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Four-day ordeal

SAVAGERY The men who abducted activist Mwabili Mwagodi in Tanzania wanted to know why he was causing trouble in Kenya. They blindfolded, handcuffed and drove him to a scene of torture; they stomped on his head and jabbed him with syringes. After the abuse, they dumped him across the border into the hands of another ruthless crew on the Kenyan side. Meanwhile, a Kenyan scholar in the US has petitioned the UN to stop President Ruto from addressing the General Assembly in September, citing his worsening human rights record. **PAGE 4**



“I want to tell our President Ruto that at the height of the 2022 General Election, Mwabili went round Sagala in Voi on a motorbike campaigning for you. Spare his life,”

Jeslinah Mwabili,
Mother



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SECURITY

Kanu politician decries abductions across borders

Kanu politician Tony Gachoka has condemned what he described as a growing trend of abductions perpetrated by Kenyan security agencies beyond the country's borders into the wider East African region.

Speaking after attending a church service in Dagoretti, Nairobi, Gachoka cited the latest case of Mwabili Mwagodi, a Kenyan activist who was abducted in Tanzania on 25 July and later found dumped in Kinondo, Kwale County, two days later on Sunday.

According to Mwagodi, who spoke to *The Standard* on the phone, his release involved an exchange between three Kenyan police officers and Tanzanian authorities at the Lunga Lunga border point.

"The issue of continuous abductions in Kenya is concerning. We have now reached a situation where abductions have become an East African affair – between Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania. Individuals are not safe in the East African Community," said Gachoka.

[Emmanuel Kipchumba]



Tony Gachoka. [Collins Oduor, Standard]

VIOLENCE

IDPs, Gen Z protest victims seek justice and compensation

A section of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) from the Nyanza and Western regions has backed ODM leader Raila Odinga's call for an intergenerational national dialogue.

The IDPs caucus said the engagement must prioritise the compensation for victims of historical and recent State-inflicted violence.

They said point number six of the proposed 10-point agenda on the compensation of victims of the 2007/08 post-election violence and Gen Z protestors is non-negotiable.

"We fully support the idea of a national dialogue as a way to resolve long-standing grievances. However, we insist that the government prioritise compensation for those who were displaced and affected during the 2007/08 violence, as well as for the Gen Z youth who have recently suffered in their quest for justice and reforms," said Oyugi, director of the caucus.

[Martin Ndlema]

A MOTHER'S AGONY

Peris Wangui, mother to James Mwangi, breaks down in tears during an interview at Lare, Njoro, Nakuru County yesterday. The 14-year-old's remains and pieces of clothing were discovered in a maize farm on Saturday after he went missing on Thursday. Locals suspect he was killed and devoured by stray hyenas from Lake Nakuru National Park that have been attacking residents and livestock. Kenya Wildlife Service officers later arrived to track the animals, but residents accused them of responding too slowly.

[Kipsang Joseph, Standard]



Shock of Kakamega police post manned by only a single officer

► Gangs have unleashed terror on Shimanyiro residents.

► The nearest police station is seven kilometres away.

BENARD LUSIGI AND MARY IMENZA, KAKAMEGA

When the Imulama Police Post was established five years ago, residents of Shimanyiro, located at the border of Ikolomani and Lurambi Constituencies in Kakamega County, were pleased that the post would provide them with security in the troubled areas.

However, five years later, the hopes of locals are quickly fading due to persistent insecurity.

The police post is now a deserted public facility, with only one police officer operating it at his own discretion, manning the entire Shimanyiro location.

The situation at Imulama Police Post paints a grim picture of the broader national crisis – limited personnel and Kenya's struggle to meet international standards for police-to-citizen ratios, which fall far below the recommended target.

When *The Standard* visited the post on Tuesday, it was closed, with no officer present and no services being offered.

Locals now live in fear as insecurity escalates in the area, with only one police officer manning the established Imulama Police Post, which was funded by the Ikolomani NG-CDF during the 2020–2021 financial year.

The state of the station has sparked public outcry, as it often re-

mains closed whenever the lone officer is away, leaving the entire locality vulnerable to criminal elements.

The nearest police station is Malaika Police Station, seven kilometres away, with locals stating that it is difficult for officers to respond swiftly during emergencies or attacks.

Last week, a teacher, Julius Nyere, was killed in the neighbouring Imuliro area bordering Imulama by a criminal gang. Residents say the gang terrorised the community for hours.

The teacher's death comes barely a month after two others were killed by unknown gangs in nearby areas amid rising insecurity in the county.

In the last month alone, Kakamega has witnessed over 20 murders perpetrated by different criminal groups.

Earlier this year, police launched a manhunt for a suspected serial killer believed to be behind a spate of gruesome murders in Kakamega, but the suspect remains at large.

Locals are now demanding the full operationalisation of the police post to ensure it serves its intended purpose of providing security and services.

"We want to enjoy the services of our government. We cannot live in a country where a police officer decides when to open the police post and serve residents or not," said Augustine Azunzu, a resident.

"One officer cannot write an OB, respond to emergencies, and still go out to arrest suspects. When he's called for a baraza, the post is locked. If you come when he is away, you return the same way you came," he added.

Azunzu's concerns are echoed by

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We cannot live in a country where a police officer decides when to open the police post and serve residents or not,"

Augustine Azunzu, Shimanyiro resident

many in the area, who say the station, despite having a functioning cell, is practically non-operational due to understaffing.

Derrick Okwom, another resident, said the community has grown accustomed to the lone officer's presence, and when he is absent, they are left completely exposed.

"We are used to him, but when an attack happens and he's not around, there's nothing we can do. One officer cannot help when a gang strikes. We are forced to go into our houses by 7pm. People don't feel safe anymore," he said.

Their fears are not unfounded. Just last week, a teacher in the area was reportedly butchered in a gruesome incident that has left the community shaken.

"How can a police station have only one officer? What happens when he's sick? Or on leave?"

"We need more officers immediately. You can't say that they're not aware we have only one officer here.

"Assuming you (the press) were attacked along the way, who would respond to your distress?"

"Where would you go to report, now that the place is locked? Ask

yourself that. That's how we've been surviving," said Josphat Adika.

He added that the station has a holding cell that has never been used because the officer cannot make arrests alone.

For many residents, the concern extends beyond their own safety to the wellbeing of the officer manning the post.

"We also care about his safety. He's a human being. What if he's attacked by a gang?"

"He has no backup. Kindly add more police because one man cannot conduct operations, make arrests, and offer protection. How come Imulama only has one officer?" said Jackson Lusweti.

Lusweti said the community is growing frustrated over what they see as government neglect of their security needs.

"We just want to sleep in peace. We are tired of watching over our shoulders. Even thieves know we have no police protection. That is how bad it has become," said a woman who declined to be named for security reasons.

Locals are now urging the government to recruit more police officers to address the shortage and improve the police-to-citizen ratio.

"We have not had any recruitment of police officers for some time now, and it's high time the government intervenes and hires more, because the police-to-citizen ratio is far below the recommended level," said Lusweti.

Ikolomani Sub-County Police Commander Francis Makau confirmed the matter had been brought to his attention, stating that the post had would be assigned four officers. newsdesk@standardmedia.co.ke

Lobby group flags digital content pushing smoking to African youth

▶ ATCA is particularly concerned about the use of smoking avatars and branded content in the metaverse

▶ Such content is often packaged in ways that appeal to young audiences, portraying tobacco use as less harmful

MERCY KAHENDA, NAIROBI

An anti-tobacco lobby group has sounded the alarm over growing interference by the tobacco industry, warning that children and youth across Africa are being deliberately targeted.

Kenya is among the countries reporting high tobacco use among children and youth.

The African Tobacco Control Alliance (ATCA) is particularly concerned about the use of smoking avatars and branded content in the metaverse, describing it as a dangerous new frontier in tobacco marketing. The group says the largely unregulated digital space is being exploited to reach young users.

The warning comes as Africa experiences a rapid wave of digital innovation, with the continent embracing mobile connectivity, virtual platforms, and immersive technologies.

The group noted that children and youth can easily access many digital platforms containing tobacco-related content. Such content is often packaged in ways that appeal to young audiences, portraying tobacco use as less harmful than it truly is—despite extensive research and evidence from health experts showing otherwise.

According to the African Union's Digital Transformation Strategy (2020–2030), the vision is for a continent where digital tools drive inclusive growth, education, and



A vape and cigarette. [Courtesy, Standard]

entrepreneurship. ATCA cautioned that this digital progress must not be hijacked by the tobacco industry to mislead and recruit young people.

“As African youth become increasingly active in virtual spaces—including gaming, social media, and immersive platforms—the tobacco industry is adapting its playbook to lure them into addiction,” the group warned.

The fight against tobacco use, they added, now transcends borders, industries, and platforms. “We cannot stand by as addiction is repackaged and disguised as entertainment,” ATCA stated.

According to the World Health

Organization (WHO), smoking is a leading cause of cardiovascular disease—including heart attacks and strokes—and is responsible for millions of deaths globally. Smoking also increases the risk of blood clots, which block blood flow to the heart, brain or legs.

Tobacco use and exposure to second-hand smoke remain major preventable risk factors for non-communicable diseases (NCDs). Among young people, exposure to second-hand smoke stands at 24.8 per cent at home and 44.5 per cent at workplaces.

Each year, tobacco kills 1.1 million people, of those, 153 000 die from exposure to second-hand smoke.

In 2021, tobacco accounted for 15.4 per cent of total deaths in males and 4.7 percent of deaths in females.

The proportion of deaths from ischaemic heart disease attributable to tobacco use is estimated to be 26 per cent for men and 7 per cent for women. The proportion of deaths from lung cancer attributable to tobacco use is 71 per cent for men and 46 per cent for women.

In Kenya, approximately 9,400 Kenyans die annually due to tobacco related illnesses, according to Kenya Tobacco Atlas.

Moreover, 46 per cent of 2,000 patients receiving treatment for chronic respiratory diseases, cardiovascular disease, diabetes mellitus, Tuberculosis (TB), and cancer reported a history of tobacco use.

ATCA has urged governments, civil society, tech companies, and all relevant stakeholders to implement digital regulations that ban tobacco promotion, particularly in virtual environments frequented by young people.

The alliance is also calling on states to work closely with platform developers to integrate strict anti-tobacco content guidelines, age-verification tools, and robust moderation mechanisms.

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AT A GLANCE

- **32 per cent:** Current taxation on tobacco, against expected 70 per cent
- **9,400:** Number of people who die from tobacco smoking annually
- **46 per cent** of 2,000 patients undergoing treatment for chronic respiratory disease, cardiovascular disease, diabetes mellitus, malignant cancers and TB in 2022 who had a history of tobacco use



Briefing

NAKURU. COUNTY MOVES TO CURB BODA CRIMES

■ All motorcycle operators in Nakuru County will be re-registered and issued with scannable special numbers under the Nakuru Bodaboda initiative launching next month. The exercise targets over 55,000 riders across all 11 sub-counties and aims to weed out criminals using motorcycles. Spokesperson Stephen Mwenda said the move will enhance security and service delivery. He further urged operators to join Saccos to access support and reduce road accidents. **[Antony Gitonga]**

NAIROBI. UN URGED TO DENY RUTO PODIUM

■ Kenyans in the diaspora have petitioned the United Nations to bar President William Ruto from addressing the 80th UN General Assembly, citing grave human rights violations. In the plea, Prof Peter Ndiang’ui accuses Ruto’s regime of extrajudicial killings, abductions, and violent crackdowns on dissent, particularly targeting youth, journalists, and opposition figures. “Permitting Ruto to take the UNGA podium would constitute a betrayal of the core principles upon which the United Nations was founded. **[Omondi Powel]**

NAIROBI. RUKU RAIDS IDLE BUREAUCRACY

■ Public Service Cabinet Secretary Geoffrey Ruku has embraced surprise inspections to enforce discipline and efficiency in government offices. The newest member of President Ruto’s Cabinet has conducted impromptu visits to Huduma Centres and county offices, locking out latecomers and warning they may be declared ghost workers. During a recent Nyeri visit, Ruku decried widespread absenteeism, calling for merit-based recruitment and strict attendance monitoring via biometrics and CCTV. His no-nonsense approach mirrors that of past officials like Fred Matiang’i. **[Omondi Powel]**

MOMBASA

Court halts KRC evictions, criticises violation of legal process



Justice Stephen Kibunja. [Courtesy]

The High Court in Mombasa has criticised Kenya Railways Corporation (KRC) for forcefully evicting Boss Freight Services from two customs-bonded freight stations without following due process.

Justice Stephen Kibunja issued a temporary and mandatory injunction restraining KRC, its agents, police officers, or anyone acting on its behalf from evicting or interfering with Boss Freight’s quiet possession of the disputed Mombasa/Block XLVIII/173 and XLVIII/174 in Mbaraki, Mombasa County.

The judge said KRC acted unlawfully by evicting Boss Freight without a court order, prior notice, or the company’s concurrence, describing the conduct as contrary to justice and fairness. He warned that

allowing KRC to benefit from such actions before the case is heard would amount to judicial approval of illegal conduct.

“To act as the KRC appears to have done, by forcefully removing the Boss Freight Services from the suit properties that it was registered with since 2014, without a court order, notice, or their concurrence, flies in the face of the law, justice, and fairness,” said Justice Kibunja.

The court heard that on the nights of May 16 and 18, KRC entered and seized the properties without justification, damaging infrastructure.

Boss Freight, in an affidavit by Abdiwahid Haji Yarrow, said the facilities—regulated customs sta-

tions handling transit cargo—were paralysed, disrupting business and exposing the firm to major commercial and reputational losses.

KRC deployed police and private guards to secure the premises. Yarrow termed the raid unconstitutional and urged the court to restore possession.

However, KRC acting general manager Stanley Gitari maintained the corporation legally owns the land, which was earmarked for railway operations. Justice Kibunja concluded that granting an injunction was the least risky option, preventing irreparable harm to Boss Freight, which holds title to the land pending a full hearing.

[Joackim Bwana]

Mwagodi's 4 days of torture in the hands of agents from Tanzania

► Mwagodi joined a protesting crowd against President Ruto at a church in Laikipia last year.

► He said he was offered food before two men beat him up and pricked him with a syringe.

PHILIP MWAKIO, MOMBASA

Kenyan activist Mwabili Mwagodi was reportedly injected in the head, back, and hands with a syringe by suspected Tanzanian security agents who held him incommunicado for three days in Dar es Salaam.

The areas on his back, hands, and ribs where the syringe is said to have penetrated were visibly swollen.

Yesterday, Mwagodi appeared incoherent, weak, and occasionally cried out in pain.

Vocal Africa CEO Hussein Khalid confirmed that the organisation had reached out to Amnesty International to assist with forensic investigations, saying Mwagodi's mental state appeared unstable.

"He was beaten by his abductors and stepped on the head as well as injected using a syringe. We shall rely on forensic investigations to see the extent of damage," said Khalid.

Medical tests, including imaging scans, were conducted at Pandya Memorial Hospital in Mombasa, where Mwagodi is currently receiving treatment.

"He has physical injuries and he indicated that he was not in his best mental health status," Khalid added.

Interviews with people close to Mwagodi revealed he was abducted on Wednesday by two heavily built men as he left Amani Resort in Dar es Salaam, where he worked as a hotel manager.

"They asked him why he was creating trouble in Kenya before they blindfolded, handcuffed, and drove him to a house," said a family member who requested anonymity.

According to Mwagodi's account, he was offered a chapati, a boiled egg, and tea before the two men assaulted him and injected him with the syringe.

His 60-year-old mother, Jeslinah Mwabili, issued an emotional plea to President William Ruto to spare her son from further harm and to listen to dissenting voices.

"President Ruto, during the 2022 General Election campaigns, Mwabili went round Sagala in Voi on a motorbike campaigning for you. Spare his life," she said.

DCI officer's visit

She said her son's detention in Tanzania had devastated the entire family.

"We feared the worst when we learned Mwagodi, who is our last born in a family of five, had gone missing after being abducted in Dar es Salaam. Thoughts of him being hurt or even killed made me go five days without eating," she said.

Jeslinah added that officers from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) in Mwatate had recently visited their home regarding her son's involvement in protests.

"I live in fear since the visit by government operatives. I do not see why my son is being persecuted now for



Activist Mwabili Mwagodi at Pandya Memorial Hospital emergency wing yesterday. [Robert Menza, Standard]

WHAT HAPPENED

■ **July 23, 2025:** Mwagodi is reported abducted in Tanzania

■ **July 24:** His sister, Journalist Isabela Kituri, addresses media about the abduction.

■ **July 25:** DCI takes family members round in circles after they reported missing person the previous day.

■ **July 27:** Family says DCI officers had visited their home.

■ **July 27:** He is dropped at Kenya border with Tanzania in Kwale.

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standing up against the church being misused by politicians," she said.

"They have been tracking him in church since the days he worked in Kericho and Ukunda, before relocating to Tanzania," she added.

His father, Aleck Mwagodi Mwabili, expressed gratitude that his son had returned alive.

"Yes, he is hurt emotionally and in the hospital, but thank God for His intervention," he said.

Mwagodi, who joined a protest against President William Ruto during a church service in Laikipia in 2024, was reportedly dropped at the Kenya-Tanzania border at around 2am on Sunday.

Francis Auma of Muslims for

Human Rights (Muhuri) said Mwagodi was smuggled into the country through an unofficial crossing point, rather than the legal Lungalunga border, by two Tanzanian security operatives.

"Although syringe torture is not common in Kenya, it appears those who captured him in Tanzania used it. It is up to the doctors to tell us if it was just a needle prick or if drugs were involved," said Auma, one of the first responders when Mwagodi was found.

At the border, six armed men believed to be Kenyan security officers allegedly took Mwagodi into Kinondo Forest, where he was assaulted and had his phones, laptop, and money confiscated.

"When we picked him up at around 3am, he was wailing in pain. He had walked nearly 3km before encountering a Good Samaritan who lent him a phone to contact his friends," Auma said.

His uncle, Zachariah Mwabili, who arrived at the hospital early yesterday, demanded the return of Mwagodi's confiscated items by Kenyan authorities.

He listed the items as including Mwagodi's Kenyan passport, yel-

low fever vaccination booklet, electronic work permit, Absa bank cards (Tanzania and USD), three mobile phones—among them a Samsung S25 Ultra and a Samsung A23—an HP laptop, and a leather belt.

Walid Sketty of Vocal Africa said Mwagodi had disclosed that Tanzanian authorities took him to a government safe house for interrogation.

"He said his handlers in Tanzania went to his house and ransacked it in his presence. They took his phones, laptop, passport, e-work permit, resident permit, and bank cards," said Walid.

An earlier attempt to admit Mwagodi at the Aga Khan Hospital in Mombasa was aborted after an altercation between hospital security and his handlers.

At Pandya Hospital, a physically agitated Mwagodi stormed out of an observation room after learning police might be called in.

It took the intervention of Walid and Auma to calm him down and convince him to return to his room, where he was later joined by relatives Zacharia, Elisha Mwagodi, and Rashid Mazrui.

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MOMBASA

US-based don wants Ruto barred from addressing UN meeting

A United States-based scholar has written to United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres, urging him not to invite President William Ruto to the 80th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), scheduled to begin on 9 September in New York.

Prof Peter Ndiang'ui of Florida Gulf Coast University, argued that President Ruto should not be granted a platform at the global forum, citing serious human rights violations allegedly committed under his administration.

The letter is also addressed to the President of the General Assembly, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and the Permanent Observer Mission of the African Union to the United Nations.

Prof. Ndiang'ui accuses the Kenyan govern-

ment of overseeing abductions, extrajudicial killings, and systematic attacks on civil liberties.

"Allowing Ruto to speak at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) would betray the very principles the UN was founded to uphold," he said.

According to Prof. Ndiang'ui, President Ruto's government has, since 2022, presided over a rise in politically motivated abductions, forced disappearances, and extrajudicial executions.

"Security forces, operating with impunity, have targeted journalists, opposition leaders, student activists, and human rights defenders. Victims are often abducted in broad daylight, some tortured, others vanishing without a trace," he stated.

He referenced the deadly force used against

protestors in June 2024 and July 2025.

"Tear gas, live ammunition, and armoured vehicles are now standard instruments of repression in what was once a proud constitutional democracy."

Prof. Ndiang'ui further decried the continued targeting of outspoken youth, saying that despite widespread outcry from civil society, the repression remains unchecked.

He singled out remarks by Interior Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen, who issued a shoot-to-kill order, as evidence of a government intent on using lethal force against its citizens.

"In response to public backlash, President Ruto attempted to sanitise this directive by suggesting that police instead shoot the legs," he added.

The professor argued that inviting President Ruto to address the General Assembly would be a direct contradiction of the UN Charter, to which Kenya is a signatory.

He said the President's actions violate the Charter's principles, including the promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Prof. Ndiang'ui criticised the Kenyan government's response to civic dissent, citing excessive police force during anti-tax protests, suppression of media coverage, and disruption of internet services.

"To millions of Kenyans, watching their president speak on 'democracy' at the UN would be a grotesque irony—a betrayal of those who have died protesting his rule," he stated.

[Willis Oketch]

Police impunity raises 2027 polls violence risk, rights groups warn

► State violence in 2024 led to 63 deaths, 63 abductions and 26 missing persons.

► Analysts say the 2027 election will be hotly contested as the incumbent seeks re-election.

STEVE MKAWALE, NAKURU

The failure of successive governments to ensure accountability for police human rights violations has significantly heightened the risk of misconduct during the 2027 General Election.

Given Kenya's history of election-related violence, the current trajectory is increasingly troubling. Families of victims, human rights activists, politicians, and security experts have raised alarm over the potential for widespread violence before, during, and especially if the outcome of the 2027 presidential election is disputed.

Analysts predict the 2027 poll will be hotly contested, with the incumbent President seeking re-election.

"Succession elections are typically straightforward, while incumbent elections have been marked by violence. The 2027 election will be no exception; it is likely to follow Murphy's Law—anything that can go wrong, will go wrong," says Prof. Gitile Naituli, a scholar of management and leadership.

Last year, human rights organisations reported a worrying trend of excessive police force, not only during the anti-Finance Bill 2024 protests but in earlier incidents as well. Multiple reports have pointed to a deeply entrenched culture of impunity within Kenya's security agencies, citing persistent failures to ensure accountability both at the individual and institutional levels.

One report documented that State violence in 2024 resulted in 63 confirmed deaths, 63 abductions, 26 missing persons, over 600 injuries, and numerous cases of torture and illegal detention.

In a 2025 report, the Independent Policing Oversight Authority (Ipoa) revealed that 65 lives were lost—41 of them to police gunfire. The report, which focused on the June 25 and July 7 protests, further showed that 342 individuals sustained grievous injuries.

Over 90 people were shot, some in the chest, abdomen, and head. In contrast, the National Police Service claimed that only five people had been shot by officers, sparking accusations of deliberate under-reporting.

Human rights defenders argue that this under-reporting violates legal oversight obligations and reflects a systemic instinct to conceal rather

than confront misconduct.

David Koros, President of the Institute of Human Rights (IHR), attributes the failure to address both past and present violations to the State's systemic inability to hold security agencies accountable.

"For justice to prevail, rogue officers must be held accountable. In high-profile cases such as that of Albert Ojwang, targeting a few junior officers is not enough. The majority of violations go unpunished," Koros states.

He notes that while the principle of command responsibility is enshrined in Kenya's International Crimes Act (2011), it remains grossly underutilised. Koros also points to the lack of prosecution for those responsible for the 2017 post-election violence—during which police killed 104 people—as a harbinger of what could unfold in 2027.

"The continued failure to address police abuses during previous elections risks emboldening officers to repeat such conduct during the next polls," says Koros, who is based in Geneva.

He contrasts the relative independence shown by the Judiciary—such as striking down unconstitutional laws and annulling a presidential election—with the subservience of police leadership.

"No Inspector General has ever publicly defied a questionable presidential directive. None has advanced a citizen-centred vision for policing. Instead, the default has been deference and complicity," he observes.

Interference

Koros calls for urgent enforcement of police accountability mechanisms, including the full implementation of recommendations from the retired Chief Justice David Maraga-led task force, which proposed reforms of police operations.

"There's also a pressing need to end political interference in policing before the next election," he adds.

Masese Kemunche, Chief Executive Officer of the Centre for Enhancing Democracy and Good Governance, blames the continued use of excessive force on the prevailing culture of impunity.

He highlights controversial statements such as the "shoot-to-kill" directive by Interior Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen and President William Ruto's "shoot-to-maim" remarks as inciting violence.

"These are statements that have emboldened police to turn against citizens," Kemunche says.

Joseph Omondi, Executive Director of Midrift Hurinet, notes that political interference in police work has stifled efforts to promote accountability. He urges far-reaching police reforms and insists that IPOA must be empowered to handle brutality



An armed police officer during a past protest. [File, Standard]

ABOUT POLICE BRUTALITY

► **June 25:** 65 people were killed, over 342 injured, 83 of them seriously, during a protest to commemorate those killed in the June 25, 2024, protests

► **June 25th, 2024:** 60 people were killed by police during the protest

► In 2017, 104 people were killed in the aftermath of the General Election

► Election cycles in the country are often characterised by violence

cases effectively.

"The current system is prone to manipulation, as the President appoints IPOA's commissioners. The authority also lacks vital forensic tools, such as ballistics analysis, digital forensics, and crime scene reconstruction equipment, making it difficult to combat police cover-ups," Omondi explains.

He further calls for a requirement that the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) respond to IPOA's recommendations within 30 days.

"At the moment, cases can drag on for years. This delay has allowed rogue officers time to eliminate witnesses or tamper with evidence," he warns.

Omondi also voices concern

about Kenya heading into the 2027 elections without addressing police brutality.

"We have an extremely passionate generation of young people who demand good governance and accountability. If anything goes wrong after voting, the police may be ill-prepared to manage the situation lawfully," he cautions.

Even when protests escalate, he says, police have a legal obligation to de-escalate without resorting to unlawful force.

"We must reject the narrative that Gen Z provoke police brutality. Laws exist to guide lawful responses to public order situations," he says.

Omondi also criticises the government for slashing funds to key watchdogs like the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR) and IPOA.

"KNCHR can barely meet salary obligations, let alone serve the public effectively. IPOA faces similar challenges," he says.

Omondi calls for a stronger, more independent judiciary ahead of the 2027 polls to bolster public confidence in the electoral process.

He emphasises that meaningful police reform will remain elusive until national leaders prioritise institutional independence and justice over short-term political interests.

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VIHIGA. GBV REPORTING CENTRE ESTABLISHED

► A Gender-Based Violence (GBV) reporting centre has been launched at the Vihiga Police Station. The facility, constructed by the Independent Medico-Legal Unit (IMLU) aims to provide a safe and supportive space for victims to report cases of violence. Vihiga Woman Rep Beatrice Adagala, who officiated the launch, issued a warning to those perpetrating gender-based violence. "As a committed advocate against GBV and crimes targeting women and children, I will ensure that those who harass minors or abuse their spouses are arrested and charged," she said. [Brian Kisanji]

KITALE. NCIC OFFICIAL, COUNTY IN LAND DISPUTE

► The family of National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) Commissioner Philip Okundi is entangled in a land dispute with the Trans Nzoia County Government. The family's property manager Raphael Ololo said it owns the 1.25-acre land valued at approximately Sh6.5 million that the county has repossessed. But Governor George Nitembeya has dismissed the family's claims, insisting the land belongs to the Department of Agriculture. "We are asking the national government to support our efforts to evict the illegal occupants," Nitembeya said. [Martin Ndiema]

MERU. ECDE TEACHERS TO GET 100 PER CENT PAY RISE

► The Meru County Government is planning to give at least 1,000 Early Childhood Development and Education (ECDE) teachers a salary increase. Governor Isaac Mutuma said a new scheme of services will raise pay for teachers in 800 ECDE centres. In the new scheme of services, ECDE teachers with university degrees will earn Sh57,230, while those with diplomas and certificates will get Sh37,000 and Sh26,460, respectively. Currently, all ECDE teachers get a salary of Sh22,620, while commuter and house allowances are Sh3,000 and Sh2,750. [Phares Mutembel]

KAKAMEGA. HANDS OFF KAKAMEGA, KINDIKI TOLD

► Kakamega Senator Boni Khalwale has criticised Deputy President Kithure Kindiki for his alleged meddling in the county's politics. Khalwale, the Senate Majority Whip, accused Kindiki of overstepping his mandate by endorsing Fernandes Barasa for a second term. He accused the DP of trying to influence the race, saying voters in Kakamega would make their own choice. Khalwale has declared his intent to unseat Barasa of ODM. "If you have failed to control in your region, do not think you will decide who gets elected here in Kakamega," said Khalwale. [Mary Imenza]

► Observers argue President Ruto has squandered public goodwill and betrayed his reformist campaign agenda

► They question his Cabinet appointments, foreign policy missteps, increased taxation and economic blunders.

BIKETI KIKECHI, NAIROBI

President William Ruto was either ill-prepared for office or failed to grasp the enormous responsibilities and challenges of the esteemed position he now holds, according to critics.

Nairobi politician Philip Kisia referenced a viral 2022 campaign video in which Ruto questioned why fuel in landlocked Uganda was cheaper than in Kenya, despite passing through the country.

"We are being given escapist explanations without basis. Cartels and monopolies have captured our fuel and economic sectors," Ruto said at the time.

Kisia noted that, while Ruto's concerns then appeared valid and made sense, the situation has since worsened. Fuel prices are now three percent higher than in Uganda and six percent higher than in Ethiopia, while monopolies and corruption remain entrenched.

He criticised how the Kenya Kwanza administration gambled with programmes like the now-abandoned government-to-government oil procurement plan.

Some individuals even claimed to be importing oil for the government. In November 2023, businesswoman Anne Njeri Njoroge claimed she had been defrauded of a Sh17 billion oil shipment she had imported on the government's behalf.

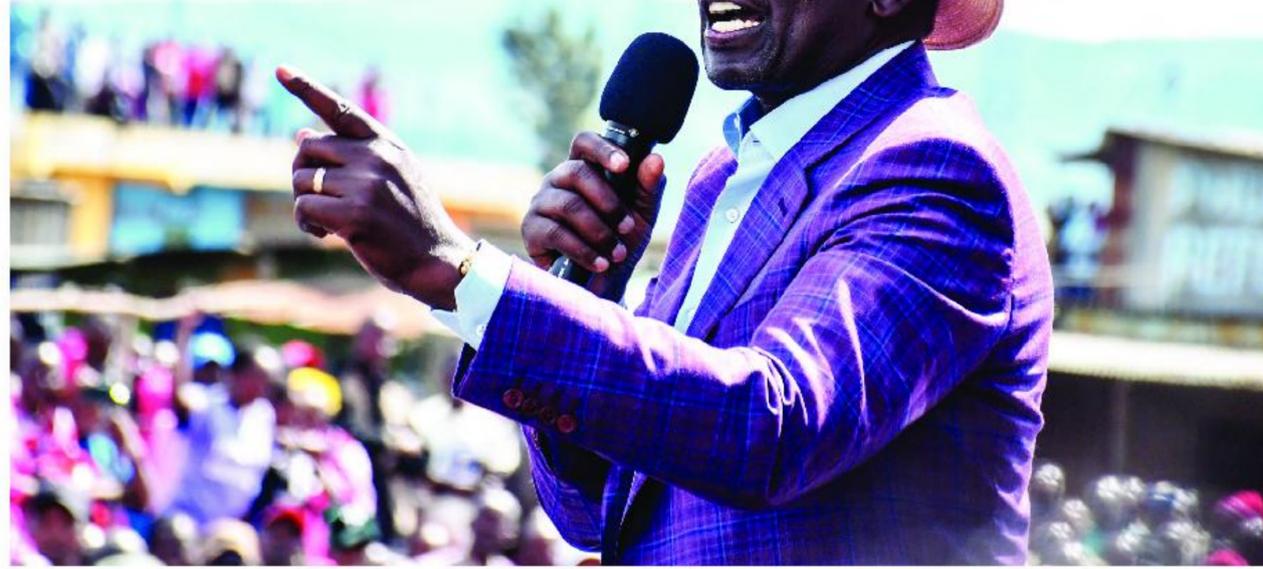
Worse situation

"Are we still having the cartels and monopolies? Three years on, why haven't the cartels been dismantled? What happened to your promise to lower prices through the government to government imports arrangement? What about the promise that fuel will sell at Sh100 per litre. Ruto owes former President Uhuru Kenyatta an apology. We're worse off now," Kisia stated.

