sector.

"Effective from the date of this letter, the reduced allocation amount for Kenya is \$354 million," the letter stated.

While some donor payments have been received recently, the Global Fund noted that a funding gap remains between available resources and current grant commitments, prompting a re-prioritisation of support to partner countries.

"This is a difficult and unavoidable decision," the Fundsaid in the letter.

"Countries must now reconsider how best to use the remaining GC7 grant amounts, together with domestic resources and other funding sources, to continue saving lives."

However, as part of the revised



Forty 40 per cent of HIV treatment in the country is supported by the Global Fund. [Courtesy]

support, Kenya has been allocated \$2 million to support the early adoption of lenacapavir (LEN PrEP) — a promising injectable HIV prevention drug administered twice a year.

The inclusion positions Kenya as a potential early implementer of the innovative HIV prophylactic, depending on the country's readiness to roll out the intervention at scale.

The Fund emphasised that final grant decisions will be subject to the Kenya Coordinating Mechanism (KCM), which must make its determination by 14 July 2025.

The KCM has the latitude to either accept the new indicative grant allocations or propose alternatives based on national health priorities and system gaps. However, any revised totals must not exceed the reduced allocation.

The KCM, a national oversight body, has been directed to convene

stakeholders — including civil society, community representatives, and implementing partners — for consultations to ensure inclusive and transparent decision-making.

The Global Fund further clarified that any activities previously paused during the April 2025 adaptation process will remain on hold unless

re-approved. While Kenya must now navigate difficult funding decisions, the Fund reaffirmed its commitment to supporting essential services and maintaining access to lifesaving interventions.

"The next few months may require some difficult discussions and trade-off decisions. But inclusivity and the voices of communities must remain at the heart of the process," said the Global Fund.

The Fund has been a critical partner in Kenya's health sector, contributing significantly to the fight against the three major diseases and to health systems strengthening.

At least 40 per cent of HIV treatment is supported by the Global Fund. It also supports 30 per cent of TB and malaria treatment.

Support from the Global Fund and the US Government has strengthened Kenya's HIV response, including prevention of mother-to-child transmission.

Since 2010, Kenya has reduced new HIV infections by more than 67 per cent — from 101,000 cases in 2010 to about 16,752 infections in 2024.

At least 1,378,457 Kenyans are living with HIV, of whom 1,336,681 are on treatment, with mother-to-child transmission at seven per cent, just shy of the global target of below five per cent.

The stop-work order issued by the US Government created a Sh30.9 billion funding gap, which the Kenyan government has yet to bridge.

Nelson Otswoma, Executive Director of the National Empowerment Network of People Living with HIV/Aids in Kenya, acknowledged the impact of US support on the healthcare system — particularly for HIV/Aids.

"While US support has helped, it is ultimately the Kenyan government's responsibility to fund its health services.

"The Kenyan government needs to step in and cover the gap," said Otswoma.

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Briefing

NYAMIRA STUDENT KILLED DURING PROTEST

Police are on the spot after a student of Nyamira National Polytechnic was shot dead during riots at the learning institution. Brian Arisa was shot in the chest and confirmed dead at Itibo Health Centre, where he was rushed for first aid. Another student is nursing gunshot wounds at a facility after he was also shot during the riots. The students complained that the roads to the institution were in poor condition and poorly maintained. Following the shooting, students razed down a police post. They also left a trail of destruction at Bonyunyi Shopping Centre. [Stanley Ongwae]

HOMA BAY ROAD PROJECT GETS UNDERWAY

Traffic jam in Homa Bay town is expected to end as a result of the expansion of the highway in the town to a dual carriageway at a cost of Sh424 million. The five-kilometre road starts from Junction Kodoyo along the Rongo-Homa Bay Road to Got Rabuor along the Homa Bay-Katito Road. The project involves tarmacking the road to create two lanes for vehicles travelling in the same direction. Pedestrian lanes will also be constructed. Homa Bay County Commissioner Moses Lilan said the road will be ready in May next year. [James Omoro]

NAIVASHA MOTORISTS STUCK IN 40 KM GRIDLOCK


The Nairobi-Nakuru Highway experienced yet another traffic snarl-up that disrupted the movement of goods and passengers for more than 12 hours on Tuesday night. The traffic jam, which stretched for more than 40 kilometres, was caused by an accident involving an oil tanker and a private vehicle near the Gilgil weighbridge. By Wednesday midday, parts of the highway between Naivasha and Kikopey in Gilgil Sub-county were still at a standstill due to overlapping.

[Anthony Gitonga]

Funding

SH46B

ALLOCATION to Kenya's health sector by the Global Fund, which has been slashed from Sh53 billion



REPUBLIC OF KENYA
COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF MARSABIT

NOTICE OF APPROVAL HEARING FOR NOMINEES TO THE POSITION OF MARSABIT COUNTY WARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PURSUANT to Section 17 of the Marsabit County Equitable Development Act, 2024, the County Executive Committee Member for Finance submitted a list of nominees to the position of Marsabit County Ward Development Committee members. Following the receipt of the notification of nomination, the County Assembly of Marsabit **HEREBY NOTIFIES** the public and the Nominees that **the vetting of nominees for the position of Marsabit County Ward Development Committee Members** will take place on **17th July, 2025** at the **County Assembly of Marsabit Chambers from 09.00 a.m.** The nominees are invited to appear before the County Assembly Committee on Administration, Coordination and ICT as per the schedule below:

17 TH JULY 2025				
NO.	NOMINEES	DESIGNATION	SUB COUNTY	TIME
1.	Salim Ahmed Haroub	Chairman	Saku	09.00- 10.00 am
2.	Hassan Adan Mulata	Member	Saku	10.30- 11.30 am
3.	Habiba Gubal Adano	Member	North Horr	12.00- 01.00 pm
4.	Abdilatif Mohamed Aga	Member	Moyale	02.00- 03.00 pm
5.	Rebecca Arbe Haibor	Member	Laisamis	03.30- 04.30 pm

The Nominees are required to collect the questionnaires from the Office of the Clerk during official working hours from **10th July, 2025** and submit it together with copies of the following documents on or before **16th July, 2025 at 5.00 p.m.** to the Office of the Clerk (address provided below):

1. Certified copies of ID card or Passport;
2. Curriculum vitae, personal credentials and academic certificates;
3. Current Tax Compliance Certificate from the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA)
4. Current Compliance Certificate from the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB)
5. Current Clearance Certificate from the Credit Reference Bureau (CRB)
6. Current Valid Certificate of Good Conduct from the Department of Criminal Investigation (DCI).
7. Current Clearance from Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC)
8. Current Clearance Certificate from respective professional bodies
9. Accreditation from Commission of University Education for foreign degrees (where applicable)

Nominees are advised to bring the originals of the aforementioned documents on the vetting day.

Any person may, prior to the approval hearing, and by written statement on oath (sworn affidavit), provide the Clerk with evidence contesting the suitability of the candidate to hold the office to which the candidate has been nominated. The Written statement on oath to be sent to info@marsabitassembly.go.ke, or addressed to:

**The Clerk, County Assembly of Marsabit,
P.O. Box 29-60500.
Marsabit.**

The same to reach the office of the Clerk on or before **16th July, 2025 by 5:00 P.M.**

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Pursuant to the provisions of the County Governments Act, No.17 of 2012 and as captured under Section 58 and 58A of the County Government (Amendment) Act 2022. The selection panel invites applications from qualified Kenyan citizens to fill the following vacant positions in the Nakuru County Public Service.

1. **Members of the County Public Service Board- Four (4) Position) - Advert No. 01/2025/01**
2. **Secretary to the County Public Service Board- One (1) Position) - Advert No. 01/2025/02**

HOW TO APPLY

Interested and qualified candidates are required to make applications by downloading and completing an **Employment Application Form** from the County Government of Nakuru website www.nakuru.go.ke/careers.

A duly filled employment application form and **certified copies of National ID, KCSE, Degree/Masters Certificates, Professional Registration certificates (where applicable)** should be sent through the **POST OFFICE or COURIER SERVICES** in a sealed envelope and received **on or before 24th July, 2025 at 5.00 p.m.**

(No applications sent through the email address will be considered).

Clearly indicate the Advertisement number and position applied for on top of the envelope and address to;

**THE CHAIRPERSON – SELECTION PANEL
c/o THE COUNTY SECRETARY AND
HEAD OF PUBLIC SERVICE
P.O BOX 2870 – 20100
NAKURU**

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For detailed job description, specifications and other qualifications on the declared vacant position, visit the County Government of Nakuru website: www.nakuru.go.ke/careers

Hand deliveries shall be received by the Secretariat of the Selection Panel at the **Office of the County Secretary**, located at the **Town Hall (County Headquarters)** between **8.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. on weekdays.**

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- ii. Shortlisted candidates are expected to get **clearance** from the following Institutions:
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 - c) Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission
 - d) Directorate of Criminal Investigation-Certificate of good conduct (DCI)
 - e) A registered Credit Reference Bureau (CRB) and;
 - f) Any other relevant supporting documents.
- iii. The Vacancy number of the position being applied for **MUST** be indicated on the envelope and the application form
- iv. Canvassing by any candidate directly or indirectly shall lead to automatic disqualification Nakuru County Government is committed to Zero tolerance to Corruption.
- v. We **CAUTION** applicants and their families not to fall victim of fraudsters and impersonators who solicit for money with a promise to secure them jobs in the County Government. The Selection Panel shall bear no responsibility for any personal loss arising from such unlawful dealings. Report any such cases to the Police.

**THE CHAIRPERSON- SELECTION PANEL
NAKURU COUNTY**

Ruling on child born out of wedlock splits Muslims

► Some argue the Koran does not allow children born out of marriage to inherit the father.

► Other scholars say what matters is the father's acknowledgement of the child.

ISHAQ JUMBE, MOMBASA

Debate still rages among Islamic scholars and Muslim faithful over the recent Supreme Court ruling affirming that children born out of wedlock are entitled to inherit from their father's estate.

Some say that the ruling guarantees equity as outlined in the five aspects of the human association in Sharia in what they refer to as Masqasid-al Shariah.

However, critics say that the June 30 ruling challenges the aspect of keeping lineages safe and pure as envisioned by the Islamic law.

"The Shariah always protected Nasab (lineage), and a ruling like this one seeks to compromise that security and opens doors for immorality," argues Sheikh Rishad Rajab Ramadhan, a Madina University-trained scholar.

Veteran scholar Said Ahmad Badawy and Jamiah Mosque Sheikh Jamaluddin Osman want Muslims to reject the ruling, claiming it seeks to reform the Sharia.

"Inheritance must be conducted within acceptable conditions. Nasab (lineage), which emphasises the eligibility of the inheritor, among others," argues Sheikh Osman.

"Despite the Supreme Court ruling, we will abide by what Allah (God) has decreed. We do not have a choice but to obey what Allah has decreed."

Fatma Aboud, the respondent in the case, expressed displeasure on social media. "I'm the wife of the deceased in this case, which has been ruled unfairly. The other lady who claimed to have three children with my former husband claimed she would not submit to the jurisdiction of the Kadhi's Court and had a petition in court with only an affidavit and neither marriage nor birth certificates to support it," she said.

But the debate has many wondering whether Islam, a religion built upon the pillars of equality and justice, condemns children born out of wedlock to a second-class caste.

"No, Islam does not condemn and bears no prejudice towards children born out of wedlock. We just like to keep things clear without discriminating against the inheritor nor the inherited. A child born out of wedlock can rise to the highest positions in authority and become judges, kadhies, or even khalifa; only the Nasab should be maintained transparent, which serves many purposes," says Sheikh Rishad, who also adds that



Chief Justice and the president of the Supreme Court Martha Koome. A recent ruling allowed children born out of wedlock to inherit their Muslim father. [File, Standard]

those born out of wedlock can inherit from the mother's side and take the mother's surname.

Traditional Islamic jurisprudence has long emphasised the importance of preserving lineage and social order, but advancements and evolving legal perspectives have prompted scholars to reconsider longstanding rulings.

This stance stems from the principle that "the child is to be attributed to the bed," meaning the child's paternity is linked to the husband of the woman who gave birth.

Scholars such as Ibn Taymiyyah and Ibn al-Qayyim have taken a less hardline position. They say if the father openly acknowledges the child, attribution and inheritance rights may be granted. They argue that justice and compassion should guide rulings, especially when paternity can be established through acknowledgement.

With advances in DNA testing, many contemporary scholars and legal bodies have adopted a more flexible approach. Yasir Qadhi says if paternity is proven — whether through acknowledgement or scientific evidence — the child's rights, including inheritance, should be recognised.

He emphasises that Islam's core principles of justice, mercy, and social welfare support recognising children's rights.

Sheikh Abdullah bin Bayyah notes that legal reforms in countries such as Morocco, Tunisia, and Egypt reflect this shift. "They have incorporated provisions allowing children born outside of marriage to be attributed to their biological fathers when evidence, including DNA, confirms paternity. This approach aims to protect the welfare of children and prevent social marginalisation," he says.

For instance, Dar al-Ifta al-Misriyyah, an Egyptian government Islamic advisory and judiciary, states that if the father acknowledges the child and this acknowledgement is proven, then the child can be attributed to him and has the right to inheritance, whether born within or outside of marriage.

Similarly, IslamQA, a prominent Islamic fatwa website, affirms that public acknowledgement of paternity grants the child inheritance rights.

The issues has been a hot debate on social media. Supporters of the ruling see it as a step toward equality. "Justice has prevailed. Every child deserves equal rights, no matter how they were born," tweeted human rights advocate Jane Mwangi.

The advocates also emphasised the importance of protecting marginalised children.

However, some voiced concerns about the potential impact of the on cultural values and family structures.

"While I support children's rights, we must also consider the importance of family morals and cultural practices," posted @KenyanTraditions. Others worried about societal implications, with one user commenting, "Legal rights are important, but we need to think about the impact on our community's morals and stability."

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JUSTICE

Judge orders defence to keep off locked room as Sarah Cohen denied bail

Fresh details indicate that one room in the late Tob Cohen's residence in Kitisuru remained locked during a court visit to the scene.

Justice Diana Kavedza told the court that the room could not be opened during the visit in April, which was conducted under the guidance of the key suspect Sarah Wairimu.

The judge noted that the tycoon's widow had access to the keys but did not unlock the room.

The revelation came after Wairimu's newly appointed lawyer, James Singh Gitau, requested access to the scene of crime ahead of the next phase of the trial, which will involve the testimony of the remaining 58 prosecution witnesses.

"I agree with you. You can access the site, but I want you to note that I was unable to access one of the rooms," said the judge.

"The defence team, led by Wairimu, fumbled with the keys and could not open one of the rooms... So even the witness who was supposed to testify about that room did not give evidence."

Wairimu changed her defence team after senior counsel Philip Murgor withdrew from the case.

Cohen's body was found in a septic tank in his compound in 2019, after going missing for days.

The judge's revelation has heightened concerns about possible interference with the crime scene.

The Cohen family lawyer also said during the court's visit, all the rooms, including the bedroom and sitting room, were empty with no furniture.

The judge warned that if the defence is to revisit the site, it must be done under strict conditions. "You can only access the site in the company of the investigating officer," she ruled.

Secrets of locked room

The judge also ordered that the defence must not access the room. "The unfortunate thing is that the room that was locked shall not be opened. You are also not allowed to access it."

The court noted that the locked room was not only omitted from testimony but may contain key crucial evidence for the prosecution and defence.

During the Tuesday hearing, the court also rejected Wairimu's third bid to be released on bail, citing ongoing witness intimidation, flight risk and interference with the crime scene.

Justice Kavedza ruled that Wairimu would remain at the Lang'ata Women's Prison until the conclusion of her murder trial, saying the interests of justice and public interest outweighed



Sarah Wairimu, widow of Tob Cohen, in court. [File, Standard]

her right to personal liberty.

Wairimu has pleaded not guilty to the murder of Cohen. Her latest bid for bail was based on the fact that the prosecution's two key witnesses, who were her employees, testified in April.

One of the key grounds for the court's decision to deny her bail was Wairimu's alleged repeated intimidation of a police officer, Corporal Pascal Buana, in an open court.

The officer testified she whispered "shame on you" to him three times during proceedings. "If the accused can intimidate an armed officer in open court, what might she do outside, where the court has no eyes or ears?" said the judge.

Two passports puzzle

The court had previously directed Wairimu to apologise for the incident via an affidavit, which she did.

However, Justice Kavedza said the gesture lacked remorse and failed to assure the court that witness safety would be guaranteed if she were released.

The judge also flagged serious concerns over Wairimu's travel history.

Despite an earlier order by the Milimani High Court requiring her to surrender her passport, an Immigration report revealed she had traveled abroad multiple times using a second passport, which she allegedly obtained without the knowledge of the investigating officer.

"The fact that the accused could acquire a second passport while the first remained with the police cannot be ignored," the judge noted.

"This court finds her a flight risk."

In addition, Wairimu admitted to renovating the crime scene despite a court order placing the home under the custody of Spring Valley Police.

The judge also expressed frustration over her overloaded docket and announced plans to request permission from Chief Justice Martha Koome to hear the case along with the Shakahola massacre trial during the upcoming court recess in August.

The case was scheduled for July 30 when dates for site access and further hearings are expected to be confirmed. [Nancy Gitonga]

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Sheikh Abdullah bin Bayyah.

Witness narrates how he rescued boy after mother's brutal murder

► Elizaphan Nderitu recounts rescuing boy from burning house in their Nakuru home.

► Five suspects have denied killing Susan Wambui, three others on July 21, 2022.

YVONNE CHEPKWONY, NAKURU

A witness in a trial against a gang accused of murdering a woman in Mawanga, Nakuru City, testified that he rescued a three-year-old boy from a burning house.

The gang is alleged to have killed four women in Mawanga, aged between 20 and 38, committing acts of robbery, strangulation and rape before setting their victims' houses on fire.

Elizaphan Nderitu told Justice Julius Nangea how he rescued the crying boy as the house burned.

He was giving evidence against Kevin Otieno, Josphat Juma, Julius Omondi, Dennis Mmbolo and Isaac Kinyanjui, all of whom have denied killing Susan Wambui on June 21, 2022, in Nakuru City.

One of their co-accused, Evans Kebwaro, pleaded guilty to the murder and was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

"Around 2pm, while at home preparing dairy feed for my cattle, I received a call from my wife, who said there was a fire in our neighbor's house across the road," he stated.

Without delay, he followed his wife to the scene. On arrival, he found the front door padlocked



Dennis Mmbolo, Ficky Makokha, Julius Omondi, Isaac Kinyanjui and Josphat Juma before Nakuru Principal Magistrate Yvonne Khatambi to answer charges of killing women in Nakuru on July 19, 2022. [Harun Wathari, Standard]

but managed to enter the property through an opening in the iron sheet fence.

Inside the compound, he found two women wailing helplessly as thick smoke billowed from the house.

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The day was uneventful until 3:30 pm, when a neighbor called asking me to come to Mediheal Hospital. I was shocked to learn that my wife was dead.”

Stephen Njuguna, Wambui's husband

"The door was locked from the inside. I sent my wife to our house to fetch some metal tools, which I used to gain entry into the burning house. We broke several window panes and instructed the child to stand facing outward to avoid the choking smoke," he added.

He described how the child was crying until a gathering crowd helped rescue him. Nderitu noted that, while the fire was contained, smoke still filled the area, and calls to Wambui's phone went unanswered.

While searching the house, they discovered her lifeless body on the bed, facing upward, with blood oozing from her mouth and bubbles from her nose. Neighbours rushed her to the hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

On that tragic day, Wambui's husband, Stephen Njuguna, recounted

that his wife had left to run their shop, which was within their home while he went for a business meeting in Olkalau around 7am.

"The day was uneventful until 3:30 pm, when a neighbor called asking me to come to Mediheal Hospital. I was shocked to learn that my wife was dead and her face was swollen," Njuguna said.

When he returned home, he found their TV, money and credit cards missing from the shop. His three-year-old son told him that unknown intruders had attacked his mother with a machete and stolen the TV.

Njuguna discovered that the gang did not harm his son but escaped with Sh400,000, which his wife had collected from rental payments and her savings groups.

The case is scheduled to continue on October 14.