For over three decades, protests and demonstrations have been part of Kenya's civic fabric. Now, critics say dissent is criminalised and punished through extrajudicial means. Ruto, who pledged to end extrajudicial killings before his election, appears unprepared for the consequences of State repression.

Kisia referenced another post-Saba Saba clip featuring Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni, who warned against using firearms on civilians:

"I watched those boys firing randomly bwoom, bwoom, bwoom. Usionyesse bunduki kwa wananchi, onyesha kwa adui (Don't point a gun at civilians, direct it at the enemy). Even if it is about crowd control, your gun should always be behind your shoulders," said



President William Ruto at Suswa during the beginning of his tour of Narok County, where he officially opened the Suswa Fresh Produce Market in Narok East Constituency on May 6, 2025. [Kipsang Joseph, Standard]

Coming unstuck: Critics say Ruto out of his depth as he fumbles the presidency

Museveni.

Prof Peter Kagwanja of the Africa Policy Institute also faulted Ruto for surrounding himself with inept allies, arguing that positions of responsibility were filled based on loyalty, not competence.

He blamed the choice of Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi and Principal Secretary Korir Sing'oei to serve in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, both not career diplomats, for Kenya's deteriorating relations with Sudan, Somalia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and South Africa.

"All those countries enjoyed cordial relations with Kenya before President Ruto took office, but taking sides with groups like Sudan's Rapid Defence Forces under the leadership of Mohammed Hamdan Dagalo alias Hemedti and leaders supporting the M23 rebels in Congo was a mistake," he argued.

He added, "If you make Prof Kagwanja the head of surgery department at Kenyatta National Hospital, it will be a disaster because I cannot be one. Even if you make me the head of surgeons, I will be having a big title, walking the streets of Nairobi with good salary and driving a big car but doing zero work," says Kagwanja.

He added that Kenya's absence from the 2023 BRICS Summit in South Africa cost the country a valuable diplomatic ally.

"We don't even know the meetings to attend. In 2023, we failed to attend the BRICS meeting and lost a ma-



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Prof Peter Kagwanja, Chief Executive of the Africa Policy Institute

major friend. We got wrong advice and failed to join a group of countries that have 50 per cent of world population, control 35 per cent of the global economy and 60 per cent global energy," says Kagwanja.

Political analyst Prof Gitile Naituli echoed the sentiment that Ruto was unprepared for leadership. He also singles out cabinet appointment as one of the grey areas noting that Ruto should have known leadership means working through others.

Lack of plan

"He appointed the most incompetent cabinet in Kenya's history. It appears he clearly didn't expect to win the election, hence the lack of preparedness and," says Naituli.

He believes Ruto squandered immense goodwill. "Besides Mwai Kibaki in 2002, Ruto is the only president elected on merit rather than tribal alliances," said Naituli.

From his assessment, it appears Ruto administration lacked a clear plan of running the government unlike president Kibaki who introduced free primary education in the first week upon taking office.

Naituli termed the current so-called empowerment programmes a waste of public resources.

"He should adhere strictly to Parliament's budgetary allocations, cut government spending, lower energy costs, and rationalise taxes if he expects to be given another term," he advised.

Last year, Ruto pledged to reduce public spending and avoid pushing the country further into debt. He also promised to end corruption and impunity.

"It is going to be difficult but I don't see an option. We just have to make those choices. I have instructed the Ministry of Finance to work with all other ministries and cut Sh300 billion from this budget. It is not a simple assignment. It is not an easy thing to do but I promise you we will do it because it is the right thing to do," said Ruto in what turned out to be yet another empty promise.

He also promised to delay some of the many projects that had been initiated: "We will have to postpone some of them. We will have to relook at some of the interventions. I have seen a report that we have slowed down on trips abroad and many other things to remove the fat from our budget."

Fast forward to 2025, Ruto now defends the expansion of his agenda, rebuffing critics who accuse him of over-promising.

"Yes I made promises. Yes, I took on many challenges that had bogged down our nation for far too long. This wasn't a mistake. It was deliberate and intentional to match our leadership with our national ambition. When we aim for excellence, the bar must be higher," said Ruto last week.

He added that while critics may label him wrong, a liar, or even mad, his plans are neither experimental nor misguided.

Prof Naituli countered that Ruto's tendency to be defensive is his biggest weakness in leadership.

Biggest weakness

"Good leaders take feedback—quietly absorb it or ignore it if it's unhelpful. Always defending yourself signals failure. Have you ever heard Safaricom saying Mpesa is working? If it is working people will see it, feel it and touch the outcome," said Naituli.

Prof Kagwanja advised that Ruto should invest in few targeted projects that will be his legacy, like dualing the Limuru - Eldoret - Malaba highway, finishing the Naivasha - Malava Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) line and the Lamu Port-South Sudan-Ethiopia-Transport (LAPSSET) Corridor project project.

"That's enough to unlock the economy. He doesn't need to build houses and everything else. Kibaki only built Thika Superhighway and a few other roads and unclogged the economy," said Kagwanja.

Thirdway Alliance party leader Dr Ekuru Aukot argued that the regime's unpopularity stems from repeated lies. He said it is increasingly difficult for Ruto to prove he's delivering, given rising deductions on payslips through affordable housing project and Social Health Authority and failing to solve unemployment crisis.

Still, the President insists that his critics and political opponents should persuade him that they have a better plan. If they do that and defeat him in the next elections, he says he is ready to go home to do farming to improve food security in the country.

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Ruto: I'll protect children's right to free education

- ▶ He said the sector has received a huge allocation in the last two years
- ▶ He emphasised that education must be affordable, accessible, high quality and relevant.

IRENE GITHINJI, NAIROBI

President William Ruto has moved to quell public disquiet over the status of education funding, assuring Kenyans that every child will be given an opportunity to learn. His remarks came days after Treasury Cabinet Secretary John Mbadi sparked uproar with claims that the government could no longer fully fund free primary and secondary education. But speaking during a Sunday service at ACK St Martins Light Industries Church in Kariobangi, Nairobi, President Ruto reaffirmed that Free Primary Education (FPE) and Free

Day Secondary Education (FDSE) remain constitutional rights for all.

"We have, over the past two years, taken deliberate steps to make education truly universal and accessible. Education is the greatest empowerment any society can give to its young people," he said.

Ruto emphasised that education must be affordable, accessible, high quality and relevant. He said the sector has received a huge allocation in the last two years to among other needs, build classrooms.

He said 23,000 classrooms have been constructed in the last two years, with each Nairobi constituency receiving Sh1 billion as the county had the biggest challenge of congestion. "We have employed more teachers, at least 70,000 in the last two years and by January, we will hire another 24,000 because we want to ensure no child will miss out for lack of teachers," he stated.

The President also referenced the Collective Bargaining Agreement signed recently with teachers' un-



President William Ruto addresses resident in Kariobangi, Nairobi yesterday. [PCS]

AT A GLANCE

- Kessha seeks vacating of directive to retain infrastructure funds from capitation
- Says alternative funds should be sought for infrastructure development in schools
- It called for review capitation in line with increased enrollment and expanded infrastructural requirement for a seamless transition to CBC at senior school level
- Review capitation every 3 years to factor in inflation
- Need to continuously improve the learning environment to enhance quality of education
- Review of the boarding and lunch fees in public secondary schools to factor in inflation.

ions, set to run until 2029, as key to preventing strikes and ensuring stability in learning.

On university education, Ruto said the sector has also had an additional allocation so that higher education financing can be implemented to expand access to more learners.

"I just want to give assurance that education cannot be compromised, we cannot compromise access, quality, affordability and relevance, it must be what we are looking for," he insisted. He added: "Our greatest asset is our human capital and that is why education is important."

Ruto further urged religious organisations to continue partnering with the State to deliver relevant, well-

managed, quality education.

Mbadi had told Parliament that, due to fiscal constraints, the government has been disbursing only Sh16,900 per student instead of the required Sh22,244, causing significant challenges in schools.

Kenya Secondary Schools Heads Association (Kessha) chair Willie Kuria recently said government arrears had reached Sh18 billion by Term Two. He noted that the current capitation of Sh22,244 per learner was last reviewed seven years ago thus misaligned with inflationary trends.

"The money that was being given to schools 17 years ago in 2008 (Sh10,625) when the programme started is more than what is available for use today after retention and the setting aside money for the infrastructure fund. Some Sh3,900 was committed to infrastructure account in 2023/2024 and which was appropriated from operation vote head. Previously it has been Sh5000," Kuria explained.

He urged a return to the pre-2018 disbursement model, which provided 50 per cent of the annual allocation in Term One, 30 per cent in Term Two, and 20 per cent in Term Three.

He further called on the Ministry of Education to provide guidance on how schools should handle Form Four students exiting with fee arrears, given that current policy bars withholding certificates.

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End of 'I do'? Urban couples find joy without formal marriage vows

► More than 80 per cent of women cohabit with their partners.

► Only a small fraction proceed to formalise their union through marriage certificates or traditional rites like dowry.

MARYANN MUGANDA, NAIROBI

For many urban women, the journey to love and family no longer follows the traditional script of weddings and dowries.

As long as their mental health is intact and their relationships are nurturing, formal marriage is no longer the gold standard. Cohabitation, kinship support, and emotional wellbeing are rewriting what union means in modern Kenya.

A recent study by the African Population and Health Research Centre (APHRC), in collaboration with the University of Maryland, is challenging long-held beliefs about marriage and mental health among urban Kenyan women.

The research, which tracked 1,203 mothers living in Nairobi's Korogochi and Viwandani informal settlements, reveals that while more than 80 per cent of women cohabit with their partners, only a small fraction proceed to formalise the union through marriage certificates or traditional rites like dowry.

Titled *Jamaa na Afya ya Mtoto (JAMO): Kinship, Nuptiality and Child Outcomes in Kenya*, the study examines how different forms of union—ranging from cohabitation to fully formalised marriages— affect maternal mental health and child wellbeing.

"Union formalisation like dowry discussions or legal marriage— doesn't automatically improve mental health," said Dr Estelle Sidze, a research scientist at APHRC. "But it plays a key role in strengthening

relationship satisfaction, which is highly protective for maternal wellbeing."

The study found that women in high-quality relationships whether formally married or not reported the lowest signs of depression. Indicators such as trust, commitment, and communication were more strongly correlated with positive mental health outcomes than marriage status alone.

However, when formalisation and high relationship quality coexisted, the protective effects were strongest. Researchers from the University of Maryland, key partners in the study, echoed these findings— stressing that the emotional fabric of a relationship matters more than ceremonial or legal milestones.

"Relationship quality has a bigger effect on maternal mental health, reducing the probability that a woman is depressed, but union formalisation also helps," said Prof Kenneth Leonard, a co-investigator and professor in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Maryland.

Sangeetha Madhavan, a professor of Sociology and African American Studies and the study's principal investigator from the University of Maryland, worked alongside Kirsten Stoebenau, an associate research professor in the School of Public Health, to dig deeper into women's lived experiences.

Their team conducted in-depth qualitative interviews with a smaller group of mothers, many of whom reported a surprising shift— their relationships had improved over time simply because they had the chance to talk about them.

"We had not expected this. Our conversations were meant to understand their relationships, not improve them.

"But mothers told us that having the space to reflect on their relationships was itself transformative," said Dr Stoebenau.



Formalising high-quality relationships remains important, but formalisation for its own sake may backfire.

80

PERCENTAGE of women cohabit with their partners without formalising with their union.

This unexpected outcome highlights a major opportunity—counselling.

Among the 593 women who remained with the same partner during the six-week APHRC study, 80 per cent had started cohabiting, 70 per cent had introduced their partner to family, and over half had initiated dowry discussions.

But only 15 per cent had paid dowry, 10 per cent had held a wedding ceremony, and just five per cent had obtained a marriage certificate.

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KAKAMEGA

Turmoil in ODM in western region over State ties

The rift among ODM leaders in the western region has widened, with some vowing to support the broad-based government days after others said it was time for the party to sever the ties.

On Saturday, a faction backing the broad-based government accused ODM Secretary-General Edwin Sifuna of attempting to destabilise the arrangement in order to deny the western region development.

Led by Kakamega Governor Fernandes Barasa, the leaders vowed not to be distracted by Sifuna's attacks on the pact between President William Ruto and ODM leader Raila Odinga.

"Raila is very clear on the broad-based government. His stand is that ODM is in a broad-based government. Sifuna's remarks are personal and not the position of the party," said Barasa.

He said that ODM as a democratic party allows everyone to air their opinions.

Barasa added that the region has benefited from the broad-based government through improvement in coffee and sugarcane farming, the establishment of a gold refinery, and enhanced road infrastructure.

[Benard Lusigi]



Kakamega Governor Fernandes Barasa. [Benjamin Sakwa, Standard]

NAROK

Varsity staff reject proposed human resources policy

Kenya University Staff Union (Kusu) members at Maasai Mara University in Narok staged a protest against a proposed human resource management policy for public universities.

Led by Kusu branch Secretary-General Galfen Omuse, the members presented a formal petition to the university's Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic and Student Affairs), Prof Godrick Bulitia.

They condemned the proposed HR policy as unconstitutional, discriminatory, and imposed without stakeholder involvement.

According to Kusu, the new HR instruments threaten existing collective bargaining agreements and introduce discriminatory provisions that limit career progression for most support staff.

[George Sayagle]

NAKURU

Teenager arrested for killing his mother after row

Police have arrested a 16-year-old boy for allegedly killing his mother in Molo, Nakuru County, on Friday following a family dispute.

Molo Sub-County Police Commander Timon Odingo said the boy allegedly hacked his mother, Beth Wanjiku, 48, and attempted to conceal the crime by digging a shallow grave at their homestead.

Odingo stated that the boy confessed to killing his mother, with whom he had been living, for failing to disclose information about his father.

"He demanded to know his father, but his mother did not tell him, so he beat her until she collapsed and died on the spot. He then dug a grave in

a disused house and buried her," the officer said.

The woman's body was discovered on Saturday evening. Monica Wanjiku said her sister-in-law disappeared on Friday, only for her body to be found the following day.

"She was missing, which was unlike her, but on Saturday, her brothers opened her door, which was locked from the inside, only to find her lying in a pool of blood with deep cut wounds," Wanjiku said.

She claimed the boy had dropped out of school, which created tension within the family.

"His elder brother had decided to remove the boy's room door as a punishment, hoping he would

agree to return to school, but the act seems to have agitated him," she added.

She claimed the teenager confessed to killing his mother, had dug a shallow grave, and intended to dispose of the body.

Wanjiku said after the boy dropped out of school a month ago he had become unapproachable.

She added that her sister-in-law had not shared the information with other family members, making it difficult to grasp the gravity of the situation. "Beth's brothers kicked down the door, and we found her dead. Her son was hiding under the bed, pretending to be dead, she added.

[Yvonne Chepkwony]



Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi (left) at the funeral service of Malava MP Malulu Injendi at Lugusi village in Malava on March 4, 2025. [Benjamin Sakwa, Standard]

Mudavadi: I'll make sure UDA retains Malava seat

▶ Malulu Injendi, a UDA legislator, died in February necessitating a by-election.

▶ The ruling party is determined to retain the seat but is yet to pick its candidate.

MARY IMENZA AND BENARD LUSIGI,
KAKAMEGA

Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi will spearhead the United Democratic Alliance (UDA) campaigns for the Malava constituency by-election.

Addressing a gathering of over 100 clan chairpersons and elders drawn from the 29 Kabras clans, Mudavadi said he would leverage his ties to the constituency to secure a UDA victory.

"Until you elect a new Member of Parliament, I stand as your patron in Malava. We must move forward together, build on the strong foundation laid by our late brother Malulu Injendi, and ensure the development agenda remains on course," he said.

The by-election was necessitated by the death of Injendi, the Malava MP and UDA member, in February this year.

Through Mudavadi, the ruling party is seeking to entrench its influence in a region long regarded as a swing vote in Western Kenya.

During the clan meeting, elders led by chairperson Alphose Masinde and secretary-general Harrison Tan-

ga presented Mudavadi with a memorandum outlining key projects initiated during Injendi's tenure.

Among the concerns were the incomplete Malava-Ikoli and Malava-Samitsi roads, the stalled Namanja and Sikhuyu water projects, ongoing construction of student hostels at Shamberere National Polytechnic, and delays in operationalising the Kabras West Sub-County headquarters and the Malava Medical Training College.

The elders also called for the gazette and staffing of newly created administrative units in East and West Kabras, including Chesero and Chivanga divisions, as well as various locations and sub-locations such as Nguvuli, Shikutse, Indulusia, and Shivagala.

In response, Mudavadi pledged immediate follow-up, revealing that he had already written to the relevant Cabinet Secretaries to address both infrastructure and administra-

tive concerns.

"I have formally communicated with Roads and Transport CS Davis Chirchir regarding the stalled road projects, and I am engaging Interior CS Kipchumba Murkomen to ensure the newly created administrative units are activated. These are not mere promises—they are actionable items," he said.

While the by-election is quickly shaping up to be a key political contest in Kakamega County, Mudavadi struck a conciliatory tone, urging voters to move beyond clan affiliations and populist rhetoric.

"Leadership is not about theatrics or short-term pledges," he said. "Malava deserves a leader who is predictable, consistent, and dependable—someone who can be trusted to prioritise the people."

He also announced plans for a series of stakeholder engagements in the coming weeks, targeting youth, women, scholars, farmers, business people, and religious leaders. These forums, he said, would form the backbone of a grassroots-driven vision for Malava's future.

Although UDA is yet to officially unveil its candidate, Mudavadi assured constituents that the party would nominate a leader who resonates with the people.

"This is not about party supremacy—it is about service, continuity, and honouring the legacy of our late brother. We will choose someone who truly reflects the aspirations of this great constituency," he said.

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Strategy

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NUMBER OF
KABRAS CLAN LEADERS that
Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia
Mudavadi held a meeting with.

JOB DISPUTE

Top official holding two posts ordered to quit one

A senior Ministry of Interior official who has been holding two public positions concurrently has been fired from one of them.

John Burugu, who was the Commissioner for Refugee Affairs, was last Tuesday asked to hand over immediately and return to his other position.

Barugu was appointed by President Uhuru Kenyatta as a member of the Intergovernmental Relations Technical Committee (IGRTC) on June 19, 2020.

However, in March 2023, the then Interior Cabinet Secretary Kithure Kindiki, now Deputy President, appointed him as acting Commissioner for Refugee Affairs. Burugu never resigned from IGRTC.

Interior CS Kipchumba Murkomen through Immigration PS Dr Belio Kipsang has ordered Burugu to return to IGRTC.

"The appointment as Commissioner for Refugee Affairs was subject to confirmation by the Public Service Commission (PSC). Given the appointment to IGRTC is still active and to end your concurrent holding two public offices, with the concurrence of the CS ministry of Interior and National Administration, it has been decided that your appointment as Commissioner for Refugee Affairs is terminated and you be released effective 22nd July 2025."



John Burugu. [James Wanzala, Standard]

The letter signed by Dr. Kipsang adds: "You are asked to hand over to Ms. Mercy Wambughu Mwaseru who has been deployed to act as a Commissioner for Refugee Affairs with immediate effect."

Burugu has confirmed that he had received the letter and was preparing handover notes, even as he protested the move.

"I will hand over the office on Wednesday as directed," he said while lamenting that he was being pushed out despite his stellar performance in the last two years.

Burugu confirmed that he had not resigned from IGRTC but added that he never earned any salary or benefits from the Department of Immigration.

He claimed that senior ministry officials had scuttled his appointment to the Department of Refugees Affairs after he allegedly topped the interviews conducted by PSC in 2024.

"I was interviewed and successfully recruited by PSC in July last year but the then PS Julius Bitok sat on my appointment letter. In January, a Kenyan moved to court to stop PSC from starting a fresh exercise, and the matter is still in court. I will, however, leave so that they bring whoever they want to," Burugu added.

Last year, the Employment and Labour Relations Court issued orders stopping the recruitment following a case filed by Stanley Kyalo Muli.

"Pending the hearing and determination of the application by this honourable court, interim orders is hereby issued restraining PSC from recruiting, any persons by inviting applications or conducting interviews for the position of Secretary Refugee Affairs, CSG4 advertised on 23rd January 2024," Justice Mathews Nduma Nderi decreed.

Nduma's orders are dated 29th January 2025, and the matter is pending in court. Kyalo had sued the PSC and State Law Office.

[Standard Reporter]

POLITICS

Ruto Ukambani allies raise cash for boda boda operators in 'empowerment' drive

Barely a month after splashing millions of shillings for women groups empowerment kitty, President William Ruto's allies in Ukambani region have kicked off what they term as phase two of the programme, this time targeting boda boda operators.

The latest initiative will be spearheaded by Mwala MP Vincent Musau Kawayo who is also UDA national organising secretary.

The boda boda empowerment drive was launched at Kakutha Primary school in Kangundo where host MP Fabian Muli led six legislators in a fundraising for boda boda operators.

Lawmakers who turned up for the Kangundo event included Rachael Kyamai (Kitui South), Beth Syengo (ODM nominated), Tabitha Mutinda (UDA nominated), Caleb Mule (Machakos Town) and Masinga MP Joshua Mwalyo.

The legislators urged residents to support the Kenya Kwanza administration and elect President William Ruto for a second term in 2027.

Senators Tabitha Mutinda and Beth Syengo defended Ruto's bottom-up socio-economic concept, terming it the solution to economic hardships.

[Erastus Muli]

GDC on the spot over allegations of 'oppressive' labour practices

► Lawyer claims some employees are complaining about poor working conditions and harmful company policies.

► The staff have threatened to take legal action unless the company commits to resolving their grievances.

DANIEL CHEGE AND JULIUS CHEPKWONY, NAKURU

The Geothermal Development Company (GDC) is facing allegations of unconstitutional, unlawful, discriminatory, and unfair labour practices.

A letter from lawyer Morris Kimuli indicates that some employees, who have been with the company for between 10 and 15 years, are complaining about poor working conditions, denied benefits, and harmful company policies.

They claim these policies are designed to humiliate, suppress, and degrade them, and that their attempts to seek peaceful solutions have either been ignored or left unaddressed.

"The company has, instead of addressing these genuine grievances, resorted to silence and, at times, issued express, implied, and subtle threats to those advocating for better working conditions," the letter states.

The employees have formally raised their concerns, documented their grievances, and requested meetings with management to find resolutions.

Among the letters sent to the company was one dated March 20, 2025, requesting a meeting to discuss proposed changes regarding migration, upgrades, and redesignation.

Kimuli explains that this letter was sent to the General Manager of



Morris Kimuli, the lawyer for aggrieved GDC employees. [Elvis Ogina, Standard]

Corporate Services and followed up with a reminder on April 1.

However, no response was received, prompting the employees to escalate their concerns to the company's managing director and chief executive officer.

Grievances raised

On April 25, a meeting was held at the GDC office in Nakuru, where grievances were raised and acknowledged. Despite this, four additional letters were sent to management, but no action has been taken.

To date, Kimuli states that his cli-

ents' grievances remain unresolved. He has been instructed to initiate legal action to compel the company to cease the oppressive, discriminatory, humiliating, degrading, and demeaning treatment.

Although his clients have been with the company for over 10 years, they remain at entry-level positions. "The current implementation of policies by the company will ensure that they remain at entry-level grade," the letter states.

Kimuli elaborates that the employees have served as entry-level graduates at Grade 8, but in 2024, the company established a new structure that recognised Grade 7 as the entry-level grade.

"In March 2025, my clients were moved to Grade 7 in what the company termed 're-designation and upgrade'. However, this was not an upgrade, because under the new structure, Grade 7 is now the entry level," he notes.

He points out that any graduate joining the company will now be at the same grade as his clients, who have been employed for over a decade.

"The company has also failed to follow and implement its own Human Resource policies. My clients have historically faced unfair treatment and humiliation, including being excluded from a January 2016 annual increment granted to other staff members," he adds.

Kimuli states that their demands to be moved to Grade 6 have gone unheard, even as the company promoted some staff who joined after only four years to permanent and pensionable positions.

"Due to the restructured system, they have lost benefits, including income and allowances," he observes.

The employees have threatened to take legal action unless the company acknowledges its liability for unfair treatment and commits to resolving their grievances.

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NAIROBI

Hospital defies directive to admit murder suspect

Kennedy Kalombotole, the prime suspect in the ongoing Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH) murder probe, was on Saturday denied admission to Mbagathi County Hospital despite a court order mandating his stay.

Kalombotole, who has been receiving treatment for chronic illnesses at the facility for the past four years, was expected to remain under medical care for 10 days following an order issued by Magistrate Daisy Mutai.

The directive, issued on Thursday, was intended to ensure he received 24-hour medical supervision due to serious health conditions, including seizures and blood sugar complications.

His legal team, comprising Philip Maiyo, Zephania Achapa, and Joshua Ombengi, condemned the hospital's refusal to admit him, describing the move as unlawful and inhumane.

"The hospital has failed to comply with the court order. They refused to admit him on very spurious grounds," said Maiyo, adding that the facility claimed it lacked a secure ward, despite the court specifying that the suspect would be under continuous police supervision.

Kalombotole is accused of the gruesome murder of fellow patient Edward Maingi Ndegwa. The victim, who was physically disabled, was found dead with his throat slit in Ward 7B, Group C.

The lawyers stated that their client is critically ill and unfit for detention without specialised medical attention. "He suffered a severe seizure this morning while at the hospital, collapsed, and injured his chin. This is exactly why the court ordered that he be monitored in a hospital setting," said Ombengi.

Despite efforts to engage the hospital management, including the superintendent and chief executive officer, the legal team claimed their pleas were ignored.

"They refused to even receive the court order. We had to leave it under their door," said Maiyo.

[Ryan Kerubo]

Briefing

NAIVASHA. HIPPOS AND DROWNING KILL OVER 20

More than 20 people have been killed by hippos or drowned while illegally fishing in Lake Naivasha since the year began, according to data from the Lake Naivasha Network Group. This came as a middle-aged 'foot-fisherman' drowned near Kamera landing beach in South Lake while on a fishing mission. According to Grace Nyambura, the group's chairperson, lack of employment coupled with the harsh economic times had pushed tens of youths into the lake. The youths are illegally fishing, leading to an increase in cases of hippo attacks and drowning. [Antony Gitonga]

TRANS NZOIA. COURT TO RULE ON BIGAMY LAW

The High Court in Kitale will today hear a landmark constitutional case challenging the constitutionality of laws that criminalise bigamy under Christian marriage. The court is set to determine whether the petition by 79-year-old Boniface Koimburu raises substantial questions of law warranting the empanelment of a three-judge bench to hear it, and whether Parliament should be enjoined as a party to the proceedings, given its role in enacting the impugned laws. [Osinde Obare]

MOMBASA. ARREST WARRANT FOR CFO

The High Court issued an order for the arrest of Mombasa County's Chief Finance Officer, Swaleh Mwalizuma, for his failure to pay an insurance broker Sh152 million as ordered by the court. The court directed the Mombasa County Police Commander to arrest Mwalizuma for disobeying the order to pay the money awarded to the broker after the county breached its contract. "Whereas Swaleh Mwalizuma has been adjudged by a decree of this court, Sh152,132,858 remains unpaid in respect of the said decree," states the order. [Willis Oketch]

KERICHO. RAILA ASKED TO ACT ON ODM 'REBELS'

County Woman Representative Beatrice Kemei and Kenya Roads Board Chairperson Aisha Jumwa have called on Raila Odinga to take firm action against a section of ODM leaders whose divisive remarks risk destabilising the unity and cooperation within the broad-based government. The two expressed concern over inflammatory utterances made by some ODM politicians who are part of the Kenya Kwanza-Azimio cooperation. They emphasised the importance of political maturity and national unity in advancing the country's development agenda. [Nikko Tanui]

SHA payment policy locks out poor patients, senators say

► Mwaruma said patients are denied care unless they have contributed for a year.

► Legislator criticised the requirement saying it will disadvantage many people.

EDWIN NYARANGI, NAIROBI

Senators have criticised the Social Health Authority (SHA) over claims that patients are required to contribute for a full year before they can access medical care.

The lawmakers, who were contributing to a statement sought by Taita Taveta Senator Johnes Mwaruma, expressed concern that many Kenyans are being denied health services despite having made contributions, simply because they have not com-

pleted 12 months of payments.

"This situation undermines the fundamental rights enshrined in Article 43(1)(a) and Article 43(2) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, which guarantee every person the right to the highest attainable standard of health, including access to health care services," said Mwaruma.

The senator requested a statement from the Senate Health Committee explaining the rationale behind the policy that denies medical services to contributors who have not yet completed a full year of payments—even in cases where contributions are up to date at the time of seeking treatment.

Mwaruma also asked whether data from the now-defunct National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF), including contributor identities and payment histories, had been successfully migrated to the SHA system.

According to Senate Majority Lead-



Taita Taveta Senator Johnes Mwaruma in Parliament on March 17, 2025. [Boniface Okendo, Standard]

AT A GLANCE

- Concerns raised over the requirement by the Social Health Authority that patients contribute for a full year before accessing medical care.
- Many Kenyans, despite making contributions monthly, are being denied access to health care services because they have not completed a full year of payment.
- Taita Taveta Senator Johnes Mwaruma sought a statement over the rationale behind denying medical services to patients who have not completed a full year of contributions.

er Aaron Cheruiyot, there was lack of clear communication on how payments should be made to qualify for one services.

"There is an assumption that everyone understands English and Kiswahili. Yet we live in a country where many elderly citizens did not have the opportunity to attend school, but they too deserve access to this information," said Cheruiyot.

Busia Senator Okiya Omtatah criticised the SHA's implementation, alleging that the Social Health Insur-

ance Fund (SHIF) serves as a tool to exploit the poor. He argued that if the government were committed to universal health care, it would begin by properly equipping public hospitals.

"We are forcing people—who might otherwise have benefited from cover—to pay annually, even when they lack the financial capacity. They should be allowed to contribute according to their means if they are to benefit from the State's healthcare scheme. As it stands, SHIF is simply a mechanism of extraction," he said.

Nominated Senator Karen Nyamu acknowledged that SHA was a bold step toward achieving universal health coverage, but said the requirement for beneficiaries to complete a full year's contribution before accessing services is discriminatory.

"What happens to a *mama mboga* who falls ill just one month into her contributions? What about a boda boda rider injured in an accident after only three months of payments? We are exposing the very people we claim to protect under universal health care to the worst-case outcomes, including death," Nyamu said.

Nyandarua Senator John Methu echoed the call for reform, questioning the logic of the current payment structure.

"We have comprehensive medical cover. And because we enjoy this privilege, many MPs are out of touch with the pain and suffering ordinary Kenyans face," said Methu.

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"Raila is very clear on the broad-based government. His stand is that ODM is in a broad-based government. Sifuna's remarks are personal and not the position of the party,"

Fernandes Baraza, Kakamega Governor



EDITORIAL

Enforce traffic rules without fear or favour

The recent launch of a souped-up matatu named 'Mood' drew national attention. George Ruto, the youngest son of President William Ruto, launched the vehicle at Kenyatta International Conference Centre in Nairobi amid great fanfare and excitement among some youth.

Indeed, Mood is a fancy vehicle reputed to have cost an estimated Sh14 million. From strobe lights, graffiti, a cubicle for a disk jockey, bucket seats and any other fancy accouterments modern couch builders can conjure up, Mood stands out. All windows, including the rear glass and windshield are covered in graffiti.

Mood's elegance, however, violates every single rule laid out by the National Transport and Safety Authority. While NTSA rules allow Public Service Vehicles to spot innovative decorations and mild graffiti, it has made it crystal clear that such decorations must not be offensive, reflective or, in any way obstruct important markings like route details, vehicle registration numbers. More importantly, NTSA expressly forbids additional lights, loud music, noisy exhaust pipes, decorations on windows, lights and indicators.

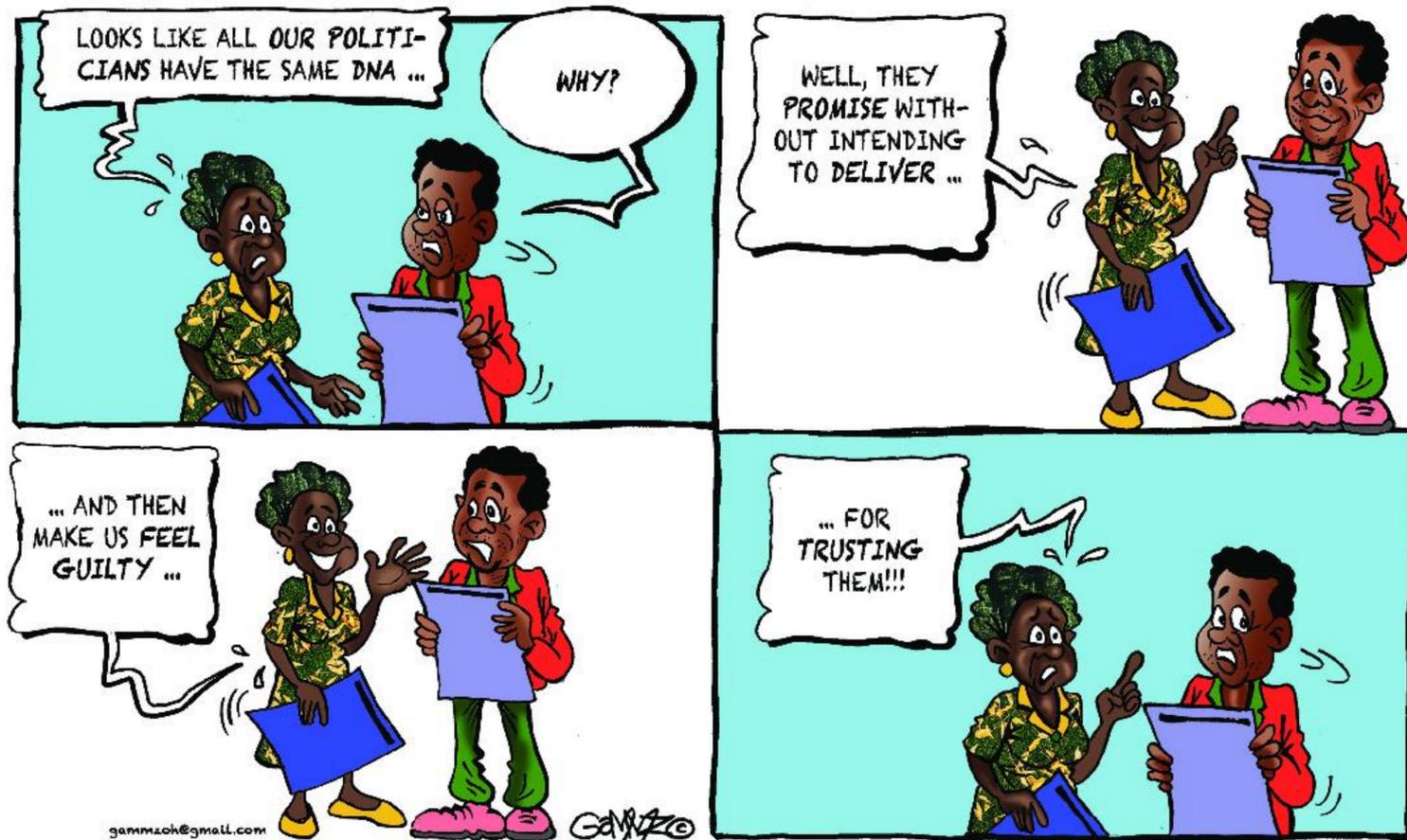
Other NTSA requirements demand that public service vehicles (PSV) must be registered under a Savings Credit Cooperative Organisation (Sacco), which acts as its regulatory body. Matatu must also be registered as PSVs, have valid third party insurance covers and acquire inspection certificates prior to being allowed to operate on our roads.

The question we must ask is: How did this new breed of PSVs, notoriously known as *nganyas*, which Mood represents, take over the roads of Nairobi, to cause terror and havoc out of their total disregard for every single traffic rule ever devised? They operate with such impunity; dropping and picking up passengers anywhere, they speed, use wrong lanes and some do not even have number plates, yet police officers can only watch and do nothing.

Some of these *nganya*'s do not belong to any Sacco and likely operate without requisite licences, safe in the knowledge that no police officer dares touch them. A recent investigation by *The Standard* team established that some of these vehicles are owned by very powerful individuals in government who use their influence to intimidate traffic police officers. No police officer would dare cross the path of a senior government official, including a president's son and senior police officers who also dabble in the matatu industry.

Kenya's transport system is chaotic because the government has surrendered it to cartels. It is a lucrative industry that politicians, highly placed government functionaries and police officers are gradually taking over because it guarantees quick returns with little, or no interference from any quarter.

This despicable practice must however stop. NTSA must also stop the selective application of traffic rules and ensure everybody, irrespective of their station in society follows traffic regulations. Most importantly, it must restore sanity to our chaotic roads. Graffiti that offends our morals and cultural sensibilities must be banned.



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Sifuna's frustration and why there is no need for dialogue



NJOROGE KINUTHIA

A story is told that there was a time University of Nairobi students went on strike demanding dialogue with the Kanu administration. In response to the students' request, a Cabinet minister, in exasperation, is reported to have quipped "Hiyo dialogue wanataka si wapewe". The minister, said to have been semi-literate, had imagined dialogue as some food that the students, then popular for demanding change in the country, were asking to be added onto their menu.

That precisely underscores the political standoff today. The informed popular demand for a responsive government and a leadership that thinks everyone is, to paraphrase the wisdom of the four Jewish boys in the book of Daniel "is eager to defile themselves with the royal food from the fleshpots of Babylon". I make that assertion boldly for anytime anyone has held contrary opinion to the political class in power, over and above the threats to personal safety, there is the juvenile mudslinging that ensues, always calculated to silence people through public ridicule.

The wild claim that Nairobi Senator Edwin

Sifuna demanded hundreds of millions of shillings is one such example. Mr Sifuna last week spoke to the nation about the very things that precipitated the working arrangement between the ODM and UDA. Many people wanted to know the position of ODM in the face of all the evil going on even after repeated proclamations from the UDA leadership that they would be things of the past. In his element, the good senator expressed his frustration with the pace of implementation not only of NADCO but also of the very MoU which had envisaged, among other things, that police brutality would end forthwith.

Instead of taking it as honest feedback, we have seen well-coordinated online attacks directed at the senator. The question is, if those in power can viciously attack the integrity of their principal partner how much more are they ruthlessly stifling other voices?

We cannot pretend to advice ODM. But the sooner they sever the ties with UDA the better. In an attempt to justify the current ongoings, court jesters have attempted to draw parallels between this administration and past administrations.

My question to them is, why should their presence matter in the political landscape if they seek to replace one long night of darkness with another long night of darkness? For the many young Kenyans in political parties, the consensus is, our presence on the political stage must inspire a whiff of newness, for the better.

How will that whiff of newness look like,

you might ask? As Amilcar Cabral observed, every revolution is first a cultural revolution. Truth is, our political culture has left so much to be desired. Over and above the patronage and clientelism that have become too normal, we have made cronyism and wastage in government look like standard operating procedure.

But the existential threat is the deep-seated state capture. It feeds both the deliberate inefficiency inbuilt in the government tendering and the outright corruption. That capture has made service delivery untenable for every government project is seen as an opportunity to "eat". That is why we talk of reducing capitation to schools but we have not talked about sealing wastage in government.

All these make me to conclude that we do not need dialogue with this administration. It will be unnecessary waste of time and energy, both physical and intellectual. All the material Kenyans have generated, from the Agenda 4 days to the ODM-UDA MoU, are either collecting dust on the shelves or so selectively implemented in a manner that is a mockery to the people of Kenya.

Since this administration has refused to govern faithfully and diligently, then a unity of purpose that will teach it the fear of the Lord is now a national political imperative. Together, we must march towards our political redemption. The howls from those protecting their stomachs notwithstanding.

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PALAUVER

Parents play a critical role in the success of the Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC), notes Faith Odundo [faithodundo4@gmail.com]. "CBC connects classroom learning to everyday life. Simple activities such as involving children in cooking, letting them read instructions, counting items during shopping, storytelling, or discussing cultural values help children apply knowledge practically, build critical thinking, problem-solving skills and strengthen communication."

There is an alarming rise of insecurity in Siaya County, reports Keith Baraka [keithbaraka39@gmail.com]. "Theft cases, muggings, and even killings, are on the rise. Unresolved land disputes, high youth unemployment, and the growth of local gangs are driving this wave of crime. Many young people, facing joblessness and economic hardship, are turning to crime. Community trust in the police is low, which leads to mob justice and vigilantism. Local leaders and authorities need to strengthen partnerships between residents and security forces, while also addressing root causes of crime."



ICT Cabinet Secretary William Kabogo is known for being 'raw' at times, according to Githuku Mungai [githukumungai@gmail.com]. "At a recent women empowerment cash-giving ceremony in Kiambu, he addressed the women while walking from one end of the platform to the other like a preacher, holding a microphone. He asked them whether they liked money as much as he did, and they all responded in the affirmative. He singled out a woman who had jumped excitedly at the question, asked her to sit on his chair, and gave her Sh10,000."



With food prices, transport costs, and school fees rising sharply, says Venus Bartena [venusbartena@gmail.com], the average Kenyan is struggling to make ends meet. "Life has become a daily balancing act. Many Kenyans have turned to small-scale farming and part-time jobs to cope. Others have joined *chamas* to support each other through emergencies and school payment but even these efforts are not enough. Real policy change is needed by lowering taxes on basic commodities, supporting local food production, and providing targeted subsidies for low-income families."

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Do you support Sabina's Bill on public hospitals?



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Move will help improve the facilities

I strongly support the Bill by nominated MP Sabina Chege seeking to compel civil servants, public officers and State officers to use public healthcare institutions. For a long time, many public servants have been opting for high-end medical insurance covers and hospitals while ordinary Kenyans languish under a poor healthcare system. It would be important to implement the proposed move so that public

servants see the sense in reforming the public health-care system because they will all become clients of public health facilities. This should not exempt the MPs. Enforcing the use of public hospitals will create a powerful feedback loop of getting firsthand strengths and weaknesses of our health sector. This will create room for meaningful reforms, efficient resource allocation and accountability. The move will also restore public trust in public hospitals as most Kenyans don't trust their services. It will send a clear message that "we are in this together".



ROSE MUKONYO,
HEALTH AND SCIENCE JOURNALIST



It won't solve problems in health sector

The proposal by Sabina Chege to make it mandatory for civil servants to use public healthcare facilities is not reasonable. Health is 'personal' and the State should not enforce any policy that attempts to coerce individuals to seek medical care in any particular institution. That would be unconstitutional. If the government feels there are gaps in the quality of healthcare in public facilities,

it should come up with a better mechanism of addressing the problems, and not insisting that public servants seek medical care in these facilities. Secondly, even if public servants complied with the directive, how would that solve the problems bedeviling the public health-care system? How would that improve services in public hospitals? There is only one way to make public hospitals work. Ensure efficiency in supplies and human resource management. If goodwill is lacking in terms of adequate resource allocation, no amount of 'fixing' will bear fruit.

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HINDSIGHT

Clash of desperadoes might help Kenya to wriggle out of current misery

Kenyans, desperate and anxious, have lost trust in institutions because their custodians have abused their offices. There subsequently appears to be an intensified clash of opposing desperadoes. First are officials seeking acceptability while violating the basis of trust. Second are desperate citizens looking for ways out of the current sense of national misery. President William Ruto is also desperate to hold on to slipping power.

Those claiming that things are going well enjoy government largesse, insist that the affordable housing project is thriving, and that inflation is down. Blaming critics for all the ills in the country, some exhibit arrogance and imply that the Raila-Ruto 'co-presidency', also called broad-based government, is here to stay. While they brag about having kicked out Rigathi Gachagua from the deputy presidency, they seemingly were not ready for the negative consequences. Mr Gachagua refused to die politically and became a thorn in Dr Ruto's political skin.

Ruto had benefitted from the 2010 Constitution, despite opposing it, and appeared as if he was unwilling to honour it. With those holding high offices, in the executive and in the legislature not hearing the cries or seeing the suffering of the people, the country has plunged into a crisis of trust. Holders of offices, noted Reverend John Calvin Kamau, violate their oaths. This oath violation added to pain as government officials admitted involvement in abductions, police brutality, crude utterances, and top officials beating the drums of war. The subsequent national dismay went so deep into the people that they nick-



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named Ruto 'Kasongo' or 'Kaongo' or a liar. Gachagua, the most vocal in distrusting Ruto, repeatedly points out the supposed distance between Ruto's statements and the realities on the ground.

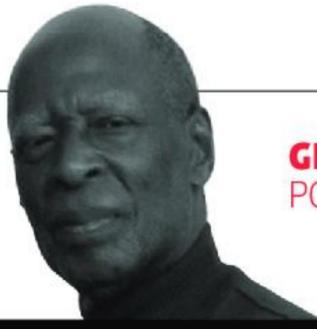
The distrust intensifies the feeling that Ruto, as former Attorney-General Justin Muturi stated, was unfit for office. Those he appointed to high office were seemingly so incompetent that John Mbadi dismissed the Cabinet as a 'skunk'. Ruto also called his top officials incompetent and it appeared that incompetence was the operating principle. This made Kenyans desperate and partly explains the existing national sense of misery. Mbadi, now Ruto's money man, reportedly intends to slash funding for the IEBC which implies desire to incapacitate IEBC's ability to conduct elections.

Due to contrived incompetence, Kenya seemingly lost sovereignty to such foreign entities as the World Bank and the IMF. Wealth production went down, the economy nosedived, unemployment

skyrocketed, factories closed, investors relocated to other countries, and national revenue collection declined even as taxes shot up. There was also deliberate failure to cater for basic social services in health and education throughout the country. 'Rutocrats', instead, showed rapidly acquired wealth in the midst of growing and grinding poverty and became disoriented from the citizens.

That disorientation catapulted the youth, the Gen Z or Mwai Kibaki's educational children, to think and ask questions. Stressing the Constitution, rule of law, and national anthem, their success shocked and scared the political class, in and out of government, into sabotaging the youth through goon mobilisation. The purpose of goon mobilisation was seemingly to change the narrative and blame the Gen Zs. The political class, therefore, sounded desperate as it urged Ruto to use the sword as others vowed to import voters, rig the election, and talked of changing the Constitution to remove term limits.

The desperation in the political class clashed with the desperation of regular people looking for ways out of growing misery. An awakened new type of Kenyan demands answers, holds officials accountable, refuses to tolerate heavy handedness, and desperately wants to right the perceived wrongs. This new Kenya is in a clash of desperation with the Ruto officials who are equally desperate to cling to power irrespective of how. This clash of the desperadoes, with more people thinking and asking difficult questions, means that the country is likely to escape from the current state of misery.



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Outdated economic model to blame for Gen Z's rebellion

As Kenyans seek to recover from the battering inflicted by violent Gen Z demonstrations, the question that is uppermost in peoples' minds is how to bring the youthful revolution to an end lest it destroys the nation. The pertinent question is what it will take to reset the economy so that it can absorb an enlightened generation that has clearly run out of patience.

According to many pundits, the blame for the national crisis is a government that has failed to appreciate the import of two mutually reinforcing social developments. The first development is emergence of a well educated and tech-savvy youthful generation that does not shy from asserting its democratic rights. As children of a technologically advanced age, the youthful generations have become global citizens with democratic values that demand high standards of governance and accountability.

The second development is failure by the economy to create enough jobs to absorb the youthful bulge. Bombarded by messages extolling the virtues of hard work and how it is the key to a good life, youthful graduates are coming to the end of formal education to find the promised dividends non-existent. Able to discern the connection between bad governance and their unemployment, the youth have taken to the streets to demand reforms from an administration which only seems to excel in making empty promises.

To add insult to injury, the government has reacted to the Gen Z protest through undemocratic tools of repression and stone age ethnic profiling. Instead of fixing the economy, the government has resorted to abducting and disappearing young people in an effort to stifle dissent. Besides the human suffering caused by such repression, such tactics have only succeeded in alienating an enlightened generation that cannot put up with egregious violation of human rights. In addition to repression, the government has also resorted to divide-and-rule strategies that exploit ethnic differences against a generation that is not only tribeless but considers such tactics outdated.

There have been calls for national inter-generational dialogue to map the way forward. However, national dialogue would be futile unless we change the mixed capitalism adopted at independence. Given the numerous challenges facing the nation and unequal regional development, we adopted a capitalist system that also incorporates central planning and coordination of development goals. However, putting the economic levers in the hands of a few people created fertile grounds for state capture due to weak controls and a populace ignorant of the limits of government authority.

Politically, vulnerability of the system to state capture exacerbated ethnic relations because those in power not only sought to exploit the system for personal gain but also for fellow tribesmen. Although devolution has sought to cure unfair allocation of resources, the culture of corruption and "our time to eat" mentality was also devolved to



the counties. The net effect of this corrupt system has been to raise the cost of government, necessitating high taxes and increased government borrowing to meet rising deficits. Inevitably, the high unemployment is the economic consequences of an ideology that crowds out the initiative and resourcefulness of its citizens.

After 60 years of planned economy, it is my view that Kenya needs a different ideology that will not only protect individual rights but also do a better job of creating employment. Instead of a large government that constantly runs large deficits, it is time for a lean government that allows market forces to allocate resources rather than political



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elites. Moreover the free market approach would remove the visible hand of the market from elite and ethnic calculations and return the responsibility of self-actualisation to individuals.

In 1789, French peasants rebelled against the monarchy due to high taxes and a poorly performing economy. The spirit of the rebellion was attributed to the influence of pervasive ideas about inalienable rights of man that were popularised by the enlightenment period in Europe. According to historical accounts, the French revolution resulted in overthrow of the monarchy and installed a people-centered republican government that observed and guaranteed the rights of man.

The French revolution is a great example for Kenya because of the similarities in underlying causes. It is both a warning that things can get worse before getting better and it is an important pointer of what needs addressing to turn the nation around. While the French revolution was sparked by the inadequacies of an arrogant monarchy, the the Gen Z uprising is clearly a repudiation of a centrally managed economic system that is both inefficient and incompatible with the values of a more enlightened generation. The revolution is an affirmation that the time is ripe to replace an outdated economic model with a people-centered system that allows the resourcefulness and the entrepreneurial spirit of the citizens to flower.

Politics

You may not like his style, but that doesn't make Ruto a dictator



BENEDICT TOROITICH

There is a worrying lack of depth in the way many young Kenyans, especially Gen Z, engage with politics. For Gen Z, everything is about "vibes." Everything is "down with the system." But when you strip away the slogans and trending hashtags, what's left is often an alarming ignorance of how power actually works.

Unknown to them, politics isn't child's play. Politics isn't content creation. Politics is a vast field of social sciences that great thinkers like Aristotle, Edmund Burke, Jeremy Bentham, and others worked to untangle.

For those familiar with political gymnastics, the chants, activism, and loud rants on blogs and social media don't translate into victory. They're merely forms of activism. It's well established that activism can help shape the conversation but cannot win votes on its own.

Consider the recent outrage when Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi labelled Burkina Faso's Ibrahim Traore a dictator. The backlash was loud, emotional, and misguided. Young Kenyans, captivated by Traore's anti-Western speeches and viral TikTok clips, rushed to defend him as though he were a revolutionary messiah. In truth, Mudavadi was correct.

Traore seized power through a military coup. He suspended the Constitution, dissolved democratic institutions, and put soldiers in charge of government ministries. That is not a new model for African leadership; it's textbook dictatorship. It's seizing power through unorthodox means. No parliament. No judicial checks. No elections. No accountability. Just guns and a uniform. A revolution devoid of laws.

Now, compare this to Kenya, where President William Ruto, love him or loathe him, is an elected leader operating within a constitutional framework. When he made those "shoot the legs" and "jail the thugs" remarks during protests, they sparked justified outrage. But the remarks were made within a system that still has functioning courts, Parliament, an independent media, and an electoral commission. You may not like his tone, or protest his policies, or even dislike his work ethic—but you still have legal avenues to push back. That's not how dictatorship works.

Let's be clear: If Ruto were to wake up tomorrow, dissolve the Judiciary, hand over power to the military, shut down the press, and start ruling by decree—that would be dictatorship. Until then, calling him a dictator while romanticising a military junta in Burkina Faso is not only lazy but intellectually bankrupt—ideologies propagated by naive TikTokers, sadists, anarchists, and unpatriotic leaders.

The current obsession with revolutionary aesthetics over actual systems is dangerous for a democratic country. Passion is not a substitute for knowledge. Screaming "power to the people" means nothing if you can't define the power structures you're claiming to oppose.

Do you want to hold leaders accountable? Good. But do it with facts, not fantasy and the fallacy of sensationalising trivial issues. Stop putting every loud, gun-waving, anti-imperialist mouthpiece on a pedestal just because they know how to go viral. Leadership isn't about trading barbs or posting clever jibes. Real leadership is not about optics. It's about structure, legitimacy, and the rule of law.

So, before you tweet "Ruto is a dictator" or "Ruto is a tyrant," ask yourself: Do you even know what a tyrant or dictator looks like? Do you understand what dictatorial nations look like? Are you aware of life in those countries?

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@moneyacademyKE: A new Bill has been introduced in Parliament that seeks to give senators more powers, including approving the national budget, vetting constitutional office holders and vetoing decisions made by the National Assembly.

@clairecsc: I support the Bill. It's progressive and helps rein in the powers of the National Assembly, which, though it has immense powers in law, has gradually surrendered its authority to the executive in practice.



@BreakTheKnown: If passed, this Bill would give the Senate teeth. Budget approvals and veto powers are no small upgrade.

@NjeriTirop: This Bill is not just timely, it's long overdue. For far too long, the Senate has been treated as a ceremonial echo chamber while real power has been hoarded by self-serving MPs allergic to oversight.

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FROM THE WEB

Western Kenya MPs defend Sifuna

Standard Digital: Western ODM MPs threaten to ditch party over attacks on Sifuna.

Bonnie Okoth: I support that. Sifuna and 20 million others must enjoy democracy.

Simao Mao: Bonnie Okoth, He's injecting them very well while in the Orange Democratic Movement.

Sheldon Afanda Odari: The earlier they ditch it the better, western is TAWE fully.

Fred Kimanya: It's time to vacate this bread-based regime.



Mike Jasuba Ule Mchelsea: Let them go ahead. There are some of them who are waiting for it to happen to seize the opportunity.

Calvine Wamwai: What are they waiting for? We are not scared of such.

Enos Ahijah: ODM has outlived its usefulness.

Dennis Jokunea Muyodi: We have a tree to perch on, and Natembeya is ready to accommodate if the people from the Lake can't.

DEVELOPMENT

Take necessary action to save Wilson Airport from being rendered useless by high-rises

After *The Standard's* report on Wilson Airport, you'd have expected Nairobi County to take swift action to arrest the situation. However, Nairobi has chosen the path of impunity.

On June 27, the Nairobi City County Regularisation of Unauthorised Developments Act, 2025 was signed into law after a rushed public participation process. Despite extensive objections and recommendations from residents and built environment stakeholders, not a single proposal made it into the final bill.

The Act permits the retroactive legalisation of developments that violated zoning laws, including those breaching height limits, and indemnifies county officials from liability. In other words, Nairobi can now forgive illegal developments and protect those who enabled them, even in the absence of clear zoning regulations or approved Local Physical Development Plans.

Wilson Airport's plight mirrors the crisis at Moi Air Base, formerly known as Eastleigh Airport and RAF Eastleigh, where high-rise buildings rose dangerously close to a key military installation, threatening its operational safety. Despite a stern warning from President William Ruto urging landlords to respect permitted height restrictions, enforcement has remained elusive.

The Kenya Civil Aviation Authority and other stakeholders have repeatedly sounded alarm about the risks of high-rises on flight paths. Yet now, the very structures previously deemed hazardous may be protected under this new law. If demolition was difficult before, it's now nearly impossible.

This sets a perilous precedent. International cities have faced similar dilemmas but responded differently. London, for instance, undertook bold urban renewal by demolishing high-rise buildings to clear space for the Central London Airport, recognising that unchecked vertical growth could endanger public safety and cripple long-term



planning goals.

Kenya must follow suit, putting strategic planning ahead of speculative gain.

Without urgent legal and civic action, Nairobi risks becoming a city where planning laws are optional, and impunity is entrenched in policy. The time for passive concern has passed. Built environment professionals, civic leaders, legal advocates, and everyday citizens must speak out and demand accountability.

Reinforce zoning enforcement before Wilson Airport becomes yet another cautionary tale we failed to learn from, and one can never undo.

Mary Ngaruiya, Urban Planner, Architectural Association of Kenya

Era of fossil fuels is coming to an end

The fossil fuel era, which gained momentum in the 20th century, saw nations embrace large-scale oil, coal, and gas use. Sadly, this is now recognised as the single largest driver of climate change. Africa entered this era much later, mainly post-independence. Countries like Nigeria, Angola, and Algeria built their economies around fossil fuel exports. These exports brought brief revenue booms—but also exposed us to price shocks, corruption, and inequality.

Ironically, many of their citizens remain trapped in energy poverty. Over 600 million people still live without electricity. Nearly 900 million rely on biomass to cook, which contributes further to health and environmental challenges.

And now, as the Secretary-General of the United Nations rightly stated in his address "A Moment of Opportunity: Supercharging the Clean Energy Age", delivered on July 22, 2025: "The fossil fuel age is flailing and failing. We're at the dawn of a new and clean energy era. An era where cheap, abundant, renewable energy powers a world rich in economic opportunity. We have the tools to power the future for humanity". Africa has more than just tools—it has untapped power. For too long, Africa was sidelined in energy conversations. Now, it gives the loudest voice at the table.

Pendo Setim, Journalist

DEMOS

Find ways of reducing violence during protests

We all witnessed what came out of last year's Finance Bill and this year's Saba Saba protests. A lot of lives were lost, property damaged and a good number of citizens left crying for justice. This year's protests have left a mark on three significant people; the government, with focus on its police wing, Gen Zs and activists. Over this quiet period, the government should start putting up strategies such as training the police on how to handle protests and engaging activists to hear their views and the kind of support they

might need. Perhaps by doing so, Kenya will have made a significant step in reducing the level of protests. On the other hand, Kenya has enough time to study how other countries deal with protesters and the rules and regulations put in place to deal with such matters. The government must now invest in peace education to enhance deeper understanding of the outcomes of unrest and the importance of embracing peace right at the individual level, going upwards to groups.

Clotilda Akinyi, Migori



ELECTIONS

Difficult task awaits new electoral commission team

The new Chairman of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) Erastus Etheke, is oozing confidence that he is cut for the job. Immediately after the appointment of the new IEBC commissioners, their credibility was questioned following allegations that they are friends of senior people in government.

The courts have, however, renewed their sell-by dates and whether anybody likes it or not, they will preside over the August 10, 2027 elections. IEBC's credibility 'acid test' might be over for now, but an even more daunting task looms

for the electoral body.

Despite the country having a whole two years to the next elections, one would mistakenly think the elections are set for next month.

Inflammatory rhetoric by politicians could easily set the country on fire. Wajir MP Fatuma Jehow says President Ruto will triumph in 2027 by hook or crook. IEBC has the mandate to enforce the Electoral Code of Enforcement vide Article 84 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010. IEBC has a herculean task in its hands, it must rise above the murk. **Kabaria Ole Muturi, Nyeri**

MURANG'A

Kindiki donates Sh2m to settle Kakuzi squatters

Twenty-five families are finally set to be settled on controversial land owned by Kakuzi PLC in Maragua, following a 21-year wait.

This follows Deputy President Kithure Kindiki's donation of Sh2 million towards the construction of decent housing for the families. Maragua MP Mary Wamaua will oversee the project.

Ms Wamaua has been a vocal critic of Kakuzi PLC for failing to honour a 2004 promise to resettle the squatters—descendants of the company's former employees.

"Following the plea made by the MP on behalf of the suffering families, I feel duty-bound to support the construction of decent houses for them. Work begins on Monday (today)," said Kindiki.

On Thursday, the squatters, accompanied by human rights groups, held a day-long protest outside the multinational's Makuyu offices, demanding answers over the delayed settlement. The protesters said they were excluded from the 2018 resettlement that saw some of their colleagues allocated land. The MP said those left out have no alternative place to go.

The affected families have been

campaigning for land rights since 2004 through a community committee. Kakuzi eventually settled ten families on an acre of land in 2018.

Other grievances include allegations that drones have been flown over their homes, infringing on their privacy, and the lack of land, forcing them to use public cemeteries in contravention of their cultural norms.

Wamaua added that residents had held weekly demonstrations to pressure the company and government into action after years of broken promises.

Sammy Ndata, a leader of the squatters, pleaded with the government to settle them.

"The situation at Gachagi village is critical. We have only a few toilets and bathrooms to serve over a hundred people," said Ndata.

Kakuzi Limited Managing Director Chris Flowers said the land dispute was compounded by several groups asserting claims to the same parcels of Kakuzi's land, including the area at Gachagi. "These matters are before both the courts and the National Lands Commission (NCL). No one has the right to take the law into his or her own hands. [Boniface Gikandi]



Kiambu Governor Kimani Wamatangi. [Elvis Ogina, Standard]

Kiambu moves to quell health paralysis fears

► The county insists that over 150 doctors continue to serve patients.

► This is despite a two-month-long strike by doctors affiliated with KMPDU.

GITAU WANYOIKE, KIAMBU

The Kiambu County Government has dismissed claims by the Kenya Medical Practitioners, Pharmacists and Dentists Union (KMPDU) that health services have ground to a halt due to an ongoing doctors' strike.

Governor Kimani Wamatangi has assured residents that healthcare services across the county remain operational, despite a two-month-long strike by a section of doctors affiliated with KMPDU.

For over 60 days, doctors have been demanding long-overdue reforms from the county administration.

Speaking to the press, County Executive Committee Member for Health Services, Dr Elias Maina, accused the union of misleading the public and unfairly singling out Kiambu in a dispute affecting all 47 counties.

"KMPDU has repeatedly made unsubstantiated claims about the state of healthcare in Kiambu, creating unnecessary panic and distorting facts. This strike stems from a national issue—the Return to

Work Formula signed in May 2024 between the union, the Ministry of Health, and the Council of Governors. Yet, the union leadership has chosen to use Kiambu as a scapegoat," said Dr Maina.

He said the county had moved swiftly to address staffing gaps by recruiting 80 new medical officers, including specialists, to ensure uninterrupted services in public hospitals. "Our facilities remain operational. Patients from Kiambu, Nairobi, Murang'a, and Machakos continue to seek treatment in our hospitals," he added.

Dr Maina also revealed that 153 doctors had defied union pressure and continued providing essential services throughout the strike—a move he described as reflecting "professionalism and true service to humanity."