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Briefing

MIGORI. MAN CHARGED WITH WATER PIPES THEFT

■ A man was yesterday charged with stealing water pipes belonging to Migori Water and Sanitation Company (Miwasco). Junior Agwambo appeared before Migori's Resident Magistrate Angela Munyony charged with stealing and handling stolen property. According to the charge sheet, the suspect allegedly stole five galvanized iron (GI) cemented pipes on July 5, 2025 at Ombo area, Suna East Sub-County, Migori County. Agwambo denied the charges and was released on a Sh200,000 bond and surety of the same amount. He was detained at at Migori GK Prison," Munyony said. [Anne Atieno]

SIAYA. COUNTY UNVEILS SH46 MILLION PROJECTS

■ Siaya County has commissioned three livestock investment projects valued at Sh46 million, under the Kenya Livestock Commercialization Project (KeLCoP). The projects were officially launched by the State Department for Livestock Development Principal Secretary Jonathan Mueke. The projects include the Arongo Water Pan in West Uyoma Ward, the Ng'ya Livestock Market in South East Alego Ward, and the Bondo Slaughterhouse and Solar-Powered Borehole in North Sakwa Ward. [Isalah Gwengi]

KISUMU. SH1.3BILLION FISHERIES PROJECT STARTS

■ The construction of Sh1.3 billion Kabonyo Kanyagwal fisheries and aquaculture services and training centre has finally kicked off. The development comes at a time fears have been mounting that the project was a white elephant. President William Ruto commissioned the project in 2023. A spot check by The Standard established that already five permanent buildings are under construction, with workers at the site digging a canal that is expected to control the perennial flooding usually caused by backflow from Lake Victoria and the waters of River Nyando. [Olivia Otieno]

KERICHO. FIERCE FIRE RAZES BUSINESS BLOCK

■ Business owners in Mile-Inne trading centre are counting losses after a fire destroyed at least 20 businesses on Wednesday. The blaze broke out at 4am and quickly spread through a section of the shopping centre, engulfing several adjoining structures before emergency responders could contain it. Rose Mitel, a resident said the fire is believed to have originated from a residential house in the shopping centre. "The county fire engine arrived an hour later and managed to save some shops from the advancing fire. Police have launched investigations. [Nikko Tanui]

MERU

Governor Mutuma: Demos were economic sabotage

Meru Governor Isaac Mutuma has termed Monday's Saba Saba protests as 'economic and political sabotage'.

Speaking after touring some of the most affected towns after riotous mobs looted and burned business premises, Mutuma said they saw it as an attempt to cripple the local economy."

He said over 5,000 jobs have been lost in the aftermath of the destructive protests.

"Jobs that belong mostly to our youth and vulnerable families have been lost. These are not just statistics; they are lives and futures interrupted," he lamented.

He was flanked by Meru County Commissioner Jacob Ouma, County Police Commander Steve Oloo and County Assembly Speaker Ayub Bundi.

"The events of July 7, 2025 were not peaceful protests but deliberate acts of criminality and political sabotage designed to destabilize our economy, create fear and tarnish the good name of Meru County," Mutuma said.

Various leaders claimed that the attacks on Magunas Supermarket and other major establishments were designed to cause conflict between the



Meru Governor Isaac Mutuma inspects the aftermath of the July 7 protests. [Phares Mutembei, Standard]

locals and investors, but Mutuma said Meru people were known for their hard work, respect and peaceful coexistence.

He said the county suffered major loss, when Magunas Supermarket in Makutano was looted and set ablaze, in addition to looting at Selenite Supermarket, 711 bar and restaurant and Bei Sawa supermarket. Ouma revealed that 103 suspects have been charged with damaging roads and looting. "We are positive that when we look at the

CCTV cameras in various areas particularly in Makutano, we will arrest more looters. We are not going to let criminals, who are being misused by people, to threaten our people and paralyse businesses," said Ouma.

Former Meru County Development and Investment Corporation (MCDIC) Chairperson Felicity Biriri, North Imenti politician Carol Muriuki protested the destruction of business premises which they said amounted to lost job opportunities, one of the demands presented by the mostly jobless youthful protesters.

The leaders condemned the razing of Magunas and damage caused to other infrastructure in Makutano, Maua and other parts of Meru. The destruction and losses are heartbreaking. Burning down Magunas Makutano was not a protest but sheer vandalism. This evil act has caused massive losses and destroyed livelihoods. Such acts have no place in our society," Biriri said.

Democracy for Citizens Party (DCP) Meru Coordinator Patrick Muriungi whose restaurant and chemist were invaded at Avenue Mall described the attacks as unfortunate. [Phares Mutembei]

"I want to ask them; does it mean the employment crisis started when I became the President? Let's be honest, if some people have something else let them come out clearly because I have played a big role in ensuring that our youth get employment."

William Ruto, President



EDITORIAL

*Murkomen and Kanja
have failed and should
be kicked out of office*

Despite public outcry against extrajudicial killings, police officers continue to kill innocent Kenyans with abandon. According to human rights groups, the police killed 31 demonstrators and arrested 532 on Monday during the Saba Saba demonstrations.

While the circumstances under which most of these people were killed are still unclear, there are clear cases of misconduct and misuse of firearms by police officers. Bridgit Njoki, a 12-year-old girl was died after being shot in the head while watching television while in the "safety" of her home in Ndumberi, Kiambu County. Why would a sane police officer shoot in the direction of a house?

Elvis Musavi was shot in the back as he went to work in Kangemi, Nairobi. Paul Makori died instantly after he was shot outside his house. These people were not among the demonstrators and are what police regard as collateral damage. But one wonders whether police were justified to shoot in the first place considering that in some cases they have been seen shooting unarmed people at close range.

There is no doubt that Interior Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen's support of shooting of demonstrators outside police stations, which was later backed by the President, including yesterday, has emboldened trigger-happy police officers. Legally police officers are only allowed to use lethal force when their lives or those of other people are in danger, not merely when see someone looting as the President suggested yesterday.

The killing of protesters and non-protesters in circumstances that do not warrant the taking of life should not only be blamed on the trigger-happy officers who demand should be arrested and charged. Murkomen and Inspector General of Police (IG) Douglas Kanja should bear the blame for not discouraging the killings. They should resign and prepare to face the consequences.

And that is not the only reason why must not go unpunished. It is during their watch that security officers riding on Subarus have abducted and killed government critics. They cannot pretend to be unaware of them. These are the same people who have been seen shooting at protesters and who former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua says are members of a special squad that was formed while he was in office. That this squad has thrived under the watch of Murkomen and Kanja and they have done nothing to stop it makes them unfit for offices that they hold.

In addition, it is under Murkomen and Kanja's watch that we have seen police and goons working together to disperse peaceful demonstrators, an ugly scene that should only be witnessed in failed states.

Murkomen and Kanja have failed terribly and Kenyans have lost their trust in them. The duo should emulate IG Japheth Koome who resigned after the 2024 Gen Z protests. If they "would rather die than resign", the requisite processes to remove them from office should be initiated to rid Kenya of their poor leadership and needless deaths.



BEYOND WORDS

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It's mutual fear that is driving Kenya to the edge of precipice

**ELIAS MOKUA**

What happens when a nation's youth take to the streets because their hope in life has vanished? The past few weeks have seen our streets transformed into battlegrounds as young people, especially the Gen Zs, rally for justice and accountability. At the heart of this unrest is not only outrage over government excesses, but an ever-deepening sense of fear on both sides of the divide.

Fear, in our context, is not merely an individual experience; it is a force that reshapes the actions of both those who wield power and those who resist it. The events of Saba Saba on July 7 when Kenyan youth took to the streets to honour the lives lost during the brutal crackdowns of June 25 in both 2024 and 2025, have left an indelible mark on the national psyche. In 2024, over 60 young people died. In 2025, 19 people were killed, hundreds were injured, dozens arrested as the commemoration became another tragedy. At least 31 more lives were lost during the Saba Saba confrontations.

What is most troubling is how fear now shapes both government and citizens' reactions. Government authorities, terrified of

losing control, continue to respond with increasing force, justifying their actions as preemptive measures against what they call organised and financed protests. Protesters, traumatised by this government's combativeness, have grown more defiant, mobilising in larger numbers, convinced that only their collective action can guarantee safety or change.

It is here that the boundary between the aggressor and victim becomes dangerously blurred. Each side claims the right to self-preservation. Each regards the other as an existential threat. The government's fear of dissent sends ripples throughout the country, not only provoking more protests but also inflaming class and ethnic tensions. As State machinery clamps down, youth groups feel further isolated, and what began as a call for justice has quickly mutated into a dual struggle for survival. Fear is spreading fast.

Fear begets fear, and in Kenya's multi-ethnic landscape, the consequences can be explosive. For instance, the government has taken a hard line on civic engagement through social media to control the narratives and arguments raised therein.

Further, excessive fear on the part of the State risks igniting simmering tensions between social classes and ethnic communities. Already, we are witnessing a troubling rise in "us versus them" narratives. Tribal animosity threatens to spill over as groups lash out, blaming rivals for perceived injustices. The risk is real. Polarisation deepens, and the country drifts toward the treacherous shores of more deadly confrontation.

In the current state of fear, the social con-

tract that underpins our constitutional framework is at risk of crumbling. Fear will become the currency of survival as people will seek protection within their communities. The threat of jungle rule looms large, where improvised systems of defence and retaliation replace law and order. This is a scenario that we are all too familiar with, having experienced it in darker chapters of our history, particularly in the aftermath of the 2007 post-election violence.

How did we develop such a deep-seated fear? For years, Kenya has been plagued by mega corruption, scandals that empty the Treasury, cripple public services, and erode faith in institutions. This endemic corruption has weakened our systems of governance, making it harder for the government to respond effectively or fairly to crises. Citizens, witnessing the widening gulf between themselves and the powerful, grow increasingly mistrustful. Every act of State violence, every denial of justice, confirms their worst suspicions.

Our goal is to restore hope, especially among young people. We must abandon the tactic of amplifying fear as a response to systemic problems. Fear cannot inspire hope. It only breeds more fear, resentment, and division. We must confront the rot of corruption that breeds distrust. If we recommit to justice and transparency, and if we recover the billions of Kenya shillings stolen from taxpayer funds, we can, in six months, see many young people regain hope and begin to seek jobs they do not have to bribe their way into.

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Recent events show that Kenya has undergone a complete political mutation, according to Judy Chebet [judychebet01@gmail.com]. "The wave of mobilisation sweeping across the country is, by and large, a change likely to bear fruit in the 2027 elections. This civic upheaval, with thousands of youth expressing themselves fearlessly on social media platforms and in the streets, is an 'episode' that cannot be swept under the rug. But the question is will the youths exercise their voting right effectively to elect the right leaders in 2027."

Every time Githuku Mungai [githukumungai@gmail.com] sees a crowded courtroom in Nairobi with dapper lawyers, men, women and other interested parties present, he realises that being free is something we take for granted. "When you do not have to fight to be free, you should be happy. I guess, however, that philosophers will go ahead and argue on what freedom is, but that is entirely up to them."

Today, youths form the highest population, notes Eric Chimwani [ericchimwani619@gmail.com]. "Many young people have started taking interest in politics, organising online movements and even contesting in local elections. This has led to a slight change in Kenyan politics. As for the youth who are the future leaders and leaders of today, the future of Kenya lies in their hands. What the public needs to do is to listen and support their ideas through various platforms."

Businesses, Evalyn Omito [omitovalyn@gmail.com], suffered major losses on Monday when the country came to a standstill during the Saba Saba protests. "Fear of looting and violence forced many traders to keep their shops closed, particularly in the CBD. Some shopkeepers reported losing perishable goods, while others feared their premises would be targeted by rowdy crowds. Although heavy police presence helped prevent widespread looting, many business owners will remain anxious and uncertain even after normalcy returns."

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Should Kenya acquire missile defence system?



YES

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Security of citizens comes first

Kenya faces threats from terrorists, pirates and other insurgents and there is a need to put in place strategic security interventions to protect our territory. Although it may cost the government a leg and an arm, there is no cost too big when it comes to protecting citizens' lives and the country's territory from any form of aggression. There is never a perfect time to procure

military equipment. We must appreciate the evolving dynamics of international security and conflict and prepare to combat any threats. An enemy does not knock the door. We have no idea who the enemy is at the moment. Those arguing Kenya is not at war should also remember that our military has a wide range of equipment that have never been used. So it is all about strategy. Civilians should never expect full disclosures of every move by the military. Military chiefs and other concerned individuals know best why we are procuring such equipment.

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We are not at war with our neighbours

I do not think a missile defence system is of any priority to Kenya at the moment. Such an advanced system for use by the military would be essential in a situation when our country is at a high risk of engaging in war and, to the best of my knowledge, there is no looming war between Kenya and her neighbours. Indeed, very few African countries have missile launchers. Spending heavily on a missile defence system would be a

misplaced priority. Such a heavy budget should be redirected to other pressing needs such as funding education and improving healthcare infrastructure. Better still, the huge sums of money can be channeled to the Ministry of Interior to improve national security through adequately equipping our security forces as well as enhancing the welfare of the police. Kenyans face more threats internally than externally. We need more police officers who are well motivated to patrol our streets and other crime-volatile areas. We should stop investing in the wrong areas and focus on what is of immediate benefit to the citizens.

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JOB CREATION

Address Gen Z unemployment through value chains in key sectors

When a tea farmer in Kericho walks into a local store and buys a leather jacket or a cotton shirt made in Kenya, he is not just shopping, he is actively driving and contributing to economic growth by stimulating multiple sectors of the economy.

Unknowingly, he becomes part of the value chain that is attached to pastoralists in northern Kenya and the cotton farmers in Coast, Nyanza, Western, and Central region counties, to the leather processing tanneries in Athi River and Nakuru and the sewing machines in Nairobi. This forms a network that links rural production with urban industrial transformation, generating thousands of jobs, sustaining livelihoods, and fostering inter-county economic transformation through enterprise and innovation.

That single purchase demonstrates the potential of key sectors of the economy in addressing the growing national challenge of unemployment by giving hope to thousands of jobless Gen Z youth. By focusing on strategic sectors such as farming and livestock, and applying a structured value chain policy framework around them, Kenya can unlock the hidden opportunities in its productive sectors of the economy. What is needed is not just policy drafting, but a comprehensive framework that responds to the grassroots challenges of the rural economy through the value chain. And that must be intentional.

Real job creation calls for practical and tangible commitments from both levels of government. This is not just a game changer, but a path to employment for youth across the country.

The journey to address youth unemployment begins where the Kenyan economy has always



Abdisitar Mohamed,
Internal auditor

begun; at the grassroots, in the hands of the farmers and pastoralists. From the coffee growers of Murang'a to the tea growers of Kericho, to the herders in Turkana, Kajiado, and Wajir, and the cotton growers in Taita Taveta, there lies the country's potential of creating opportunities for thousands of unemployed youths. These rural economies hold an immense potential to drive industrial growth, employment, and transformation through the value chain for both domestic and export markets.

For instance, if the government harnesses even half of its livestock capacity, that could support the creation of thousands of jobs for the young people. Youth-led firms could collect hides, drivers transport them to tanneries, and engineers and technicians would operate processing machines. This process would gradually build value while absorbing idle youth into the economy. Similarly, revitalising vast acres of idle land for production could generate thousands of direct

and indirect jobs in the agricultural and livestock sectors at the rural level, textile processing, and the fashion industry. Each stage would absorb idle youths into the economy.

As cotton is transformed into fabric, young engineers, technicians, and production managers find meaningful roles. In Nairobi, designers and tailors convert them into finished products of jackets, boots, belts, uniforms, and bags. Every item produced secures a job for the young generation.

Preferably, the leather product worn by a tea farmer in Kericho or Murang'a should have come from a Boran cow in Isiolo, the boots on his feet should have been crafted from leather tanned in Thika, and the cotton shirt on his back should have been woven from fibre grown in Siaya and tailored in Nairobi.

As local and export demand for such products grow, youth-led retail ventures begin to emerge, such as e-commerce startups becoming a powerful employment engine of their own, creating opportunities in the digital market, content creators, and logistics that can shape a modern network that reaches both the urban and the rural markets. With the right support from the government, such as 'Buy Kenya' campaigns, the retail and ICT sectors also have the potential to generate more jobs for Gen Z.

Every shilling spent on a Kenyan-made product circulates back through the economy, to the farmer, the tailor, the driver, the designer. It is not a one-way extraction, but a reinvestment. The cotton farmer uses his income to buy better seeds, the tannery hires more staff, and the tailor expands. This flow strengthens the entire ecosystem.



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To succeed, climate fight must be 'gender-transformative'

"Climate change is a threat multiplier that amplifies inequalities and exacerbates existing vulnerabilities."

This statement by United Nations Women best captures one of the most uncomfortable truths in the fight against climate crisis: Men and women are affected by climate change differently and unless we address the gendered inequalities, climate justice will remain a pipe-dream.

Research has shown that climate change often has more severe consequences on vulnerable groups such as children, women, youth, persons with disabilities, indigenous people and marginalised gender groups. This disproportionate impact is mainly due to entrenched structural and cultural barriers that limit their access to resources, decision-making spaces, and the necessary finances to help them cope with the effects of climate change.

According to a UN Women report, by 2050, climate change may push up to 158 million more women and girls into poverty and result in 236 million more facing food insecurity. The report says women and girls are more vulnerable to disasters in terms of both the immediate impacts as well as their capacity to recover in the aftermath. For instance, when food, water and other resources become scarce due to changing climate, women are forced to work harder – and even travel farther.

This calls for a gender-transformative approach to the fight against climate change. Such approach demands that women, the youth, and people with disabilities are not only included in all stages of climate mitigation and adaptation, but should be empowered in ways that make them resilient to climatic vagaries.

Gender-transformative approaches could include pushing for gender-responsive climate finance, advocating for simplified access to resources for women, youth, and marginalised communities who are on the frontlines of climate-related disasters, and even doing simple things like translating climate strategies into formats accessible to persons with disabilities.

And while still at it, it is worth noting that "gender" in this context is not synonymous with "women". And women are not homogeneous. Gender identity intersects with age, disability, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, and geography. So, we miss the point when we assume that "including women" is sufficient "gender representation". Such nuanced approach to the meaning of "gender" helps in tailoring climate responses to the specific vulnerabilities of different groups.

To its credit, Kenya, which has in recent years emerged as a vocal player in global climate negotiations – from hosting the Africa Climate Summit in 2023 to its robust engagement at the COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan, last year – has made commendable strides in embedding gender considerations into national climate policy.

Kenya's updated Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) 2020 submitted under



the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), acknowledges the need to be gender sensitive in climate actions. NDCs refer to climate action plans that individual countries develop and submit under the Paris Agreement, outlining how they will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

Also, Kenya's Climate Change (Amendment) Act now mandates the inclusion of marginalised groups in climate governance. These are welcome gestures.

But it is no longer enough to just be "gender-sensitive". We must be gender-transformative to win the war against the disproportionate effects of climate change. That means going beyond representation, and tackling the deeper norms, systems, and power dynamics that make some people more vulnerable than others. The question therefore should be: How can we redesign climate action to address the needs and priorities of all genders, especially those historically excluded?



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Marketing

The future of marketing is data-driven, consumer centred

KENNEDY MUTULA



For generations, marketing has been viewed as an art, a field dominated by intuition and creative sparks. Many seasoned professionals, including myself, have stories of campaigns launched with high hopes based purely on a "feeling," only to face disappointing results.

These experiences, common across the industry, have sparked a profound transformation: A scientific revolution that is reshaping marketing into a data-driven discipline. We are moving beyond guesswork, embracing the power of data to truly understand our customers. This does not diminish the role of creativity; instead, data amplifies it, providing the insights needed to craft campaigns that resonate with unprecedented precision and impact.

The challenge today is not a lack of data but rather navigating the deluge. From website analytics that reveal how visitors interact with our digital storefronts to social media signals that highlight content resonance and identify key influencers, the sheer volume can be overwhelming. Customer Relationship Management data offers a treasure trove of customer history and demographics while third-party sources provide broader perspectives on consumer behaviour. The real opportunity lies in weaving these disparate threads into a cohesive understanding of our audience.

But how do we transform this raw data into actionable insights? The answer lies in marketing analytics. Descriptive analytics helps us understand past shopping trends influenced by customers, diagnostic analytics explains the "why" behind consumer actions, and predictive analytics allows us to anticipate their future needs. Prescriptive analytics then guides our actions, enabling precise customer segmentation and personalised strategies.