However, KMPDU maintains that



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Dr Elias Maina, Kiambu County Executive Committee Member for Health Services

the county government has failed to address long-standing grievances. In a statement issued last Wednesday, KMPDU Secretary General Dr Davji Atallah accused Kiambu of ignoring critical issues, including delayed promotions, inadequate medical insurance, intimidation of striking doctors, and violations of their right to industrial action.

"Our strike is legal, and our reasons are clear. Instead of dialogue, we have been met with threats and dismissals," said Dr Atallah.

He further criticised the county's deployment of medical officer interns during the strike and demanded their immediate withdrawal. According to him, the current work environment lacks proper mentorship due to the absence of senior doctors, which compromises both intern training and patient safety.

"Interns cannot be expected to operate effectively where mentorship structures have broken down," he added.

In response, Dr Maina dismissed the claims as alarmist and misleading. "The allegation that medical interns are working without supervision is false. They are being overseen by qualified, practising doctors who have continued to report to work. Such scare tactics are reckless," he said.

On promotions, Dr Maina noted that in March 2023, a total of 777 healthcare workers were promoted at a cost of Sh100 million—an exercise witnessed by KMPDU officials. newsdesk@standardmedia.co.ke



A section of shanties belonging to 20 squatters who claim they were left out in a resettlement plan in Gachagi village in Makuyu, Murang'a. [Boniface Gikandi, Standard]

KILIFI

State takes steps to streamline carbon credit system, end farmers exploitation

Environment Cabinet Secretary Deborah Baraza has pledged government action to protect small-scale farmers from exploitation in carbon credit projects.

Speaking at Mida Creek in Kilifi during the International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem, Ms Baraza said a dedicated committee would address concerns around benefit-sharing, land rights, and transparency between farmers and carbon trading firms.

She also revealed that the government is drafting the Climate Change (Amendment) Bill 2023 to regulate

carbon credit activities. "This committee will raise awareness and help end exploitation in the carbon trading space," she said after planting mangroves.

Baraza launched the Mangrove Management Technical Order, noting that Kenya's 61,000 hectares of mangrove forests are vital to biodiversity, fish breeding, ecotourism, and coastal protection.

Kilifi North MP Owen Baya criticised NGOs for enriching themselves while local women, who conserve forests, remain impoverished.

[Nehemiah Okwembah]

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Reducing air pollution speeding up global warming climate crisis

► Research suggests that the rapid warming since 2010 is linked to East Asia's air pollution reduction efforts.

► Temperatures have continued to rise, with last year confirmed as the warmest year on record.

NOEL NABISWA, NAIROBI

Cleaning up the air we breathe may be a win for public health, but it also speeds up global warming. That's according to a recent study published in *Communications Earth and Environment Journal*, which linked the recent clean-up of air pollution in East Asia to the acceleration of the climate crisis.

Co-author Robert Allen, climatology professor at the University of California, Riverside, said: "When something like the anomalous, record-breaking warmth of 2023 and 2024 happens, climate scientists start to wonder if there's a factor we're missing. This study was our effort to figure out what that might be."

Scientists have found that most of the acceleration in warming observed since 2010 was likely due to efforts against air pollution in East Asia.

Global warming has continued to intensify, with 2024 confirmed as the warmest year on record, exceeding 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels for the first time. The past decade (2015-2024) was the warmest on record, and each of the last four decades has been warmer than any previous decade since 1850. Human-induced warming is currently increasing at a rate of 0.25 1.5 degrees Celsius per decade.

In the same period, China had implemented drastic air quality policies that slashed sulphur dioxide emissions by approximately 75 per cent.

All this is happening because of the shift or change, and climate change is the long-term shift in the Earth's average temperatures and weather conditions.

Bjorn Samset, lead author of the study and senior researcher at the Centre for International Climate and Environmental Research in Norway, highlighted why pollution has a cooling effect.

"Think back to a polluted or hazy day; the particles in the air stop some of the sunlight from reaching the surface and therefore act as a cooling sunshade."

"Air pollution has been counteracting some of the global warming from greenhouse gases," Dr Samset said.

He explained that removing air pollution, as China has done, also removes some of this shading, "and the artificial cooling we've had



Scientists have suggested re-polluting the air as a potential solution to the climate crisis. [Courtesy]

for a while has started to diminish." However, the solution isn't to leave the pollution there.

Allen said: "Air quality improvements are a no-brainer for public health.

"But if we want to prevent the worst impacts of climate change, we have to cut carbon dioxide and methane, too. The two must go hand in hand."

Before China's 2010 air quality policies, pollution was a leading cause of premature death in the country.

As well as cutting greenhouse gases, some scientists have suggested wackier solutions to slowing the climate crisis, such as putting pollution back into the air.

Samset said this would involve "adding par-



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Robert Allen, researcher

ticles to the stratosphere, or into clouds, where they can have the same effects as air pollution, but without most of the negative health impacts."

To do this, he explained, a plane could spray gases into the air from 20 km above the ground, far higher than a passenger flight, or scientists could inject sea spray or other natural particles into clouds.

According to the World Health Organisation, climate change presents a fundamental threat to human health. It affects the physical environment as well as all aspects of both natural and human systems.

As climatic conditions change, more frequent and intensifying weather and climate events are observed, including storms, extreme heat, floods, droughts, and wildfires.

These weather and climate hazards affect health both directly and indirectly, increasing the risk of deaths, non-communicable diseases, the emergence and spread of infectious diseases, and health emergencies.

Climate change is also having an impact on our health workforce and infrastructure, reducing capacity to provide universal health coverage.

More fundamentally, climate shocks and growing stresses, such as changing temperature and precipitation patterns, drought, floods, and rising sea levels, degrade the environmental and social determinants of physical and mental health.

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CONSERVATION

Wetlands face faster decline than forests

Kenya is standing at a critical ecological crossroads. Its wetlands ranging from highland peat bogs and riverine swamps to coastal mangroves and floodplains are the lifeblood of the country's environment, economy, and communities. They provide clean water, store carbon, buffer floods, sustain biodiversity, and support millions of livelihoods. Yet, these vital ecosystems are vanishing at an alarming rate due to uncontrolled human activities and climate change.

The Global Wetland Outlook 2025, released this month by the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, reveals that wetlands are disappearing three times faster than forests. Since 1970, more than 400 million hectares have been lost globally, an area larger than India. Wetlands now make up just six per cent of the planet's land surface, but they generate an estimated \$39 trillion annually in ecosystem services roughly 7.5 per cent of global gross domestic product.

Kenya, with wetlands covering only three to four per cent of its land area, is particularly vulnerable. These ecosystems are under siege from land conversion, pollution, urban encroachment, and climate change yet they are crucial to the country's water security, climate resilience, food systems, and biodiversity.

"Wetlands don't just store water. They store our future," said Musonda Mumba, Ramsar secretary-general.

In Kenya, wetlands are being drained for farming, paved over for roads and housing, and polluted by industry and sewage. The drivers are clear: rapid urbanisation, poor planning, climate shifts, and lack of enforcement.

One of Kenya's most fragile wetlands, Ondiri Swamp in Kiambu County, illustrates both the crisis and the hope. Known locally as Kihenia, Ondiri is the country's only high-altitude peat bog and a crucial water source for the Nairobi River. For decades, it was degraded by illegal water extraction, farming, erosion, and pollution.

Beyond Ondiri, several key wetlands across Kenya face similar threats.

They include Yala Swamp (Siaya County) — Kenya's largest freshwater wetland; supports fisheries, farming, and endemic species, Tana River Delta (coast region), a biodiversity hotspot with extensive mangrove forests; vital for fish breeding and carbon storage, Lorian Swamp (Isiolo) threatened by upstream water abstraction and overgrazing and Lake Naivasha (Rift Valley) pressured by irrigation schemes and pollution.

All these systems serve unique ecological functions but they share a common fate: unchecked degradation due to development, population pressure, and climate stress.

[Gerard Nyele]

World's top court opens legal door to global climate justice claims

► International Court of Justice said that countries have a legal duty to prevent climate harm.

► Though not legally binding, the ruling is hailed as a victory for climate-vulnerable countries.

AFP, THE HAGUE

The world's highest court has declared that states are obliged under international law to tackle climate change and warned that failing to do so could open the door to reparations.

In a historic statement, the International Court of Justice said climate change was an "urgent and existential threat" and countries had a legal duty to prevent harm from their planet-warming pollution.

Countries breaching their climate obligations were committing a "wrongful act", the court said in its advisory opinion, which is not legally binding but carries political and legal weight.

"The legal consequences resulting from the commission of an internationally wrongful act may include full reparations to injured states in the form of restitution, compensation and satisfaction," said ICJ President Yuji Iwasawa on behalf of the 15-judge panel.

This would be on a case-by-case basis where a "sufficient direct and certain causal nexus" had been shown "between the wrongful act and the injury", the court added.

Campaigners and countries on the climate frontlines hailed a milestone moment in the fight for accountability from big polluters most responsible for global warming.

"This is a victory for our planet, for climate justice and for the power of young people to make a difference," said UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

Ralph Regenvanu, the climate change minister for Vanuatu, the Pacific island nation that spearheaded the case at The Hague said it was "a very strong opinion at the end" and better than hoped.

"We can use these arguments when we talk with our partners, some of the high-emitting states. We can say you have a legal obligation to help us," he said. "This helps us in our arguments. It's going to give us a lot more leverage... in all negotiations."

This was the biggest case in ICJ history, and seen as the most consequential in a recent string of landmark climate moves.

The United Nations had tasked the 15 judges at the ICJ, a UN court in The Hague that adjudicates disputes between nations, to answer two fundamental questions.

First: what must states do under international law to protect the environment from greenhouse gas emissions for the future?

Second: what are the consequences for states whose emissions have caused environmental harm, especially to vulnerable low-lying island states?

In a detailed summary of the opinion, Iwasawa said the climate "must be protected for present and future generations". "The adverse effect of a warming planet "may significantly impair the enjoyment of certain human rights, including the right to life", he added.

Catalyst for accountability

Legal and climate experts said the opinion, while not legally binding, could have far-reaching consequences for national courts, legislation and public debate. "The court's clear and detailed articulation of state obligations will be a catalyst for accelerated climate action and unprecedented accountability," David Boyd, a former UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment, told AFP.

Courts have become a key battleground for climate action as frustration has grown over sluggish progress toward curbing planet-warming pollution from fossil fuels.

The Paris Agreement, struck through the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), has rallied a global response to the crisis, but not at the speed necessary to protect the world from dangerous overheating.

The journey to The Hague began six years ago with students from the climate-imperilled Pacific region fed up with the lack of accountability for the damage afflicting their homelands.

The fight pitted major wealthy economies against the smaller, less de-



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Schoolchildren from the Suango Mele Primary and Secondary School, in Mele, north of the Vanuatu capital of Port Vila, hold placards as they pose for a photograph on July 24, 2025. The journey to the Hague began six years ago with students from the climate-imperilled Pacific region. [AFP]

Key points from the ICJ's historic climate decision

In a sweeping decision, the world's top court last week declared climate change an "existential problem of planetary proportions" and said countries had a legal duty to act or face consequences.

The highly anticipated International Court of Justice (ICJ) advisory opinion is not legally binding but was unanimous and expected to have major legal ramifications for courts, companies and communities across the world.

The United Nations had tasked the ICJ to say what obligations countries were under to curb planet-heating emissions -- and to lay out possible consequences for failing to do so.

Here are some highlights from a summary of the opinion read by ICJ president Yuji Iwasawa on behalf of the 15-judge panel in The Hague:

• Big picture

Iwasawa said the court could only address the questions put to it by the UN within its legal remit, but noted that the issues go beyond the law.

"They concern an existential problem of planetary proportions that imperils all forms of life, and the very health of our planet," he said.

"A complete solution to this daunting and self-inflicted problem requires the contribution of all fields of human knowledge whether law, science, economics... in order to secure a future for ourselves and those who are yet to come."

• On the right to a healthy climate

"With regard to the duty to prevent significant harm to the environment, the court considers that it also applies to the climate system, which is an integral and vitally important part of the environment and which must be protected for present and future generations."

The court said climate impacts like sea level rise, drought, desertification and weather disasters "may significantly impair the enjoyment of certain human rights, including the right to life".

• What are countries' duties to cut emissions?

The court said countries had binding legal obliga-

tions under the UN's climate negotiations framework as well as in customary law.

Each party to these agreements needs to produce climate plans that "represent its highest possible ambition".

And all climate plans taken together should be "capable of achieving the temperature goal of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels".

"Non-compliance with emission reduction commitments by a state may constitute an internationally wrongful act," the court said.

• What about fossil fuels?

This was quite explicit: "Failure of a state to take appropriate action to protect the climate system from GHG (greenhouse gas) emissions, including through fossil fuel production, fossil fuel consumption, the granting of fossil fuel exploration licences, or the provision of fossil fuel subsidies may constitute an internationally wrongful act which is attributable to that state."

• On reparations

This is the most controversial aspect of the questions considered by the court.

It said that a state responsible for an internationally wrongful act is under an obligation to cease that act, provide assurances that it will not happen again and could include "full reparation to injured states in the form of restitution, compensation and satisfaction".

This was provided that "a sufficiently direct and certain causal nexus can be shown between the wrongful act and injury", the court added.

It said that while finding a causal link between the emissions of one country and the harm in another was "more tenuous than in the case of local sources of pollution, this does not mean that the identification of a causal link is impossible in the climate change context".

Restitution, it said "may take the form of reconstructing damaged or destroyed infrastructure, and restoring ecosystems and biodiversity".

veloped states which are most at the mercy of a warming planet.

More than 100 nations and groups made submissions, many from the Pacific.

"It's such a perfect ending to a campaign that started in a classroom," said Vishal Prasad, director of the student-led campaign that

kicked off the case. "We have now a very, very strong tool to hold power accountable, and we must do that now," he told AFP.

The United States, which has embraced a fossil fuel agenda under President Donald Trump, had a muted response to the ruling.

A US State Department spokes-

person said it "will be reviewing the Court's advisory opinion in the coming days and weeks."

French Ecological Transition Minister Agnes Pannier-Runacher hailed the advisory opinion as a "victory for the most vulnerable states, a victory for France and a victory for the climate".

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IMF to peg future funding on governance reforms, graft purge

▶ Spokesperson Julie Kozack says promoting good governance remains an essential part of engagements with Kenya.

▶ Brettonwoods entity's governance diagnostic team wrapped up its assessment on June 30.

BRIAN NGUGI, CHINA

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has made governance reforms and anti-corruption measures a cornerstone of its future financial support to Kenya, with a draft report assessing the country's corruption risks expected by December 2025.

In a statement to *The Standard*, IMF Spokesperson Julie Kozack confirmed that "promoting good governance remains an essential part of the IMF's engagement with Kenya," signalling that future funding could hinge on the government's commitment to reforms.

An IMF governance diagnostic team wrapped up its assessment on June 30, following an initial scoping mission in March.

The team engaged with government officials, private sector leaders, civil society groups, and development partners to "evaluate systemic weaknesses in key areas, including public financial management, procurement, tax administration, and Central Bank governance."

The IMF clarified that the exercise is a voluntary "capacity-building tool", not an audit, aimed at helping Kenya identify and address corruption vulnerabilities.

"The Governance Diagnostic is not a corruption audit," Kozack emphasised in emailed responses to *The Standard*. "It is designed to strengthen integrity frameworks and provide actionable recommendations."

A draft report will be shared with Kenyan authorities for feedback before year-end, with its final publication subject to government approval.

Analysts say the findings will likely shape future IMF loan conditions, directly tying financial assistance to anti-graft progress.

Kenya's public debt has surged to a record Sh11.5 trillion, exacerbating fiscal strains and increasing reliance on IMF support.

Central Bank Governor Kamau Thugge had earlier said talks for a new IMF programme are underway, with a team expected in September for an Article IV consultation.

Public discontent over corruption and economic mismanagement has intensified, culminating in protests that forced the government to withdraw the Finance Bill 2024. In response, President William Ruto's administration announced a "comprehensive corruption audit"



Kenyan delegation led by National Treasury Cabinet Secretary John Mbadi and Principal Secretary Chris Kiptoo during a high-level discussion with the IMF team led by Director of the Fiscal Affairs Department Vitor Gaspar and Legal Department Ms Yan Liu as part of the Governance Diagnostic Assessment. [File]

across all ministries—a move Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi called proof of the government's "unwavering resolve to eradicate graft."

The IMF has previously delayed disbursements over governance concerns, insisting on policy changes before further aid.

Kozack reiterated that while reforms take time, they are "essential to our engagement with Kenya." With Kenya's 2025/26 budget projecting a Sh923.2 billion deficit, the IMF's push for transparency sets a tough but necessary path for the Government to secure affordable

financing. Analysts warn that without tangible reforms, critical funding could remain out of reach.

Corruption has long been a significant barrier for the IMF in releasing funds to Kenya. Despite prior discussions, the Fund has refrained from announcing new funding, urging Kenyan authorities instead to undertake these diagnostics.

Financial assistance

This will be a fresh test for President Ruto, who has faced mounting pressure to deliver on economic promises amid rising discontent.

The lack of immediate financial assistance underscores the IMF's stance that new policies are a prerequisite for any future funding, experts say.

National Treasury Cabinet Secretary John Mbadi, while making his budget speech, highlighted fiscal constraints including rising demands for public spending, public debt accumulation, and the challenge of mobilising higher tax revenues while maintaining a low cost of doing business.

"These constraints are interlinked, and addressing them effectively requires strategic planning, fiscal discipline, and a commitment to long-term sustainability," Mbadi stated in his budget address, emphasising a fiscal consolidation plan to slow debt growth while protecting service delivery.

The National Treasury plans liability management operations and a continued pursuit of concessional loans, while exploring new funding instruments such as debt swaps and diaspora bonds.

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AUDIT REPORT

Posta Kenya liabilities near Sh10b mark

The Postal Corporation of Kenya's liabilities are almost hitting Sh10 billion. This is as the latest Auditor General's report on the entity's financial health shows it still renders services to clients who are unable to pay. The Auditor General's report for the 2023/2024 financial year shows liabilities for the cash-strapped parastatal stood at Sh9.6 billion as of June 30, 2023.

The entity also continued its streak of negative working capital. The statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the Nancy Gathungu report says, reflects a net operating deficit of Sh1.09 billion during the period.

"The deficit reduced the accumulated general reserve from negative Sh6.2 billion reported in the financial year ended June 30, 2023, to a negative of Sh7.3 billion," the report says.

It notes that while the current assets show a balance of Sh1.8 billion, liabilities stand at Sh9.6 billion. This resulted in a negative working capital of Sh7.7 billion. "These conditions indicate the existence of a material uncertainty, which may lead to significant doubt on the Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern," the report reads in part.

"However, this material uncertainty and any mitigating measures put in place by management to reverse the undesirable financial position were not disclosed in a note to the financial statements." The Sh9.6 billion liabilities include Sh96.8 million in respect of contingent liabilities. The report states that the management explained that the liabilities were vested in the corporation in 1999 through Legal Notice 156.

The liability arose when the defunct Kenya Postal and Telecommunication Corporation hired the services of consultants for the design and construction of Kisumu, Kericho and Malindi Head Post Offices. "The defunct corporation failed to pay the debt and the High Court awarded the amount to the consultants. No supporting documents were provided to support the contingent liability," the report says.

The Sh9.6 billion also includes Sh80.01 million, out of which Sh31.5 million relates to historical payables which have remained unsettled for a long time. The report notes that management has not provided measures taken to ensure that the long-standing historical pending payables are prioritised. "Failure to settle bills during the year to which it relates distorts the financial statements and adversely affects the budgetary provisions for the subsequent year as they form a first charge," the report says.

President William Ruto's administration is keen to reverse the streak of losses in State-owned agencies as one of the ways of reducing overreliance on the exchequer amid a growing public debt obligation. Postal Corporation of Kenya is one of these entities. [Graham Kajilwa]

"The Governance Diagnostic is not a corruption audit. It is designed to strengthen integrity frameworks and provide actionable recommendations."

Julie Kozack confirmed, IMF Spokesperson

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TRILLION

KENYA'S public debt, which has exacerbated fiscal strains and increased reliance on IMF support.



From left: KCB Foundation Chairman Ahmed Mohammed, Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports CS Salim Mvurya, 2Jiajiri graduate Ashanti Achieng and KCB Bank Kenya MD Annastacia Kimtai during the KCB Foundation 2Jiajiri graduation ceremony in Nairobi.



Momentum Kenya team celebrates after being awarded 'Motor Financier of the Year' during the Automobile Association of Kenya 2025 Road Safety Excellence Awards in Nairobi. The firm received the award for its technological innovations in promoting road safety.



Fixo Solutions CEO Levi Nyakundi (left) and WTS Foundation General Manager Jose Rivera exchange a formalised agreement that will enable trained and certified solar installation technicians access employment opportunities through Fixo's digital e-hailing platform.



Sarova Hotels and Resorts MD Jimi Kariuki (left) receives the Brand Africa Special Recognition Award for heritage and homegrown excellence from Brand Africa Regional Chairman (EA) Richard Kiplagat and Brand Africa Founder and Chairman Thebe Ikalafeng.



Liberty Kenya Head of Distribution Judith Odhiambo, Association of Kenya Professional Insurance Agents Chairman Clifford Ochieng, and Heritage Insurance Head of Retail Business Simon Chege showcase the agents' curriculum during a two-day training programme in Nairobi.



Group Manager - Energy Division at Davis & Shirliff (D&S) Norman Chege, Gertrude's Children's Hospital CEO Robert Nyarango, Group CEO at D&S George Mbugua and Chief Finance Officer at Gertrude's Children's Hospital Baraka Kerich during the commemoration of the installation of the Grid-Tie solar system at the hospital.



Kilifi Governor Gideon Mung'aro receives a token of appreciation from SBM Bank (Kenya) Ltd CEO Bhartesh Shah during the official opening of the bank's Kilifi branch on Friday.



Rotary Club of Nairobi Metropolitan led by President Leah Mburu, in collaboration with Rotary Clubs from Nairobi, Kirinyaga, Kutus, Karatina, Mwea, Embu, partner with Laparoscopy Mashinami and ADS Mt Kenya Hospital to offer a range of medical services including general health screening, cancer and lab tests.



Brookside Dairy Corporate Affairs Manager Wilson Okong'o (right) hands over a Sh1 million dummy sponsorship cheque to the United States International University - Africa Vice Chancellor Prof Mwenda Ntarangwi during the institution's inaugural half-marathon race.



Salim Alibhai of PKF Kenya (third left), the judging partner of the awards, presents a certificate to the Minet Kenya team during the 2025 Think Business Insurance Awards held in Nairobi, where the team clinched seven accolades, including general broker of the year.



Chinese Ambassador to Kenya Guo Haiyan (left), founder and CEO of Rendeavour Stephen Jennings (centre) and Group Chief Operating Officer at Rendeavour and Country Head Kenya Preston Mendenhall exchange gifts during a visit by the Chinese envoy to Tatu City.



Yamaha Japan technician from CFAO Mobility Kenya Kazunori Nakamura rewards Eric Muturi during the 2025 Yamaha Day in Nairobi. The firm showcased its innovation in the auto sector.

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UN to use 'humanitarian pauses' to try to reach Gaza's starving

▶ WFP said more than 62,000 tonnes of food assistance was needed monthly to cover the entire Gaza population of two million.

▶ The agency noted that Israel had pledged to allow more trucks to enter Gaza with quicker clearances.

AFP, GENEVA

The United Nations said it would try to reach as many starving people as possible in Gaza after Israel announced it would establish secure land routes in for humanitarian convoys.

The UN's World Food Programme (WFP) said it had enough food in, or on its way to, the region to feed the 2.1 million people in the Gaza Strip for almost three months.

This as two Jordanian and one Emirati plane dropped 25 tonnes of humanitarian aid over the Gaza Strip on Sunday, the Jordanian army said in a statement.

"The Jordanian Armed Forces on Sunday carried out three air drops on the Gaza Strip carrying humanitarian and food aid, one of which was with the United Arab Emirates," the statement said.

UN emergency relief coordinator Tom Fletcher said on X he welcomed the announcement of "humanitarian pauses".

"In contact with our teams on the ground who will do all we can to reach as many starving people as we can in this window," he said.

WFP said the pauses and corridors should allow emergency food to be safely delivered.

"Food aid is the only real way for most people inside Gaza to eat," it said in a statement.

It said a third of the population had not been eating for days, and 470,000 people in Gaza "are enduring famine-like conditions" that were leading to deaths.

WFP said more than 62,000 tonnes of food assistance was needed monthly to cover the entire Gaza population of two million.

The agency noted that, on top of Sunday's "pause" announcement,



People gather as a C-130 Hercules military transport aircraft drops humanitarian aid on the northern Gaza Strip on July 27, 2025. [BASHAR TALEB / AFP]

Israel had pledged to allow more trucks to enter Gaza with quicker clearances along with "assurances of no armed forces or shootings near convoys".

"Together, we hope these measures will allow for a surge in urgently needed food assistance to reach hungry people without further de-



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Jordanian Army statement

lays," it said.

UN rights chief Volker Turk said Israel, as the occupying power in Gaza, was obliged to ensure sufficient food was provided to the population.

Starving children

"Children are starving and dying in front of our eyes. Gaza is a dystopian landscape of deadly attacks and total destruction," he said in a statement.

He criticised a US- and Israel-backed outfit, called the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF), that in late May began distributing food-stuffs when UN-organised efforts were blocked.

Turk said the GHF's "chaotic, militarised distribution sites were "failing utterly to deliver humanitarian aid at the scope and scale needed".

His office says Israeli forces have killed more than 1,000 Palestinians trying to get food aid in Gaza since the GHF started operations -- nearly three-quarters of them in the vicin-

ity of GHF sites.

"The starvation of people in Gaza must end now," UN refugees chief Filippo Grandi said on X.

"Standing with UN and NGO colleagues ready to deliver desperately-needed, lifesaving aid to hundreds of thousands at risk of death."

Fletcher's UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) warned Friday that conditions on the ground in Gaza were "already catastrophic" and deteriorating.

"The starvation crisis is deepening," it said.

OCHA said UN teams were in place to ramp up deliveries into the Palestinian territory as soon as they were permitted to do so.

"If Israel opens the crossings, lets fuel and equipment in, and allows humanitarian staff to operate safely, the UN will accelerate the delivery of food aid, health services, clean water and waste management, nutrition supplies, and shelter materials," it said.

DR CONGO

At least 35 killed in rebel attack in northeast DR Congo

At least 35 people were killed Sunday in an attack by Allied Democratic Forces rebels in northeastern DR Congo, ending a months-long period of regional calm, local sources told AFP.

The ADF, originally formed from former Ugandan rebels and which pledged allegiance to Islamic State in 2019, raided a Catholic church in the town of Komanda where worshippers were gathered for prayer, residents told AFP by telephone from Bunia, capital of Ituri province.

"Last night around 9 pm (1900 GMT), we heard gunfire near the parish church... so far we have seen 35 bodies," Dieudonne Katanabo, an Umoja neighbourhood elder, told AFP.

"We have at least 31 dead members of the Eucharistic Crusade movement, with six seriously injured... some young people were kidnapped, we have no news of them," Father Aime Lokana Dhego, parish priest of the Blessed Anuarite parish of Komanda, told AFP.

The priest added that seven other bodies had been discovered in the town.

Likewise attributing the attack to "ADF rebels", Christophe Munyanderu, coordinator of the local NGO Convention for the Respect of Human Rights, gave a provisional death toll of 38.

Lieutenant Jules Ngongo, army spokesman in Ituri, did not comment on the toll but confirmed the attack to AFP, stating that "the enemy is believed to have been identified among ADF" rebels.

The bloodshed comes after months of calm in the region of Ituri, bordering Uganda.

The last major attack by the ADF was in February, leaving 23 dead in Mambasa territory.

The town of Komanda in Irumu territory is a commercial hub linking three other provinces -- Tshopo, North Kivu, and Maniema.

The ADF, originally Ugandan rebels who are predominantly Muslim, has killed thousands of civilians and ramped up looting and killing in northeastern DRC despite the deployment both of the Ugandan army alongside Congolese armed forces in the area. [AFP]



The town of Komanda, Ituri province, on August 30, 2023. [AFP]

The would-be saint murdered 'mafia-style' for refusing bribes

- ▶ In a land plagued by violence and corruption, Kositi's faith lit a path few dare to follow.
- ▶ He was murdered for refusing a bribe, but his legacy of courage is inspiring a continent.

BBC

Two days after he was kidnapped in July 2007, the bloodied and battered corpse of Floribert Bwana Chui Bin Kositi was dumped outside a university campus in the city of Goma, in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The newly graduated 26-year-old and devout Catholic was just three months into a job as a customs official - which he had taken on with his usual zeal, by refusing to be bribed.

He had stood up to people wanting to smuggle in rice from neighbouring Rwanda that had spoiled and could have proven poisonous if eaten. No one has ever been arrested for his killing.

Fr Francesco Tedeschi, the man campaigning for Kositi to become a Catholic saint, told the BBC his "mafia-style" murder was meant to serve as a warning to anyone else who stood up to corruption - in a part of the world where guns tend to hold sway over the rule of law.

Goma is the capital of North Kivu Province, which is rich in covetable minerals - such as those that power mobile phones - and plentiful in rebel and militia groups.

But Fr Tedeschi believes the warning completely failed because of Kositi's legacy of love and justice, saying the kindness he had shown through his short life lives on today.

His actions, in a place where corruption is the norm, were informed by his faith.

It had made him strong enough to resist repeated offers by the smugglers.

According to the Catholic Sant'Egidio community of which he was a member - Kositi was first offered \$1,000 then \$2,000 "and even more", but consistently said no.

"He had received phone calls and pressure, even from public authorities, to turn a blind eye and take his fee as everyone had always done," the Community of Sant'Egidio said.

Last year, the Catholic Church declared him a martyr - one of the steps to sainthood - as it felt his death was the result of his unwillingness to sacrifice his Christian values for money.

In the Catholic tradition, a saint serves as a model of Christian life and is regarded as a hero of the faith through their exceptional actions of courage.

Kositi has since been beatified - at a ceremony in Rome last month - mean-



Rebel fighters can be seen on guard on the streets of Goma after a big mass at the cathedral earlier this month to mark the beatification of Kositi. [BBC]

ing that once one miracle has been attributed to him, he will become a saint.

So far this has been a remarkably fast journey, as canonisation - the process to sainthood - can sometimes take decades or centuries - though this is speeded up if the Church decides someone died for their faith.

Born in Goma in 1981, Kositi was the eldest of three siblings and eight half-siblings, according to a biography written by Sant'Egidio, which described him as coming from a "well-off family". His father was a bank clerk and his mother a border police officer.

"Floribert Bwana Chui was an intelligent and eloquent child from birth. He was a polite boy who respected us, his parents. I saw a bright future in him. I was expecting him to be a boy who would get married, have a wife and children," his mother Gertrude Kamara Ntawiha told UN-sponsored Radio Okapi last month before travelling to Rome for her son's beatification - which was also attended by Kositi's two younger brothers.

Despite the challenges of living in eastern DR Congo, Kositi was always curious about the world, did well at school and went on to study law at university.

It was during his studies that he attended a regional student conference in Rwanda, in 2001, that changed the course of his life.

An Italian priest gave a talk at the gathering which had brought together people to discuss ways to find, and live in, peace in the restive Great Lakes region.

He was speaking on behalf of the Sant'Egidio community, a movement of both lay people and clergy, committed to social service - and the priest was encouraging the students to embrace a pastoral mission.

Fr Tedeschi had barely finished

speaking at the auditorium in southern Rwanda's leafy university town of Butare when Kositi approached him.

"That speech very much touched Floribert as well as his other friends who had come from Goma," he told the BBC.

"He wanted to begin a community of Sant'Egidio in Goma. [He was] a young man full of joy with a wish to be useful to the world, with a wish to change what he saw around him that did not work."

Kositi took up his mission - and in particular his efforts focused on helping street children, Fr Tedeschi said.

The region around Goma has known decades of conflict and is currently at the centre of a rebellion that

has seen a powerful rebel group take over the city and swathes of territory surrounding it.

Kositi, "very affected" by the fate of children caught up in successive traumas, set up one of Sant'Egidio's "Schools of Peace" - which offer food and other assistance to get children an education.

Today Goma's School of Peace is named in honour of him and has become an actual school.

But in the early 2000s, the young undergraduate was often helping street children financially with school fees or food - or assisting them to become self-reliant in a city where almost everyone was struggling.

"What struck me," said Fr Tedeschi, "was how Floribert was someone who took the life of others very seriously and more importantly, he would ask himself a lot of questions to understand what the roots of poverty were - the misfortunes of people.

"He liked talking, to confront these problems."

Kositi's reach went beyond DR Congo's borders. In Kigali, Rwanda's capital, some 100km east of Goma, Bernard Musana Segatagara, a Sant'Egidio fellow, also remembers him.

"Changing Africa and building peace was our shared dream as we observed a growing network of friendship. I think living in a region of tension was making our friendship even more special," he told the BBC.

After graduating in 2006, Kositi began training as a customs official in the capital, Kinshasa, before taking up a senior post on the border between Rwanda and DR Congo in April 2007.

The rice dispute involved a consignment of around four or five tonnes - which he had tested as he was worried about its safety and then ordered that it be destroyed.



“Floribert Bwana Chui was an intelligent and eloquent child from birth. He was a polite boy who respected us, his parents. I saw a bright future in him”

Gertrude Kamara Ntawiha, Kositi's mother

"At first that pushed the smugglers to try and bribe him, and later to threaten him. And Floribert always refused," Fr Tedeschi said.

"He refused based on his Christian principles. At one point he asked a doctor - a nun working in Goma, who was a friend - so he could really understand the dangers this rice would have represented to the civilian population.

"And that's what led him to think: 'So me as a Christian, I can neither accept money nor that these people risk dying because of this poisoned food just because of corruption.'"

For the priest this is what showed his "loyalty to the gospel, Christian values of love for one's neighbour [and] justice".

Lawyer Jean Jacques Bakinahe, who studied with Kositi at the University of Goma and was also one of the leaders of Sant'Egidio in the city, agrees.

He told the Rwanda Catholic Church TV channel that his friend "profoundly followed the gospel of peace... [which] really helped him categorically reject that act of corruption".

But it ultimately led to his death. "[The smugglers] wanted to send a message... a mafia-style warning," said Fr Tedeschi.

He acknowledged it might have scared some customs officials at the time but said it had "not succeeded in making [people] forget these testimonies of love and justice that Floribert gave us".

When the late Pope Francis visited DR Congo in February 2023, he spoke to young people at the main stadium in Kinshasa - and urged them to follow Kositi's example.

"A young person like yourselves, Floribert Bwana Chui... at only 26 years old, was killed in Goma for having blocked the passage of spoiled foodstuffs that would have been harmful for people's health," he said.

"Since he was a Christian, he prayed. He thought of others and he chose to be honest - saying no to the filth of corruption.

"If someone offers you a bribe, or promises you favours and lots of money, do not fall into the trap. Do not be deceived! Do not be sucked into the swamp of evil!" he said.

His successor, Pope Leo XIV, who presided over the beatification ceremony at the Papal Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls in June, agreed a more promising future lay ahead for DR Congo's young people.

"This African martyr, in a continent rich in youths, shows how young people can give rise to peace," the pontiff said.

The Christian martyr, who now has the title of "blessed" before his name, was lauded in the basilica full of joyous Congolese faithful waving flags.

"May the long-awaited peace in Kivu, in Congo, and across all of Africa come soon - through the intercession of the Virgin Mary and Blessed Floribert," said Pope Leo.

If peace were to be delivered to Goma, where two joint peace processes are currently under way, that would indeed be a miracle worthy of a saint - and would give hope to the entire region.

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- 6:00 AM THE SITUATION ROOM
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- 12:00 PM MOVIE
- 1:30 AM BASELINE
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- 10:00PM MONDAY REPORT
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- 12:00AM AFRO SINEMA
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- 4:00AM PAMBAZUKA



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- 5:30AM TV47 FITNESS
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- 12:00AM BEAT PLUG MIX



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- 10:00AM TINY TINY BOISIET
- 2:00PM KOITAMA
- 7:00PM KABUREITO



SPICE FM

- 6:00AM THE SITUATION ROOM
- 11:00AM SUGAR & SPICE
- 3:00PM SPICE DRIVE
- 7:00PM AFTER HOURS



RADIO MAISHA

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- 7:00PM K24 KIKAO NI
- 8:00PM AAPKE AAJAANESE
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- 9:00PM K24 EVENING EDITION
- 11:45PM ALJAZEERA

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Virgo – Aug 23 - Sep 22
You might especially enjoy developing strategies to reach your goals, and it's a good choice right now. It's also a strong day for rounding out your understanding. You can feel energized by your personal plans, whether opportunities open for you or your motivation and enthusiasm for pursuing your goals increase.



Libra – Sep 23 - Oct 22
Look for ways to refresh your mind and spirit, so you can gain perspective. You have a better sense of what you want and need, particularly in your relationships, and this knowledge boosts your connections all around. Connecting with your inner world can also be exciting.



Scorpio – Oct 23 - Nov 21
You might gain a stronger sense of purpose through special attention to problem areas, chores, and daily routines. It can also be a good time for refreshing ideas or topics and energizing connections. A friend or friendship might motivate you to reach new heights or learn something special.



Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 21
You might better understand a tricky matter through a partner or special someone. Good energy is with you for personal attraction on social and romantic levels. Opportunities to strengthen bonds can be subtle yet valuable and greatly appreciated.



Capricorn – Dec 22 - Jan 19
It's a good time to tackle issues that could benefit from a subtle boost of honesty, compassion, and openness. Your ability to communicate your feelings creatively is strong right now. Feedback is good, and this serves to motivate you. Today also highlights a willingness to learn from or about people in your life, which is heartening.



Aquarius – Jan 20 - Feb 18
Today is powerful for getting to know what you truly value. You might talk or think through problems, and it's satisfying. There's more maturity or honesty today. You might also enjoy paying special attention to a pet project, special interest, or research.



Pisces – Feb 19 - Mar 20
Purchases for the home can be in focus, or developing a talent is rewarding. Sharing financial concerns can be relieving. Transits today also boost your ability to learn through your interactions and feelings. You might find inspiration or feel more vital through your experiences with others today.



Aries – Mar 21 - Apr 19
Willingness to listen is a key component of this. You tend to focus on weak areas and work on fixing them now. With work, chores, or health pursuits, pace yourself but gently challenge yourself as well.



Taurus – Apr 20 - May 20
You're in good shape for assessing value, and it's time to get in touch with your feelings about the people in your life. What you might consciously work on avoiding today is impulsiveness. However, some friendly competition or egging on can be motivating.



Gemini – May 21 - Jun 21
Efforts to repair or enhance a connection can be most rewarding and successful today. Additionally, your spirits run high for home-related activities, or you may want to resolve a personal issue today. It's a good idea to channel all of the extra energy you're feeling into something constructive.



Cancer – Jun 22 - Jul 22
You may feel a strong desire to help others, which can be particularly rewarding. Responsibilities are handled with more ease than usual, and interactions seem more sincere and open. Today's transits also energize your thoughts, ideas, connections, and conversations. A new idea or topic can be exciting.



Leo – Jul 23 - Aug 22
Rather than overthink things, you're tuning into your intuition. You're seeking more satisfaction from your activities, and you're more inclined to find it today. You can be more excited or worked up about money or respect matters, and you're ready to make things more comfortable.
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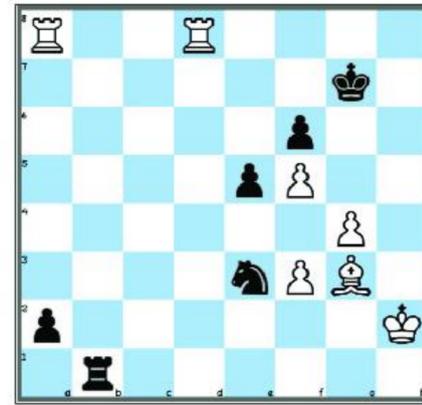
Easy puzzle

White mates in 2 moves.



Intermediate puzzle

White mates in 3 moves.



Saturday's solution

Easy:
1...g3
2. Rxe4 Rh1#

Intermediate:
1... Qxh3+
2. Kg1 Bc5+
3. Ne3 Bxe3#

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Saturday's solution

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SOLVIT

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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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Saturday's solution

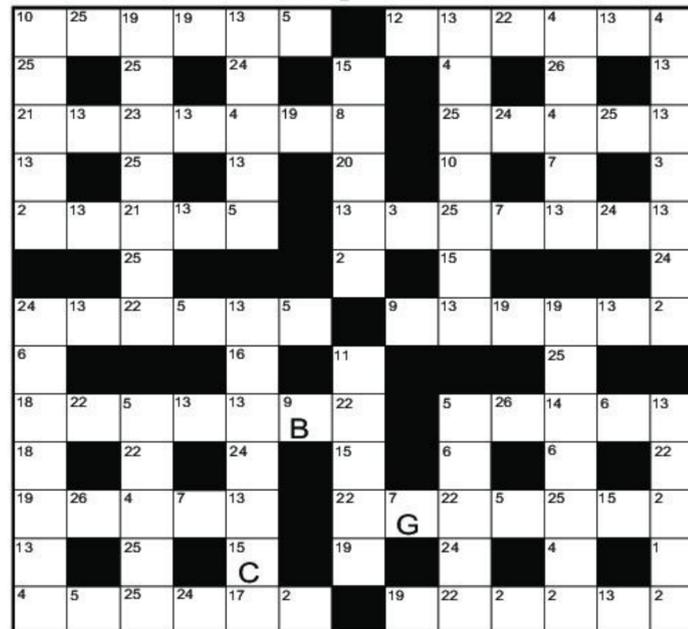
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J
3	1	6	9	2	4	8	5	7

CODEWORD

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

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

Three letters are already in place to get you started.



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

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

Saturday's solution

14	1	T
15	2	B
16	3	G
17	4	Q
18	5	J
19	6	M
20	7	L
21	8	S
22	9	A
23	10	F
24	11	R
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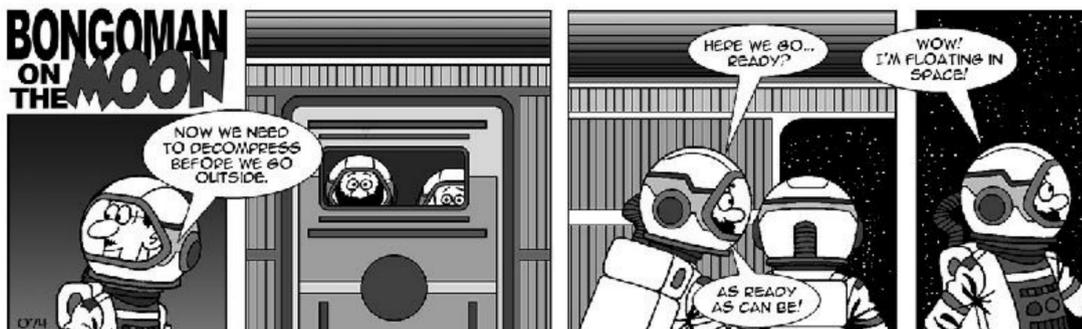
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The mind is its own place, and in itself can make a heaven of hell, a hell of heaven."

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the public that the NGO - Support a Woman Build the Nation has been dissolved

**Rosemary Muriuki
 Secretary**

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The registered owner of Parcel Numbers **Cis-Mara/Oleleshwa/7778 & Cis-Mara/Oleleshwa/7780** situated at K24 area, off Narok-Bomet Highway, 0.2KM North of Sun Shine SDA Church, Narok Municipality, Narok Central Sub County, Narok County would like to change the user of Parcel from **AGRICULTURAL USE TO RESIDENTIAL USE (Multi Dwelling Units)** subject to approval by the County Government of Narok. Individuals, Institutions or Organizations etc. with objections or comments to the Proposed Development are requested to forward the same in writing within Fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice to: **The CECM Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development, County Government of Narok, P.O BOX 898-20500, Narok. Name of Registered Planner: James Michoma. Reg. No: RPP 0067.**

**THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA
 IN THE CHILDREN COURT OF KENYA
 AT NAIROBI MILIMANI LAW COURTS**

**CHILDREN CASE NUMBER
 E1888 OF 2024**
WYCLIFFE NYARIARO OKINDO
 PLAINTIFF
 VERSUS
SHUKRI JAMAL ABDIKARIM
 DEFENDANT
 TO:
**SHUKRI JAMAL ABDIKARIM,
 SUBSTITUTED SERVICE BY WAY OF
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 [Pursuant to the court order issued on 9th December, 2024 by Hon. Elizabeth Muiji]
TAKE NOTICE THAT WYCLIFFE NYARIARO OKINDO has filed CHILDREN CASE No. E1888 of 2024 at the Children's Court at Nairobi in which you have been named as a defendant. Service of summons has been ordered by means of this advertisement.
 Copies of the Plaintiff, verifying affidavit, Witness Statement and List and Bundle of Documents all dated 7th February, 2024 may be obtained from the Children's Court at Nairobi registry or the offices of Mukele & Kakai Advocates LLP, Hazina Towers, 12th Floor Monrovia Street, P.O. Box 30237-00100, Nairobi, Email: mukelekakailp@gmail.com Tel +254738980858.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you wish to file your response, you must do so before or within 15 days hereof otherwise the case will be heard and determined in your absence.
 Dated at Nairobi this 24th of July, 2025
**MUKELE & KAKAI LLP
 ADVOCATES FOR THE PLAINTIFF**

**DRAWN AND FILED BY
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**FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r.3(3)(x))
 PUBLIC NOTICE**

**THE PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT
 (NO. 13 OF 2019)
 CHANGE OF USER**

The Registered Owner of plot parcel No. **Dagoretti/Rituta/8850** located along Naivasha road in Rituta area within Dagoretti South Sub-County, Nairobi City County proposes to Change the User from **Residential to Commercial (Shops) cum Multi-Dwelling Units (Flats)** subject to approval by the Nairobi City County Government. Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc with comments, and or objections to the development proposal are requested to forward them in writing, within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

**THE CECM; BUILT ENVIRONMENT & URBAN PLANNING,
 COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NAIROBI,
 P.O BOX 30075-00100,
 NAIROBI.**

**FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r.3(3)(x))
 PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Physical & Land use Planning Act (No.13 of 2019) PUBLIC NOTICE
 CHANGE OF USER**

The registered owner (s) of the property **L.R No. Nairobi Block 44/111** Located Along Pumwani Road, Kariakor proposes to change of user of the property from **Residential to Commercial (Shops) cum Residential (Apartments)** Subject to approval by Nairobi City County. Any individuals, organisations, Institutions etc with comments or objections are requested to forward the same in writing within 14days of publication of this notice to: **The CECM- Urban Planning, Lands and Housing, Nairobi City County P.O. Box 30075-00100, Nairobi.**

Name of the Registered Planner: Kennedy M. Kaburu Reg. No. PP0353

**FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r.3(3)(x))
 PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT
 (NO. 13 OF 2019)
 NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF USER**

The Registered Owner of parcel No. **NAIROBI/ BLOCK 83/2243** located off Moi Drive Road in Kinjo Area within Embakasi West Sub-County, proposes to change the Use from **Single Residential use to Multi-Dwelling Units (Flats)**, subject to approval by the Nairobi City County Government. Individuals, institutions, members of the public, etc, with comments, and or objections to the development proposal are requested to forward them in writing, within fourteen (14) days of this notice to;

**The CECM;
 Built Environment & Urban Planning,
 County Government of Nairobi,
 P.O. Box 30075-00100,
 Name of physical planner: CHRISTOPHER N. OMAE
 R.P.P. 0065**

PUBLIC NOTICE

**PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING
 ACT NO 13 OF 2019.
 EXTENSION OF USER.**

The registered owner of Parcel Number **Cis-Mara/Imashariani Morijo/319** situated at Narok Municipality, Imashariani area, along Narok-Mai Mahiu Highway, 1KM East of Ole Tipis Girls High School, Narok Town, Narok Central Sub County, Narok County proposes to **Extend use of the land from Agricultural to include Commercial Cum Residential User** subject to approval by the County Government of Narok. Individuals, Institutions or Organizations etc. with objections or comments to the Proposed Development are requested to forward the same in writing within Fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice to: **The CECM Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development, County Government of Narok, P.O BOX 898-20500, Narok. Name of Registered Planner: James Michoma. Reg. No: RPP 0067.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

**PHYSICAL AND LANDUSE
 PLANNING ACT NO. 13
 OF 2019
 RENEWAL OF USE**

The Registered owner(s) of plot No. **12646/79** is proposing to **Renew Use** of the property to include a Telecommunication (GSM Base Station) subject to approval by the **County Government of Kiambu.**

Any individual(s), institution(s) and organization (s) with objection(s) to the proposal are hereby requested to forward them in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

**PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT, 2019
 EXTENSION OF USER**

The registered owner of **KERICHO/ SOSIOT/3499** located at Kaptoboiti area, off Sondu- Kapsoit Road, Kericho County, is proposing to **Extend its User to include an ATC Kenya Base Transceiver Station (BTS)** subject to approval by the Kericho County Government. Any Individual(s), institution(s) or organizations with comments or objections to the development proposal are requested to submit them in writing within 14 days of this notice to:

**The County Executive Committee Member,
 Lands, Housing and Physical Planning,
 County Government of Kericho,
 P.O. Box 112-20200,
 KERICHO.
 Reg. physical Planner: Wesuyle David Zinyy
 Reg No. 0200**

**FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r.3(3)(x))
 PUBLIC NOTICE**

**THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING
 ACT (No. 13 of 2019)
 NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED
 CHANGE OF USE**

The registered owner of Plot **NAIROBI/BLOCK 139/362**, located in maruru area off northern bypass, proposes to **Change its use from Single Dwelling to Multi Dwelling (Flats)** subject to approval by the Nairobi City County. Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. with comments and or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

**The County Executive Committee Member,
 Built Environment and Urban Planning Sector
 Nairobi City Hall,
 City Hall Way, Nairobi, Kenya
 Dated: 28/07/2025
 Name of the Registered Planner. Plan. Kelvin
 Ritho Gitonga Reg. No: 0270**

PUBLIC NOTICE

**PHYSICAL & LAND USE
 PLANNING ACT NO.13 OF 2019
 NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED
 CHANGE OF USE**

The registered owner of **Lr. No. 13858/31** located at Githurai Subcounty in Kiambu County, intends to apply for Change of Use from **Agricultural to Business cum Residential Multidwelling (Flat)** subject to approval by Kiambu County Government. Individuals, institutions or members of the public with comments or objections to the proposals are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to: The County Executive Committee Member Lands, Housing, Physical planning and Municipal Administration:

**County Government of Kiambu
 P.O BOX 2344-00900,
 Kiambu
 Pin. Marvin Mugambi Reg. 0323**

PUBLIC NOTICE

**PHYSICAL & LAND USE
 PLANNING ACT NO.13 OF 2019
 NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED
 CHANGE OF USE**

The registered owner of **Lr. No. 13858/29** located at Githurai Subcounty in Kiambu County, intends to apply for Change of Use from **Agricultural to Business cum Residential Multidwelling (Flat)** subject to approval by Kiambu County Government. Individuals, institutions or members of the public with comments or objections to the proposals are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to: The County Executive Committee Member Lands, Housing, Physical planning and Municipal Administration:

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**FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r.3(3)(x))
 PUBLIC NOTICE**

**THE PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT NO. 13 OF 2019
 NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED EXTENSION OF USE**

The registered owner(s) of Plot No. **KABETE/KIBICHIKU/495**, located in **Kibichiku area off Getathuru Road** proposes to do an **Extension of Use to include Residential Use - Multi Dwelling Units (flats)** subject to approval by the County Government of Kiambu. Individual(s), institution(s), member(s) of the public etc. with comment(s) and or objection(s) to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

**The CECM Lands, Housing, Physical Planning & Urban Development
 County Government of Kiambu
 P.O BOX 2344-00900
 Name of the Registered Planner. Kelvin Gitonga Ritho Reg. No. 0270**

THE NATIONAL LAND COMMISSION



NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ALLOCATE LAND

To The General Public and any other interested Parties

Notice is hereby given that at the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, The National Land Commission (NLC), on behalf of the County Government of Isiolo, intends to regularize tenure of LR No. 7918/819, Isiolo Township in Isiolo County measuring 0.3267 Ha for Commercial use (Subject to terms, Covenants, Conditions and reservations which shall be included in the conveyance documents) in accordance with Section 14 of the Land Act 2012.

Any interested person wishing to raise any comments may do so to the Chairman, NLC within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. In the absence of any valid objections, the allocation shall take place at the Commission's office in Nairobi (316 Upper Hill Chambers 2nd Ngong Avenue) as from 2.30 p.m. on the next working day following the expiry of this notice.

The terms of allocation are available at the Commission's offices in Nairobi and the office of the NLC County Coordinator in Isiolo County. The land is planned and surveyed, and ownership details may be inspected at the offices of the CECM in charge of Lands for Isiolo County, Director of Surveys in Nairobi and NLC offices during working hours.

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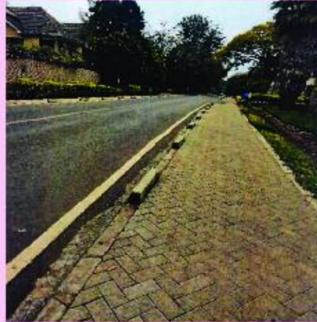
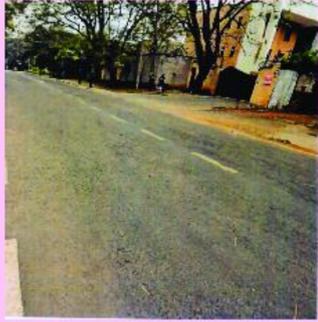
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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions from our principals, the chargees, in exercise of their statutory power of sale, we shall sell by Public Auction the under mentioned properties and all the improvements erected thereon.
1. SALE ON WEDNESDAY 20TH AUGUST, 2025 AS FROM 11:00A.M IN OUR OFFICES AT CPF HOUSE 3RD FLOOR ALONG HAILE SELASSIE AVENUE NAIROBI.



All that property known as **L.R. NO. 3734/221 (ORG. NO. 3734/5/108) (OWASHIKA ROAD, LAVINGTON GREEN) "EXECUTIVE TOWN HOUSE NO. 1" NAIROBI MUNICIPALITY** registered in the name of **ISSACK NOOR ADEN**. It is a freehold interest with built up area measuring 590.50 Square Meters or 6,356.12 Square Feet. The subject unit known as Executive Town House No. 1 is a 5 No. bedroomed town house (master ensuite) with a semi-detached servant quarter located within Nairobi Municipality, Lavington Green Residential Area along Owashika Road & adjacent to Collins Park 220 - Iwashika Road opposite The Seasoned Women Center. Mains electricity, water and sewer line are connected to the property.

2. SALE ON WEDNESDAY 20TH AUGUST, 2025 AS FROM 11:00A.M IN OUR OFFICES AT CPF HOUSE 3RD FLOOR ALONG HAILE SELASSIE AVENUE NAIROBI.



All that property known as **L.R. NO. KAJIADO/KAPUTIEI NORTH/19784, OASIS GARDENS ESTATE, KITENGELA TOWN AREA, KAJIADO COUNTY** in the name of **AL - KARIM BADRUDIN SUNDERJI**. It is a freehold interest measuring 0.04 Ha and is situated along and to the North of Deliverance road approximately 1 Kilometer off Namanga road, within Oasis Gardens, a gated community estate in Kitengela Town Area, Kajiado County. The plot is developed with 3 No. Bedroom (master ensuite) bungalow. Mains electricity and piped water services are connected into the subject property. Foul drainage is into a common estate septic tank.

3. SALE ON FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST, 2025 AS FROM 11:00A.M IN OUR OFFICES AT ASHA TRUST BUILDING, 2ND FLOOR, MERU ROAD MOMBASA.

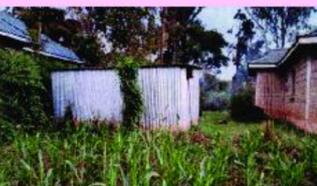
All those properties known as **TITLE NOS. MAINLAND NORTH/SECTION 111/4871 & 4872 (C.R. NO. 53245 & 53246) - KANAMAI ESTATE, MTWAPA TOWNSHIP, KILIFI COUNTY** in the name of **PATRICK MUCHUNKU KAMENYI**. They are freehold interest measuring 0.0300 Ha or 0.07413 Acres and 0.0296 Ha or 0.07314 Acres respectively. They are situated about 1.5km off and to the left of Mombasa - Malindi Highway deviating diagonally opposite Mtwapa Mall, some 200 Meters West of Coral High School, adjacent to Withumasii Apartments, Kanamai Estate approximately 2 Km North East of Mtwapa Township, Kilifi County. The plots are vacant.

4. SALE ON THURSDAY 21ST AUGUST, 2025 AS FROM 11:00A.M AT CENTRAL SQUARE OPPOSITE ABSA BANK - KISUMU. All that property known as **TITLE NO. KISUMU/SIDHO WEST/1412 KASESE AREA, KISUMU EAST SUB - COUNTY, KISUMU COUNTY** in the name of **HERICK OCHIENG OBUNDE**. It is freehold interest measuring 1.3 Ha or 3.2 Acres and is situated about 620 Meters due West of Kasese Shopping Center and about 2.2 Kilometers due East of Chiga Shopping center within Kasese Area along the Kisumu - Kibos - Chiga - Kasese road in the outskirts of Kisumu Town, Kisumu County. Developed on the property are semi-permanent structures. Mains electricity and water are available for connection. Foul drainage is into a pit latrine.

5. SALE ON WEDNESDAY 6TH AUGUST, 2025 AS FROM 11:00A.M IN OUR OFFICES AT CPF HOUSE 3RD FLOOR ALONG HAILE SELASSIE AVENUE NAIROBI.

All that property known as **TITLE NO. 209/18559** registered in the name of **EUROCOLLECTIONS LIMITED**. It is a leasehold interest for a term of 50 years w.e.f 1/12/1996. The plot extends approximately 0.5320 Ha or 1.315 Acres while the subject office suite lettable area as per on site layout plan is approximately 1088.26 Square feet. The subject retail suite is Suite No. 14 situated on the Ground Floor of office block identifiable as "The Mirage" situated along Waiyaki Way approximately 470 Meters due South East of Consolata School, about 3 Km from Nairobi CBD and opposite Riverside Park, Nairobi County.

6. SALE ON FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST, 2025 AS FROM 11:00A.M AT CENTRAL SQUARE OPPOSITE ABSA BANK - KISUMU. All that property known as **TITLE NO. KISUMU/WATHOREGO/981** registered in the name of **MAURICE ONYANGO OWICH**. It is a freehold interest measuring 0.34 Ha or 0.840 Acres and is located approximately 800 Meters due North East of Abyssinia Iron and Steel Plant, 400 Meters due West of Kibos Friends Church and about 200 Meters from KPA Kibos Inland Depot approximately 900 Meters from Kibos road within Steel Mill area off Kibos road, Kisumu County. The plot is vacant.



All that property known as **TITLE NO. KISUMU/TAMU TOWNSHIP/22** registered in the name of **MAURICE ONYANGO OWICH**. It is a leasehold interest for a term of 99 years w.e.f 1/12/1986 at an annual ground rent of Kshs. 180/= (revisable) measuring 0.0445 Ha or 0.109 Acres. It is located approximately 100 Meters due South of ACMK Church Tamu, approximately 150 Meters from Tamu Chiefs Camp office about 250 Meters due South of Tamu Health Center and about 400 Meters due North West of Jaramogi Gingga Odinga Tamu Secondary School approximately 250 Meters off Muhoroni road within Tamu area, Kisumu County. The plot is developed with a bungalow.

Conditions of sale.

- All interested bidders are requested to view the property and verify the details for Themselves as the auctioneers or the chargees do not warrant these.
- Interested bidders must deposit **Kshs. 1,000,000.00** for Property No. 1 & 5, **Kshs. 500,000.00** for Property No. 2 & 6 and **Kshs. 100,000.00** for Property No. 3 & 4 in **CASH OR BANKERS CHEQUE** with the auctioneer before being allowed to bid.
- Sale is subject to a reserve price, and the auctioneer reserves the right to reject any bid without giving any reasons for doing so.
- Interested bidders are requested to view the property between 10.00 am and 5.00pm and our office will assist the bidders to point out the property subject to prior arrangement.
- 10%** of the purchase price must be paid to the auctioneer at the fall of the hammer and the balance to be paid in **90 days** to the chargees.



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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principles the FINANCIERS, we shall sell by public auction the below property with all the improvement thereon on **Wednesday 13th August 2025 at 11:00AM at Catholic church Area, Kapsowar Town**, outside the property. All that parcel of land known as **LR No. Elgeyo Marakwet /Kapsowar /2361** registered in the name of **Moses Kibowen Sang**. The property is located in **Kapsowar Town, Elgeyo Marakwet County**. The land parcel measures **0.006 Ha**.

CONDITION OF SALE

- All interested bidders are required to view the properties and verify the details by themselves as these are not warranted by the Auctioneers or the Financiers
- Viewing daily during working hours
- A deposit of 25% of the sale price must be paid in cash as banker's cheque at the fall of the hammer and the balance paid within 90 days to the chargees.



PURPLE ROYAL AUCTIONEERS

Auctioneers, Repossessors, Commissions Agents

PIN NO. / V.A.T.: A002149036M

PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from the CHARGE, we shall sell by Public Auction the under mentioned property.

1.A PRIME THREE- BEDROOM MASTER ENSUITE MAISONETTE WITHIN GREENFIELDS PHASE 3 ESTATE, DONHOLM AREA, NAIROBI CITY COUNTY



On THURSDAY 14TH AUGUST 2025 at 11.00 am AT OUR OFFICES, SITUATED AT CARGEN HOUSE, 1ST FLOOR, SUITE 101, MOI AVENUE/ HARAMBEE AVENUE JUNCTION NAIROBI.

All That Parcel of Land Known as **HOUSE NO. 2452 SITUATED ON TITLE NO. NAIROBI BLOCK 82/2452 GREENFIELDS PHASE 3 ESTATE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY I.M.O CHRISTOPHER AMIS SIAMBE P.O. BOX 34650 - 00100 NAIROBI**

The property is situated on unnamed estate road, off Savannah road, in Greenfields Phase 3 Estate, Donholm, Nairobi County. GPS Coordinates: 1°17'26.00"S 36°53'39.31"E. The plot measures 0.0149 ha/0.0368 acres approximately. The developments comprise a three (3 No.) bedrooms, master ensuite maisonette whose accommodation is as follows: The accommodation comprises:- Ground Floor: Lounge/Dining area; Passageway to the; Kitchen with an exit to the backyard, Common cloakroom having a WC, and WHB staircase off. First Floor; Landing; Passageway to the; Shower room having an OHS, a WC and WHB; Two bedrooms; Master bedroom ensuite with a cubicle shower having an OHS, Living room with door off to balcony, open plan Kitchen with door off to Dhobi area, Passage, Lobby with wash hand basin, common shower room having overhead shower separate cloakroom having WC, Master Bedroom ensuite with a cubicle shower room having with overhead shower, WC and wash hand basin; built up area of 1400. Sq. approximately. Main electricity and water are connected to the property whilst foul drainage is to the main sewer line. The immediate access road is murrum surfaced while Savannah Road is tar surfaced. It's on **Leasehold Tenure**.