Being truly consumer-centric means placing the customer at the heart of every endeavour, from product development to campaign creation. Empathy becomes our guiding principle, driving us to understand their needs, desires, and pain points. We then tailor strategies to resonate with their unique circumstances, offering personalised content, targeted promotions, and exceptional service. Customer segmentation allows us to create campaigns that speak directly to specific groups while localisation strategies adapt our approaches to local languages, traditions, and cultural nuances. Mapping the customer journey becomes essential, optimising every touch-point along the way to ensure a seamless and engaging experience.

The power of data is not just theoretical; it's evident in the success of companies like Netflix, Amazon, and Starbucks. Netflix personalises recommendations based on viewing habits, Amazon tailors shopping experiences, and Starbucks customises offers and optimises store layouts. In Kenya, telco companies leverage data analytics to personalise mobile money offerings and banks use customer data to tailor financial products. Kenya Breweries Limited also uses data analytics to drive key functions from decisions on product development, pricing, and marketing. Consumer data enables targeted campaigns and product innovation. Analytics also optimise the supply chain and measure marketing performance, ensuring efficiency and continuous improvement.

Looking ahead, the future of marketing is undeniably data-driven and consumer-centric. Personalisation, marketing automation, and predictive analytics will take centre stage. Customer Data Platforms are unifying customer data, and artificial intelligence is already automating tasks and unlocking deeper insights.

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In other words, how can we develop and implement policies that ensure women and girls, people with disabilities, and the youth have equal access to resources, education, technology, and decision-making opportunities? How can we implement locally-led, climate-smart solutions? How can we boost livelihoods and empower marginalised groups through climate-resilient agriculture, and access to green technologies? These are important questions to ask because they touch on economic empowerment, a necessary step in helping communities adapt to climate change while also creating lasting economic benefits.

Supporting community adaptation initiatives where women's cooperatives, youth-led innovations, and organisations of persons with disabilities co-design early warning systems, climate-smart agriculture, and water conservation strategies is important. The goal is to elevate the lived knowledge and leadership of those who are often overlooked in policy documents but are central to climate resilience on the ground.

This model aligns with the UNFCCC's Gender Action Plan, which emphasises the importance of gender-responsive implementation of climate policies. Too often, gender elements in climate policies remain siloed, underfunded, or buried in technical language that excludes the very communities they are meant to serve.

The war against climate change will only be won by ensuring voices of all marginalised groups are made central to how resources are allocated, how risks are assessed, and how adaptation solutions are scaled.



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Police routinely break the law

@LarryMadowo: Kenyan police routinely and brazenly break the law, violate court orders, and shoot unarmed protesters.

@luyolomk: They are under the illusion that they're above the law. They are not.

@MPWam: They have no shame. Kenyan police think it's their country and we are second class citizens with no rights.

@joe_kilinyo: They are good at quoting it, but they are also good at breaking it.

@Marh254: You can't warn the public about lawlessness while turning a blind eye to your own. The rule of law isn't selective, it cuts both ways.

@Evanolangat1: You only remember the law when it fits your script. Where was this energy when protesters turned violent, looted businesses, and blocked ambulances?

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FROM THE WEB

Youths arrested by hooded officers

Standard Digital: At least 10 youths found to have been roaming in the streets of Nairobi have been arrested by police officers wearing masks and in hoods, against the court's directive that police operate without covering their faces with masks.

Washington Nderitu: The goons had also covered their faces.

Okoth George Omondi: My only hope is that "the wall of death" was demolished!

Kiki Aboie: They will be 'Talamised and Lagatised' there.

Brian Muema Elephante: Taken to Central Police Station to hit their heads against the wall.

Shikuku Jack: They force you to go to work, that there's no holiday then apart from blocking all major roads leading to town, they arrest those found within the CBD.

Pwepson Kenedy: Which penal code prohibits its roaming?

John Kegode: I thought there was freedom of movement?



ELECTIONS

Start to judge political candidates based on their ideas and not depth of their pockets

When I announced I would be vying for Member of Parliament for Hamisi Constituency in 2027, messages flooded in—congratulations, prayers, cheers, and encouragement. Some were already calling me *Mheshimiwa*. Others, more cautious, asked, "Are you sure?"

I now understand that question better. It wasn't doubt—it was a warning. Because nothing quite prepares you for what happens the moment you express interest in political office in Kenya. Behind the well-meaning smiles is a brutal system that expects you to buy your way to leadership.

Within hours of my declaration, my personal phone became a revolving door of financial request. Some genuine, some manipulative. From funeral contributions, church harambees, to school fees, medical emergencies, fare, and even money for alcohol. This has become an unspoken initiation ritual. Before people even listen to your ideas, they want to see how deep your pockets run. It's not scrutiny of your ideology—it's a test of your wallet.

In Kenyan politics, "visiting the ground" doesn't mean engaging with citizens on ideas. It means showing up with cash. Our electorate, scarred by decades of betrayal, has adapted. The prevailing logic? Eat their money today, because they will surely eat ours tomorrow. It's a cynical cycle—self-reinforcing and destructive.

It also makes running for office insanely expensive. It's not uncommon for a gubernatorial candidate to spend upwards of Sh300 million to win a seat that pays Sh60 million across five years. For MPs, the "entry fee" is said to be Sh20–30 million. This isn't just unsustainable—it's corrosive. Because once elected, many leaders feel justified—if not obligated—to recoup their investment, often through corrupt means.

This is the toxic ecosystem we must challenge by choosing a different path—one not paved with



handouts, but with ideas. I've rejected tokenism. I've insisted on issue-based dialogue. And, slowly but surely, people are listening.

At first, there was scepticism. Some laughed. Others walked away. But over time, a different kind of crowd began to gather—one hungry for something new. I now meet villagers who want to talk about agriculture, job creation, education, and healthcare. Not just "something small for lunch."

It turns out Kenyans are not beyond hope—they're simply tired of being taken for granted. What they need is authenticity. A leader who speaks plainly, listens genuinely, and respects their intelligence. A leader who doesn't treat them as votes to be bought, but as partners in building a better society. **Marvin Sissey, Hamisi**

EDUCATION

Equip teachers with first aid knowledge

According to the Kenya Red Cross, over 60 per cent of Kenyan schools lack accessible first aid resources.

A 2022 Ministry of Health evaluation of school health plans, showed many schools lacked emergency preparedness, especially those in rural areas or with limited resources.

Oftentimes, teachers are forced to use temporary fixes or take students to distant medical facilities.

Basic first aid supplies like antiseptics, gloves, medications and burn ointments are essential.

Understanding how to use them is even more crucial. Teachers, security guards, matrons and even older students can learn basic first aid skills such as wound treatment and how to stabilise an injured person until help arrives.

The Ministry of Education, working with the Ministry of Health and organisations like St John Ambulance and Kenya Red Cross can collaborate to develop a nationwide programme to provide schools with first aid kits and train teachers on a regular basis. School boards and parent groups can also contribute by providing funds for kits and organising health and safety training.

Evelyn Sasi and Mercy Robi, NAYA

PROTESTS

Arrest goons who have been disrupting demos

The 35th commemoration of Saba Saba Day on Monday raised a number of issues. Why, for instance, must death always feature during demonstrations? In April, the High Court ordered all officers policing demonstrations to be in uniform, but this has been ignored by the government. Politicians must desist from paying goons to disrupt demonstrations. Those found to sponsor goons must be prosecuted. Anyone found destroying property during protests should be held accountable. That aside, the order by Public Service Cabinet

Secretary Geoffrey Ruku directing government employees to report to work during Saba Saba Day was misguided.

What was the essence of blocking roads that the same government employees were required to use when reporting to work?

Cabinet Ministers should understand that police treat them differently from how they treat ordinary citizens. Government officials should speak in one voice. The government should help reduce the burden Kenyans are carrying. **Stacus Haron, Nairobi**



HEALTH

Increase tax on tobacco to reduce its consumption

A total of 9,400 tobacco related deaths are reported in Kenya every year. Tobacco is widely used despite being a risk factor for both cancer and cardiovascular diseases. In Kenya, tobacco products are taxed at 32 per cent, way below WHO recommended rate of 70 per cent. Due to its low taxation, tobacco products are affordable, hence are used by many people who ignore its effects.

Many people suffer from cardiovascular diseases and lung cancer, and die young. The government should increase tax on tobacco products so that

they can become unaffordable to many, thus reducing their usage across the country. The public should also be informed of the dangers of consuming tobacco products since many of them don't know their effects, hence suffer in ignorance.

The public should also be ready to follow advice and stop using tobacco products.

There is a need to build more rehabilitation centres and make the services affordable so that those who are willing to stop can be taken to those facilities. **Mary Muakoma, Maseno University**

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Businesses warn looting a threat to job creation and investments

► Lobbies say these add to a “deteriorating business environment that makes it challenging for the private sector.”

► Expressed concerns over the loss of lives and high instances of goons infiltrating protests.

MACHARIA KAMAU, NAIROBI

Businesses have condemned the goons who infiltrated protests, looting and vandalising, but expressed solidarity with protestors, noting that their push for better governance echoes the concerns of all Kenyans.

The private sector lobbies expressed concerns over the loss of lives as well as the high instances of goons infiltrating protests to loot businesses. These, they noted, have led to huge losses for companies and threatened jobs while repulsing investments.

The Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KNCCI) and the Kenya Private Sector Alliance (Kepsa) have separately said that while Kenyans have the constitutional right to picket in their push for change, including good governance, they cautioned that criminal elements are hijacking protests and causing harm.

This is as the business community reels from losses following the demonstrations in recent weeks.

Brute force

Kenyans had taken to the streets on June 25, remembering lives lost during last year's anti-Finance Bill protests. The remembrance turned deadly when police unleashed brute force and killed more people.

A similar scenario unfolded on Monday during the commemoration of 35 years since the first Saba Saba, the 1990 push for the reintroduction of multiparty democracy.

On July 7 this year, police again used excessive force, killing many innocent Kenyans.

In both instances, goons raided businesses, destroying and stealing goods while police appeared to look the other way.

This has been a major setback for many businesses, large and small, with some enterprises facing closure.

Mercy Kinyanjui, a small-scale wines and spirits trader in Nairobi, is one of many business owners counting losses after goons vandalised and looted her shop.

“They got away with goods worth more than Sh9 million,” she said, still visibly shaken. “I don’t know where to begin. Everything I had worked for is gone.”

Her story is echoed by many, underscoring how civil unrest — often accompanied by loot-



Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry president Erick Rutto during a forum with exporters, aimed at strengthening their participation in the African Continental Free Trade Area. [David Gichuru, Standard]

ing and property destruction — has become a new threat to business survival in Kenya.

KNCCI President Dr Erick Rutto condemned what he termed as organised criminals hijacking the protests and posing a serious challenge to the economy.

“The right to protest is in our constitution, and it should remain so so that we can have a just society. But we have seen that the protests that started in 2024 and spilt over to 2025 have been infiltrated and are taking another dimension,” he said in an interview, adding that the actions are taking away livelihoods for employed Kenyans and business owners and could worsen the country’s unemployment crisis.

“We have seen organised groups and others are individuals vandalising and stealing from our business, which is becoming unsustainable.”

He noted: “As a business community and KNCCI, we strongly condemn organised crime and organised groups that are attacking busi-

nesses... this could end up damaging the economy and worsening the situation for the millions of unemployed youth in the country.”

In a statement on Tuesday, Kepsa expressed concerns over the loss of lives and levels of destruction following the twin protests recently, also pointing a finger at goons as well as laxity among police officers to protect lives and property.

“There is mounting evidence that violent ‘goons’ have been hired to disrupt peaceful protests,” said Kepsa.

“Their funders ought to know that funding criminality will, in time, unleash dangerous gangs that can easily turn on their masters and the State, as we have seen in the past.”

National resources

The lobby added that the concerns of the protestors are the concerns of all Kenyans, including businesses. “These concerns include lack of transparency in the management of our national resources and finances, lack of access to quality and affordable education and health-care systems,” said Kepsa.

It said all these add to a “deteriorating business environment that makes it challenging for the private sector, from SMEs to multinationals, to create and maintain jobs.”

“Whilst Kepsa has continued to engage the government on these issues over the years, it is increasingly clear that, as a nation, we need quicker and more fundamental changes for the benefit of all.”

It also cautioned the youth to air their concerns “responsibly and refrain from destroying the very future you seek to improve”.

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PLANNING

State to quantify economic value of local resources

The government’s statistician has unveiled a plan to collate data that would quantify the contribution of natural resources to the country’s gross domestic product (GDP).

The National Plan for Advancement of Environmental Economic Accounting narrows down to six areas of focus that are key to the country’s economy. These are water, forest, land, ecosystem, minerals and energy. Alongside this, the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) has also launched the Second Kenya Strategy for Development of Statistics (2025-2028).

The document, which builds on the 2019-2023 strategy, seeks to streamline the collection and dissemination of data across various sectors.

It will also marry data collection and policy action, as well as collaboration between producers of statistics and users.

Principal Secretary in the State Department for Economic Planning Dr Boniface Makokha, said these efforts are towards facilitating evidence-based decision making.

He said the documents launched will be instrumental in transforming and modernising the national statistical system.

The PS said the national plan will facilitate the measurement of what truly matters: forest, water bodies, biodiversity and ecosystems; thus ensuring their protection while pursuing economic growth. “This marks a turning point in how natural wealth is understood and accounted for,” he said. A recent report by the African Development Bank (AfDB) cited the country’s poor data on natural resources, particularly forest cover, as behind the unrealised potential of Sh130 billion in the carbon credit market.

KNBS Director General Dr Macdonald Obudho said the National Plan for Advancement of Environmental Economic Accounting will address certain data gaps, such as how to account for what is consumed from the forest, land degradation, and energy. “This is also another plan that is going to guide in climate change, which is a global concern,” he said.

UN Resident Representative Madelena Monaja said even for the United Nations in Kenya, it has been difficult to set measurable targets and indicators on aspects related to natural resource management. [Graham Kajliwa]



Kenya National Bureau of Statistics Director General Macdonald Obudho. [Benard Orwongo]

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CIC INSURANCE	3.36	3.57	6.25%
EAAGADS	12.45	13.10	5.22%
CROWN PAINT	40.95	37.15	-9.28%
TP SERENA	15.25	14.05	-7.87%
SAMEER	7.10	6.62	-6.76%
UMEME	23.70	22.10	-6.75%
SCANGROUP	2.75	2.65	-3.64%

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52WK HIGH	52WK LOW		VWAP	PREVIOUS PRICE	VOLUME
AGRICULTURAL					
14.50	10.00	Eaagads Ltd Ord 1.25 AIMS	13.10	12.45	1,600
440.00	240.00	Kakuzi Plc Ord.5.00		365.25	-
320.00	81.00	Kapchorua Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00AIMS	320.00	301.00	200
430.00	320.00	The Limuru Tea Co. Plc Ord 10.00AIMS		310.00	-
32.60	13.60	Sasini Plc Ord 1.00	15.30	15.50	10,700
289.00	120.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00AIMS	230.00	232.00	5,400
AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES					
49.00	18.50	Car & General (K) Ltd Ord 5.00	22.00	22.00	4,900
BANKING					
20.00	10.00	ABSA Bank Kenya Plc Ord 0.50	19.90	19.95	132,600
38.00	26.50	BK Group Plc Ord 0.80	35.80	35.35	7,500
83.25	43.05	Diamond Trust Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 4.00	78.25	79.00	48,700
52.50	33.70	Equity Group Holdings Plc Ord 0.50	49.50	50.50	509,500
9.74	2.80	HF Group Plc Ord 5.00	7.78	7.62	66,100
39.00	15.80	I&M Group Plc Ord 1.00	37.15	37.60	45,600
48.00	15.00	KCB Group Plc Ord 1.00	46.50	47.30	187,400
65.00	28.50	NCBA Group Plc Ord 5.00	62.25	62.75	23,600
180.00	90.00	Stanbic Holdings Plc ord.5.00	176.75	178.25	11,300
319.00	134.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	297.50	303.25	42,600
18.35	10.10	The Co-operative Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 1.00	17.15	17.25	229,600
COMMERCIAL AND SERVICES					
0.45	0.45	Deacons (East Africa) Plc Ord 2.50AIMS		0.45	-
1.88	0.59	Eveready East Africa Ltd Ord.1.00	0.88	0.90	69,600
5.40	2.70	Express Kenya Plc Ord 5.00AIMS	4.20	3.89	39,100
4.66	4.66	Homeboyz Entertainment Plc 0.50GEMS		4.66	-
9.18	3.83	Kenya Airways Ltd Ord 1.00	5.20	5.20	314,500
3.46	2.00	Longhorn Publishers Plc Ord 1.00AIMS	2.73	2.78	700
5.00	1.76	Nairobi Business Ventures Plc Ord. 0.50GEMS	1.94	1.89	41,100
22.40	10.60	Nation Media Group Plc Ord. 2.50	14.15	14.05	57,900
7.28	1.80	Sameer Africa Plc Ord 5.00	6.62	7.10	18,300
10.80	4.50	Standard Group Plc Ord 5.00	6.50	6.58	10,100
18.70	10.85	TPS Eastern Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	14.05	15.25	31,800
0.41	0.16	Uchumi Supermarket Plc Ord 5.00	0.30	0.31	217,300
3.95	1.80	WPP Scangroup Plc Ord 1.00	2.65	2.75	44,400
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	37.15	40.95	1,800
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	40.00	39.95	41,100
ENERGY & PETROLEUM					
7.52	1.94	KenGen Co. Plc Ord. 2.50	7.24	7.38	1,798,000
12.40	1.30	Kenya Power & Lighting Co Plc Ord 2.50	10.80	11.10	1,145,400
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	23.15	23.55	6,400
24.75	6.30	Umeme Ltd Ord 0.50	22.10	23.70	270,100
INSURANCE					
8.70	4.01	Britam Holdings Plc Ord 0.10	8.28	8.42	359,400
3.69	1.60	CIC Insurance Group Plc Ord.1.00	3.57	3.36	341,300
247.00	142.00	Jubilee Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	225.75	230.00	1,300
2.97	1.05	Kenya Re Insurance Corporation Ltd Ord 2.50	2.42	2.43	1,849,400
12.20	3.30	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ltd Ord. 1.00	10.90	10.65	18,800
11.00	4.00	Sanlam Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	7.94	8.06	50,700
INVESTMENT					
16.50	7.60	Centum Investment Co Plc Ord 0.50	12.30	12.35	28,100
1.12	0.27	Home Afrika Ltd Ord 1.00GEMS	0.69	0.68	170,500
1500.00	1,500.00	Kurwitu Ventures Ltd Ord 100.00GEMS		1,500.00	-
5.60	1.91	Olympia Capital Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	4.14	3.78	11,000
1.78	0.29	Trans-Century Plc Ord 0.50AIMS		1.12	-
INVESTMENT SERVICES					
9.90	5.22	Nairobi Securities Exchange Plc Ord 4.00	9.74	9.74	18,700
MANUFACTURING & ALLIED					
95.00	65.00	B.O.C Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	89.00	91.50	300
495.00	325.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Plc Ord 10.00	373.00	380.25	15,000
23.90	11.00	Carbacid Investments Plc Ord 1.00	21.35	21.75	2,500
205.00	100.00	East African Breweries Plc Ord 2.00	203.00	200.25	107,800
2.33	0.86	Flame Tree Group Holdings Ltd Ord 0.825GEMS	1.34	1.33	74,600
77.00	10.40	Africa Mega Agricorp Plc Ord 5.00AIMS		56.00	-
0.27	0.27	Mumlas Sugar Co. Ltd Ord 2.00		0.27	-
31.00	12.00	Unga Group Ltd Ord 5.00	20.15	20.80	4,000
TELECOMMUNICATION					
27.50	11.50	Safaricom Plc Ord 0.05	26.85	27.20	4,920,600
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20.00	20.00	LAPTRUST IMARA I-REIT Ord.20.00		20.00	-
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SINGAPORE DOLLAR	100.8798		
SAUDI RIYAL	34.4568		
CHINESE YUAN	17.9993		
AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR	84.5017		
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Jubilee Money Market Fund (USD)	5.18%	5.31%
Jubilee Fixed Income Fund Ksh	10.77%	11.32%
Mayfair Money Market Fund	8.36%	8.72%
Apollo Money Market Fund	9.83%	10.33%
Equity Money Market Fund Ksh	4.37%	4.46%
Sanlam Money Market Fund	9.76%	10.25%
Sanlam US Dollar Fund	5.46%	5.61%
African Alliance Money Market Fund	7.69%	7.96%
African Alliance Enhanced Yield Ksh	8.17%	8.49%
Dry Associates Money Market FundKsh	9.63%	10.08%
Dry Associates Money Market FundUSD	5.28%	5.41%
Dry Associates Special High Yield Fund	12.03%	13.24%
Madison Money Market Fund Ksh	10.46%	11.02%
Madison Fixed Income Fund Ksh	11.76%	12.48%
Mali Fund Kenya Shillings	9.58%	9.58%
Zimele Fixed Income Fund	12.01%	12.69%
Genghis Money Market Fund Ksh	9.34%	9.79%
GenAfrica Money Market Fund Ksh	11.17%	11.75%
Lofty-Corban Money Market Fund Ksh	11.99%	12.74%
Lofty-Corban Special Money Market	9.00%	9.00%
Lofty-Corban Money Market Fund	5.26%	5.39%
Lofty-Corban Bond Fund (KES)	10.61%	11.14%
Britam Bond Plus Fund Ksh	11.19%	11.83%
Britam Money Market Fund Ksh	10.32%	10.87%
Britam Fixed Income Fund USD	5.73%	5.90%



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EQUITIES: Yesterday's turnover dropped to Sh271 million on a volume of 13 million shares compared to Sh678 million in turnover, and 29.8 million shares traded previously.