2.A PRIME SIX BEDROOM MAISONETTE WITHIN MIGAA ESTATE OFF RIABAI ROAD, KIAMBU COUNTY



On TUESDAY 12TH AUGUST 2025 at 11.00 am AT OUR OFFICES, SITUATED AT CARGEN HOUSE, 1ST FLOOR, SUITE 101, MOI AVENUE/ HARAMBEE AVENUE JUNCTION NAIROBI.

All That Parcel of Land Known as **L.R. NO. 29059 - PART, UNIT NO. CP81, MIGAA GOLF CLUB ESTATE, KIAMBU COUNTY IN THE NAME OF JAMES MUTURI MWaura OF P.O BOX 118-00614 KIKUYU**

The property is situated off Riabai Road in Migaa Estate of Kiambu County. Access to the suit property from Kiambu Town is via Kiambu - Ruiru Road, proceeding approximately 5.8 kilometers followed by a turn to the left onto cabro paved road to access Migaa Golf Club Estate. Advance for roughly 1.49 kilometres before turning left and moving for about 315 metres and take right turn for 20 metres to the property. It is identified as Unit No. CP81. Gprs Coordinates: 1°07'32.3"S 36°50'17.5"E. The entire property extends 313 ha/773 acres. The subject plot measures 0.06 ha/0.148 acres approximately. Developed thereon is a maisonette that is still under construction with the following accommodation details: Basement; bedroom 1 ensuite. Ground Floor; Entry Porch; Corridor; Bedroom 2 ensuite, to be fit with wardrobes, WC, WHB and OHS; Dining with exit to the rear porch; Lounge double volume; Open Plan kitchen with an exit to Staff Quarters, to be fit with worktops, high and low level cabinets; Staff Quarters, Common washroom; Guest bedroom ensuite, to be fit with wardrobes, WC,WHB and OHS; staircase to upper floor; First Floor; Landing/Circulation Corridor; Bedroom 4, ensuite with exit to balcony, to be fit with wardrobes, WC,WHB and OHS; Master bedroom ensuite with an exit to balcony, to be fit with wardrobes, walk in closet,

WC, WHB and OHS; family Room with an exit balcony; Bedroom 6 **Total Plinth area; 3787 sq.ft.** Mains; Piped water are connected. Electricity is available in the neighborhood for connection. Waste Disposal is to septic tank upon its construction. Access road within the estate are cabro paved/ murrum surfaced connecting to Tar-surfaced Riabai Rd. It's on **Leasehold Tenure**.

3.TWO PRIME CONTIGUOUS RESIDENTIAL PLOTS IN KISAJU AREA, KAJIADO NORTH CONSTITUENCY, KAJIADO COUNTY ON WEDNESDAY 30TH JULY 2025 at 11.00 am AT OUR OFFICES SITUATED AT CARGEN HOUSE 1ST FLOOR, SUITE 101, MOI AVENUE/ HARAMBEE AVENUE JUNCTION, NAIROBI CITY NAIROBI COUNTY

All That Parcels of Land Known as **TITLE NO. KAJIADO/KAPUTIEI NORTH/91140 & 91941 IN THE NAME OF MARIELOUSE NGABIRE OF P.O. BOX 4137- 00200 NAIROBI.**

The properties are situated approximately 4.8 kms off Nairobi - Namanga at Kisaju area, Kajiado North Constituency, Kajiado County. Rukina gardens and HCF ministry are situated within immediate neighborhood of the subject properties. GPRS Coordinates 1°38'71"S 36°55'24.8"E. Each plot measures 0.0409 ha/0.09884 acres or thereabouts. These are rectangular shaped, fairly flat gradient residential plots. Soils are mixed black cotton type while boundaries are either marked by corner survey beacons. The immediate access road is murrum/earth surfaced and connects to Namanga Road about 5 kilometers away. Both properties are on **Freehold Interest**.

4.TWO PRIME CONTIGUOUS RESIDENTIAL PLOTS IN THORNEGROVE MILIMANI AREA, KITENGELA WARD, KAJIADO COUNTY ON WEDNESDAY 30TH JULY 2025 at 11.00 am AT OUR OFFICES SITUATED AT CARGEN HOUSE 1ST FLOOR, SUITE 101, MOI AVENUE/ HARAMBEE AVENUE JUNCTION, NAIROBI CITY NAIROBI COUNTY

All That Parcels of Land Known as **TITLE NO. KAJIADO/ KITENGELA/88443 & 88446 IN THE NAME OF MARIELOUSE NGABIRE OF P.O. BOX 4137- 00200 NAIROBI.**

The properties are situated approximately 4.84 kms off Nairobi - Namanga at Mutsi Investment Ltd estate in Thornegrove Milimani area, Kitengela Ward, Kajiado East Constituency, Kajiado County. Teriter residence and Chris Mission Church are situated in the immediate neighborhood of the subject properties. GPRS Coordinates 1°30'39.9"S 36°55'04.9"E. Each plot measures 0.0409 ha/0.09884 acres or thereabouts. These are rectangular shaped, fairly flat gradient residential plots. Soils are mixed black cotton type while boundaries are either marked by corner survey beacons. The immediate access road is murrum/ earth surfaced and connects to Namanga Road about 5 kilometers away. Both properties are on **Freehold Interest**.

5.A PRIME COMMERCIAL CUM RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY IN ONGATA RONGAI TOWN KAJIADO COUNTY ON THURSDAY 31ST JULY 2025 AT OUR OFFICES SITUATED AT CARGEN HOUSE, 1ST FLOOR, SUITE 101, MOI AVENUE/HARAMBEE AVENUE JUNCTION NAIROBI AT 11:00 AM

All That Parcel of Land Known as **TITLE NO. L.R. NO. ONGATA RONGAI 1/27 ONGATA RONGAI TOWN KAJIADO COUNTY INO OF MEGAREAL INVESTMENTS LIMITED OF P.O BOX 23264 00100 NAIROBI.**

The subject property easily identified as 'MEGA HOUSE' is situated approximately 110 metres off and to the left of Magadi Road from Nairobi, turning off opposite Gataka Road and approximately 630 metres after Maasai Lodge Road turn off, opposite Ongata Rongai Market, within Ongata Rongai Town Kajiado North sub County Kajiado County. The plot extends 0.0490ha/0.1211 acres. This is a rectangular shaped fairly level mixed soils plot, whose boundaries are marked part by building lines and part by natural stones boundary wall fence. Access to the subject property is via a double leaf steel plate gate, mounted on building columns, opening onto a central passage finished in plain cement and screed. A single pedestrian access gate is also provided. A similar gate is provided for access to the rear semi-detached store blocks. A single leaf welded steel plate gate is provided, mounted on the rear boundary wall for exit to the rear service lane. Developed on the property is a commercial cum residential block having 2No shops, to the main road frontage and 6no stores on the ground floor 8 no. Two Bedroom Units and 8no. one bedroom units on both first and second floors. There are 2 no. Semi-detached store blocks at the rear section of the property comprising 4No stores (each block having 2no. stores). **The plinth area is 1,106.70 sq m.** Mains electricity and water services are connected to the subject property. Water is stored on ground level plastic tank with a capacity of 2,300 litres and a further raised plastic tank with a capacity of 10,000 litres. Drainage is to a septic tank. The immediate access roads are tar surfaced save for the rear service lane that is laid in murrum. The access roads link to the main Magadi Road which is approximately 110 metres away. It is on leasehold interest.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- All interested buyers are requested to view the property and verify the details as these are not warranted by the auctioneers.
- Interested bidders must carry a deposit of 10% in form of banker's cheque to the auction. If declared the highest bidder, the balance will be payable within Ninety days to the chargees.
- The conditions of sale may be obtained from our offices.
- The sale of the properties is subject to a reserve price and Land Control Board where applicable.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our principals, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned motor vehicle on **MONDAY 4th AUGUST, 2025 at BRAIFUS AUCTION & STORAGE YARD at 10:30 a.m.**

IN THE SMALL CLAIMS COURT MILIMANI, CASE NO. E 9207 OF 2024 ELEGANT CREDIT LIMITED-Vs- JOSEPH MUNGAI KIMANI

NO.	REGISTRATION NUMBER	MODEL	VENUE
1	KCN 882K	NISSAN VAN	BRAIFUS AUCTION & STORAGE YARD

Conditions of Sale
 Cash at the fall of the hammer

Onyango & Tarus
 ADVOCATES
 A: The Bloom, 7th floor, KMA Centre,
 Upper Hill, Nairobi, Kenya.
 P: 29107, GPO, 00100

We are inviting offers from interested parties for the purchase of motor vehicles as listed below by way of private treaty:

RECEIVING OFFERS CLOSE AT 12 NOON TUESDAY, (5th AUGUST 2025)

REG No.	TO BE VIEWED AT	MAKE	YoM	RESERVE PRICE
1	KCT533R Auto Gallery Ltd - Westlands	Ford Ranger Wildtrack	2015	2,594,000
2	KCU951F Knickly Automax - Kitul	Honda Fit	2012	414,000
3	KAS454Y Valuers Yard Roasters Nairobi	Isuzu Ngr 33 Seater Bus Semi Luxury	2004	460,000
4	KDH029C Eazy Storage Yard- Ruiru	Mazda Demio 13	2015	508,000
5	KBH742X Auto Gallery Ltd - Westlands	Mercedes Benz E320 Auto	2004	852,000
6	KCT851W Northern Kenya Storage- Garissa	Mitsubishi Ek Wagon 2Wd	2011	241,000
7	KBS573U Eazy Storage Yard- Ruiru	Nissan Murano Prnz50	2005	469,000
8	KCV684Y Eazy Storage Yard- Ruiru	Nissan X-Trail Dnt31	2012	899,000
9	KCH384X Eazy Storage Yard- Ruiru	Subaru Legacy 2.5 Bm9 Auto Cvt/Bmm	2009	489,000
10	KBU985U Auto Gallery Ltd - Westlands	Toyota Land Cruiser Trj120R2.7L	2006	1,304,000
11	KBH087X Blackbird Storage & Auction Yard - Nyali	Toyota Premio Zrt240 1.5L	2002	396,000
12	KCA751H Blackbird Storage & Auction Yard, Kisumu	Toyota Premio Zrt240	2007	517,000
13	KBW150S Capital Diamond - Thika	Toyota Probox 1.3	2006	279,000
14	KCQ676F Eazy Storage Yard- Ruiru	Volkswagen Tiguan 2.0 Tsl	2011	846,000
15	KDS811T Legacy Yard	Toyota Probox	2018	1,007,000
16	KBP931N Jooqo Road Motors	Toyota Noah	2004	396,000
17	KCP871D Eazy Ruiru Yard	Honda Fit	2010	357,000
18	KDG687B Startruck Yard	Toyota Fielder	2014	1,025,000
19	KCA005P Remma Yard	Toyota Harrier	2007	981,000
20	KCJ017L Legacy Yard	Toyota Allion	2009	713,000
21	KDB410C Legacy Yard	Nissan Bluebird	2013	723,000
22	KDL906P Startruck Yard	Toyota Harrier	2016	2,538,000
23	KBF083E Eldoret Supermax	Toyota Hiace	2001	300,000
24	KCG721Y Eazy Ruiru Yard	Lexus RX450H	2010	1,802,000
25	KCE809R Legacy Yard	Toyota Hilux	2005	986,000

Vehicles are sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS".
 Offers should be submitted on www.eezycars.co.ke, not later than 5th August 2025.
 For any assistance please contact: 0783 616458 or 0709 335005 alternatively,
 send an email to: sales@eezycars.co.ke.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our principals, we shall sell the under mentioned M/Vehicles on **Tuesday 5th August 2025** at Legend Storage Yard Ltd Thika Makongeni at 10:30 AM

CASE NO./COURT	PARTIES	M/VEHICLE	MODEL
1 SCCC NO. E5917 OF 2023 Millmani Court	Francis Afanda John VS Diana Nthenya	KBV 590J	Toyota Belta
2 SCC CASE NO. E136 OF 2025 Thika Court	George kamau Gichuki VS Francis Boro Wambui	KAS 519L	Toyota Corolla
3 CIVIL SUIT NO. E004 OF 2023 Embu Court	Kenfrey Fundi Nyaga VS Adan Shiekh & Ontel Limited	KDD 625S	Nissan Vanette
4 SCC NO. E635 OF 2025 Ruiru Court	Mary Nthambi Muema VS Alex Wahome Mureithi & John Mwangi Mugwe	KCF 714Q	Toyota Hiace
5 CIVIL SUIT NO. E052 OF 2023 Gatundu Court	Reuben Nderitu VS Edison Miles & John Kiara Kimani	KCY 871E	Toyota Hiace

Condition of sale
 Cash at the fall of the hammer

BRANCHES: Jubilee Exchange House, 5th Floor, Suite 540, Mama Ngina Street/ Kaunda - Street, Nairobi-Kenya
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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our principals, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned property on **Wednesday 13th August 2025** at our offices in Thika at 11:00 A.M

1. THIKA SCCOMM E115 OF 2023
PAUL MUHURI NJUGUNA -vs- MOSES KARONJO MWAURA
 All that parcel of land known as **L.R NO. LOC4/NAARO/1124** Measuring approximately **0.25 Ha** as per valuation report and registered in the name of **MOSES KARONJO MWAURA** and all improvements therein. The property is situated in Kandara constituency near Kaburugi Market.

CONDITION OF SALE

- All interested bidders are requested to view the property and verify the details for themselves as the auctioneers or the principals do not warrant this.
- A refundable deposit of 100,000/= to obtain a bidding number. No bidding without the said number.
- A deposit of 25% must be paid in cash or bankers cheque at the fall of the hammer.
- Conditions of the sales are available on request at our offices.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals the Financiers, we shall sell by Public Auction the under mentioned motor vehicles on **MONDAY 4th AUGUST 2025 at 10.00 a.m.** in our offices located at Jeevan Bharati house Harambee avenue Second floor room 209.

IN THE MATTER OF REPOSESSION

REG. NO.	MODEL	PLACE OF VIEW
KDM 585K	FORD RANGER	KHUSHI MOTORS LTD
KDJ 333U	MERCEDES BENZ G 350	KHUSHI MOTORS LTD
KCL 499V	BMW X6	KHUSHI MOTORS LTD
KDK 220C	NISSAN XTRAIL	KHUSHI MOTORS LTD
KBR 624L	AUDI Q5	KHUSHI MOTORS LTD
KCV 007H	BMW X1	KHUSHI MOTORS LTD
KDB 616Z	PORSCHE CAYENNE	KHUSHI MOTORS LTD
KCW 360K	JAGUAR XF	KHUSHI MOTORS LTD
KDD 097Q	SUBARU OUTBACK	KHUSHI MOTORS LTD
KBW 550E	LEXUS SALOON	KHUSHI MOTORS LTD
KCK 681W	LEXUS RX450H	KHUSHI MOTORS LTD
KDD 238B	TOYOTA FIELDER	KHUSHI MOTORS LTD
KCM 275W	BMW	KHUSHI MOTORS LTD
KDC 941F	TOYOTA CROWN	KHUSHI MOTORS LTD
KDC 035A	TOYOTA CROWN	KHUSHI MOTORS LTD
KCH 980H	TOYOTA CROWN	KHUSHI MOTORS LTD
KDK 544E	TOYOTA PRADO	KHUSHI MOTORS LTD
KDL 781F	ISUZU FORWARD	KHUSHI MOTORS LTD
KDE 831N	NISSAN X-TRAIL	KHUSHI MOTORS LTD
KDE 822Q	CITROEN C4	KHUSHI MOTORS LTD
KDG 948X	NISSAN WINGROAD	KHUSHI MOTORS LTD
KCS 157T	NISSAN JUKE	KHUSHI MOTORS LTD
KDP 498B	NISSAN SKYLINE	KHUSHI MOTORS LTD
KCX 875F	NISSAN CARAVAN	KHUSHI MOTORS LTD
KCZ 598N	TOYOTA DYNA	KHUSHI MOTORS LTD
KCU 204V	NISSAN ATLAS	KHUSHI MOTORS LTD
KDR 552R	MAZDA CX-5	FRIENDLY CREDIT LTD
KDR 252S	SUZUKI ALTO	FRIENDLY CREDIT LTD
KDS 257X	TOYOTA SIENTA	AL SIDDIQUE MOTORS LTD
KDK 017U	ISUZU FVZ	VALUERS YARD ENTERPRISES

TERMS OF SALE

- All interested purchasers will be required to make a refundable deposit of **Kshs.100,000** by bankers' cheque to obtain bidding number
- Sale is on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"
- Strictly CASH or BANKERS CHEQUE at the fall of the Hammer

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by the chargee we shall sell the undermentioned properties by public Auction with all the improvements thereon:

- 1. THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY WITHIN MAJI MAZURI AREA, KAJIADO COUNTY ON THE 30th OF JULY 2025 IN OUR OFFICES AT SHAKARDASS HOUSE 2nd FLOOR, ROOM 209, OLD WING STARTING AT 11.00AM**
 That entire property known as TITLE NO. KAJIADO/KITENGELA/39752 measuring approximately (0.195) Hectares **1.0** acre and registered in the name of FREDRICK JULIUS MUGAMBI and CHRISTINE NCEKEI MUGAMBI of P.O BOX 4304-00506, NAIROBI. The parcel is situated approximately 4km off and to the right of pipeline road deviating at Rockfield Senior school road approximately 2km. It is located within Maji Mazuri area, off Pipeline Road, Kajiado county. This is level rectangular-shaped, black cotton soils plot whose boundaries are marked by survey beacons or left open. Main electricity is available in the neighborhood for connection to the subject plot and water will be obtained from privately owned boreholes in the neighborhood. The immediate access road is unmade, Maji Mazuri road is earth surfaced while Pipeline is tar surfaces. Other services and social amenities are available in the area. GPS co-ordinates: 1° 28' 2.83" S 38° 46' 31.75" E.
- 2. RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY WITHIN KIPETO AREA, KAJIADO COUNTY ON THE 30th OF JULY 2025 IN OUR OFFICES AT SHAKARDASS HOUSE 2nd FLOOR, ROOM 209, OLD WING STARTING AT 11.00AM**
 That entire property known as TITLE NO. KAJIADO/KIPETO/4056 measuring approximately (0.4048) Hectares **1.0** acre and registered in the name of JULIUS KIPRUTO TUNDURIA OF P.O BOX 15621-00503, MBAGATHI. The parcel is situated in Kipeto area, approximately 350 meter off Pipeline road approaching from Isinya town deviating at an unnamed road 600 meters past San Toki county road. This is a level, rectangular-shaped, black cotton soils parcel of land whose boundaries are marked by chain link onto concrete posts of neighboring plot. The mains electricity is available within neighborhood for connection and water will be obtained from privately owned boreholes in the neighborhood. Other services and social amenities are available in the neighborhood and within Isinya Town. GPS co-ordinates: 1° 39' 18.2" S 38° 48' 56.8" E.
- 3. RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY WITHIN BIRIKA AREA, KAJIADO COUNTY ON THE 30th OF JULY 2025 IN OUR OFFICES AT SHAKARDASS HOUSE 2nd FLOOR, ROOM 209, OLD WING STARTING AT 11.00AM**
 That entire property known as TITLE NO. KAJIADO/DLCHORO ONYORE/29111-29115 measuring approximately (0.04) Hectares **0.10** acre and registered in the name of JULIUS KIPRUTO TUNDURIA OF P.O BOX 15621-00503, MBAGATHI. The parcel is situated in Birika area, approximately 1.4 kilometres off Pipeline deviating at Birika shopping centre. This is a level, rectangular-shaped, black cotton soils plots whose boundaries are marked by survey beacons. The mains electricity is available within neighborhood for connection and water will be obtained from privately owned boreholes in the neighborhood and drainage into septic tanks. Other services and social amenities are available in the neighborhood and within Birika and Isinya Town. GPS co-ordinates: 1° 33' 52.37" S 38° 47' 11.22" E.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- All interested buyers are requested to view and verify the details for themselves, as these are not warranted by the auctioneers or the chargees.
- All interested bidders will be required to first make a refundable deposit of **Ksh.200,000** for property No. 1, 2 & 3 (each) by way of cash or bankers cheque to be allowed to bid and obtain a bidding number.
- A deposit of 25% for property of the purchase must be paid in cash or bankers cheque at the fall of the hammer and the balance paid within **90 days** to the chargees or their advocates.
- The sale is subject to a reserve price and land control board consent where applicable.
- The auctioneer reserves the right to accept or refuse any bid without giving a reason.
- Conditions of sale are available at our offices on request and further clarification of directions to the properties can be availed.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principal we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicle by public auction on **Monday 4th August 2025 at FREDANT STORAGE YARD- MERU at 11.00AM.**

IN MATTER OF REPOSESSION

DEBTOR	REG. NO.	MAKE/MODEL
TIMOTHY MWIRIGI KITHINJI	KCG 204B	TOYOTA NOAH

Duly instructed by Decree holder, we shall sell the below mentioned motor vehicles by Public auction on **MONDAY 4th August 2025:**

1. AT STARTRUCK STORAGE YARD, MERU at 10.00AM.
 CMCC NO. E023 OF 2021 CHUKA:
ERICK NJUJE -VS- WANJA KARUKU & SIMON KABIRU NGUATAH

REG. NO.	MAKE/MODEL
KCX 942B	TOYOTA HIACE

2. AT BLUE SHINE STORAGE YARD, NAIROBI at 10.00AM.
 CMCC NO. E182 OF 2023
LABOREX KENYA LIMITED -VS- EAST END CHEMIST LIMITED

REG. NO.	MAKE/MODEL
KBP 186K	TOYOTA PICKUP

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- Viewing at Fredant Storage Yard- Meru, Startruck Storage Yard - Meru and Blue shine Storage Yard-Nairobi respectively.
- Interested bidders are required to pay refundable deposit of **Kshs. 50,000/=** to obtain a bidding number.
- Sale subject to reserve price.
- Strictly cash at the fall of the hammer.

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MRI - EQUIPMENT, COMMERCIAL PRINTING MACHINES & HUGE ASSORTMENT OF GOODS FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our PRINCIPALS, THE FINANCIERS AND THE LANDLORDS, we shall sell the under mentioned goods by public auction, under the CHATTELS TRANSFER ACT - CHAPTER 28 AND UNDER THE DISTRESS FOR RENT ACT CHAPTER 293, on - **THURSDAY 7th AUGUST 2025 - AT OUR OFFICES SITUATED WITHIN KILELESHA ESTATE, ALONG KANDARA ROAD - OPPOSITE WHITESTAR CENTRE - NAIROBI COUNTY - STARTING AT 11.00 A.M.**

1. IN THE MATTER OF REPOSESSION, CHATTELS TRANSFER ACT - CHAPTER 28 BANK -VS- PRECISE DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING LIMITED

1ST BRIVO MR 355 (MRI -EQUIPMENT)
 TO BE VIEWED AT PRECISE DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING LIMITED CLINIC SITUATED ALONG MWENESI ROAD, UPPER HILL - NAIROBI COUNTY.



MAKE	DESCRIPTION
BRIVO MR355	GENERAL ELECTRIC (G.E.)
MAGNETIC FIELD STRENGTH	1.5 TESLA
BORE DIAMETER	60 CM
MAGNETIC WEIGHT APPROX.	4,200 KG
DIMENSIONS	230 CM, LENGTH X 160 CM WIDTH X 190 CM HEIGHT

2. IN THE MATTER OF REPOSESSION, CHATTELS TRANSFER ACT - CHAPTER 28 BANK -VS- CALER ASWANI

1. MAMAKI CONE CUTTING PLOTTER.
2. NAMAKI CV150 - 160 PRINT AND CUT MACHINE - YH-20201013.
3. PIZZO INKJET PRINTING MACHINE.

A) UNDER THE DISTRESS FOR RENT ACT CHAPTER 293, LANDLORD -VS- WAMBUI NJOROJA

- WETPOOL DEEP FREEZER
- WASHING MACHINE
- 3-DOOR FRIDGE
- SAMSUNG TV
- 4-SEATER DINING SEATER
- GLASSTOP TV STAND
- COCKTAIL TABLES
- ASSORTED COFFEE TABLES
- EXECUTIVE OFFICE DESK
- ASSORTED CHAIRS
- 13KG GAS CYLINDER
- DRESSING TABLE
- BAR COUNTER AND CHAIRS
- SOFA BEDS

B) UNDER THE DISTRESS FOR RENT ACT CHAPTER 293, LANDLORD -VS- GEOFREY GUTHUA NGATIA

- 2-DOOR RAMTOMS FRIDGE
- BJS 4-BURNER COOKER
- 13 KG GAS CYLINDER
- 5-SEATER SOFA SET
- TCL TV SET & SOUND BAR
- MICROWAVE
- WOODEN OFFICE DESK & CHAIR
- COFFEE TABLE
- WATER DISPENSER
- AMONG OTHER FEW ITEMS

CONDITION OF SALE

- Viewing of the **MRI MACHINE** will take place **AT PRECISE DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING LIMITED CLINIC, LOCATED ALONG MWENESI ROAD, UPPER HILL - NAIROBI COUNTY.** Viewing of the **PRINTING MACHINES AND OTHER GOODS**, will be conducted at our offices, situated within Kileleshwa, along Kandara Road. Viewings will be during normal working hours. Please note that all details must be verified on-site, as neither the Auctioneer nor our principals warrant the accuracy of the descriptions.
- Interested bidders are required to pay a refundable deposit as follows:
KSHS. 1,000,000.00 FOR THE MRI MACHINE
KSHS. 100,000.00 PER PRINTING MACHINE
 The deposit must be made in the form of a BANKER'S CHEQUE drawn in favour of PHILLIPS INTERNATIONAL AUCTIONEERS, in order to obtain a bidding number.
- For all other goods, interested bidders must pay a refundable deposit of **KSHS. 10,000.00 PER LOT**, to obtain a bidding number.
- Successful bidders will be required to make payment for the items via direct deposit into the designated bank account, which will be provided at the auction site.
- All items are sold subject to reasonable reserve prices.

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 DEBT COLLECTORS AND COURT PROCESS SERVICES

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals the chargee, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned property on **Friday 15th August, 2025 at Rewa House 3rd Floor, Room 5 Meru at 11.00 a.m.**

- All that piece of land known as **LR: NO. ITHIMA / NTUNENE / 3508 MERU COUNTY** registered in the name of **MURUNGI MATUNDU** measuring **0.65 Ha or 1.58 of an Acre** approximately. The land is to the east of Kangeta Town. To access the land from Kangeta town, head eastwards on the Kangeta - Laare road and cover a distance of 13 kilometres then make a right turn just after Victoria Ridge Hotel and cover a distance of 1.5 kilometres to the entry to the land on the left side. GPS Coordinates: 0.321144N 37.950980E. **Improvement:** Erected thereon is a bungalow type permanent structure, one ground water tank, a pit latrine and several temporary structures.
- All that piece of land known as **LR: NO. IGEEMBE / NDOLELI/ ATHIRU RUJUIE / 3369 MURERA AREA - IGEEMBE CENTRAL SUB - COUNTY MERU COUNTY.** Registered in the name of **GITONGA BERNARD N MATHEWS** measuring **1.44 Ha or 3.558 of an Acre** approximately. The property is situated in Murera area, Igeembe Central Sub - County of Meru County. The property lies about 175 metres off Maua - Kiutine - National park tarmac road approximately 550 Metres Southwest of Murera market and 800 metres from Meru National Park - Murera Gate. The property is about 26.0 kilometres Southeast of Laare Township and 26.0 kilometres Northeast of Maua town. GPS Coordinates: 0°16'1.34"N, 38°6'50.31"E **Improvement:** Erected thereon is semi - permanent structural developments. GPS Co-ordinates are 0°16'1.34"N 38°6'50.31"E.

CONDITION OF SALE

- Interested purchasers are requested to view the properties and verify all the details for themselves as these are not warranted by the auctioneer or the chargee.
- 25% deposit must be paid in cash or bankers cheque at the fall of the hammer and the balance to be paid within 90 days to the chargee's office from the date of sale failure to which the deposit money will be forfeited.
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ON TUESDAY 5th AUGUST 2025 AT CARMATE LIMITED AT 11:00AM
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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from the financier we shall sell by public auction the under-mentioned plot.
ON THURSDAY 14th AUGUST 2025 OUTSIDE NYAHURURU POST OFFICE IN NYAHURURU TOWN STARTING AT 11:00 AM.

All that plot known as **SAMBURU/MARALAL TOWNSHIP/101** under the name of **Samuel Kabalo Gitau** and measures **0.0992Ha** or thereabouts. The property is situated in Maralal Town, along Santuary Road in Samburu County. The property is commonly known as **RAHISI PLAZA**. It lies approximately 50 meters due west of Maralal Co-operative Bank Ltd and about 620 meters to the east of Samburu County Referral Hospital. GPS coordinates of the subject property are **0°05'45.5"N 38°42'03.9"E**. Subject plot is a single storey commercial block with provision for further extension.



CONDITIONS OF SALE

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

♦ **0.045HA OR 0.111 OF AN ACRE APPROXIMATELY PRIME LAND SITUATED IN EOR EKULE SHOPPING CENTRE NAROK COUNTY**
ON 15TH AUGUST, 2025 OUTSIDE MAIN POST OFFICE NAROK TOWN STARTING AT 12NOON

All that piece of land known as **L.R. NO. CISMARA/ OLOMBOKISHI/3633** MEASURING **0.045HA OR 0.111 OF AN ACRE APPROXIMATELY NAROK COUNTY** The property is situated in Eor Ekule shopping center, this is 139Km east of Nairobi CBD through Kaplong-Narok road branching of the same to the east at Eor Ekule shopping centre for approximately 70m. The property lies within GPS Coordinates **1°06'42.6"S, 36°00'37.1"E**. The property measures approximately 0.045ha or 0.111 of an acre approximately. The title tenure of the property is absolute interest. The property is vacant growing with natural grass and shrubs. The property is registered under the name of **Gabriel Mirera Omwenga** OF P.O BOX 1023-20500 **Narok**

CONDITIONS OF SALE

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- A deposit of 25% of the purchase price **MUST** be paid in cash or banker's cheque at the fall of the hammer and balance to be paid within 90 days to the chargee.
- A refundable bidding deposit of **Kshs. 100,000/=** for the property by way of bankers cheque to the auctioneers.
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♦ **0.10HA OR 0.2471 ACRES APPROXIMATELY PLOT SITUATED IN MUSHROOM ESTATE UASIN GISHU COUNTY**
ON 13TH AUGUST, 2025 OUTSIDE MAIN POST OFFICE ELDORET TOWN STARTING AT 12NOON

All that piece of land known as **L.R. NO. ELDORET MUNICIPALITY BLOCK 28/810** MEASURING **0.10HA OR 0.2471 ACRES APPROXIMATELY UASIN GISHU COUNTY**. The property is situated in Mushroom Estate, about 1.2 kilometers north of AIC Saroiyot Church and 1.4 kilometers off Eldoret- Nakuru Road branching off directly opposite Timba X0 Bar and Grill. The property lies about 6.4 kilometers southeast of Eldoret Town CBD, Uasin Gishu County. The title tenure is freehold interest. The property lies within GPS Coordinates **0°29'18.1"N, 35°18'41.8"E**. The property measures 0.10ha or 0.2471 acres approximately. The property was devoid of any structural improvements as at the time of inspection. The property is registered under the name of **Eliud Kiprop Lagat** P.O BOX 6893-30100 **ELDORET**

CONDITIONS OF SALE

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- A deposit of 25% of the purchase price **MUST** be paid in cash or banker's cheque at the fall of the hammer and balance to be paid within 90 days to the chargee.
- A refundable bidding deposit of **Kshs. 500,000/=** for the property by way of bankers cheque to the auctioneers.
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- The sale is subject to a reserve price and other requisite consent.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

UNDER INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED FROM OUR CLIENT, WE SHALL SELL THE UNDER-MENTIONED GOODS BY PUBLIC AUCTION ON 6TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2025 STARTING FROM 10:30AM AT AUTO GALLERY (MOMBASA) LTD, WESTLANDS YARD.