EXPANSION

State backs tourism sector players' recovery efforts

Stakeholders in the tourism sector have echoed the need to protect Kenya's global reputation and nurture the country's youth as key drivers of economic recovery and sustainable tourism growth.

This emerged during a consultative forum between the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife and the Kenya Association of Hotelkeepers and Caterers (KAHC), where they called for unity and constructive dialogue in the wake of recent disruptions. The ministry has acknowledged the concerns of the tourism sector over the potential impact of the recent political disruptions and appealed for positive national storytelling, observing that the stability of the nation is key to tourism success.

“Let us remember that tourism thrives where peace prevails. An isolated incident can be amplified globally and threaten confidence in our destination. I call upon our youth and all Kenyans to safeguard our reputation as a welcoming, united nation,” said Tourism Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Miano.

They lauded the role of the youth, who now make up an estimated 75 per cent of the hotel industry personnel across the country, noting that expanded tourism will translate directly into more jobs and entrepreneurship opportunities for Kenyan youth.

“The energy, creativity, and determination of Kenya's young people form the backbone of our hospitality sector. Sustaining momentum in tourism recovery, which saw international arrivals reach a record 2.4 million last year, means unlocking even more opportunities for youth.” Kenya's tourism stakeholders also reaffirmed their commitment to forging a united front in addressing sector challenges and accelerating progress toward the national target of 5.5 million international visitors by 2027.

The industry aims to diversify Kenya's tourism offerings by promoting niche segments such as Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions (MICE), with strong support from the hotel sector to position the country as a premier destination for both leisure and business travel. Speaking at the forum, Miano lauded Kenya's hospitality sector for its resilience and adaptability.

“We must continue to work together to raise Kenya's visibility on the global stage and fully harness emerging opportunities in high-potential segments such as digital nomad tourism, wellness travel, sports tourism, MICE, and other niche markets,” said CS Miano.

KAHC chief executive Mike Macharia expressed optimism about the sector's continued recovery and commended the resilience demonstrated by both tourism businesses and Kenya's dynamic workforce.

[Esther Dianah]



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Kenya, Tanzania border flagged as oil spill hotspot in new study

► Kenya simulates tier III oil spill disaster in high-stakes emergency drill involving Navy and regional partners.

► Kenya Maritime Authority leads multi-agency exercise as report flags oil spill risk near Mombasa and Dar es Salaam.

PATRICK BEJA, MOMBASA

A recent study has identified the Kenya-Tanzania border as one of seven hotspot areas for oil pollution from ships operating in the region's waters of the Indian Ocean.

The study by the Indian Ocean Commission states that the area in the Western Indian Ocean is vulnerable because of its proximity to the ports of Mombasa and Dar es Salaam.

"This risk is further heightened by the busy tanker route to the Middle East. A significant oil pollution incident would have devastating effects on our region's blue economy and ecosystems," stated Mr Hassan Joho, Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy, and Maritime Affairs, in a statement.

Stakeholders in the maritime industry in the region this week held an intensive training to test Kenya's national response system to marine oil pollution.

The training focused on activating the National Oil Spill Response Contingency Plan (NOSRCP) and mobilising national resources. It also tested regional and international cooperation mechanisms by activating the draft Regional Contingency Plan (RCPL) and engaging mutual assistance protocols.

In the statement presented by Indian Ocean Commission Navy Fleet Commander Brigadier Mohamed Shemote during a training session at the Bandari Maritime Academy, Joho observed that the MV Wakashio accident in Mauritius was a sobering reminder that the region could experience an oil spill, hence the need for preparedness.

"The lingering effects of the MV Wakashio oil spill in Mauritius serve as a sobering reminder that, despite improvements in marine safety and security, we must remain vigilant.



"States must be prepared to assist ships in distress and respond swiftly and collaboratively to marine pollution incidents," he added.

The MV Wakashio was a bulk carrier that ran aground on a coral reef off the southeastern coast of Mauritius on July 25, 2020, causing panic among maritime stakeholders after 1,000 metric tonnes of fuel—out of the 4,200 metric tonnes it was carrying—leaked. The oil spill impacted the island's sensitive coastal environment and marine life.

Acting Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA) Director General Mr Isaiah Nakoru noted that the risk of a major oil spill remains high given the coastal location and maritime traffic, adding that the best line of defence was unwavering preparedness.

"Over the years, the Authority has made considerable investments in building national capacity through training and periodic simulation exercises.

"However, this occasion marks a significant milestone. For the first time, we are drilling the full activation of the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan (NOSCP) and formally requesting regional and international assistance under a tier III oil spill scenario," he stated.

The Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA), Kenya Navy, Kenya Ports Authority (KPA), and the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) led efforts to strengthen

regional readiness against maritime oil pollution through the Maritime Search and Pollution Response Exercise (MASEPOLREX25) field training exercise.

Other participants came from the South African Maritime Safety Authority, the Kenya Navy, the Oil Spill Mutual Aid Group, the Kenya Red Cross, the Nairobi Convention, the International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation, Oil Spill Response Limited, and consultants supporting the exercise.

The training aims to assess and improve response mechanisms in the event of an oil spill in the Western Indian Ocean region through enhancement of response mechanisms.

The simulation, coordinated by KMA in collaboration with the Kenya Navy and KPA, also aims to evaluate national and regional preparedness, test emergency protocols, and foster cooperation among neighbouring states towards combating oil spillage.

KMA Director for Maritime Safety and Exercise Coordinator, Engineer Julius Koech, stated that the scenario simulates a collision between two oil tankers at the Kenya-Tanzania maritime border, resulting in a major oil spill.

"We are testing the management of a large-scale maritime crisis by activating the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan. This involves a multi-sectoral, multi-agency incident management team

comprising both state and non-state actors," Koech explained.

Koech said the government has invested significantly in oil spill preparedness, including training responders and establishing a cleanup fund.

"We have built capacity over the years and ensured that our partners like the Kenya Navy and KPA have the necessary equipment and skills to manage such incidents," he added.

KPA Managing Director Captain William Ruto said the authority has developed a contingency plan to respond to oil spills that occur within the harbour waters and beyond, that may affect port operations.

"For us at the Kenya Ports Authority, in line with the KPA Oil Spill response and contingency plan, we have an obligation to plan, resource, and respond to oil spills that occur within the harbour waters, including outside port limits, that may affect port operations," Ruto stated.

He said the regional field training exercise on marine oil pollution response was a timely opportunity to gauge the country's national oil spill contingency plan and evaluate the capacity of local agencies to respond to real-time incidents.

The training runs from July 7 to 11 this year. The exercise includes deployment of offshore containment equipment and a simulated shoreline cleanup at Nyali Beach in Mombasa County, following the hypothetical drift of heavy fuel oil towards the Kenyan coast.

KPA will deploy its Mv Mwokozi, Tangulizi, and Duma tugs alongside the Kenya Navy vessel Shupavu.

Officer-in-Charge of the Indian Ocean Commission, Mr Raj Mohabeer, commended Kenya's level of preparedness in controlling oil spills, noting that many countries in the region are still in the early stages of developing marine pollution response frameworks.

"Kenya has a well-structured national oil spill contingency plan, organised response systems, and appropriate equipment. One objective of this exercise is to facilitate experience sharing so that other countries can replicate Kenya's model," Mohabeer noted.

He said a single country cannot manage marine pollution and urged regional states under IOC, working through the Nairobi Convention, to develop a regional contingency plan. He noted that the plan is expected to be ready by August next year.

Brigadier Mohamed Shemote described the training exercise as critical for regional maritime security. It was the second after a similar drill carried out in 2023.

"Oil spills are transboundary by nature. A spill from Mombasa can affect Somalia or Tanzania. Therefore, joint operations help us identify and address gaps in our systems," he explained.

A trench at Kiboko water catchment area, Makueni County. [Patrick Beja, Standard]

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KPA boss

Proposed flyer levy faces turbulence from aviation sector



By James Wanzala, Nairobi

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) has opposed the recommendation of the Global Solidarity Levies Task Force (GSLTF) to target flyers with a premium levy.

The proposal, which seeks to increase revenue mobilisation for developing countries and support climate change mitigation, has suggested targeting air transportation through a premium flyer levy.

A frequent flyer levy is a tax that increases with each flight taken by an individual and is suggested as a way to encourage less frequent flying, particularly among those who fly most often, while potentially generating revenue for other sustainable initiatives.

The association said an initial assessment of the GSLTF's proposals reveals severe deficiencies, including that a competitive airline industry does not generate excessive profits.

"The airline industry is an economic catalyst, not a cash cow," said IATA's Director General Willie Walsh.

"Yet governments casually suggest a tax on flyers that is three times the airline industry's annual profit without considering the real-world side effects for an industry that is a lifeline for remote communities, invigorates tourism markets and links local products to global markets."

IATA said the GSLTF announcement, while lacking any meaningful detail, quotes a research and consultancy firm, CE Delft, estimating that a premium flyer levy could generate 78 billion euros (\$11.8 trillion) per year.

That, it said, is approximately three times the airline industry's global estimated profit of \$32.4 billion (\$4.2 trillion) in 2024.

"Moreover, while the modalities for the GSLTF proposal are not specified, history shows us that these taxes simply go to the general exchequer, with little, if any, of the revenues generated going to climate change adaptation," Walsh said.

Airlines' structurally thin net profit margin (esti-

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mated at an average of 3.4 per cent industrywide for 2024 and approximately half the global average for all industries), the association said, must also be considered in any policy deliberation.

Another deficiency, IATA said, is that the airline industry has a multi-trillion dollar commitment to sustainability.

It said airlines have committed to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050—an effort that is expected to cost USD 4.7 trillion over the period 2024 to 2050. This will ensure that aviation can deliver its direct contribution of 3.9 percent of global GDP and 86.5 million jobs globally, while addressing its estimated 2.5 percent share of global carbon emissions.

Increasing aviation taxes on airlines as proposed, it said, will limit the industry's ability to invest in solutions that deliver long-term emissions reductions.

The association, which represents some 350 airlines in over 120 countries, said the third deficiency is that a specialised climate financing mechanism for aviation already exists.

The GSLTF's proposal, it says, disregards the role of the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA), which was agreed through the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) and is the world's first globally agreed mechanism to manage carbon emissions from an industrial sector—in this case,

international aviation.

The GSLTF states, it said, were among those that created CORSIA under the principle that it would be the single harmonised market-based measure to manage international aviation's carbon emissions.

Overlapping measures, such as the Solidarity Levy, it said, would undermine CORSIA and lead towards a fragmented, inefficient and inconsistent global policy framework.

The association said it is essential that all states (those in the GSLTF included) focus on making CORSIA successful rather than advancing overlapping measures. Topping the agenda of critical support needed for CORSIA, it said, is states making available the carbon credits so that airlines can fulfil their CORSIA obligations and states can realise their climate financing value.

The association further said failure to assess rising costs is an inescapable consequence of the proposed levy and is the fourth deficiency.

In addition, it said the GSLTF has not released any assessment of the impact that such a levy would have on the economies of the very states to which it aims to funnel the funds, or the broader impact it will have on

all travellers.

The association added the task force has also not detailed how such funds would be used, and although the GSLTF is positioning its proposal as targeting premium travel, it fails to recognise the critical importance of this segment to making route networks viable.

Punishing premium travellers or burdening the sector with excessive taxes, it said, would upend route dynamics, which enable the connectivity that nearly five billion travellers will rely upon this year.

The impact of the GSLTF's proposal, it added, would make airlines less efficient and more financially strained. This would mean higher costs for all travellers and for items shipped by air.

Such reduced affordability for a sector that is an indispensable economic catalyst, it said, ultimately brings the unintended consequence of weaker economic growth.

The GSLTF, Walsh said, that their solidarity levies won't increase the cost of living for ordinary citizens or impact things like household bills, but if followed, the recommendations will increase the cost of air travel for all travellers and do more harm than good.

"Extracting tens of billions from aviation will cripple its ability to invest in achieving net zero by 2050, change route dynamics to the extent that connectivity will suffer, and short-change countries on the critical economic support that air transportation provides," said Walsh.

Walsh said to be clear, airlines are not evading doing their part to mitigate the impacts of climate change, but the industry is doing everything possible to achieve net zero carbon emissions with Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF), more efficient operations and better technology.

"The last thing these efforts need is a USD 90 billion gut punch of a tax. With respect to air transportation, the aims of the GSLTF could best be realised by supporting investments in SAF production so airlines can deliver prosperity by connecting people and businesses to global opportunities," said Walsh.

IATA said the independent global research carried out by Savanta in 15 countries for IATA reveals deep public scepticism over air travel taxation. Seventy-three percent said that green taxes are government greenwashing, 79 percent said there are too many taxes on flying, 78 percent said that taxation is not the way to make aviation sustainable, 74 percent said they don't trust governments to spend tax money wisely, and finally, 88 percent believe that taxes collected from air travel should be invested to improve travel for passengers.

Taxation was the least popular modality to compensate for carbon emissions associated with flying, with only 9 percent support. More popular preferences are SAF purchases (25 percent), carbon emissions-reducing technology investments (23 percent), emissions reduction research (18 percent), and offsetting (13 percent).



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Israel, Hamas truce 'achievable' despite hurdles, minister says

► Israeli PM Netanyahu insists on release of hostages and Hamas's military elimination.

► As Palestinian official says Israel is presenting a hurdle by only listening during talks.

AFP, Washington
Israel's foreign minister on Wednesday voiced confidence about reaching a ceasefire and hostage-release deal in war-torn Gaza, despite no immediate signs of a breakthrough in ongoing talks with Palestinian militant group Hamas.

Gideon Saar maintained that Israel was serious about wanting to reach a deal to end the 21 months of fighting in the devastated territory, and believed it was "achievable".

"If a temporary ceasefire is achieved, we will negotiate on a permanent ceasefire," he added in a speech in the Slovakian capital Bratislava, as the indirect talks between the two sides stretched into a fourth day in Doha.

Saar's comments -- echoing optimism from US special envoy Steve Witkoff -- came after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday met US President Donald Trump for the second time this week in Washington.

Israeli efforts to crush Hamas and release hostages dominated discussions, Netanyahu said afterwards, promising no let-up in the military campaign and "the elimi-



A man confronts protesters as they hold placards and the Palestinian flag during a gathering near the Israeli port of Ashdod on June 9, 2025. [AFP]

nation of Hamas's military and governing capabilities".

Israel's bid to crush Hamas's capabilities and bring the hostages home dominated talks between Benjamin Netanyahu and Donald

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Gideon Saar, Israeli Foreign Minister

Trump, the Israeli prime minister said, even as the Palestinian militants vowed no surrender in Gaza.

Netanyahu's visit to Washington -- his third since Trump returned as US president in January -- came as Doha hosted discussions between the two sides on a possible halt to 21 months of fighting and a hostage release deal.

The indirect talks began on Sunday and have not yet seen any agreement but Trump's special envoy Steve Witkoff said he was still hopeful of a ceasefire deal.

"The release of all of our hostages -- the living and the deceased, and the elimination of Hamas's military and governing capabilities, thereby ensuring that Gaza will never again constitute a threat to Israel," Netan-

yahu said after meeting Trump for a second time in 24 hours.

"We focused on the efforts to release our hostages," he said. "We are not relenting, even for a moment, and this is made possible due to the military pressure by our heroic soldiers."

Hamas, whose October 7, 2023 attack on Israel sparked the war in Gaza, said in a statement it would never give up. "Gaza will not surrender... and the resistance will impose the conditions, just as it imposed the equations," it added.

A Palestinian official close to the talks blamed Israel for a lack of progress after the latest round of discussions broke up late Tuesday with no breakthrough. "The current round of negotiations in Doha between Hamas and Israel is still stalling due to the Israeli delegation's refusal to accept the free entry of aid into the Gaza Strip," he said.

Another Palestinian source familiar with the negotiations said the Israeli delegation was "mostly listening rather than negotiating, which reflects Netanyahu's ongoing policy of obstruction and sabotaging any potential agreement".

Witkoff, however, was more upbeat, in line with the US leader who has pushed for a ceasefire deal. "We are hopeful that by end of this week we will have an agreement that will bring us into a 60-day ceasefire," Witkoff said.

The deal would include the return of 10 live hostages held by Palestinian militant groups since Hamas's October 2023 attack on Israel,

AMERICA

Rubio imposter used AI to message high-level officials, reports indicate

An imposter posing as US Secretary of State Marco Rubio sent AI-generated voice and text messages to high-level officials and foreign ministers, reports said Tuesday, the latest American official to be targeted by impersonators.

A cable from the top US diplomat's office said the unidentified culprit was likely seeking to manipulate powerful officials "with the goal of gaining access to information or accounts," the Washington Post and other media reported.

The imposter contacted at least three foreign ministers, a US state governor, and a member of Congress using both text messaging and the encrypted messaging app Signal, according to the cable dated July 3.

Starting in mid-June, the imposter created a Signal account using the display name "Marco.Rubio@state.gov" to contact the unsuspecting officials, it added.

"The actor left voicemails on Signal for at least two targeted individuals and in one instance, sent a text message inviting the individual to communicate on Signal," said the cable.

The contents of the messages were unclear. Responding to an AFP request for comment, the State Department said it was aware of the incident and was "currently investigating the matter."

The impersonation of Rubio was one of "two distinct campaigns" being probed in which threat actors impersonate State Department personnel via email and messaging apps, the cable said.

The second campaign began in April and involves a "Russia-linked cyber actor" who conducted a phishing campaign targeting personal Gmail accounts associated with think tank scholars, Eastern Europe-based activists and dissidents, journalists, and former officials, it said. [AFP]



US Secretary of State Marco Rubio.

EUROPE

Zelensky holds talks with pope ahead of conference

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky heads to Rome this week for a conference of world leaders and businesses aimed at boosting support for rebuilding his war-torn country as US military aid stalls.

The Ukraine Recovery Conference takes place in the Italian capital on Thursday and Friday, with the goal of mobilising investments - notably private sector funds - for Kyiv as it faces its fourth year of conflict. The meeting, which will also be attended by EU chief Ursula von der Leyen and German Chancellor Friedrich Merz among 15 heads of state and government, will focus on

Ukraine's long-term recovery. Ukraine hopes to sign agreements on energy, with its power grid regularly hit by Russian strikes, as well as cooperation in the defence industry.

But Zelensky - who will fly in on Wednesday to meet Italy's head of state, President Sergio Mattarella - stressed his country's urgent need remained defending itself against intensifying Russian missile and drone attacks.

"Ukrainian representatives will have a concrete set of tasks focused on immediate defence -- the defence of our cities and our communities," he said in an address on Monday night.

Zelensky will open the conference -- an annual event since Russia's February 2022 invasion -- on Thursday morning with Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, Italian officials said. The US, formerly Ukraine's biggest backer, will be represented by President Donald Trump's envoy for Ukraine and Russia, Keith Kellogg.

Trump criticised the tens of billions of dollars in support and weapons sent to Kyiv under the Biden administration, and has announced no new military aid packages since taking office. But the president on Monday said the US would send additional weapons to Ukraine. [AFP]



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HOROSCOPE



Virgo – Aug 23 - Sep 22
You can experience a creative rush, intensely romantic or affectionate feelings, and a powerful need to express yourself. You may feel the need to express something, as unacknowledged feelings and needs surface.



Libra – Sep 23 - Oct 22
You've been focusing on the practical, responsible side of your life, and now you're called to attend to the emotional aspects. Time spent with family, at home, or attending to your personal affairs will benefit you.



Scorpio – Oct 23 - Nov 21
This Full Moon can prompt an eye-opening moment regarding learning, transportation, connection, or communication matters. An epiphany about your interests or skills can occur. Meeting challenges and responsibilities as they arise boosts your confidence and self-esteem.



Sagittarius Nov 22-Dec 21
If you've been spending a lot of time giving to, and supporting, other people in your life, you can feel the need to bring more balance into your world now. Something happening this week, or your feelings, can alter your perspective about what you value most.



Capricorn – Dec 22-Jan 19
The days surrounding this lunation can be a time of full exposure or an epiphany about a person's or a relationship's needs. With this new awareness, you may make some plans or adjustments that improve your life.



Aquarius – Jan 20-Feb 18
It's time to pay more attention to your mental and emotional health. If you don't feel up to par, you may be overextended, and now you face the need to slow down. You might also need to bring closure to a neglected or unresolved issue in your life.



Pisces – Feb 19 - Mar 20
There can be an emotional outburst if you've been holding something in, as you feel you can no longer contain it. You could be in high demand, receive an important invitation, be called to help someone out, or experience a sudden surge of feelings about a lover or friend.



Aries – Mar 21 - Apr 19
These things become difficult to ignore! This Full Moon can mark a turning point in a career or life path, or it can highlight a responsibility. You may find yourself suddenly in the spotlight or in a position to manage or lead.



Taurus – Apr 20 - May 20
You can experience a sudden desire to depart from your usual routine or do/learn something refreshing, meaningful, and life-affirming. With quite a bit of recent attention to your daily or mundane affairs, you now feel an immense desire to think and live bigger!



Gemini – May 21 - Jun 21
If you've been holding back your feelings, they can come up with force now. The solution is to look for compromises, and events or realizations occurring to you can lead to a new understanding in a relationship.



Cancer – Jun 22-Jul 22
You might recognize your need for someone or receive some valuable feedback! You might verbalize or acknowledge a situation or feeling, and it's an exciting emotional discovery. A relationship can reach a turning point.

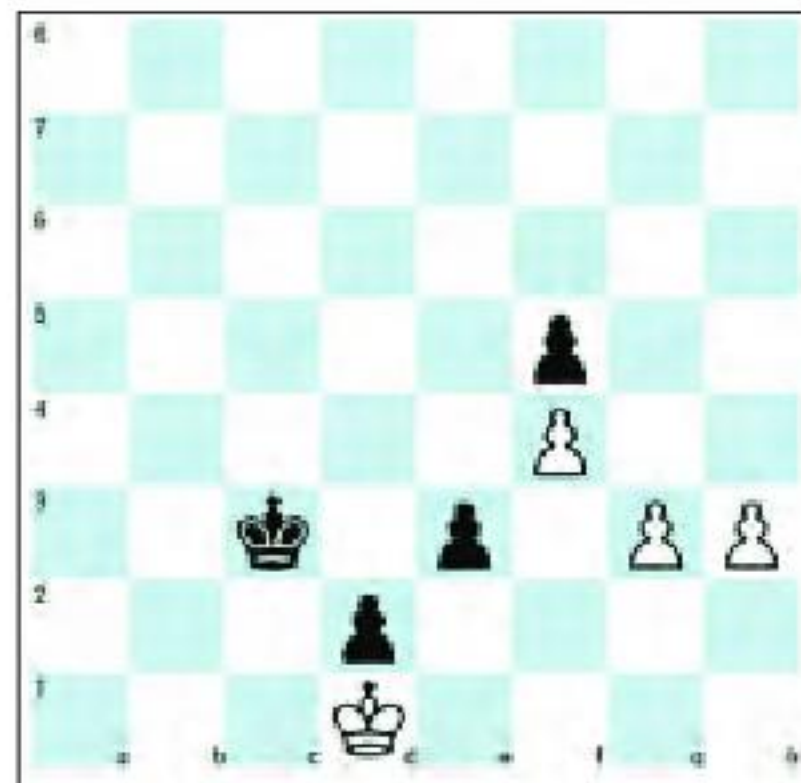


Leo – Jul 23 - Aug 22
You may notice a flaw in a plan that sets you on the path to improvement. There could be a new development or wake-up call that pushes you forward. Instead, you might arrive at a turning point or revelation about your work, health, and desire to be productive and valuable.
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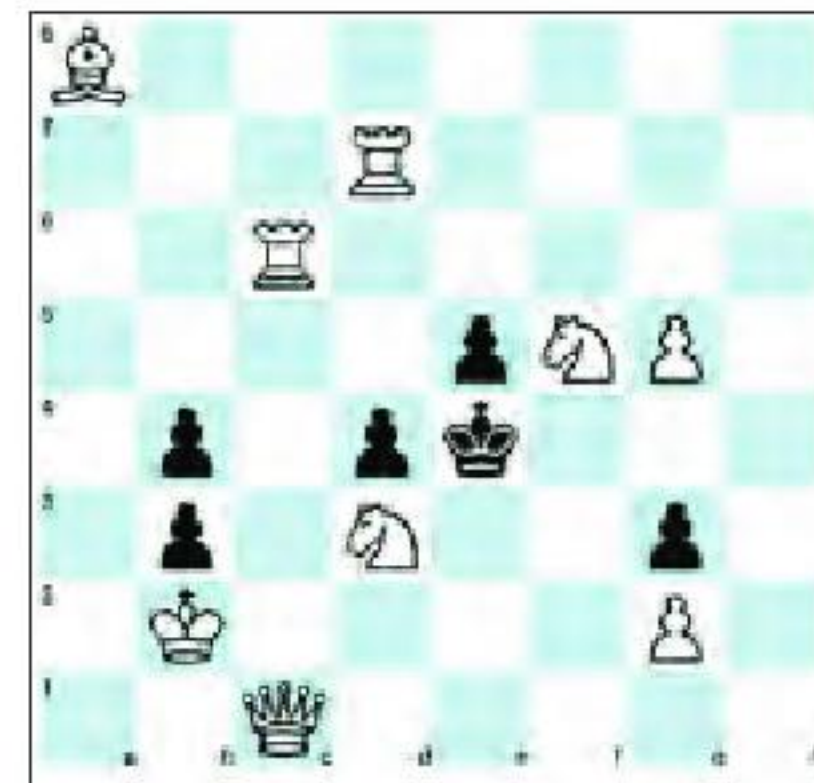
Easy puzzle

Black mates in 2 moves.



Intermediate puzzle

White mates in 2 moves.



Wednesday's solution

Easy:
1... Qg3+
2. Kh1 Qh2#

Intermediate:
1. Qb8 Qxb8
2. Bd5#

SOLVIT

F	G	A	B	20
D	D	A	H	11
C	E	B	G	29
J	H	F	C	15
14	22	16	23	

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
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Wednesday's solution

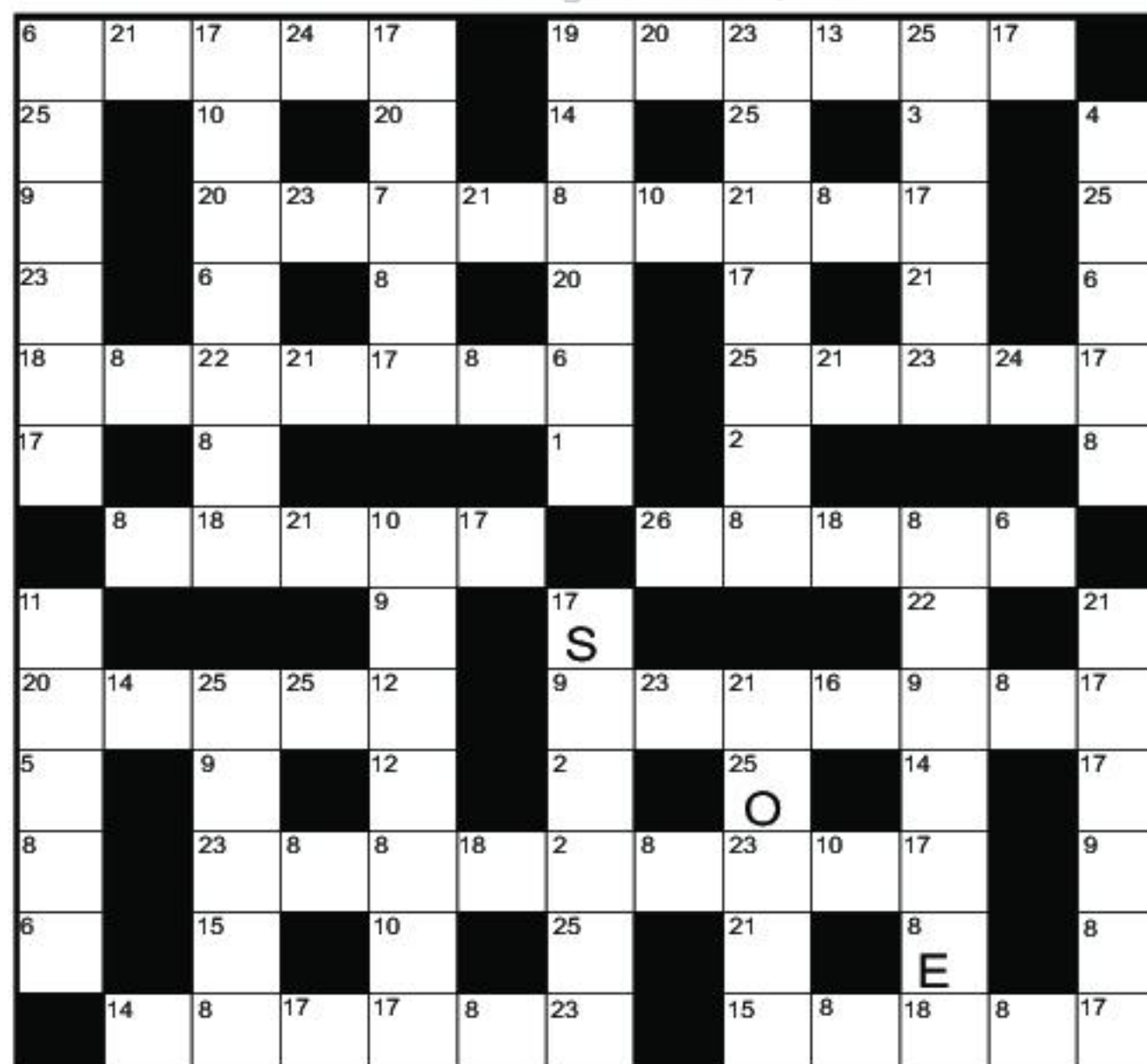
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CODEWORD

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.



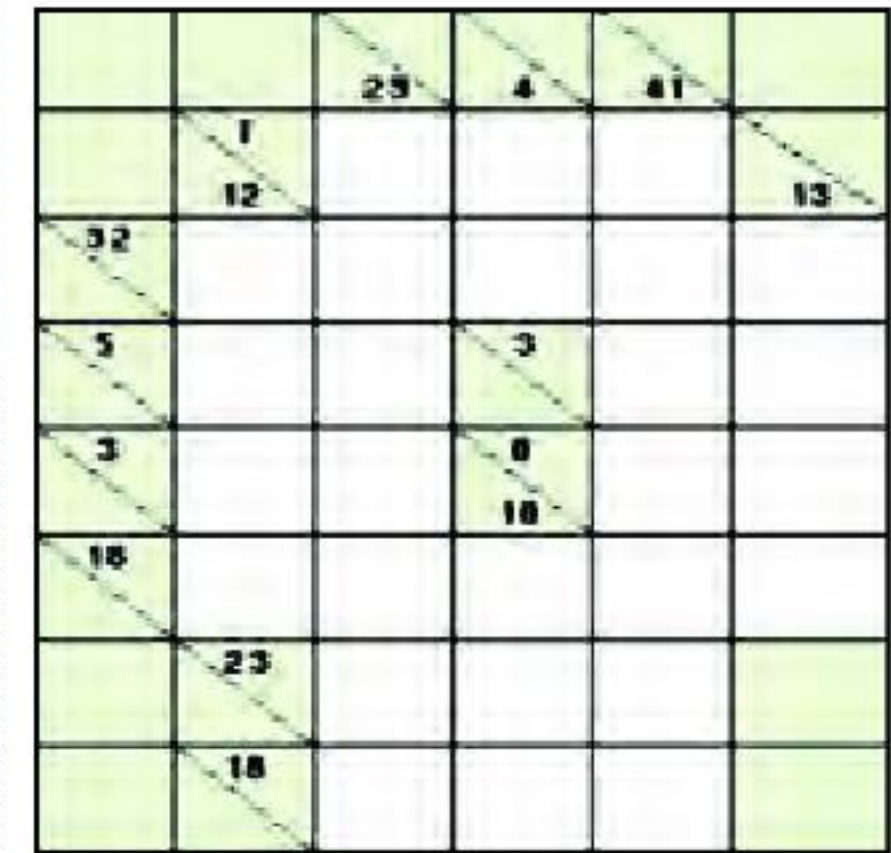
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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Wednesday's solution

L	Y
C	M
Q	P
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B	R
A	X
I	E
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K	G
O	F
H	J

KAKURO



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

Wednesday's solution



SUDOKU



Wednesday's solution



By Kham



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"There's nothing like deep breaths after laughing that hard. Nothing in the world like a sore stomach for the right reasons."

Stephen Chbosky



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Real estate

Poor quality materials risk buildings' safety

Report says increased use of fake products has led to hazards for occupants.

By Graham Kajilwa
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Cement, electrical cables and particle boards are some of the most counterfeited products in the building industry, as a new report reveals low awareness of these forged materials among consumers.

The Consumer Level Survey Report 2025 by the Anti-Counterfeit Authority (ACA) lists cement and its affiliated products as the most counterfeited products in the building and construction industry.

Concrete paving blocks and clay roofing tiles also fall into the same category.

"A large majority of respondents (76.72 per cent) reported encountering counterfeit cement, concrete paving blocks, clay roofing tiles, and other cement-manufactured products," the report says.

It adds that issues to do with steel and iron sheet (59.54 per cent), ballast, quarry machine cut stones (44.27 per cent), and pipes (polypropylene copolymer, chlorinated polyvinyl chloride and polypropylene pipes) 26.72 per cent are also prominent.

"Only 1.53 per cent of respondents raised concerns about unspecified products, indicating that counterfeiting primarily affects commonly used construction materials, the report says.

Flat and reinforcement bars (rebar) have also been highlighted in the report, which analyses

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CONSTRUCTION

Ol Kalou's State affordable housing programme takes shape

The construction of affordable housing units in Ol Kalou town has excited the investors following the expected influx of more than 1,500 persons to the area.

The Sh1.2 billion programme has engaged more than 500 employees from the locality daily, and is designed to impact the economy of the once sleepy town, through trading and supply opportunities.

Presently, the majority of the public servants working in the town reside in Nyahururu, Ol Jorok and Nakuru, spending a fortune every month. Each one spends between Sh300 and

Sh400 daily. Julia Waithera says the project, once completed, will see her family occupy one of the rooms owing to the hardships she has faced since 2015, when she joined the public service.

Waithera, a mother of three, says, like the majority of the public servants, she commutes daily from Nyahururu. She spends Sh150 daily to reach her place of work.

"This is too much in a month, and the majority of the colleagues are awaiting the completion of the units and occupation," she said.

A resident, Joram Njora, said he has booked two units for his children to block them from

building their houses in the only family land in Kasuku.

Mr Njora, in his 50s, adds that after his children move out to secure employment, he will rent the houses to get some income. Moses Mwangi, a public service vehicle operator, says the shortage of decent houses in Ol Kalou and the establishment of the county headquarters opened sustainable business to those in the transport business.

Mwangi says the vehicles destined for Nyahururu from Ol Kalou are available at the terminus until 10 pm, owing to many travellers.

"Once the construction is completed, the place

will have increased business activities owing to the influx of people from far and wide," said Mwangi.

Salome Wachuka says the affordable housing project has had a positive impact on the well-being of the community, engaging hundreds of youth, saving them from excessive alcoholism.

"I appreciate the Housing Principal Secretary Charles Hinga, who visits the project regularly," said Ms Wachuka, a mother of one.

Projects Clerks of Works Paul Muturi says the project sits on 9.6 acres is 48 per cent complete. **[Boniface Gikandi]**

BUILDING

Risk of poor quality materials on buildings

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levels of awareness of counterfeit products across 16 sectors.

The report says the presence of counterfeit construction materials not only undermines legitimate businesses, leading to financial losses and reduced market trust, but also poses safety risks.

"Counterfeit products can compromise the structural integrity of buildings and infrastructure, leading to potential hazards for occupants," it says. To address this issue, the report recommends that stronger enforcement mechanisms and regulatory frameworks are needed, even as it references the findings, adding that it points to a gap in consumer education.

It adds that there is a need for comprehensive policies that focus on raising awareness, improving market surveillance, and imposing stricter penalties on counterfeiters.

"Effective policy formulation should involve collaboration between government agencies, industry stakeholders, and consumers to create a robust system for monitoring and reporting counterfeit construction products," the report says. Just a month ago, the Institution of Engineers of Kenya (IEK) raised concerns over substandard cement in the market.

"Our members have documented up to 25 per cent reduction in the comprehensive strength of concrete prepared from cement of several brands," said the President of IEK Eng Shammah Kiteme.

Kiteme described the finding as a grave threat to public safety, adding that the built environment must meet certain performance thresholds to withstand both everyday use and natural shocks.

"Cement is the binder in concrete. It is a key chemical component that hydrates in the mixture of fine and coarse aggregates, and once it sets, it creates strong structures after curing

and hardening," he said. "When cement is compromised, then life and property are directly at risk from compromised structural integrity."

The challenges with cement, noted Eng Kiteme in the May 28, 2025, statement, extend to underweight packaging. "Cement bags marked as 50kg have been found to weigh significantly less, some as low as 45kg, shortchanging clients. This fraudulent practice is a violation of consumer rights," he said.

Principal Secretary, State Department for Public Works Joel Arumonyang said infiltration of counterfeit products in the construction sector compromises the investment of investors who have followed the law.

He said the State Department has consulted widely with the regulatory bodies to seal the loopholes that facilitate counterfeit products.

"As the State Department in charge of standards, we emphasise that Kenyans need quality. They need value for money and we are not ready to entertain counterfeiting," said the PS during an event by Basco Paints where they launched a tech-developed waterproof external paint.

Reputable outlets

Basco Paints Managing Director Kamlesh Shah said it is very difficult to counter counterfeits. "Sometimes we suspect there is formalisation for the whole structure of counterfeits where we are just not able to stop," he said.

"As a manufacturer, we urge our consumers to buy from the right kind of suppliers and reputable outlets."

Paint is also among the products highlighted in the report, vulnerable to counterfeits under the chemical and allied sector. "The survey revealed that paints and resins are the most counterfeited products, with 64.39 per cent of respondents identifying them," the report says. According to the findings



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Report

Mombasa residents view a collapsed building at Mwembe Tayari in Mombasa due to heavy rains in 2018. [Omondi Onyango, Standard]

construction and 5.13 for timber, wood and furniture. Awareness in the metal and allied sector stands at 6.74 per cent, while energy, electrical and electronics is 32.52 per cent. The report says the energy, electrical, and electronics sector faces significant counterfeiting challenges, posing serious risks to both consumer safety and market integrity.

The report cites energy generators and solar panels among the commonly counterfeited products in the energy, electrical and electronics sector.

This leads to potential failures in power generation. "Electric cables and wires were highlighted by 29.08 per cent of respondents, raising serious concerns about safety risks such as electrical fires," the report says.

In the metal and allied sector, a supporting sector to construction, the highest percentage of counterfeiting was noted in smelting and hot rolling

products such as reinforcement bars and flat bars. This accounted for 65.56 per cent of responses.

"Cold rolling products, particularly those involving sheet colour coating, followed closely at 60.26 per cent. Similarly, wire product converters (including nails, bolts, and welding rods) represented 56.29 per cent of counterfeit items," the report says.

"These categories highlight significant risks in construction and manufacturing materials."

The report cites other categories, such as steel-fabricated products (45.03 per cent) and aluminium products (44.37 per cent), which also exhibit substantial counterfeiting.

"These findings underscore the need for heightened vigilance and stronger regulatory measures to combat counterfeiting in the metal and allied sector," the report says.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Ageing bridges are at risk of collapse - here's how we can safeguard them

A simple, proactive step known as structural health monitoring can help.