CIVIL SUIT NO.E063 OF 2024 - KILUNGU
MICHAEL KAMUYA MUTUKU
 -VS-
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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions from our principal, the financier, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned motor vehicles **ON WEDNESDAY 06/08/2025 AT 11.00 AM AT THE RESPECTIVE YARDS AS INDICATED BELOW:**

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KCV 983Q	BMW	X3	S. WAGON	2579	2012	PETROL	WHITE	TOP RIDES MOTORS
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CONDITIONS OF SALE

- All those interested are requested to view the motor vehicles during normal working hours. For details contact Alex on 0728 708 900.
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PUBLIC AUCTION

1) Under instructions received from The Chief Magistrate's Court at Mavoko Law Courts we shall sell the below mentioned motor vehicle which is held at **Leakey's Storage Limited on 5th August 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** at our above mentioned office.

- a) **CM'S E842 OF 2023 - MAVOKO.**
RITAH ASHIOYA-VS- MICHAEL KANGARA NGANGA.
 M/V REG NO. KBN 894A - ISUZU NQR MATATU
- b) **CM'S E733 OF 2023 - MAVOKO.**
GEORFFREY ISOE OMWYO-VS- MICHAEL KANGARA NGANGA,
 M/V REG NO. KBN 894A - ISUZU NQR MATATU

2) Under instructions received from The Small Claim's Court at Milimani Law Courts we shall sell the below mentioned motor vehicle which is held at **Capital Diamond Storage and Auction Yard on 5th August 2025 at 10:30 a.m.** at our above mentioned office.

- SCCC NO.E4270 OF 2023-MILIMANI.**
KENNEDY OCHABA ORANGI-VS- JOHN MBIRI KAMAU
 M/V REG NO. KCV 342N - VOLKSWAGON

3) Under instructions received from The Small Claim's Court at Milimani Law Courts we shall sell the below mentioned motor vehicle which is held at **Capital Diamond Storage and Auction Yard on 5th August 2025 at 11:00 a.m.** at our above mentioned office.

- SCCC E3978 OF 2022- MILIMANI.**
GEORGE EVANS OSERO -VS- BONIFACE MUHADI, JAMES MAINA GICHERU, HUDUMA CREDIT LTD & OCHINGI MASESE RICHARD.
 M/V REG NO. KDH 010N - TOYOTA HIACE

4) Under instructions received from The Chief Magistrate's Court at Mavoko we shall sell the below mentioned motor vehicle which is held at **TNL and Pangani Auction Centre on 5th August 2025 at 11:30 a.m.** at our above mentioned office.

- CM'S E958 OF 2023 - MAVOKO.**
ANGELINE KIKUYU MULI-VS- INDIMA (NJE) COOPERATIVE AND CREDIT ORGANIZATION, CHRISTOPHER OTUOMA & DOMINIC OMWENO.
 M/V REG NO. KCQ 715F - FUSO FE AT TNL STORAGE YARD
 M/V REG NO. KBX 150K - ISUZU NQR AT PANGANI AUCTION CENTRE

5. SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION - TITLE NUMBER NAROK WEST/LESHUTA/1538. I.NO. JOHN LENKANASA OLE YENKO & LEPARAN OLELEMUTAKA.
 Under instructions received from our principals, the chargees, and acting upon the statutory powers of sale conferred upon the chargee, we shall sell by public auction the under-mentioned property and all improvements therein on **15th AUGUST 2025** at our above mentioned office at **11:00 A.M.**

TITLE NUMBER NAROK WEST/LESHUTA/1538. I.NO. JOHN LENKANASA OLE YENKO & LEPARAN OLELEMUTAKA. This is an agricultural land parcel, almost trapezoidal in shape gently sloping Eastwards. Soils are the dark loams. Boundaries are marked by a river left open. The property is in Leshuta area, Narok county. It is situated approximately 6.0 km off and to the right of Ngosani-Naikaris Leshuta murram surfaced road deviating at Olenkuya Primary school sign post. A freehold interests' area extending to approximately 7.7 Ha. There are no structural improvements erected on the subject property. Services: mains electricity, water and sewer services are not connected to the property. The immediate access road is unmade. However, the earth surfaced road serving the subject neighborhood is approximately 1kilometre away.

CONDITIONS ON SALE

- Interested purchasers are required to verify the details and particulars of the properties or motor vehicles for themselves as these are not warranted by the Auctioneer, Chargee or Advocate AS SALE IS "ON-AS-IS-WHERE-IS-BASIS".
- All interested purchasers will be required to make a refundable deposit of Kshs. 50,000/- by bankers cheque to obtain a bidding number prior to the auction.
- The highest bidder subject to reserve price shall be declared the purchaser and must
- pay a deposit of 25% of the purchase price in **CASH** or **BANKERS CHEQUE** at the fall of the hammer. Balance to be paid within 90 days from the date of sale to the chargee or advocate.
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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our principal, We shall sell by public auction the underlisted items on **TUESDAY 5th AUGUST 2025** at **AUTO GALLERY LTD NAIROBI FROM 10.30 A.M.**

IN THE MATTER OF DISTRESS FOR RENT
NYIBOL GARANG THUON -VS- ANNE MWIKALI MAKOBO
HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
 1. Six seater recliner seats 2. Chest drawer 3. Dining table&6chairs 4. Two Carpets
 5. Ramtoms water dispenser 6. Microwave-black decker 7. 6Burner cooker 8. Two fridges(Beko & Home Appliances) 9. Three 13kg gas cylinder(Two mpishi,one Afrigas)
 10. 6Kg gas cylinder(Afrigas) 11. LG washing machine 12. LG hometheatre & 5 speakers
 13. Television stand 14. Samsang television 15. White round drawer

CONDITION OF SALE
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Over a decade at the helm of KHU with little to write home about

- ▶ Will Randiek and his team succeed where they have seemingly failed?
- ▶ KHU boss and his team have another four years to try and resurrect the sport.

STANDARD SPORTS, NAIROBI

Nashon Randiek has secured another four-year term as the president of the Kenya Hockey Union (KHU) keeping him in office until 2029.

This follows the KHU elections held at Maxwell Church Adventist Halls, Nairobi on Saturday. Randiek who was unopposed in the election has been at the helm of hockey since 2013 which means that he has been trusted to lead the national body for a total of 17 years.

His deputy (female) Elynah Shiveka didn't also have a challenger for the position. Manjit Singh Jhite was elected deputy president (male) taking the place of Michael Malungu who opted to focus on coaching and nurturing players.

Jhite garnered 19 votes defeating former Maseno School coach Frankline Odayo who had 10 and Michael Graham Katana who managed seven votes.

Wycliffe Ongori retained the Secretary General's post with 24 votes while his challengers Thomas Olal and Gilbert Ouko secured seven and five votes.

Moses Majiwa was unopposed in the Match Fixtures Secretary contest, Jane Nyamogo who previously held the post will deputise him.

Godfrey Bila was also unchallenged maintaining the Treasurer's office with Francis Munyao becoming the Deputy Treasurer unopposed after James Juma withdrew from the race.

Apart from Jhite, Munyao, Mulwa and Mwangi, the other officials have been in office with Randiek, Shiveka and Nyamogo having served the longest which begs the question, what changes are they bringing to the table?

Should Kenyans expect them to turn around the fortunes of hockey in four years when their track record shows that they have nothing to show for the years they have been in office?

Since Randiek took over from Resham Bains in 2013, the sport has been on a free fall with the standards gradually dipping over the years and the problems seem to be on a steady increase. Currently the City Park Stadium is completely depleted and there is no designated venue for league matches.

The clubs have been forced to find alternative grounds for their matches with the only better option being the Dashmesh Stadium which they are required to pay before use.

Dashmesh is out of reach for clubs most who are self-sponsored and with limited resources. The clubs have opted for grounds at learning institutions such as universities and secondary



Kenya Hockey Union President Nahashon Randiek giving his acceptance speech after elections at LMS Conference Centre in Nairobi on Saturday. [Jonah Onyango, Standard]

schools. This has had a negative impact on the growth of the sport, the matches have also not been very consistent a development a concerned club official who requested anonymity for fear of victimization said is affecting the standards.

"When there are no clear structures, no in-

ELECTED KHU OFFICIALS:

- Nashon Randiek (president)
- Elynah Shiveka (Deputy president, female)
- Manjit Singh Jhite (Deputy president, male)
- Wycliffe Ongori (Secretary General)
- Catherine Mulwa (Deputy Secretary General)
- Godfrey Bila (Treasurer)
- Francis Munyao (Deputy Treasurer)
- Moses Majiwa (Match and Fixtures Secretary)
- Jane Nyamogo (Deputy Match and Fixtures Secretary)
- Michael Mwangi (Public Relations Officer)



2013 YEAR KHU president Nashon Randiek took office from retired Resham Bains.

frastructure and clubs forced to pay to play then the standards of the sport are bound to drop. A club, depending on their financial muscle, can decide when to play and when not to because the federation has no moral authority to question them because they also failed," the official said.

However, if the just concluded election is anything to go by, then it's in order to conclude that the hockey fraternity is comfortable with the status quo and would rather lament from the sidelines than take the bull by its horns. Of all the 10 elective posts, five were unopposed meaning that they did not attract any interest.

Despite the sport having some of the most highly educated and skilled individuals who could take it to the next level, they have neglected it and refused to take up leadership roles leading to the recycling of officials.

Randiek who was recently elected deputy president to the National Olympic Committee of Kenya promised to renovate the City Park which has not been in use for a long time and ensure that Kenya has a modern turf.

With over 12 years in office with little or nothing to show for it, it remains to be seen if Randiek and his team will deliver even as sports in the country shift from just serving entertainment purposes to a source of livelihood through monetization.

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Briefing

GOLF. KARUMA WINS CROWN SERIES AT THIKA SPORTS CLUB

David Karuma won the eighth edition of the Tee-Off with Crown series after scoring an impressive 41 stableford points while playing off handicap nine, at the Thika Sports Club over the weekend. His secret weapon, however, was not a new set of clubs or lucky charm; it was the peaceful solitude of the course, providing a welcome escape from his usual playing companions. "Thanks to the draw, I escaped the usual harassment, I undergo with my usual team. Luckily, I didn't play with them today and I avoided our match which is usually a war, so the peace I enjoyed with my flight today provided a conducive environment to play well," Karuma said. **[Mose Sammy]**

GOLF. MOCHANGA WINS LSK TOURNAMENT IN MOMBASA



Joel Mochanga. [Maarufu Mohamed, Standard]

Kenya Navy golfer Joel Mochanga was full of excitement after stunning colleagues by sinking rare birdies to clinch victory at the par 71 Sea Link Mombasa Golf Club course in Mombasa County on Saturday. The handicap 6 golfer who is also a member of the club had a brilliant day in bringing home a fantastic 46 stableford points to emerge the overall winner of the Law Society of Kenya (LSK) Sports golf tournament beating a team of 120 golfers. Mochanga had a lucky day sinking seven rare birdies with additional nine level pars against a mixed pot of bogey shots in rest of both nines to carry the day's overall prize and register his maiden victory this year. **[Maarufu Mohamed]**

FOOTBALL. NIGERIA HIT BACK TO WIN WAFCON CROWN

Substitute Jennifer Echegini scored the 88th-minute winner as Nigeria came from two goals behind to beat hosts Morocco 3-2 on Saturday in a dramatic Women's Africa Cup of Nations final. The triumph in Rabat confirmed the west Africans as the queens of women's football in Africa as they pulled off a record-extending 10th title in 13 editions. It was the second successive final loss for Morocco, who led by two goals after 24 minutes only to concede three in the second half. Esther Okoronkwo played a key role in the Super Falcons victory -- scoring the first goal, creating the second and delivering the free-kick that Echegini finished to stun the home crowd. **[AFP]**



Highway Secondary School after lifting the Nairobi Region boys' football title. [Jonah Onyango, Standard]

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Will Highway break the over two decades football champions' jinx?

► Kamukunji was the last school to successfully defend boys' national football gong in 2002.

► Current FKF vice president MacDonald Mariga captained the triumphant team back then.

ELIZABETH MBURUGU, NAIROBI

From the end of the long-standing KANU rule to the peaceful handover of power by the late President Daniel Arap Moi to his successor, the late President Mwai Kibaki, marking the end of the former's 24-year governance, 2002 was indeed a significant year in Kenyan history.

The country was in campaigns mode. Politicians were not only crisscrossing the country in hunt for votes but also forming formidable alliances like the National Rainbow Coalition (NARC) that would eventually ascend to power.

Away from politics, something good was happening at Kamukunji Secondary School. Tucked at the centre of the dusty Burma Jua Kali market, the famous Gikomba market, the now neglected Muthurwa Estate

and the infamous Machakos Country bus a stone throw away, Kamukunji was gearing up for battle.

Yes, they were facing a huge battle. They had just won the Kenya Secondary Schools Sports Association (KSSSA) national boys' football title the previous year and were now every team's target at the 2002 national games held in Malindi, Kilifi District now Kilifi County.

With Kibra Member of Parliament (MP) Peter Orero as the coach and current Football Kenya Federation (FKF) vice president Macdonald Mariga as the captain, Kamukunji left no room for mistakes.

They had a wonderful season and successfully defended their title. Mariga would go on to play professional football in Europe and become the only Kenyan player to have won the UEFA Champions League trophy so far.

He etched his name in the annals of European and global football when he won the prestigious trophy with Italian Serie A side Inter Milan in 2010. The defensive midfielder was a key player for Harambee Stars for more than 15 years. He also tried his luck in politics contesting for the Kibra Parliamentary seat against his former teacher and coach Orero.

Long-serving Ulinzi Stars captain Geoffrey Kokoyo, former Mathare United attacking midfielder Joseph Nyaga and Gor Mahia Queens coach Francis Ochola are among the 2002 Kamukunji golden boys who tormented their opponents leaving an indelible mark.

While Mariga, Kokoyo, Nyaga, Ochola together with all their peers have retired from competitive football, no school has been able to defend the national title with KSSSA crowning a different champion each year.

In a previous interview, Orero, who identified and nurtured many athletes in various sports, said he was able to bring the best out of his players by identifying and understanding their strengths and weaknesses.

"I did things differently because I went beyond the pitch. I was particularly interested in all aspects of my players' lives which involved even getting to know their backgrounds, strengths and weaknesses on and off the pitch. They were all unique in their own ways and so knowing them helped me get the best out of them based on their individuality," Orero said.

Hospital Hill principal Kennedy Bunyasi, who served as the team manager, remembered most of the players with nostalgia revealing some of their strengths that helped the team excel.

"They were a special crop of players. Mariga was destined for greatness and wanted it, hence utilising every opportunity he got to push himself closer to his goals. He could score from any angle. Nyaga was a dead-ball specialist and though diminutive, Ochola was a superb midfielder," Bunyasi said.

They were indeed a special crop of players for their successors have failed to achieve the feat 22 years

TERM TWO GAMES POOLS:

Football:

Boys:

Group A:

- Garissa High (North Eastern)
- Moi Mbiruri (Eastern)
- Agai Mixed (Nyanza)
- Musingu (Western)

Group B:

- Kirangari (Central)
- St Joseph's Kitale (Rift Valley)
- Serani (Coast)
- Highway (Nairobi)

Girls:

Group A:

- Butere Girls (Western)
- Ruiru (Central)
- Dr Charles (Eastern)
- Nasokol (Rift Valley)

Group B:

- Madira Girls (Western)
- Dagoretti Mixed (Nairobi)
- Kobala Mixed (Nyanza)
- Mwanambeyu (Coast)

Volleyball

Boys:

Group A:

- Furaha (North Eastern)
- Gogo (Nyanza)
- Cheptil (Rift Valley)
- Kiamba (Central)

Group B:

- Mwaluphamba (Coast)
- Malava (Western)
- Ruthimitu (Nairobi)
- Gankanga (Eastern)

Girls:

Group A:

- Kinale (Central)
- Soweto (Nairobi)
- Moi Forces (Coast)
- Kesogon (Rift Valley)

Group B:

- Bishop Sulumeti (Western)
- Kwanthanze (Eastern)
- Eldas (North Eastern)
- Nyakongo (Nyanza)

Netball

Group A:

- Hon DM Amin (North Eastern)
- St Joseph's Kitale (Rift Valley)
- Kaya Tiwi (Coast)
- Kajiampau (Eastern)

Group B:

- Oyugi Ogango (Nyanza)
- Bukokholo (Western)
- Kinale (Central)
- St Dorcas (Nairobi)

Rugby 7s (Draws to be done today)

Boys:

- Lenana and Nairobi School (Nairobi)
- Baldacchino and Gede Boys (Coast)
- St Mary's Yala and Anjago (Nyanza)
- Bwake and Laiser Hill (Rift Valley)
- Kitondo and Marsabit Mixed (Eastern)
- Alliance and Mpesa (Central)
- St Peter's Mumias, Bungoma High, Koyonzo and Musingu (Western)

Girls:

- Karen C and Mbagathi (Nairobi)
- Paul Harris and Shimba Hills (Coast)
- Sigoti and Nyagichenche (Nyanza)
- St Joseph's Kitale and Itigo (Rift Valley)
- St Teresa's and Mbitini (Eastern)
- Kinale and Gituamba (Central)
- Mwira, Eregi, Madira and Kimobo (Western)

Basketball 3X3 (Draws to be done today)

Boys:

- Upper Hill and Nairobi School (Nairobi)
- Malindi High and Kaya Tiwi (Coast)
- St Mary's Yala St Joseph's Rapogi (Nyanza)
- Laiser Hill and St Joseph's (Rift Valley)
- Mbooni and Chuka Boys (Eastern)
- Pioneer and Alliance (Central)
- Sigalame and St Peter's Mumias (Western)
- Wajir High and Takaba Boys (North Eastern)

Girls:

- Buruburu and Raila (Nairobi)
- Kaya Tiwi and St John's (Coast)
- Ng'ya and Asumbi (Nyanza)
- Nasokol and St Brigids (Rift Valley)
- Ikutha and St Mary's Igoji (Eastern)
- Mpesa and Loreto Limuru (Central)
- Sirakaru and Tigoi (Western)
- Hon DM Amin and Takaba Girls (North Eastern)





Boys' volleyball action between Hospital Hill and Upper Hill High School. [Jonah Onyango, Standard]



St Dorcas Secondary School's Melvin Akinyi in action against Raila Educational centre. [Jonah Onyango, Standard]



Sigoti Complex after winning Nyanza region girls' rugby title. [Michael Mute, Standard]

down the line. Since 2003, 12 schools have won the national trophy.

St Anthony's Boys High School Kitale have bagged six out of the 20 titles, but have not also been able to win in two consecutive years.

Some schools like Thurgem Secondary School, St Mark Mkorogoinwa, St Mark Mkorogoinwa, Gekomoni Secondary School, Passenga Secondary School and Ebwali Secondary School took the national stage by storm but only won the trophy once before disappearing.

Fast forward to 2025 and reigning champions Highway Secondary School are looking to make what seems impossible, possible.

Unlike other titleholders who struggled and even failed to qualify for the national games after winning the trophy, they remain in the race and are among eight teams that will be battling for bragging rights at the KSSSA National Term Two games that begin tomorrow in Kakamega.

Highway, who will be making their third national appearance, have made a good account of themselves since making their debut in 2022. They were remarkable winning silver at both the national and East Africa games held in Arusha, Tanzania.

Despite losing 1-0 to Ebwali in the final, they staged a brilliant show in Arusha defying odds to reach the final. They shocked the region when they beat Ugandan giants and East Africa record champions St Mary's Kitende 1-0.

However, they were unlucky in 2023 as they lost the Nairobi Region title to Dagoretti High

hence missing the national contest. They returned with a bang last year edging out 1984 national champions Musingu High School 3-2 in post-match penalties to win their maiden gong. The two sides had played to a one-all-draw in regular and extra time.

With Musingu enjoying home support, St Joseph's High School Kitale (Rift Valley) looking to improve on last year's third-place finishing and Kirangari Secondary School (Central) making their third straight appearance, Highway must fire from all cylinders to escape woes that befell previous winners. The return of Serani Secondary School from Coast also poses a major threat to their title defence ambitions.

They should also be wary of newcomers Agai Mixed Secondary School from Nyanza, Moi High School Mbiruri from Eastern and North Eastern's Garissa High School who will be determined to prove that they are no

pushovers. Highway principal Irungu Nduati, who has played a key role in building the team and spurring them to greater heights, said they are prepared for the challenge.

"We are ready and the boys understand what this year's competition means. They know they have what every other team wants and must work harder than they did last year lest the opponents get their way," Irungu said.



Lenana High School's Christian Njoroge reacts in a past match. [Jonah Onyango, Standard]

Sasha Maria of Dagoretti Mixed High School. [Jonah Onyango, Standard]

Group B against St Joseph's Kitale, Serani and Kirangari. Serani will be looking to make a memorable return to the national stage as well as improving on their 2023 fifth-place finish.

Kirangari on the other hand will be hoping to break into the top three having finished fourth in Kisii last year. They lost to St Joseph's 6-0 in third-place play-offs and missed a ticket to the East Africa games held in Mbale, Uganda.

Homeboys Musingu, who are looking to end four decades of national trophy drought, are favourites to advance from Group A that also has debutants Agai, Moi Mbiruri and Garissa High. The Scorpions are determined to capitalise on home advantage and bring smiles on their fans' faces.

Musingu last won the title in 1984, but have for decades, they have lived in the shadows of sleeping giants Kakamega High School.

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They launch their title defence in

The Standard Sports



Harambee Stars players ready to head Kenya to glory

► Omija, Odhiambo, Odongo, Bajaber and Juma will be the stars to watch.

► Kenya are in Group A alongside DR Congo, Angola, Morocco, and Zambia.

WASHINGTON ONYANGO, KISUMU

As Harambee Stars prepare to make their debut in the African Nations Championship (Chan), all eyes will be on a handful of standout players who are expected to carry Kenya's hopes in the continental showpiece.

Kenya has been drawn in a tough Group A alongside football giants DR Congo, Angola, Morocco, and Zambia. All their matches will be played at the Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani in front of passionate home fans.

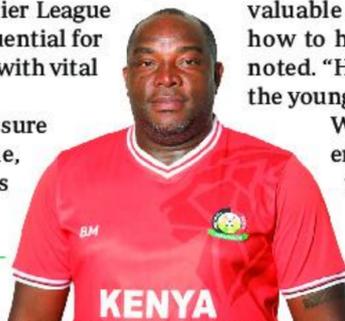
The tournament, which begins on August 2, will be co-hosted by Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania.

Stars begin their campaign on August 3 against DR Congo, followed by clashes with Angola, Morocco, and Zambia. With strong opponents ahead, several Kenyan players are expected to play key roles in the team's quest for glory.

Austin Odhiambo: The Creative Spark

Gor Mahia's attacking midfielder Austin Odhiambo will be Kenya's main source of creativity. Odhiambo, the 2024 FKF Premier League MVP, has been influential for Gor in recent years with vital goals and assists.

Despite the pressure of playing at home, Odhiambo remains calm.



Harambee Stars' head Coach Benni McCarthy.

"Pressure? What pressure? Playing at Gor Mahia, a club with millions of fans demanding results, is always a pressure cooker," Odhiambo said. "I am used to pressure and for me, the target is to score goals and help Kenya win, especially since we are hosts."

Alphonse Omija: The Young Wall

Defender Alphonse Omija, who made his debut for the national team during last year's World Cup qualifiers, will be key at the back. The 22-year-old is confident the team is ready.

"The mood in camp is calm. We are focused on improving every day and I believe we will play better during our debut at Chan," Omija said.

Mohammed Bajaber: Rising Star from Kenya Police

Kenya Police striker Mohammed Bajaber has been training individually due to a knock, but coach Benni McCarthy confirmed he is still part of his plans.

"Bajaber is very ready to be integrated into the team," McCarthy said. "We don't want to rush him back, but he's one of those players that gives everything."

Austin Odongo: Shabana's New Gem

Teenage forward Austin Odongo is thrilled to be in the squad. "It's a dream come true for me. I want to work hard, learn from the senior players, and give my best," Odongo said.

Masoud Juma: The Experienced Finisher

Late call-up Masoud Juma brings valuable experience. "Masoud knows how to handle big games," McCarthy noted. "His experience will help guide the younger players."

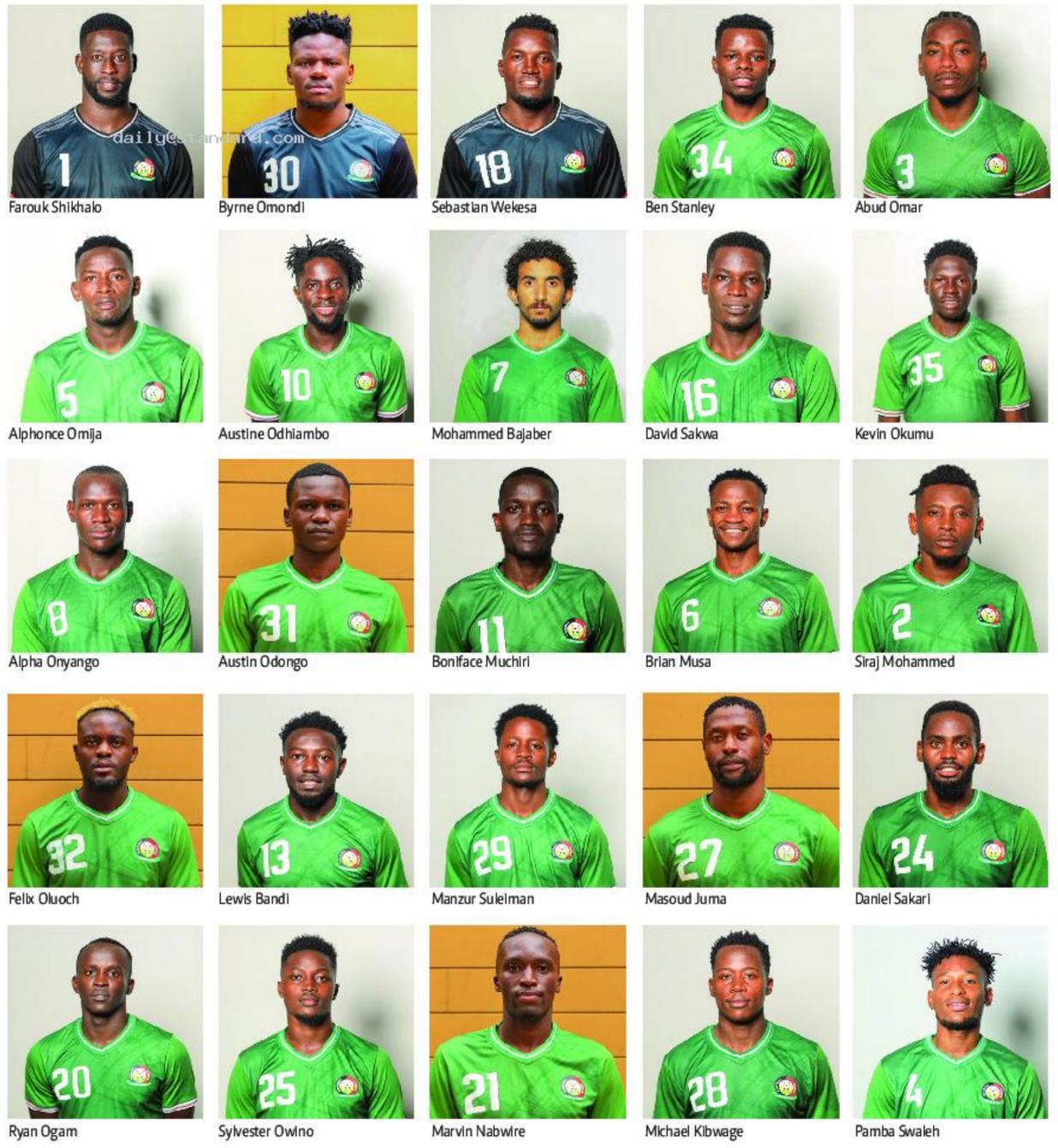
With a mix of youth and experience, Harambee Stars will look to shock Africa and progress from their tough group in front of their home fans

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Harambee Stars forward Mohammed Bajaber. [FKF Media]

“Bajaber is very ready to be integrated into the team, we don't want to rush him back, but he's one of those players that gives everything.**”**
Benni McCarthy,
Harambee Stars' head Coach





Practices that spark surge in Hepatitis

With four years to Kenya's deadline for eliminating the disease, reckless habits remain a hurdle to achieving the goal

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HEALTH BITES

Foot fetish: Simple guide to winning the battle against foot odour

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Our feet deserve the same love and care we lavish on the rest of our body. Yet they often come last in our self-care routine, and we pay the price in stench. After a long day, slipping off shoes and socks can unleash that greasy, sweaty odour.

Recent data shows around 16 per cent of adults in the US report foot odour issues, while 12 per cent of British adults admit to the same problem.

Medically known as bromodosis, foot odour occurs when bacteria feast on sweat and dead skin cells, producing pungent byproducts. Feet are a breeding ground loaded with sweat glands and often tucked away in warm, moist shoes and socks. Conditions like fungal infections such as athlete's

foot can worsen the smell, turning a simple stink into a full blown hygiene hazard.

At the heart of the odour is isovaleric acid, a nasty-smelling compound produced when *Staphylococcus epidermidis* breaks down leucine in sweat. Research in the Canadian Journal of Microbiology also found that *Bacillus subtilis* contributes to strong foot odour.

According to the Institute for Preventive Foot Health, consistent hygiene habits can significantly reduce foot odour. Cleaning between the toes and thoroughly drying feet is also very important.

If odour persists despite good hygiene, consult a podiatrist or a general practitioner. Bacterial or fungal infections, underlying conditions like diabe-

tes or kidney disease, and even some medications can cause or intensify odour.

Foot odour doesn't have to be a life sentence. With a bit of attention and care, you can tackle the stink and let your feet breathe easy again.

Here's a simple guide to reset your feet:

1. Breathable footwear:

Shoes made of non-breathable materials trap moisture and encourage bacterial growth. Opt for leather or canvas instead. Avoid plastic shoes. Rotate your footwear to allow time for each pair to dry, and regularly disinfect the insides.

2. Daily hygiene routine:

Wash your feet every day using antibacterial soap, focusing between the toes. A quick rinse won't cut it. If odour is persistent, soak your feet in warm water with Epsom salt for 10 to 20 minutes. Keep toenails clean and trimmed to avoid trapping dirt and bacteria.

3. Keep feet dry:

Always dry your feet thoroughly after bathing or swimming. Odour thrives in moisture, so this is one of the most important steps.

4. Exfoliate weekly:

Dead skin is a feast for bacteria. Use a scrub or pumice stone once a week to remove it and stop bacteria in their tracks.

5. Smart socks:

Wear socks made of moisture-wicking materials like cotton or wool. Change them daily or more often if your feet sweat heavily.



SPOTLIGHT

WHO warns of rising Chikungunya cases as Kenya battles outbreak

The mosquito-borne disease could spread worldwide, with fresh outbreaks from the Indian Ocean region now reaching Europe and other parts of the world.

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The World Health Organisation (WHO) has issued a warning over a major outbreak of the Chikungunya virus.

WHO cautioned that the mosquito-borne disease is likely to sweep across the globe, as new outbreaks linked to the Indian Ocean region spread to Europe and other continents.

The alert comes as Kenya grapples with an outbreak of the disease in Mombasa County.