By Andy Nguyen
The Conversation

The Story Bridge, with its sweeping steel trusses and art deco towers, is a striking sight above the Brisbane River in Queensland. In 2025, it was named the State's best landmark.

But more than an icon, it serves as one of the vital arteries of the State capital, carrying more than 100,000 vehicles daily.

But a recent report revealed serious structural issues in the 85-year-old bridge. These included the deterioration of concrete, corrosion and overloading on pedestrian footpaths.

The findings prompted an urgent closure of the footpath for safety reasons. They also highlighted the urgency of Brisbane City Council's planned bridge restoration project.

But this example – and far more tragic ones from around the world in recent years – have also sparked a broader conversation about the safety of ageing bridges and other urban infrastructure. A simple, proactive step known as structural health monitoring can help.

A number of collapses

In January 2022, the Fern Hollow Bridge in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in the United States collapsed and injured several people. This collapse was caused by extensive corrosion and the fracturing of a vital steel component.

It stemmed from poor maintenance and failure to act on repeated inspection recommendations. These problems were compounded by inadequate inspections and oversight.

Three years earlier, Taiwan's Nanfang'ao Bridge collapsed. Exposure to damp, salty sea air had severely weakened its suspension cables. Six people beneath the bridge died.

In August 2018, Italy's Morandi Bridge fell, killing 43 people. The collapse was due to corrosion in pre-stressed concrete and steel tendons. These factors were worsened by inspection and maintenance challenges.

In August 2007, a bridge in the US city of

43

PEOPLE who were killed at Italy's Morandi Bridge when it fell in August 2018.

1930

THE YEAR Jacques Cartier Bridge was opened in Montreal, Canada.

SH25

MILLION
THE average cost of a structural health monitoring systems



Rescue personnel look on at a bridge after it collapsed in the Nanfangao fish harbour in Suao township, northeastern Taiwan on October 1, 2019, injuring at least 14 people. [AFP]
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Minneapolis collapsed, killing 13 people and injuring 145. This collapse was primarily due to previously unnoticed problems with the design of the bridge.

But it also demonstrated how ageing infrastructure, coupled with increasing loads and ineffective routine visual inspections, can exacerbate inherent weaknesses.

A technology-driven solution

Structural health monitoring is a technology-driven approach to assessing the condition of infrastructure. It can provide near real-time information and enable timely decision-making. This is crucial when it comes to managing ageing structures.

The approach doesn't rely solely on occasional periodic inspections. Instead, it uses sensors, data loggers and analytics platforms to continuously monitor stress, vibration, displacement, temperature and corrosion on critical components.

This approach can significantly improve our understanding of bridge performance compared to traditional assessment models.

In one case, it updated a bridge's estimated fatigue life – the remaining life of the structure before fatigue-induced failure is predicted to occur – from just five years to more than 52 years. This ultimately avoided unnecessary and costly restoration.

Good structural health-monitoring systems can last several decades. They can be integrated with artificial intelligence techniques and bridge information modelling to develop digital twin-based monitoring platforms.

The cost of structural health monitoring systems varies by bridge size and

the extent of monitoring required. Some simple systems can cost just a few thousand dollars, while more advanced ones can cost more than A\$300,000 (Sh25.2 million).

These systems require ongoing operational support – typically 10 per cent to 20 per cent of the installation cost annually – for data management, system maintenance, and informed decision-making.

Additionally, while advanced systems can be costly, scalable structural health monitoring solutions allow authorities to start small and expand over time.

A model for proactive management

The design of structural health monitoring systems has been incorporated into new large-scale bridge designs, such as the Sutong Bridge in China and the Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge in the US.

But perhaps the most compelling example of these systems in action is the Jacques Cartier Bridge in Montreal, Canada. Opened in 1930, it shares design similarities with Brisbane's Story Bridge. And, like many ageing structures, it faces its own challenges.

However, authorities managing the Jacques Cartier Bridge have embraced a proactive approach through comprehensive structural health monitoring systems. The bridge has been outfitted with more than 300 sensors.

Acoustic emission monitoring enables early detection of micro-cracking activity, while long-term instrumentation tracks structural deformation and dynamic behaviour across key spans.

Satellite-based radar imagery adds a remote, non-intrusive layer of deforma-

tion monitoring, and advanced data analysis ensures that the vast amounts of sensor data are translated into timely, actionable insights.

Together, these technologies demonstrate how a well-integrated structural health monitoring system can support proactive maintenance, extend the life of ageing infrastructure, and ultimately improve public safety.

A way forward for Brisbane – and beyond

The Story Bridge's current challenges are serious, but they also present an opportunity.

By investing in the right structural health monitoring system, Brisbane can lead the way in modern infrastructure management – protecting lives, restoring public confidence, preserving heritage and setting a precedent for cities around the world.

As climate change, urban growth, and ageing assets put increasing pressure on our transport networks, smart monitoring is no longer a luxury – it's a necessity.

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Expert advices on critical steps to ensure integrity of buildings

► The recent building failures have caused a great deal of unnecessary suffering.

► Data shows that 86 buildings valued at over Ksh 2.4 billion collapsed between 2009 and 2019.

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The construction sector's contribution to Kenya's economy is substantial and critical, showing consistent growth over the years.

The industry reflects the country's economic performance and connects with other sectors that have related demands for materials and labour inputs.

The need for quality in the construction process and resultant products can therefore not be overemphasised.

Since the mid-1990s, Kenya has experienced the construction of poor-quality structures.

Some structures fail to function properly, while others may physically collapse during construction or use.

The recent building failures have caused significant distress, with data showing that 86 buildings valued at over Ksh 2.4 billion collapsed between 2009 and 2019.



The highest number of building collapses was recorded in 2015, with a total of 21 buildings falling.

Property developer Daniel Mburu says such losses could have been avoided by adherence to the building's structural integrity checklist that each developer must follow.

He says engaging a certified, seasoned architect, duly registered with the Board of Registration of Architects and Quantity Surveyors (BORAQS) and a member of the Architectural Association of Kenya (AAK), is non-negotiable.

"Such a professional will conceive a functional, robust design that adheres to local laws and construction regulations."

He emphasises the need to engage

a certified structural engineer, affiliated with the Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK) and the Kenya Society of Engineers (KSE), as they offer invaluable technical expertise by crafting bespoke structural designs that match the building's height and overall footprint.

Through meticulous calculations, the structural engineer designs reinforced beams and columns, stipulating the appropriate type and class of concrete.

Still, as part of the preliminary steps, Mburu recommends a comprehensive geotechnical analysis.

"This procedure assesses the subsurface conditions, detailing the soil's composition and underlying rock formations. The insights

derived from this analysis inform the structural engineer's decisions on foundational design."

He explained that such a move provides critical data regarding groundwater levels and predicts how the soil will react during and after construction. Geotechnical evaluations not only safeguard the building's longevity but also preempt future issues like soil settlement or water intrusion, both of which could jeopardise the structural integrity.

A quantity surveyor, registered with BORAQS and a member of the Institute of Quantity Surveyors of Kenya (IQSK), is indispensable for managing a project's financial facets.

Equally, hiring a qualified, experienced contractor, accredited by the National Construction Authority (NCA), is essential to actualising your project. Contractors possess the expertise to efficiently carry out construction tasks while ensuring compliance with safety standards and quality controls.

Mburu emphasises the importance of following consultants' advice, as their extensive education and practical experience provide guidance rooted in best practices, technical accuracy, and regulatory compliance. Whether it be an architect, structural engineer, or quantity surveyor, each consultant provides expertise that ensures the project's success.

"Their guidance, based on years of experience across diverse projects, is crucial for maintaining safety and quality standards on-site."

Further, before any construction can commence, it is mandatory to obtain approvals for all pre-construction documents, including architectural and structural drawings. Relevant authorities such as county governments, the National Environmental Management Authority (NEMA), and the National Construction Authority (NCA) must endorse these documents to confirm compliance with building codes, environmental regulations, and safety standards.

After diligently following these steps, it is essential to ensure that the right materials are used.

"Using substandard materials can jeopardise the building's structural integrity, leading to premature deterioration or collapse," notes Mburu.

"Collaborating with your contractor and quantity surveyor ensures that only the best materials are utilised, safeguarding the building's long-term viability," he added.

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Nairobi set for the 5th Village Market's Luxury Living & Design Expo

The Village Market's Luxury Living and Design Expo marks a landmark Fifth Edition this year, returning to its iconic rooftop venue. This edition presents a sophisticated convergence of architecture, design innovation, and lifestyle evolution under the recurring theme "Designing for Africa."

Taking place from Thursday, 31st July to Sunday, 3rd August, the Expo brings together the continent's leading voices in interior and exterior design, smart living technologies, sustainable property devel-

opment, and financial and real estate services curating a dynamic platform that celebrates form, function, and the true Af-

rican identity.

Now established as Nairobi's premier design and real estate showcase, the Expo

attracts a discerning audience of homeowners, architects, property developers, investors, and design aficionados. This year's program will feature immersive show homes, interactive product demos, thought-leadership panels, and the most coveted Awards Ceremony, spotlighting excellence across categories such as Best in Show - Interior & Exterior Design, and Best in Property Development & Innovation.

Village Market proudly renewed its strategic partnership with Buy Rent Kenya, a trusted real estate company that connects people to property. Buy Rent Kenya offers visitors exclusive access to curated listings, live market insights, and tailored consultation experiences creating a seamless experience for home ownership.

Whether you are sourcing design inspiration, exploring your next investment, or building your professional network, the Luxury Living and Design Expo 2025 invites you to engage with the future of African living, designed for Africa, by Africa!



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Championing crop storage systems as a catalyst for industrial growth

► Food security and economic inclusion have long been central to Africa's development goals.

► A World Bank report indicates Sub-Saharan African growth will be 3.5% in 2025, increasing to 4.3% in 2026-27, boosted by rising private consumption and investment and lower inflation.

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Food security and economic inclusion have long been central to Africa's development goals. With nearly half a billion people living on less than \$2.15 per day, agriculture continues to be a key driver of poverty reduction. Global institutions' simulations of Malawi show that every dollar invested in agricultural productivity yields up to \$4 in rural household income, demonstrating the sector's multiplier effect.

The World Bank emphasises that, despite stabilised inflation (median dropped from 7.1% in 2023 to 4.5% in 2024), Africa's per capita income remains below pre-pandemic levels, highlighting the urgent need for private investment, inclusive markets, and better governance.

The Africa Pulse report warns that these gains are insufficient, highlighting the need for structural reforms in agriculture, manufacturing, and services.

Advocating for awareness and candid conversations through exhibitions, MXM Exhibitors organizer Rashid says, "expos serve as catalyst platforms, increasing market access for agro-industry innovators, attracting investors to high-impact ventures, and closing technological gaps across the value chain."

He spoke when he announced the 9th edition of the AgroFood-PlastPack Exhibition that will take place at the Sarit Centre in Nairobi from August 21 to 23, showcasing modern innovations in crop storage systems.

Organised by Dubai-based event firm MXM, the event brings together three major segments under one roof: grains and technology, agro and poultry, food and processing, plastics and paper, and tissue Africa, with an emphasis on driving AgroFood-PlastPack industrial growth through Technological innovations targeting SMEs.

"This exhibition serves as a bridge between farmers, manufacturers, investors, and researchers, rather than just a showcase. Our innovative agro-food and packaging solutions

in Nairobi boost productivity, food security, and economic growth on the continent," said Rashid.

The five-in-one format—Grains & Technology, Agro & Poultry, Food & Beverages, Plastics and Paper & Tissue—enables stakeholders from various value chains to meet, collaborate, and make deals. According to the organisers, Grains Africa 2025 will showcase storage systems, milling machinery, and quality control equipment.

Agro & Poultry emphasises modern farming and livestock solutions, while Paper & Tissue Africa highlights innovations in pulp, packaging, tissue production, and plastics within the polymers and related segments. Agro & Poultry focuses on modern farming and livestock solutions, while Paper & Tissue Africa showcases innovations in pulp, packaging, tissue production and plastics on polymers & related segments.

"We are creating synergies across categories by co-locating these three sub-expos," Rashid explains. These foster economies of scale, increase supply chain efficiency, and strengthen Africa's integration into global agro-industrial markets."

This year's exhibition comes at a critical juncture for Africa's economy. According to a recent World Bank report, Sub-Saharan

African growth will be 3.5% in 2025, increasing to 4.3% in 2026-27, boosted by rising private consumption and investment and lower inflation.

Similarly, a World Bank analysis shows that the region's growth rate increased to 3.5% in 2024, primarily due to public investment and commodity exports, with forecasts of 3.7% in 2025 and 4.2% in 2026-2027.

"Kenya is at a critical juncture—public debt is high, private-sector credit is tight. However, events such as the Agro-Food Pack can help to alleviate some of these challenges. They attract investment, demonstrate productivity-enhancing technologies, and foster collaborations to drive agribusiness growth across East Africa."

The event will feature tools that can reshape production efficiency, reduce post-harvest losses, and create local manufacturing jobs, including climate-smart poultry systems, automated grain storage, and biodegradable tissue solutions.

Beyond Kenya, East Africa is a growth engine. Kenya accounts for approximately \$132 billion of the regional GDP, slightly ahead of Ethiopia's \$117 billion. Uganda, Tanzania, and Rwanda are among the fastest-growing countries, with Rwanda growing at nearly 6.9% and Tanzania growing at 5.5% per year.

Nairobi's expo aims to capitalise on this regional momentum by emphasising cross-border collaboration and trade facilitation.

Regional integration initiatives, such as the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), aim to increase market access across the continent, which organisers say the expo helps by facilitating face-to-face business between producers, technology firms, and buyers from various countries.

More than 200 exhibitors from 16 countries are expected to showcase the most recent crop storage systems, feed technologies, packaging machinery, tissue production solutions, and poultry farming innovations.



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Insurance brokers move to unlock kenya's microinsurance potential

The Association of Insurance Brokers of Kenya (AIBK) plans to tap on low-income earners to pivot stalled insurance uptake in the country.

Through a strategic partnership with Birdview Microinsurance Ltd, AIBK is targeting underserved niche markets, a move it says will boost microinsurance penetration in Kenya which has for long remained below 3 percent.

The collaboration is a bid to making insurance accessible and relevant to a broader segment of the Kenyan population.

"By focusing on specific, often overlooked segments, we can ensure that more Kenyans have access to essential financial protection, fostering greater resilience within our communities," Says AIBK National Chairman Mr. John K. Arap Lagat.

Microinsurance has been identified as a key driver for increasing insurance penetration in Kenya, the potential for growth is immense.



[L-R] Mr. James Kimani, CEO and Principal Officer, Birdview Microinsurance, Mr. John K. Arap Lagat, National Chairman AIBK and Mr. Richard Muiru, Founder & Director Birdview Microinsurance converse at an AIBK Members Breakfast meeting.

Industry reports consistently highlight a vast untapped market, particularly among low-income earners, small and medium enterprises (SMEs), and individuals in the informal sector.

Experts predict that with targeted initiatives and innovative product offerings, microinsurance

could contribute significantly to raising overall insurance penetration in the coming years.

With a controlling share of almost 40 percent of the underwritten premiums, brokers still control a large portion of the market.

"Our aim is to build meaningful relationships and deliver impactful products, and ensure microinsurance, which remains largely underserved in Kenya, truly flourishes," Said Mr. James Kimani, CEO and Principal Officer of Birdview Microinsurance.

Mr. Richard Muiru, Founder and Director of Birdview Microinsurance, elaborated on the importance of tailoring solutions to specific needs. "Kenyans, especially those in the diaspora, often face unique challenges. We are dedicated to creating products that cater to their specific needs, providing accessible, affordable, and comprehensive microinsurance solutions for people abroad, enabling them to purchase medical care for their families back home. We leverage technology to ensure accessibility and relevance for all micro-businesses."

AIBK CEO, Mr. Eliud Adiedo, reiterated the Association's dedication to fostering a robust and inclusive insurance sector.

By focusing on niche markets and leveraging technology, we can break down barriers and bring the benefits of insurance to those who need it most, ultimately contributing to the economic stability and growth of our nation."

This partnership is set to usher in a new era for microinsurance in Kenya, promising innovative products and services designed to meet the diverse needs of Kenyans, both at home and abroad, ultimately contributing to a more financially secure future for all Kenyans and fostering sustainable economic development. [Gnyele@standardmedia.co.ke]



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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The owner of parcel No. KABONDO/ KOWIDU/ 1771 located in
KABONDO, Rachuonyo East Sub County, Homabay County
wishes to apply for change of user from **Agricultural to
Commercial and Industrial Use (Mixed Use)** subject to
approval by the County Government of Homabay. Those with
comments or objections can write within fourteen (14) days
from the date of this notice to:
The County Executive Committee Member of Lands,
Housing and Physical Planning,
County Government of Homabay,
P.O. BOX 489 – 40300,
Homabay
Dr. Fredrick Omondi Owino.
RPP 0123
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The registered owner of Plot Number MS/1/504
located along Likoni- Ukunda Road in Likoni Ferry
wishes to change its use from **Commercial Use
to Light Industrial (Petrol station)** use subject
to the approval of the County Government of
Mombasa. Individuals, organizations, institutions
etc. with comments, recommendations or
objections are hereby requested to forward them in
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THE CECM, LANDS, HOUSING AND URBAN
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MOMBASA

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r. 3(3)(a)) PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT
(No. 13 OF 2019)
NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED
RENEWAL OF LEASE

The registered owner of Plot No. **MACHAKOS
TOWN BLOCK 1/41** located off Machakos –
Kangundo Road, within Machakos Town, Machakos
Municipality, Machakos County, wishes to **RENEW**
its **LEASE** subject to approval by the Machakos
County Government. Individuals, Members of
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The County Executive Committee Member,
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Machakos County,
P.O.Box 1996 – 80100
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THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING
ACT (NO.13 OF 2019).
NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USER.

The registered owner of L.R NO 25450 located
ALONG KISUMU-KAKAMEGARA ROAD within the
CITY OF KISUMU intends to change the use of the
parcel from **SINGLE-DWELLING TO MULTIPLE-
DWELLING (APARTMENTS)** subject to approval
by the COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU.
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COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU,
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KISUMU.

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. **Dagoretti/Kinoo/7546** Located
along **Wambaa Wamakima road**, in **87 area, Kikuyu Sub-County**,
Kiambu County wishes to **Change the use** of the parcel currently
under **Agricultural to Educational Facility (Nursery School)** subject
to approval by the County Government of Kiambu. Individual(s),
Organization(s) and Institution(s) etc. with objections or comments to
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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

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT
(NO 13 OF 2019)
CHANGE OF USE

The registered owner of **Plot No. Kiambaa/Ruaka/5048** located at Kiambaa
Sub-County, is proposing Change of Use of this property from **Agricultural
to Residential Multi-Dwelling Units (Flats)** subject to approval by the
County Government of Kiambu. Individuals, Institutions and any other
interested parties with any material objections to the proposed development
are requested to forward them in writing within **Fourteen (14) days** from the
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**County Executive Committee Member (CECM),
Land Housing Physical Planning and Urban Development County
Government of Kiambu,
P.O. Box 2344-00900,
Kiambu.
RPP: Kelvin Ritho Gitonga; Reg. 0270.**

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The registered Owner of **L.R. No NGUIRUBI/THIGIO/330** located in Thigio, Limuru
Subcounty, Kiambu County proposes to **change its use from Agricultural Use to
Light Industrial (Animal feeds processing)** subject to approval by the County
Government of Kiambu. Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. with
objections and/or comments to the proposal are requested to forward the same in
writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice dated 07.07.2025 to:

**C.E.C.M.- Lands, Housing, Physical Planning,
Municipal Administration & Urban Development,
County Government of Kiambu,
P.O. Box 2344-00900 Kiambu.
Name of the Registered Physical Planner: G. Samuel Mburu,
Reg. No. 0247**

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Notice is hereby given that the owner of plot No. Juja/Kalimoni Block 30 (Njumuwa
Investment)/260 located in Witeithie, Juja Subcounty has applied for permission to
change the user of the land from **agricultural to multi-dwelling residential flats**
subject to approval by County Government of Kiambu. 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 - LANDS, HOUSING AND PHYSICAL PLANNING
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PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT No. 13 OF 2019

NOTIFICATION FOR CHANGE OF USE

The owner[s] of plot. **Kiambaa/thimbigua/1801** located within Kiambaa along Kigwaru drive proposes to change the use from **agricultural to residential multi-dwelling apartments. Individuals, organizations, institutions and members of the public** with **objections** to the proposed development should forward them in writing within **fourteen (14)** days of this notice to:

THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER
LANDS, HOUSING, PHYSICAL PLANNING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT,
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KIAMBU,
P.O BOX 2344-00900 - KIAMBU.
PHYSICAL PLANNER: PAUL G. CHEGE – REG 0106

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r-3(3)(x))

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (CAP 303)

NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED EXTENSION OF LEASE

The owner of plot Title No: **Nairobi/ Block 31/292** located along Upper Hill road in Upper Hill area, Nairobi City County, proposes to extend the land lease term subject to approval by the Nairobi City County. Individuals, Institutions, Organizations etc. with objections or comments to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:

CECM: Built Environment and Urban Planning,
Nairobi City County
P.O. Box 30075- 00100, Nairobi.
Name of registered Planner: Marvin Mutwiri Mugambi Reg. No. 0323

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT No. 13 (2019)

CHANGE OF USE

The registered owner of Land Title No. **RUIRU/RUIRU EAST BLOCK 2/11903** Located in Juja Sub-County proposes to Change its use from Agricultural to Residential Multidwelling Units (Flats), subject to approval by County Government of Kiambu. 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:

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Physical Planner: Kelvin Ritho Reg No: 0270

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT, 2019

CHANGE OF USER

The owner of plot no. **KABETE/LOWER KABETE/T.738** intends to **Change the user** of his land from **Agricultural to Residential Multi-dwelling units (flats)** subject to approval by Kiambu County. Individuals, institutions, organizations etc. with objections/comments to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within 14 days of this notice to:

CECM Lands, Housing, Physical Planning, Municipal Administration and Urban Development
P.O Box 2344-00900
Kiambu
DR.PETER K. KAMAU
R.P.P 0184

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT, 2019

SUBDIVISION AND CHANGE OF USER

The owner of Plot **LR No. 10823/54** proposes to **SUBDIVIDE AND CHANGE THE USE** of this parcel from **RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-DWELLING UNIT to MIXED USE DEVELOPMENTS(RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-DWELLING, COMMERCIAL, RECREATIONAL, PUBLIC PURPOSE AND AGRICULTURAL)** subject to approval by Kiambu County. Individuals, institutions, organizations etc. with objections/ comments to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within 14 days of this notice to:

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2. MOMBASA SCCC CASE NO. E230 OF 2024
ANDREW MUMBA SECURITY LTD –VS- PETER OGALO T/A TOYOTA KOMBANI
2 computer monitors & CPU, 5 reception chairs, 3 executive chairs, 1 drawer, 3 office tables, compression machine, 1 hydraulic machine, hydraulic lifts, small compressor, empty tool box, spare tool, water dispenser, tool box mixes, generator, old tool box, greaser machine, diff oil container, 2 fire extinguishers, stand fan

3.DISTRESS FOR RENT
LANDLORD –VS- SANCEDA KENYA LIMITED
33 executive chairs, 3-seater reception bench, 1 reception desk, 2 office desks, 3 wooden cabinets, 1 metal cabinet, 5 telephone heads, 2 burners, 4 in 1-working wooden station, plastic mob, plastic dustbin

CONDITIONS OF SALE
Cash at the fall of the Hammer

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals we shall sell the following goods on **17/07/2025** at **10:30 am** at **Auto Gallery, Westlands-Waiyaki Way**.

LANDLORD VS JACKLINE WANJIKU NDIRANGU
TWO SEATER LEATHER SOFA SET, HISENSE 65" TV, ONE FLOOR CARPET, DINNING TABLE AND SIX CHAIRS, DINNING TABLE AND 2 CHAIRS, ONE DESK WITH ROLLING CHAIR, ONE GLASS COFFEE TABLE, ONE ROUND STOOL, RAMTONGS FRIDGE, NUNIX DISPENSER, MIKA FOUR BURNER COOKER AND 6KG AFRIGAS CYLINDER, WOODEN CABINET WITH ONE DRAWER AND OTHERS.

CONDITIONS OF SALE
Strictly cash at the fall of the hammer



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PUBLIC AUCTION

DULY INSTRUCTED BY OUR PRINCIPAL THE FINANCIERS WE SHALL SELL THE UNDER MENTIONED PROPERTIES AND MOTOR VEHICLES BY PUBLIC AUCTION.

1.ON FRIDAY 18th JULY 2025 FROM 11.00 A.M AT THE RESPECTIVE YARD


VEHICLE REG. NO	MAKE AND MODEL	Y/M	OWNER	TO BE VIEWED AT
KDA 67SS	SUBARU LEGACY	2013	ERIC KITHIRI RUGURU	CAPITOL DIAMOND THIKA
KBR 823V	NISSAN	2005	PETER NELSON GITONGA	KIAMWATHI YARD-NYERI

2.ON FRIDAY 18th JULY 2025 FROM 11.00 A.M AT STARTRUCK INVESTMENT YARD-NYERI BRANCH
CASE NO. MCC/6/2018 KARATINA
DECREE HOLDER –VERSUS- HABIB GULAM AND FRANCIS MUTHEE MATHENGE (JUDGEMENT DEBTOR)
MOTOR VEHICLE REG. NO. KBJ 761X & 1 WOOD CUTTING MACHINE

3. RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FOR SALE ON MONDAY 28th JULY 2025 AT 11.00A.M. OUTSIDE KERUGOYA MAIN STAGE, KIRINYAGA COUNTY.
All that parcel of land known as Title No: **GICHUGU/SETTLEMENT/SCHEME/6058** measuring **0.05HA OR 0.12 ACRES** approximately and Registered in the name of **ROSE MUTHONI GITITI GUARANTOR TO PURITY WAWIRA NJAGI**. It's a freehold interest. Located in Paia area of in Kirinyaga County. It is located at approximately 2.2km to the south eastern side of Paia market. Approach from Embu town to the market is branching off the tarmac immediately after crossing Rupingazi river due right.

4. RESIDENTIAL/AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY FOR SALE MONDAY 28th JULY 2025 AT 11.00A.M. OUTSIDE NYERI POST OFFICE, NYERI COUNTY
All that parcel of land known as title no. **NYANDARUA/URUKU BLOCK 2 (URUKU) / 14.07** measuring approximately **0.62-34 HA**. It's a Freehold interest. Registered in the name of **JOHN MWANGI WAHOMI**. It is situated in Subego Area, Ndaragwa Sub-County, Nyandarua County. It's about 11.4km off and to the right of Nyeri-Nyahuru tarmac surfaced road, deviating about 1.3km before Ndaragwa Town with Subego shopping centre road. GPS Co-ordinates 0.003167,36.598917

CONDITIONS OF SALE
1. All interested buyers are requested to view the properties and notify the details for these are not warranted by the auctioneers or our clients.
2. Bidders must pay refundable deposit of Kshs.100, 000/= for properties and Kshs.30,000/= for motor vehicle to obtain a bid number.
3. A deposit of 25% of the purchase price must be paid in cash, RTGS or banker's cheque at the fall of the hammer and balance paid within 90 days to the charge and cash for motor vehicle.
4. The sale is subject to a reserve price and Land Control Board Consent (where applicable)



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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our clients the chargees we shall sell by Public Auction the under mentioned properties together with buildings and improvements standing and erected thereon.

ON TUESDAY 5th AUGUST 2025 AT 11.00AM AT GREENSPOT TOWERS

1. RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY WITHIN KAHAWA SUKARI, KIAMBU COUNTY
All that parcel of land known as **TITLE NO. RUIRU / KIU BLOCK 3 / 2802** registered in the name of **EVA WAMBUI IRUNGU** as freehold interest of **P.O. BOX 9612-00200 NAIROBI**. It measures approximately **0.09 HA**. The subject property is located within Kahawa Sukari area, Kiambu County. GPS Co-ordinate 1°11'31.1"S, 36°5'7"12.2"E.
Erected on the property is a Double storey Maisonette.

ON THURSDAY 7th AUGUST 2025 AT 11.00AM OUTSIDE TAVETA POST OFFICE

2. AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY WITHIN REKEKE AREA, TAITA TAVETA COUNTY
All that parcel of land known as **TITLE NO. TAITA TAVETA / KIMALA MATA / 1021** registered in the name of **GRACE MUMBUA MUTUKU** as freehold interest of **P.O. BOX 195 - 80302 TAVETA**. It measures approximately **0.64 HA**. The subject property is located within Rekeke Area, Taita Taveta County. GPS Co-ordinates are 3°25'38.4"S, 37°43'30.3"E. The property is vacant.

CONDITIONS OF SALE
1. All interested purchasers are required to view and verify the details of the property for themselves as these are not warranted by the Auctioneers or our clients.
2. A deposit of 25% **must** be paid in cash, banker's cheque or RTGS at the fall of the hammer and the balance to be paid within **90 days** to the chargees.
3. The sale is subject to a reserve price and where applicable to Land Control Board Consent and such overriding interest as may exist against the property.
4. Bidders **must** pay a refundable deposit of **Ksh 200,000.00** to obtain a bid number.
5. Conditions of sale are available on request at our offices and viewing of the property can be done on prior arrangement.



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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principal the **FINANCIER**, we shall sell below listed **motor vehicles** by Public Auction on **Thursday 17th July 2025** At our Office **STAR HOUSE RUIRU, ROOM 211**

FINANCIER VS MARY WAITHIRA WAMBUI		
MV REG NO.	MAKE	STORAGE YARD
KCF 00TZ	SUBARU	EXECUTIVE

FINANCIER VS SIMON GATHII GACOMO GICHURU		
MV REG NO.	MAKE	STORAGE YARD
KCS 322T	NISSAN SERENA	EXECUTIVE

CONDITIONS
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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals, we shall sell the under mentioned repossessed motor Vehicles by public auction on 18th July 2025 starting 10:00am at the respective yards.

M/V REG. NO.	MAKE / MODEL	LOCATION
KCJ 886D	NISSAN WINGROAD	STARTRUCK AUCTIONEERS YARD
KDK 270F	NISSAN LATIO	STARTRUCK AUCTIONEERS YARD
KCW 581F	MAZDA DEMIO	STARTRUCK AUCTIONEERS YARD

CONDITIONS OF SALE
1. Viewing at the respective yards.
2. To be sold on where is as it is basis.
3. The highest bidder to pay by close of business of the day.
4. Sale is subject to reserve price.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

1. Duly instructed by **THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT MILIMANI CIVIL CASE NO. E4764 OF 2023 CHRISTA CHERLOTTE KWIZERA –VS- JULIUS KARIUKI GICHUKI** we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by PUBLIC AUCTION on **Thursday July 17, 2025** AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO. **KBK 794 TOYOTA RAV4**

2. Duly instructed by **THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT RUIRU CIVIL CASE NO. E405 OF 2023 RYAN MWANIKI –VS- IBRAHIM GITHAIGA KURIA, ZACHARIA MURITHI KIBUI & MOGO AUTO LTD** we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by PUBLIC AUCTION on **Thursday July 17, 2025** AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO. **KCH 153D MAZDA PREMACY**

3. Duly instructed by **TRIBUNAL OF KENYA AT NAIROBI CTC/E038/2021 MWIKI P.S.V SACCO SOCIETY LIMITED –VS- SIMON KARANGU MBIRUA AND 24 OTHERS** we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by PUBLIC AUCTION on **Thursday July 17, 2025** AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO. **KCL 969K ISUZU NQR MATATU**

4. Duly instructed by **THE SMALL CLAIMS COURT AT THIKA CASE NO. E393 OF 2023 GEOFFREY WAWERU KAHURA –VS- LIMAKORI KASPKO PHILEMON & KAIZEN SMART WORLD LIMITED** we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by PUBLIC AUCTION on **Thursday July 17, 2025** AT OUR ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES M/V REG NO. **KCW 0577MI TSUBISHI FUSO**

CONDITIONS OF SALE
a) All interested bidders are required to view the property/items and verify details for the auctioneer does not warrant these
b) Sale is subject to reserve price. Bidders to pay a refundable deposit of Ksh5,000.00 to obtain a bidding number
c) Cash at the fall of the hammer

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals we shall sale the following Motor Vehicle by Public Auction on **Thursday 17th July 2025** at blackbird kisumu Yard Ltd and pangani auction centre Nairobi respectively starting from **10:30 am**.

1. KISUMU SCCC E052/E053 AND E0550F OF 2025.
DUNCAN OKELLO, MOSES ODHIAMBO NYAMORLAND VIC TOR OKOTH OGUDA –VRS- WELLS FARGO LIMITED

REG NO.	MODEL	CONDITION
KCR 166N	ISUZU DIESEL PICKUP	Running
KBB 321G	MITSUBISHI LORRY	Running

2. KISUMU SCCC E286 OF 2024
CLORIS NDAYIKENGURUTSI –VRS- SUPER METRO LIMITED.

REG NO.	MODEL	CONDITION
KDG 189H	SCANIA BUS	RUNNING

TERMS:
(i) Motor vehicles are sold subject to the reserved Price.
(ii) Cash/Bankers cheque at the fall of hammer.



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PUBLIC AUCTION

1. Under instructions received from our principals, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned motor vehicle on **Friday 11th July, 2025** at **BRAIFUS AUCTION & STORAGE YARD at 10:30 a.m.**
IN THE SMALL CLAIMS COURT AT THIKA, SCCC CASE NO. E1364 OF 2023
JANE WANJIRU MWaura –Vs- JAMES KILONZO MUTUA, DANIEL KANGETHE

NO.	REGISTRATION NUMBER	MODEL	VENUE
1.	KBZ 054L	TOYOTA TOWNACE	BRAIFUS AUCTION & STORAGE YARD

2. Under instructions received from our principals, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned motor vehicle on **Thursday 17th July, 2025** at **STARTRUCK AUCTIONEERS INVESTMENTS YARD at 11:00 a.m.**

NO.	REGISTRATION NUMBER	MODEL	VENUE
1.	KDL 357Y	SUBARU OUTBACK	STARTRUCK AUCTIONEERS INVESTMENTS YARD

Conditions of Sale
Cash at the fall of the hammer

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals, we shall sell by public auction the undermentioned Motor vehicle On Friday, 18th July, 2025 Starting At 10.20 Am At Murang'a Motors Center, Murang'a town.

1. IN THE CHIEF MAGISTRATES COURT AT MURANG'A
CMCELC 96 OF 2022-MURANG'A
KIAMIORO BULDING LIMITED VERSUS HENRY GAKINYA CHEGE AND
JOB KIRU NDUATI
Motor Vehicle Reg no. KBT 521Y TOYOTA S.WAGON

CONDITION OF SALE

1. Viewing can be done during working hours with prior arrangement with the auctioneers.
2. Sale of Motor Vehicles is subjected to the reserved price.
3. Strictly cash at the fall of the hammer.
4. The auctioneer has the right to accept or decline any bid.



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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals, the **FINANCIERS**, we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle on **Saturday, 19th July 2025 at 10:00am.**

NO.	REG. NO.	MAKE/ MODEL	COLOUR /YOM	STORAGE YARD
1.	KDP 710R	TOYOTA ESQUIRE	SILVER	PURPLE ROYAL AND STORAGE YARD

CONDITION OF SALE

1. The sale is strictly **CASH AT THE FALL OF HAMMER.**
2. Sale is subject to reasonable reserve prices.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

LOT A
UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM OUR PRINCIPALS THE FINANCIERS WE SHALL SELL THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES BY PUBLIC AUCTION/ PRIVATE TREATY ON FRIDAY THE 18TH JULY 2025 AT OUR YARD MELCON MOTORS ALONG KANGUNDO ROAD OPPOSITE SUPERLOAF BAKERY.

NO	REG NO	MODEL	BODY TYPE
1	KCG 365Y	HOWO LORRY	TIPPER
2	KCE 020A	HOWO LORRY	TIPPER
3	KCA 470M	TOYOTA AXIO	SALOON
4	KBR 562C	NISSAN LIBERTY	S.WAGON
5	KAH 452D	NISSAN D/CAB	PICK-UP
6	KSS 058	ISUZU	LORRY
7	KAR 236V	TOYOTA 102	S.WAGON
8	KBW 014M	TOYOTA ISIS	S.WAGON
9	KAP 851P	TOYOTA 102	S.WAGON
10	KBL 377R	MERCEDES BENZ C200	SALOON
11	KAR 118Q	TOYOTA RAV 4	SUV
12	KBM 675S	NISSAN LIBERTY	S.WAGON
13	KAM 584Z	MIT SUBISHI	LORRY
14	KBB 134R	MIT SUBISHI FIGHTER	LORRY

LOT B - FROM OUR CLIENT

- 1) MWEIGA 8 ACRES
- 2) NYERI GAMELOCK 1/4 ACRES
- 3) KITENGELA KAPTEI 5 ACRES

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. The vehicles are sold on "as is where is basis".
2. The highest bidder shall be declared the purchaser subject to a reasonable reserve price.
3. Call Peter on 0722 988 468 for viewing arrangement.
4. Cash at the fall of the hammer. All are welcome

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Death and Funeral Announcement



Rusalia Anyango Otieno

It's with deep sorrow to announce the untimely death of Rusalia Anyango Otieno that occurred on 15/6/2025 at Racecourse Hospital in Eldoret Uasin Gishu County after a long illness.

She was the daughter of the late Omuogode Mang'ombe and Adoyo Nyar Akomo of Gwasi Nyenga clan.

Sister to the late Abara Kerl and Phillister Adhiambo of Nyamanga Mbita, Okuku, Odeka, Panyako, Mwambua and Achiong of Kaksingri Wasiambi Rangwe Suba South Sub County.

Aunt to Amisi Abara, Opiyo, Odongo, the late Adoyo, Akinyi, Odira and Jacky including uncles Makori Akomo, Arun and Benson.

Beloved wife to the late Jeremiah Otieno Musa Ndawada of Kakimba clan Mwangano Island. In-law to the late William Musa, Barnaba, Oruaru, Oyugi, Ochola, the late Nyandoto Okeyo, Miruka, Ogola, Oriema, Odira, Ogeya, Ochiel, Walter, Lumumba, Okong'o, Ochieng Maselus, the late Akeyo Maragwe and Jennifer Nyaiinda, Apiyo and the late Leah Odongo.

Daughter in-law to Okeyo Ndawada, Musa, the late Paskalia Ongosi and Dina Balaka. She was also mother to late Lusia Adoyo, Charles Otieno (CP) county commander's office Iken, Maurice Okeyo, Monica Aluoch, Nicholas Otieno APC SGB Nairobi, Benard Otieno, NCA Kenya, Mercy Awuor and Mary Atieno.

Step mother to The late Soth, Maurice Opiyo, Peter Ochieng of The Standard Media Group Eldoret, The late Aketch, the late late Atieno, the Okuku, Dio, Agnes, Otieno, Odongo, Onyango, Francis Nyandoto, Pamela Atieno, Esther, Jomo, Omondi, Nicholas, Owange, Awino, Akoth.

Daughters in law to Atieno, Min Dorothi, Nyatanga, min Ottis, min Rael, Jackline, Achiong, Celestine Akoth, Regina, Jane, Sylvia, Maurine, Winny, Hilka Mary and Mary Odhiambo.

She was grandmother to Irene, Akinyi, Winnie, Dr Shadock of Kanga High School, Steve, Masden, Jvone, Wendy, Philisters, Mitchele, Fidel, Review, Gracy, Favour, Bright, Joy, Rawlings, Alphons, Marion, Nakhumicha, Wanda, Christopher, Pheobe, Vicky, Job, Kevin, Idah, Fred, Milly, Nick, Ronnicks, Kennedy, Ottys Liz, Fallstah, Blair, Valery, Kennedy, Junior, Gloria, Precious, Blessing, Carol and many others.

The body lies at Med25 Kirindomoke in Mbita area. Burial scheduled on July 11, 2025 at Ndiru village in Homa Bay County.

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DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT



Robin (Bob) Lesinko Taruru

We regret to announce the death of Robin (Bob) Lesinko Taruru, which occurred on 10th June 2025, in Vancouver, Canada.

He was the beloved husband of the late Monica, and a devoted father to Maryliz and Stacy Lesinko. He was the son of David and Maria Taruru, and son-in-law to Elizabeth Mwangi Kazooba.

Robin was a dear brother to Edwin and Esther, the late Irene, Tabitha and Fred, and Ronnie and Trizah.

Family and friends are meeting daily at his family home in Merisho, Matasia – Ngong, Kajiado County, for prayers and funeral arrangements.

The funeral date will be communicated at a later time.

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Kenya Simbas players during a training session in Kampala, Uganda. [KRU Media]

Kenya Simbas determined to secure historic World Cup slot

- ▶ Kenya will face Zimbabwe in the semi-finals this coming Sunday.
- ▶ Omollo promises more as Simbas seek to rewrite history in Uganda.

WASHINGTON ONYANGO

Kenya Simbas lock Andycole Omollo believes the team has what it takes to qualify for the 2027 Rugby World Cup, despite falling short in the past.

Omollo, who was named Man of the Match in Kenya's 32-24 win over Uganda on Tuesday, said teamwork and determination will carry them through the 2024 Rugby Africa Cup.

"First, I have to thank God for the pleasure of being here. It has been a great honour not just for me, but for the entire team. We played like a unit, thanks to my brothers.

"This victory means a lot to me," said Omollo, a rising star from KCB RFC, who graduated from Kenya's Under-20 side.

The Simbas kicked off their campaign in style with a hard-fought victory over hosts

Uganda in the quarterfinals played in Kampala.

Griffin Chao was the hero with two tries, while Barry Young and captain George Nyambua also touched down. Jone Kubu added key conversions, and Young sealed the win with two drop goals.

The win puts Kenya in the semifinals of the Rugby Africa Cup, which also serves as the pathway to the 2027 Rugby World Cup in Australia. The Simbas will now face Zimbabwe, who beat Morocco 43-8 in their quarter-final match.

Other semi-finalists include Namibia, who crushed Senegal 55-17, and Algeria, who beat Ivory Coast 41-6. Namibia will face Algeria in

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■ Kenya

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■ Ivory Coast

■ Uganda

■ Senegal

■ Morocco

the other semi-final, while the classification matches will see Ivory Coast take on Senegal and Uganda meet Morocco.

For the Simbas, the dream of playing at the Rugby World Cup remains alive.

In recent years, Kenya has come close. In 2014, the Simbas were denied a spot at the 2015 World Cup after a 27-10 loss to Zimbabwe.

Fast forward to three years ago, Kenya lost to Namibia in the Rugby Africa Cup final, missing a ticket to the 2023 World Cup in France.

This year, however, there is renewed hope. The team is younger, hungrier, and more united. Players like Omollo, who already has three caps for the senior team—all against Uganda—are showing maturity and passion.

Simbas coach Jerome Paarwater praised the team's fighting spirit and said the focus now shifts to Zimbabwe.

"Uganda gave us a tough game, but we stayed calm and took our chances. Now, we prepare for Zimbabwe. It won't be easy, but we believe," he said.

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FORMULA ONE

Red Bull now sack F1 team chief Horner

Christian Horner was yesterday sacked by Red Bull after 20 years as team principal of the Formula One outfit.

The 51-year-old has been in charge since the team was formed in 2005 and led them to eight drivers' titles and six constructors' crowns.

Dutchman Max Verstappen has won the past four drivers' titles for Red Bull, matching the achievement of Sebastian Vettel, who dominated for the team from 2010 to 2013.

Horner's dismissal as CEO and team principal comes 17 months after he was accused by a female colleague of "inappropriate behaviour".

The Englishman was twice cleared over the claims by the Formula One team's parent company, Red Bull GmbH, and his wife, former Spice Girl Geri Halliwell, stood by him.

But there have been rumblings of discontent within the team, with several high-profile departures, while form on the track has nose-dived.

"Red Bull has released Christian Horner from his operational duties with effect from today (Wednesday) and has appointed Laurent Mekies as CEO of Red Bull Racing," said a statement from Red Bull GmbH.

Oliver Mintzclaff, CEO of corporate projects and investments, paid tribute to Horner, thanking him for his "exceptional work".

"With his tireless commitment, experience, expertise and innovative thinking, he has been instrumental in establishing Red Bull Racing as one of the most successful and attractive teams in Formula 1," he said.

"Thank you for everything, Christian, and you will forever remain an important part of our team history." [AFP]



Christian Horner. [AFP]

Let the school games go on as they should

► MoE says it has not issued any directive lifting the age limit requirement in school games.

► The ministry says they communicate through circulars and not phone calls.

ELIZABETH MBURUGU

The Ministry of Education (MoE) has not issued any directive lifting the age limit requirement in the ongoing school games. This is according to the Head of Directorate Field Co-ordination and Co-Curricular Activities Nelson Sifuna who refuted claims on social media that a top-level official from the ministry had given the orders through a phone call.

"The public should treat the information circulating as fake news because the ministry has not issued any circular in effect to that," Sifuna said.

His sentiments were echoed by the ministry's Deputy Director Quality Assurance and Standards Eliud Wambua who added the games are guided by the constitution.

"We have a constitution that guides the games and the ministry has also aligned to requirements of international school sports bodies such as International School Sport Federation (ISF) and Federation of African School Sports (FASS). We use these games to select teams for age group international events and so we must have students of the right age," Wambua said.

He revealed that the ministry has placed every child in their rightful category so they don't be in a disadvantaged position. These age groups are under-12 for primary school, under-15 for Junior Secondary School and Under-19 for secondary school students.

Meanwhile, national boys' football champions Highway Secondary School made their intentions to retain their regional title known yesterday as the Nairobi Region Term Two began at various venues across the city.

Highway defeated Shammah Splendid Academy 2-0 in their opening Group C match played at Upper Hill School.

Silvanus Foe and Byron Odhiambo were on target for Highway, who must defend their Nairobi title to qualify for the national Term Two games set for July 28 to August 2 in Kakamega.

Highway captain Luis Ochieng said their aim is to defend their titles and also win the East Africa games. Ochieng, who has played at the East Africa games twice, said that last year they couldn't perform well at the games because their team was divided after some of the players travelled to Romania.

In 2022, Highway won silver at the East Africa games held in Arusha, Tanzania.

"Our main objective is to win the East Africa, but we must first defend our regional and national titles. We want to capitalise on home advantage to achieve our objective," Ochieng said.

Former national champions Upper Hill sent an early warning

Kibera Girls Soccer Academy's Ashley Tracy (right) and Jemimah Auma of Mwangza School in action yesterday at Nairobi School. [Jonah Onyango, Standard]

Netball action between Parklands Arya's Sarah Ambany (left) and Jedidah Njeri of Dagoretti Mixed. [Jonah Onyango, Standard]



Beth Mugo High School's Irene Nunge in action against Taphy Atieno (left) and Natasha Nzisa of Brown Hill School during Nairobi Region secondary school Term Two regional games yesterday at Nairobi School. [Jonah Onyango, Standard]

to their opponents after routing Ruai Hills View 4-0 in Group B.

Last year's regional finalists Olympic High School beat Lenana School 2-0, while St Patrick's dismissed Brookshine by the same margin.

At Embu University, national girls' volleyball champions Kwanthanze from Machakos will begin their regional title defence in Group A against Tharaka Nithi's Iruma Girls as the Eastern Region games get underway.

Kwanthanze, who lost their East Africa schools title to rivals Kesogon Secondary School in Mbale Uganda, must successfully defend the Eastern trophy for them to advance to the nationals.

They will play their second pool match Kisilu before completing their preliminaries with a duel against Moyale Girls from Marsabit.

In other Group A matches, home girls Kisilu will entertain Moyale Girls in their opener. In Group B, St Mary's Girls from Isiolo will take on Kitui's Ilika Secondary School, while Makue-

ni's Nduluni will play Meru champions Kirigara High School.

In the boys' contest, Isiolo Boys, GadaMojii Secondary School from Marsabit, Meru's Miruriri and Makue-ni's Mbooni Boys will battle it out for semi-final slots in Group A.

In Group B, Gankanga from Kitui, Kisilu, Dr Charles from Machakos and Tharaka Nithi's Mukuuni will be hunting for the two last four slots.

New champions will be crowned in boys' and girls' football after last year's winners Machakos School and Kibau-ni Secondary School were eliminated at the lower level of the competition.

Fresh from winning the Machakos County boys champions Katheka Kai Secondary School will be out to ensure that they retain the trophy.

Katheka Kai will lock horns with Gatunga from Tharaka Nithi in their opening Group A match, while Isiolo Boys will take on Isiolo champions Sakuu Boys.

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Garden Estate School's Lewis Mashaua (left) and Ian Wandera of Mwangza Secondary School battle for possession during the Nairobi Region secondary school Term Two regional games at Nairobi School. [Jonah Onyango, Standard]

Today's fixtures:

Eastern Region (selected)

Football:

Boys:

- Katheka Kai v Gatunga
- Isiolo Boys v Sakuu Boys
- Matiliku v Moi Mbiruri
- Miathene v Kanyangi

Girls:

- Gankanga v Malaa
- Kipsigis Sec v St Mary's Kiangima
- Mbitini v Iriani Sec
- Dr Charles v Moi Forces

Volleyball:

Boys:

- Isiolo Boys v GadaMojii
- Kisilu v Gankanga
- Miruriri v Mbooni
- Dr Charles v Mukuuni

Girls:

- Kwanthanze v Iruma Girls
- St Mary's v Ilika
- Kisilu v Moyale Girls
- Nduluni v Kirigara

Netball:

- Kwanthanze v Gankanga
- Kajiampau v Mhuri Njeru
- St Mary's v Moi Girls
- St Joseph's v Kirindine

REGIONAL GAMES

Cheptil leads top teams as Rift Valley giants chase glory

Multiple national champions kicked off day one of the Rift Valley Secondary School Sports Association games on a high note, yesterday.

The preliminaries were played on a rainy day in Eldoret but that did not stop sports giants from showing their mettle.

National boys' volleyball champions Cheptil from Nandi opened their regional match with a 3-0 win against West Pokot's Kamito.

Cheptil fought hard in the Pool B match played on a soggy court at Wareng High School, dominating 25-19 in the first set and 25-21 in sets two and three.

The national champions said they played a cautious match against Kamito to minimise injury risks during the preliminaries.

Coach Hillary Meli said his side was ecstatic about the three points and was focused on topping Pool B and proceeding to the quarter finals.

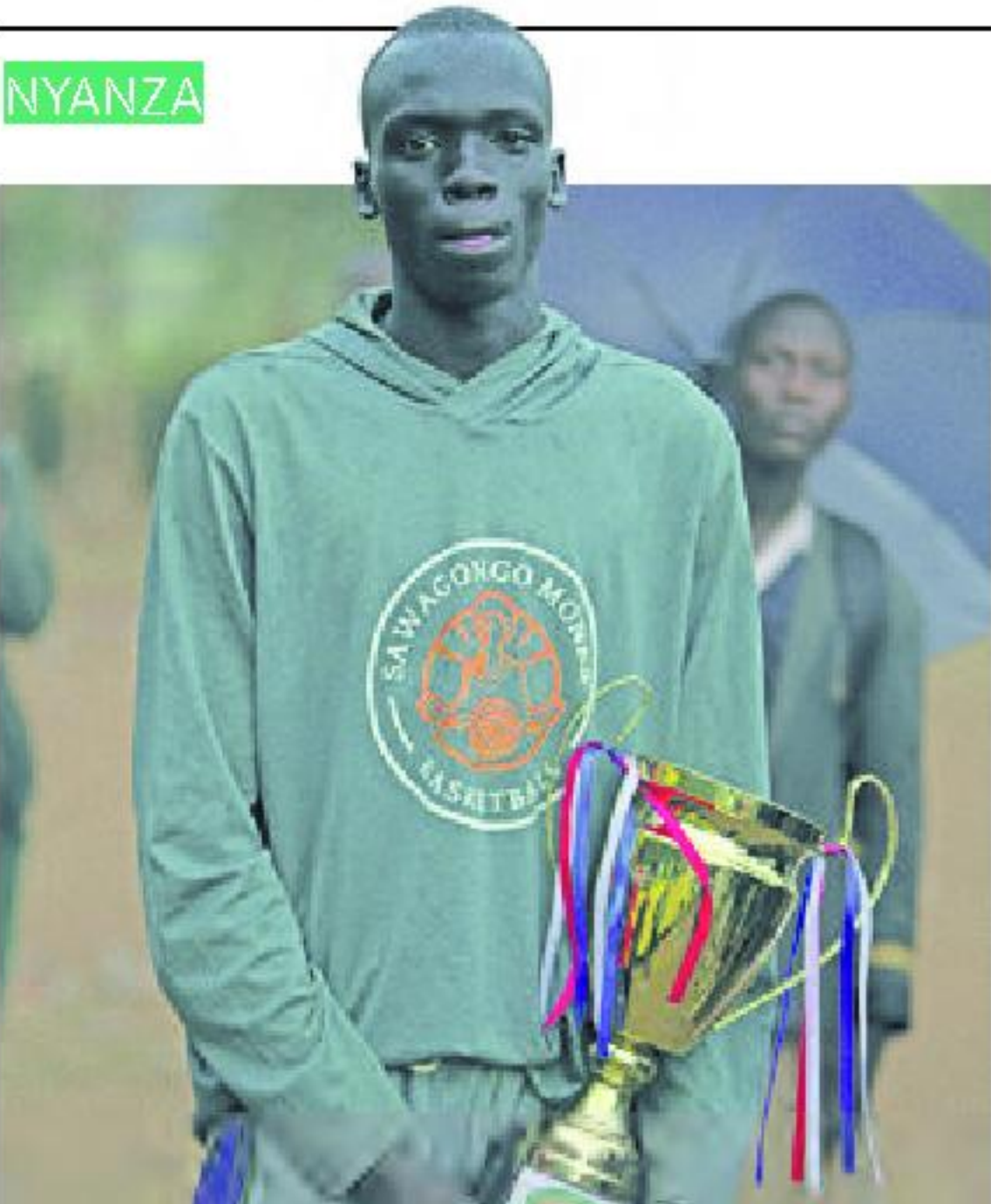
"The grounds were wet and slippery because of the ongoing rains and we decided to play cautiously so as to minimise on injuries at this stage. We have to focus on every match at the regional level," Meli said after the mouthwatering contest against Kamito.

Their captain Justus Keino said Cheptil said the slippery court did not deter their ambition of winning the opening match. [Stephen Rutto]



Cheptil and Kamito in action during the Rift Valley Secondary School Sports Association Games at Wareng High School. [Stephen Rutto, Standard]

NYANZA



Sawagongo basketball captain Chan Aweng. [Washington Onyango, Standard]

Sawagongo ready to defend basketball title

Siaya County basketball heavyweights Sawagongo High School are oozing confidence ahead of the Nyanza Region Secondary School games.

The championships begin today at Kisumu Boys, Kisumu Girls and Moi Stadium.

Christine Awuor, who has been with the team for many years, said they are targeting to repeat their Term One feat when they stunned giants Agoro Sare from Homa Bay to win the boys' basketball title.

Awuor said the same players that helped them shine at St Joseph Rapogi Boys in Migori are the ones that will be in action in the basketball 3x3 finals.

Pooled against Rapogi and Nyabisase in Group B, Okuku said their plan is to have a game at a time and despite losing Leonard Okuku, their head coach to St Mary's Yala, they are not affected.

"We are ready to show Kenyans that we did not get to the nationals by mere fluke but talent, hard work and consistency," said Awuor.

"We are in no much pressure because I trust the boys. We want to get back to the nationals and improve on our performance."

Onjiko will face Gekano and Oriwo in Group A, Maseno face Nyanch-

wa and Kanyawanga in Group C, while St Mary's Yala play Mwongori and Agoro Sare.

In football, confusion continued to mar football boys' the Nyanza Regional games after Kisumu Day, who were crowned champions last week, were thrown out and replaced by Kisumu Boys.

Kisumu Day played Kisumu Boys in a rescheduled semifinals last week and won 2-1 and proceeded to meet Agai High School in the finals, who they defeated 1-0 to retain the title.

However, Kisumu Boys appealed their defeat to Kisumu Day and after investigation, they were thrown out on the count of falsifying documents.

"It's true Kisumu Day are out and Kisumu Boys are in the finals as second runner-up. Kisumu Day had errors with their documents and that is the verdict," said George Osura, the Kisumu County Secondary School Sports Association (KCSSSA) Secretary.

St Mary's Yala will play Agai, Gekendo and Rapogi in Group B while Kisumu Boys face Anjogo, Karabok, and Ongocha.

[Washington Onyango]

The Standard Sports



Maresca hails Joao after Chelsea reach Club World Cup final

- ▶ Blues will either meet Real Madrid or PSG on Sunday.
- ▶ Premier League side saw off Fluminense in the semis on Tuesday.

AFP, EAST RUTHERFORD

Chelsea coach Enzo Maresca hailed Joao Pedro and expressed his delight at reaching the Club World Cup final after the new signing's double strike secured a 2-0 win over Fluminense in the last four on Tuesday.

"We are very happy and very proud to be in the final on Sunday because this is the first edition of the Club World Cup and the best clubs in the world are here," said Maresca.

Joao Pedro was starting for the first time since arriving from Brighton and Hove Albion for a reported £60 million (\$79 million) last week, fresh from an off-season break.

The Brazilian made an immediate impact in the game at the MetLife Stadium just outside New York.

He produced two superb finishes, either side of half-time, to take Chelsea through to Sunday's final against Paris Saint-Germain or Real Madrid.

"I am very happy for Joao. He has the quality to decide games like today, but also he was on holiday so is probably a bit more fresh compared to the rest," Maresca said of the 23-year-old.

"We knew what Joao was like. We brought him in because this season we faced many teams with low blocks and his quality is very good against these kinds of teams."

The striker did not celebrate his goals out of respect for the club from Rio de Janeiro, with whom he started his career before moving to England with Watford in 2020.

"When I was young they gave everything to me, they showed me to the world," he said after collecting his award for player of the match.

"If I am here now it is because they believed in me so I am very grateful but this is football, I have to be professional. I feel sorry for them but I have to do my job."

Fluminense 'heads held high'



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Enzo Maresca, Chelsea coach

League to secure a return to the UEFA Champions League. They also won the Conference League.

"The last few years have not been what this club deserves, but this year lucky things went pretty well and now we are in the final," said the Italian.

"We are very proud to help the team be back where they deserve to be."

One possible issue for Chelsea ahead of the final is the fitness of midfield lynchpin Moises Caicedo, who came off injured deep in stoppage time at the end of the match.

"Moi' twisted his ankle. When it happened I told him that we could play with 10 players and hope it doesn't get worse," Maresca said.

"He felt he could try (to play on) which he did and he felt pain. Hopefully he can be fit for Sunday."

Meanwhile, Fluminense coach Renato Portaluppi was disappointed with his team's exit as South American hopes of winning the competition came to an end.

However, he said they had "regained credibility" for Brazilian football with their run to the semi-finals.

"Fluminense's campaign was wonderful. I think we all felt that. We overcame some major opponents," said the 62-year-old.

"Chelsea deserved the win but I am very proud of everything we did. We go out with our heads held high."

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Chelsea's Joao Pedro in action during their CWC semi-final match against Fluminense. [AFP]

FOOTBALL

Ancelotti's son Davide named Botafogo coach

Davide Ancelotti, the son of Brazil boss Carlo Ancelotti, has been appointed as the new coach of Botafogo, the Rio de Janeiro-based club said on Tuesday.

The 35-year-old Ancelotti is set for his first head coaching job after serving as an assistant to his father at Real Madrid, Everton, Napoli and Bayern Munich.

He will replace Renato Paiva who was dismissed after Botafogo's last 16 exit at the Club World Cup.

Ancelotti has signed a contract until the end of 2026.

He moved to Brazil to be part of his father's coaching staff with the national team but was released from his role to allow him to take over at Botafogo.

Carlo Ancelotti left Real Madrid at the end of last season after being named Brazil coach on May 12. He is the first foreigner to lead the record five-time World Cup winners since 1965.

Meanwhile, Anthony Elanga is set to become Newcastle's first major signing of the transfer window after the Magpies reportedly agreed a £55 million (\$75 million) deal with Nottingham Forest.

The Athletic, BBC and Sky Sports all reported on Tuesday that the Swedish international is on his way to St James' Park.

Elanga was one of the stars of Forest's surprise seventh-placed finish in the Premier League last season, scoring six goals and providing 11 assists.

Forest paid just £15m to sign Elanga from Manchester United two years ago.

Newcastle's attempts to strengthen their squad in preparation for a return to the Champions League next season have so far been frustrated. [AFP]



Former Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti (left) and his assistant Davide Ancelotti in a past match. [AFP]