At least 5.5 billion people living in 119 countries are at risk of acquiring the virus, which presents with joint pain, high fever and long-term disability.

Diana Rojas Alvarez, the WHO's team lead on arboviruses, urged countries to take swift action to prevent the spread of Chikungunya.

"Around 5.5 billion people live at risk of this mosquito-borne virus. It could cause widespread outbreaks and put immense pressure on health systems. Its symptoms are mostly acute, including high fever, debilitating joint pain, and fatigue," Dr Alvarez said during a press briefing in Geneva.

She noted that up to 40 per cent of those affected by Chikungunya could develop long-lasting disabilities that persist for months or even years — and, in rare cases, the illness can be fatal.

Alvarez said that about 20 years ago, there was a major Chikungunya outbreak which swept across the Indian Ocean, affecting almost half a million people, and currently WHO is seeing the same pattern re-emerge.

In the past, she said the virus affected completely healthy people and impacted the joints, hands and feet, meaning people could not hold a pen or cook; it had a huge impact on their quality of life.

"WHO is raising the alarm early to allow countries to prepare and avoid large outbreaks," warned the official.

According to the official, around one third of the population of La Réunion is currently estimated to be infected with Chikungunya.

There have been transmissions occurring in Southeast Asia, Bangladesh, and India, as well as cases reported in Europe.

Last week, cases were also reported in France and Italy.

"WHO is calling for urgent action to prevent his-

INFECTIONS**119**

■ States at risk of Chikungunya virus, globally

5.6 billion

■ People at risk of being infected with Chikungunya

■ Countries along Indian Ocean where the disease has been reported: Kenya, Somalia, Southeast Asia and India



tory from repeating itself. It is important to bring cases under control as soon as possible and limit the number affected. WHO is supporting member states in developing their lab diagnostics, training staff, strengthening the healthcare system, and scaling up surveillance to track and control outbreaks," said Alvarez.

Chikungunya is a viral disease caused by the Chikungunya virus, which is transmitted to humans through the bite of infected mosquitoes.

The illness is marked by fever and severe joint pain, often debilitating and sometimes prolonged.

Other symptoms include joint swelling, muscle pain, headache, nausea, fatigue, and rash.

According to WHO, Chikungunya symptoms are often similar to those of dengue and Zika, making misdiagnosis common and complicating efforts to accurately determine the number of infections.

Most patients recover fully from the infection, but occasional cases of eye, heart, and neurological complications have been reported.

People at the extremes of age are at the highest risk of severe disease — including newborns infect-

ed during delivery or bitten by infected mosquitoes shortly after birth, and older adults with underlying health conditions.

Patients with severe disease often require hospitalisation due to the risk of organ damage and, in rare cases death.

There are two Chikungunya vaccines available, but they are mostly used only as travellers' vaccines.

With the anticipated outbreaks, WHO is closely monitoring the situation of Chikungunya to inform recommendations which will be coming out soon.

WHO is aiming to raise awareness of the virus to help people protect themselves from acquiring it.

Kenya is among the countries grappling to contain the disease, which is endemic in Mombasa, along the Indian Ocean region of the country.

Other countries along the coastal region reporting the virus include Somalia, Madagascar and India.

Last month, the Department of Health Services in Mombasa launched an intensified vector control campaign focused on disrupting the life cycle of mosquitoes, in the wake of widespread cases of Chikungunya in the county.

A-Z ON DISEASES

Not just a sex issue: The many triggers of urinary tract infections

From poor hygiene to hormonal changes and ageing, the risk factors for UTIs go far beyond the bedroom

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Every time the words urinary tract infection (UTI) come up, the mind often jumps to one thing: sex. But that's only part of the story and quite frankly, a misleading one.

You could be minding your own business, going about your day, when out of nowhere, a UTI strikes. Suddenly, you're in pain, dodging social plans and making urgent dashes to the bathroom. Painful, inconvenient and often misunderstood, UTIs affect millions of people worldwide, and in most cases, sex has little or nothing to do with it.

A UTI is an infection that can affect any part of the urinary system, including the kidneys, bladder, ureters and urethra. Most commonly, infections occur in the lower urinary tract, which includes the bladder and urethra.

The symptoms are easy to miss but hard to ignore: a burning sensation when peeing, cloudy or strong-smelling urine, pain in the pelvic area and a frequent urge to urinate even when the bladder is nearly empty. If left untreated, the infection can travel to the kidneys and cause serious complications.

Globally, women are most affected by these infections. According to a 2022 review published in *Nature Reviews Urology*, over 50 per cent of women will experience at least one UTI in their lifetime, with around 25 to 30 per cent facing recurrent infections within six months of the first. In contrast, only about 12 per cent of men will experience a UTI in their lifetime, but the risk increases with age, especially after 60.

Dr Keagan Kirugo, a urologist, explains that one of the biggest misconceptions about UTIs is their link to sex. "Sexual activity is a risk but does not exclusively cause UTI," he says. "It is also a misconception that UTI can be transmitted from one sexual partner to another."

Risk factors

The majority of UTIs are caused by bacteria, particularly *Escherichia coli* (E. coli), which is found naturally in the intestines. "Bacterial E. coli is the most common cause," Dr Kirugo confirms. In most cases, the bacteria travel from the bowel to the urethra and multiply in the bladder, leading to infection.

While sexual activity can introduce bacteria to the urethra, many UTIs occur without any sexual contact at all. Factors like poor hygiene, dehydration and even hormonal changes can contribute.

"Poor hygiene significantly predisposes one to urinary tract infections," Dr Kirugo explains. "Poor wiping technique, for instance, can spread bacteria from the anal area to the urethra."

Anatomy plays a critical role as well. Women have a shorter and more direct urethra than men, making it easier for bacteria to reach the bladder.



UNPACKING URINARY TRACT INFECTIONS

■ **Common Symptoms:** Burning sensation while urinating. Cloudy or strong-smelling urine. Pelvic pain. Frequent urge to urinate, often with little output.

■ **How Common Are They?** Over 50% of women will experience a UTI in their lifetime. 25–30% of those women face recurrence within 6 months. Only 12% of men get UTIs, but risk increases after age 60.

■ **What Causes UTIs? Main culprit:** *Escherichia coli* (E. coli) bacteria from the bowel. Poor hygiene, dehydration, hormonal changes. Anatomical factors (short urethra in women) Long-term catheter use.

■ **Who's Most at Risk?** Women, especially postmenopausal. Children and elderly (weakened immunity). Individuals using urinary catheters.

■ **Prevention:** Maintain good hygiene. Stay hydrated. Avoid douching and genital sprays. Change catheters as advised.

"There is an anatomical predisposition, particularly in women, due to a short and relatively straight urethra," says Dr Kirugo. "Genetic factors also play a role, particularly bladder receptor sensitivity to infection."

Age also matters. Postmenopausal women are at increased risk due to hormonal changes that cause mucosal dryness, making the urinary tract more susceptible to infection. "Children and the elderly are also at higher risk because of relatively low immunity," Dr Kirugo adds.

For those with medical devices such as urinary

catheters, the risk is even higher. "Every day one has an unfeeling catheter increases the risk of infection due to bacterial colonisation," he explains. "Avoid long-stay catheters by changing them as advised by a doctor."

Prevention, fortunately, is often simple and based on healthy habits. Staying hydrated is key. "Hygiene and hydration are your first lines of defence," Dr Kirugo says. Drinking enough water helps flush bacteria out of the urinary tract before they can cause an infection.

Despite popular belief, probiotics and cranberry pills have limited evidence. "Not really," Dr Kirugo says when asked if probiotics help. "They are more effective in cases of diarrhoea." That said, some studies suggest that cranberry extract may reduce the recurrence of UTIs in women prone to infections, although it is not a guaranteed remedy.

It is important to avoid douching and genital sprays, which can disturb the natural bacterial balance of the vulva.

The Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) emphasise that UTIs are not classified as sexually transmitted infections (STIs). According to the CDC, approximately 80 per cent of premenopausal UTIs are triggered within 24 hours of intercourse, but that does not make UTIs contagious or sexually transmitted.

Treatment often involves antibiotics, but self-medication is not advised. "Medical attention is best, especially when considering antibiotics, due to the risk of antibiotic resistance," says Dr Kirugo.

At the end of the day, UTIs are incredibly common, often misunderstood and not necessarily linked to one's sexual activity.

Understanding the non-sexual causes is not just empowering, it can also help many avoid unnecessary shame, delays in treatment and repeated infections.

Inside the ethics of involuntary admission



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The recent death of Susan Kamengere at a hospital inspired a lot of debate on social media. While a postmortem has confirmed that she was strangled on her hospital bed, the excuse given for her admission raises a critical matter in health care. What do psychiatrists and other mental health professionals refer to as involuntary admission? When and how should it be applied?

A person suffering from a severe mental health condition is admitted without their consent because they don't understand they are sick and that they may pose a danger to themselves or others. They are unable to make informed decisions due to the severity of their mental illness.

A person can be involuntarily admitted if they are unable to take care of themselves and they have no adequate social support, and are unlikely to consent to involuntary treatment because they have no insight. This is usually done after an evaluation from mental health practitioners.

A relative, a guardian, police officer, community health volunteer, or medical officer must apply for the involuntary admission and the request must be accompanied by a medical report. In emergency cases, police or a chief may take a person directly to a mental health facility for assessment.

After involuntary admission and sedation, keen observation of the patient is critical. Close monitoring by qualified nursing and other medical staff to ensure the patient's safety, manage potential side effects of medication, and prevent harm to the patients or others is mandatory.

After a doctor has ascertained the need for involuntary admission, the patient is only detained for up to 48 hours.

The 2022 amendment to the Mental Health Act emphasises rights-based care in which each patient must be treated with dignity and respect. The Mental Health Review Board must analyse and approve longer stays.

The board, a statutory agency, was established to protect the rights of individuals with mental health conditions. Patients (or their guardians) have the right to challenge involuntary admission for the board to conduct hearings, ensuring procedures align with fundamental justice principles. Only then can the period for admission be extended. The Act also established the Kenya Board of Mental Health, which provides overall oversight and policy direction for mental health services. The board also has a duty to intervene whenever a complaint is lodged. It can stop an involuntary admission if in their assessment the patient doesn't need it.

Involuntary admissions occur because there are many myths and a lot of stigma associated with mental health. Informed consent is usually the norm, and involuntary treatment is therefore a last resort necessitated by the best interest of the patient and not any other motive.

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THE MAIN DOSE

Sharing needles, risky traditions:

With only four years to go until Kenya's target of eliminating hepatitis by 2030, reckless habits remain a major hurdle to achieving the goal

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At just 36 years old, Neema Said has lived through pain that could break anyone. A recovering drug addict and a mother, her life once teetered on the edge of ruin.

Alone, rejected, and battling internally.

"I was injecting heroin for four years," she recalls. "It destroyed me. I lost my dignity, my health, and suffered discrimination, even from my own family and peers."

Her turnaround began when a fellow addict introduced her to Reachout Centre Trust, one of rehabilitation centres transforming lives by eliminating hepatitis C, in Mombasa County.

Through counselling and the methadone programme, Neema slowly began to heal.

Sadly, during rehabilitation, she got pregnant and would be screened positive for hepatitis C. For a moment, her world shuttered.

"My heart sank when I tested positive for hepatitis C. My mind was in turmoil. I thought it was only a matter of time before death caught up with me," she narrates her encounter. "I had lived a reckless life as a drug addict. Sharing needles was the norm. Many of my peers were also battling the disease."

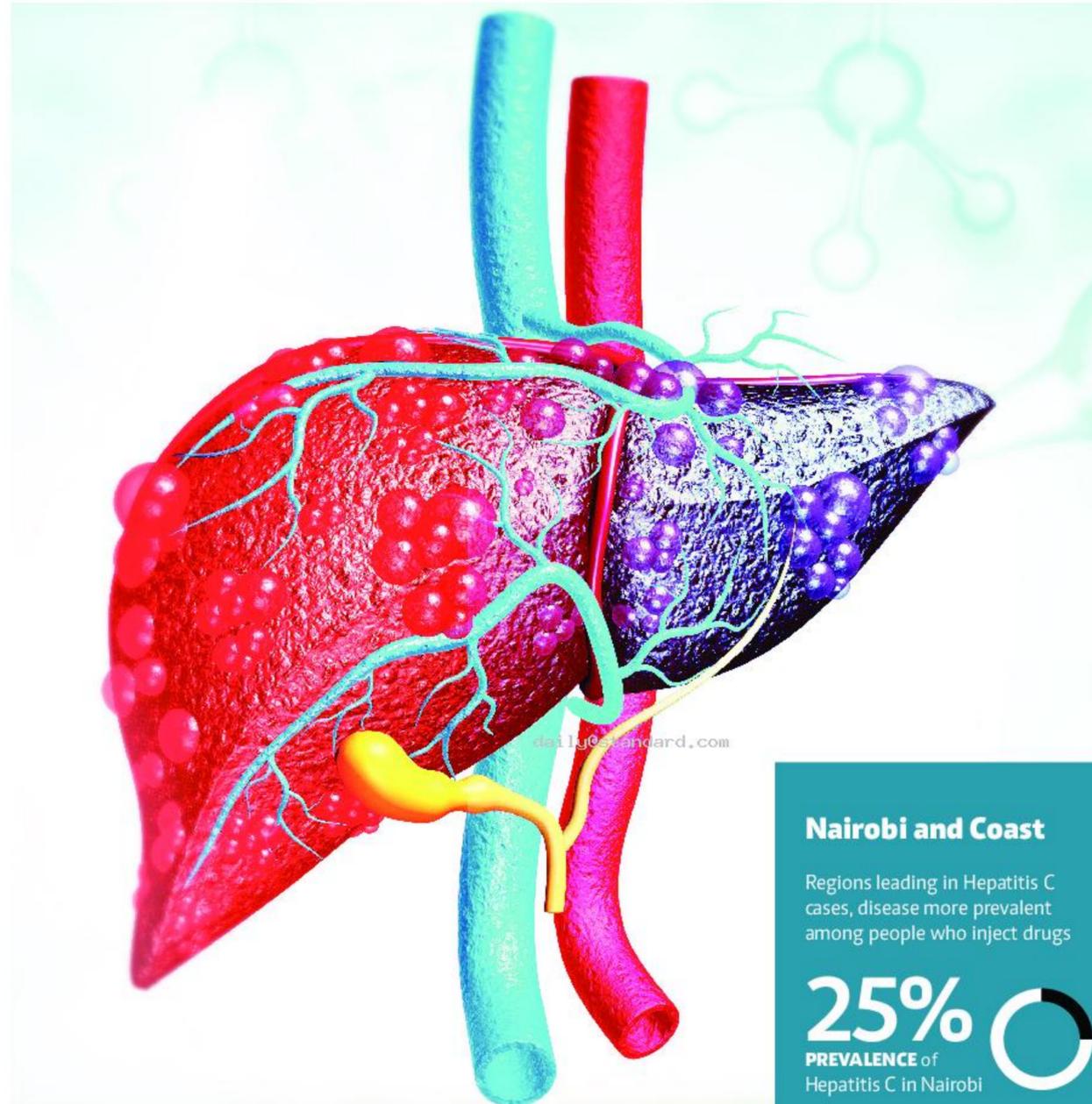
Though shaken, Neema held on.

She began treatment and, after three months, was cured of the virus.

Her survival became her turning point.

Today, Neema is among the celebrated women in the Coast region championing the elimination of hepatitis C through grass-roots advocacy.

As Kenya joins the rest of the world in commemorating World Hepatitis Day, Neema is using her voice and lived experience to advocate for increased screening, treatment, and rehabilitation — particularly among people who inject drugs, the group most vulnerable to



hepatitis C due to shared contaminated needles.

Her role is in line with this year's theme "Let's break it down calls for urgent action to dismantle the financial, social and systemic barriers that stand in the way of hepatitis elimination and liver cancer prevention."

"Women must be each other's gatekeepers," Neema says. "Hepatitis isn't the end. I want to be a woman leader for women, by a woman."

At Reachout, clinician Sammy Langat, who oversees the hepatitis programme, notes that more than 400 people have been screened since 2021.

Of these, 90 tested hepatitis C positive, most of them former injecting drug users.

"The burden of injecting drugs is heavy. It worries that addicts share contaminated needles, leading to high spread of the virus," Langat admits.

With only four years shy to Kenya's target of eliminating hepatitis by 2030, use of contaminated needles remain a hitch in achieving the targets.

Globally, about 304 million people

are living with viral hepatitis B and C.

In Kenya, hepatitis B and C viruses are endemic, with a prevalence of three percent for hepatitis B, while hepatitis B and HIV co-infection stands at 4.9 percent, with in-hospital settings being 53 percent.

Prevalence of hepatitis C among the general population is estimated to be at between 0.2 to 0.9 per cent.

Hepatitis is categorised into A, B, C, D, and E, according to Dr Nazila Ganatra, Head of Sexually Transmitted Infections and Hepatitis Unit at National Syndemic Disease Control Council (NASCOP).

Hepatitis B and C she says are more severe in human and lead to chronic liver disease, cirrhosis and hepatocellular carcinoma.

"Hepatitis C in Kenya is more prevalent among the people who inject drugs with an estimated antibody prevalence 19-25.9 percent in Nairobi and the Coast region with a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) positivity ranging from 52 to 62 per cent," says Ganatra.

Similar to the global scenario, hepa-

titis in Kenya is disproportionately distributed within counties and population.

Geographically, Turkana, Baringo, and Migori exhibit particularly high hepatitis B, at 16.8, 11.9, and 10 per cent respectively.

Omu Anzala, a virologist at the University of Nairobi, explains that hepatitis is transmitted in different modes namely sex, injection of contaminated sharp objects like needles, breastfeeding, mother to child at birth, and contamination of blood products.

In some counties like Baringo, transmission of the disease is linked to cultural practices like piercing of ears.

"If people use unsterilised needles, have unprotected sex, they risk acquiring Hepatitis," says Prof Anzala.

However, hepatitis C, unlike hepatitis B is treatable.

"Treatment and prevention of hepatitis C is available. People should get tested," adds Anzala. "Ideal way of handling hepatitis C is get tested as early as possible, and if someone in a household gets infected, we need to have other members screened, and if positive, start treatment."

Though early diagnosis is encouraged, Ganatra notes that hepatitis C infections are often asymptomatic, making early diagnosis rare.

Chronic hepatitis C infections may go undetected for decades until significant liver damage occurs.

Hepatitis C diagnosis involves two key steps — first, a serological test to detect anti-hepatitis C antibodies, which indicates past exposure to the virus.

This is followed by a nucleic acid test (NAT), commonly known as a PCR test, to detect hepatitis C (Ribonucleic Acid) RNA, and confirm an active or chronic infection requiring treatment.

But Ganatra says about 30 per cent of people clear the infection naturally without treatment, although they will still test positive for anti-hepatitis C antibodies.

Further, scientists have developed new diagnostic tests, like the hepatitis C core antigen test, to simplify the diagnostic process.

"Once a patient is diagnosed with hepatitis C, an assessment of liver damage (fibrosis or cirrhosis) is essential to guide on treatment," explains Ganatra.

The preferred drugs for treatment of hepatitis C are the DAA (direct acting anti-virals).

The drugs are used in combination to give an optimal viral load suppression, with cure rates of 97 per cent.

Hepatitis B is preventable through vaccination and there are treatments available for hepatitis C that have a 95 per cent cure rate given for 12 weeks.

"The Ministry of Health offers three dose primary series of Pentavalent vaccine at 6, 10 and 14 weeks respectively," says the official noting that Hepatitis B

Nairobi and Coast

Regions leading in Hepatitis C cases, disease more prevalent among people who inject drugs

25%
PREVALENCE of
Hepatitis C in Nairobi

62%
Prevalence of Hepatitis C, in Coast region

3 months
Treatment period for Hepatitis C

\$78,078
(Over Sh10 million) Cost for
treating Hepatitis C, per person
for 3 months

2030
Year Kenya targets to eliminate
hepatitis

Unsafe practices spark hepatitis rise

birth-dose vaccine is yet to be adopted in the Kenya Essential Package of Immunisation schedule.

Amid measures set by ministry through NASCOP and partners, use of drugs and substance in the country remains high, risking spread of Hepatitis.

Data by the National Authority for the Campaign Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NACADA), shows that at least one in every six Kenyans aged 15 and 65 years, representing 4.7 million use at least one drug or substance of abuse.

Men are disproportionately affected, with one in every three males actively using drugs, compared to one in every 16 females.

The Coast region, where heroin use and needle sharing are prevalent, has among the highest rates of multiple drug use at 10.5 percent, followed closely by Nairobi and Central regions.

The report also indicates alarming increases in the use of cannabis, which has nearly doubled in the last five years, with Nairobi, Nyanza, and Coast recording the highest prevalence.

Cannabis use has also increased by 90 percent in the last five years — with Nairobi leading in usage.

Rev Wangai Gachoka, the manager of Miritini Rehabilitation Centre of Excellence and Coastal region coordinator for Nacada says the entity in collaboration with NASCOP and NSCDD, runs a harm reduction program that includes distributing clean needle and syringes, offering methadone, and providing free condoms.

The goal of the program is to reduce infections of Hepatitis, HIV among other diseases, in addition to support for recovery of addicts.

"A lot of drug addicts like cocaine and alcohol consumers highly acquire hepatitis, but highest contributor to the disease is sharing of needles," says Gachoka. "If someone who is infected with Hepatitis inject drugs and share contaminated needle, they highly transmit the disease".

Nacada through Miritini Rehabilita-



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Nazila Ganatra, Doctor

tion Centre of Excellence currently supports at least 359 individuals on methadone treatment daily, with some infected with Hepatitis C as a result of injecting needles.

At the rehabilitation center, recovery addicts receive a wide range of care ranging from treatment of Hepatitis C and B, antiretroviral therapy (ART), PrEP, and treatment for TB and malaria.

At the center Naomi Phenny, a compliance officer, working at Miritini Modern Centre of Excellence, Nacada, explains that most common way of transmission of Hepatitis C among recovery addicts is injection of needles.

At the unit, individuals who presents with bruises, fatigue, weight loss, low appetite, and dark or reddish urine colour, abdominal pain, and itchy skin for heroine users are screened for Hepatitis C.

The first test they are subjected to is an antibody tests, liver functioning and PCR.

Those who test positive after PCR are initiated for Hepatitis C treatment for three months.

"If a patient tests positive for antibodies, they are further subjected to PCR, they are then put on treatment," says Phenny.

She adds, "Treatment of Hepatitis C takes about 8 to 12 weeks. We keep a patient for about three months before allowing them to go home, because



Dr Nazila Ganatra (second right), Head of Sexually Transmitted Infections and Hepatitis Unit at the National Syndemic Disease Control Council. [Benard Orwongo, Standard]

majority default, and risk infecting others," adds penny.

Patients are put on Sofasbuvir and Valpatasvir, for three months and a follow-up of PCR tests done. This is to ensure that an individual is free from Hepatitis C.

Defaulting on treatment also risks liver chlorosis, more so among alcohol users.

With support from Nacada, Ministry of Health and donors, patients access free treatment at the unit.

"Treatment of Hepatitis C is expensive-\$78,078 (Over Sh10 million, per person for 3 months, charges that majority of drug addicts cannot afford. Luckily, through well wishers, they get free treatment," says the official.

Apart from treatment, Ministry, NACADA and donors are distributing free needles and syringes to stop spread of Hepatitis C, and other infectious diseases.

Further, the health professional pleads with individuals at risk of Hepatitis C infections to go for Hepatitis C vaccination.

At the centre Health and Science meets Brian* Mtwapa in Kilifi District, Mombasa County who carries the weight of a life shaped by early hard-

ship and addiction, but also, today, a life marked by resilience and hope.

Brian's battle with heroin addiction began when he was only 10 years old.

Forced to drop out of school in Standard Three due to lack of school fees, he started working for drug traffickers, packing heroin smuggled in from a neighbouring country.

Curiosity soon led him to try the drug, a decision that spiralled into daily dependence.

"I started using heroin when I was about 10," Brian recalls. "Instantly, I got hooked. I injected the drug through veins in my head, hands and legs."

For the 46-year-old addiction escalated quickly, with Katana using up to two grams of heroin a day.

Aggressive injection practices led to severe vein damage and infections, eventually requiring surgery. Repeatedly sharing needles also exposed him to Hepatitis C infection that he was treated, and recovered.

"When you're intoxicated, you don't think about whether the needles are safe," he says. "All I cared about was getting high, but it cost me my health. I ended up contracting Hepatitis B."

Now undergoing treatment and rehabilitation, Brian is focused on heal-

ing, and on helping others understand the devastating consequences of drug abuse.

Anzala notes that all needles are disposable- "used once and discarded".

Current syringes and needles he says cannot be sterilised unlike in the past, "they are all plastic, cannot be sterilised for re-use. They have no ability to sterilise".

The virologist who has been in virus research however regrets that whereas needles are single use, drug addicts are using them, risking transmission of pathogens carrying Hepatitis C, B and HIV.

A number of drug users collect syringes and needles in hospitals waste. To avoid such, hospitals are encouraged to incinerate its waste.

"Nobody in any hospital reuses needles the places where. But we are witnessing young men addicted to drugs hiding on streets, injecting themselves," regrets Anzala. "They re-use needlers, enhancing HIV infections, hepatitis b, c and other pathogens found in blood".

A person who injects drugs he explains has possibility of of transmitting blood that contributes to Hepatitis C transmission.

Teenswatch offers hope for drug users and hepatitis survivors

In the neighbouring Kwale county, nestled in the vibrant coastal town of Diani, Teenswatch has transformed into a fully-fledged health and rehabilitation center, serving over 2,100 clients, many of them People Who Inject Drugs (PWID) and confirmed Hepatitis C care survivors.

The centre began as a modest refuge for young people battling substance use. Located near popular entertainment spots and tourist hubs, Kwale has long struggled with high levels of drug abuse. "When we first started, our sole focus was on

drug use," reflects Cosmas Maina, founder and director of Teenswatch. "But along the way, we came to a stark realization that Hepatitis C was spreading faster than HIV, among drug recovery addicts,"

Teenswatch showcases how community-driven health interventions, rooted in compassion and local realities, are changing lives and driving progress toward ending Hepatitis at the Coast region.

Given Kwale's predominantly Muslim population, stigma and silence often surround issues like drug use

and sexually transmitted infections.

To counter this, Teenswatch leveraged Community Advisory Boards (CABs) and enlisted religious and women leaders as change agents.

"We had to decentralize even the smallest processes," says Maina. "From collecting samples at the village level to offering directly observed therapy within households."

With the guidance from NASCOP, the facility adopted a snowball methodology to identify and enrol more

clients. Through a mix of community advocacy, decentralization of services, integration with government health structures, and peer education, Teenswatch has become a model facility in the region.

One of the institution's key success stories is Majaliwa Ngala, a 38-year old peer educator and former drug user who battled addiction for two decades. Support from NASCOP and TCLU came not only in the form of clinical expertise but also in dignity-boosting services, cash transfers, food support, showers, haircuts, and

vocational training. The interventions have shift perceptions and behavior on drug and substance use.

Still, challenges persist. Many clients lack identification documents, limiting their access to government health services. With a freeze on foreign aid, the facility calls on stakeholders to create a unique identifier for key populations and secure sustainable funding.

"If donors pull out, we must have structures in place," warns Maina.

[Mercy Kahenda]

INFECTIONS

Why bush meat is on the menu **despite health risks**

Wild meat is a known source of zoonotic infections and disease spillover to humans. In fact, as many as three-quarters of emerging infectious diseases originate from wildlife.

By The Conversation

Pastoralist communities, their livestock and diverse wildlife species coexist within a biodiversity-rich landscape stretching along the Kenya-Tanzania border.

However, at this wildlife-livestock interface, local communities face mounting challenges. Shifts in land use, prolonged droughts, erratic rainfall patterns and increasing land degradation are placing growing pressure on the landscape. In addition, conflict between people and wildlife is on the rise, and many households rely on wild animals for food.

Communities in the region eat a wide range of wild animals, from rodents, elephant shrews and birds to small antelopes and larger ungulates like bushbuck. This meat ("bush meat" as it is also popularly known in Africa) provides a valuable source of animal protein and minerals, especially where alternative domestic protein sources are scarce.

Although hunting and consuming wild animals is illegal in Kenya, this is not the case in Tanzania, where certain forms of hunting are permitted. Yet in both countries, many people eat wild meat regularly, often without awareness of the risks. These risks include zoonotic disease transmission and potential impacts on wildlife populations.

Wild meat is a known source of zoonotic infections and disease spillover to humans. In fact, as many as three-quarters of emerging infectious diseases originate from wildlife. Illnesses such as anthrax, mpox, Ebola, and HIV have all been linked to close interactions between humans and wild animals.

Despite these risks, wild meat consumption remains widespread, with some households eating it daily or weekly. Preventing future disease outbreaks requires a clear understanding of these health risks, as well as the underlying social, cultural and economic reasons

that drive people to rely on wild meat.

We set out to understand why people were eating wild meat along the Kenya-Tanzania border and whether they understood the risks of zoonotic diseases. Cases of anthrax have already been reported in this area.

Our study involved interviews in border communities during the COVID pandemic – the most famous case of zoonotic disease transmission in recent times. We wanted to know whether communities understood the pandemic's link to wild meat and if this affected their consumption of it.

What stood out was that people at the border settlements kept eating wild meat or even ate more of it. This shows that economic necessity, cultural preferences and limited alternatives remain key drivers even when the world is in crisis.

Though this research was done during COVID-19 pandemic, it gives us insights into how people react when things get tough, especially when it comes to food and health.

What's driving wild meat consumption

We found that several factors drove wild meat consumption, despite growing awareness of the health risks.

Poverty

Economic factors, particularly household income and limited financial means, strongly influenced wild meat consumption, particularly in communities with limited alternative protein sources. For instance, the COVID-19 pandemic had a severe impact on local economies. Tourism, a key source of income for border communities, experienced sharp

declines. As household revenues fell, reliance on wild meat as an affordable protein source increased.

Economic stability plays a crucial role in shaping consumption behaviours: 81 per cent of those surveyed at the border settlements indicated they would stop eating wild meat if cheaper alternatives were available.

The type of animal

Perceptions of disease risks varied depending on the species consumed.

Approximately 79 per cent of respondents believed that certain animals posed a higher risks of zoonotic disease transmission. Hyenas were perceived as the most dangerous, followed by primates and snakes. These findings suggest that while economic necessity influences wild meat consumption, risk perception

also shapes dietary choices.

Gender plays a role

Men expressed more concern over conservation and health risks than women. Men were also more likely to advocate against selling wild meat. Women exhibited lower concern regarding zoonotic disease risks, including COVID-19. These insights highlight the need for gender-sensitive interventions to address wild meat consumption.

Education levels

Education levels also influenced risk perception. Respondents with formal education displayed a stronger awareness of zoonotic transmission pathways. They were also more receptive to conservation and public health messaging. This highlights the importance of education in promoting safer and more sustainable practices within communities.

National policies

Despite sharing ecosystems and wildlife populations, Kenya and Tanzania have adopted fundamentally different governance approaches to wild meat. This in turn shapes outcomes for conservation, biodiversity and public health.

Kenya follows a centralised and protectionist model. Hunting and consumption of wild animals are prohibited under the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act. This zero-tolerance policy is rooted in strong conservation principles aimed at protecting biodiversity.

However, in practice, it has driven the activity underground, creating a thriving black market. This undermines conservation and enforcement efforts. It also increases the risk of zoonotic disease transmission due to unregulated handling and consumption of wild animals.

Tanzania, by contrast, uses a decentralised, regulated slaughterhouse model. Licensed wild meat hunting and consumption is legal under regulation, particularly through game-controlled areas and permits introduced in

FACTORS DRIVING CONSUMPTION OF WILD MEAT

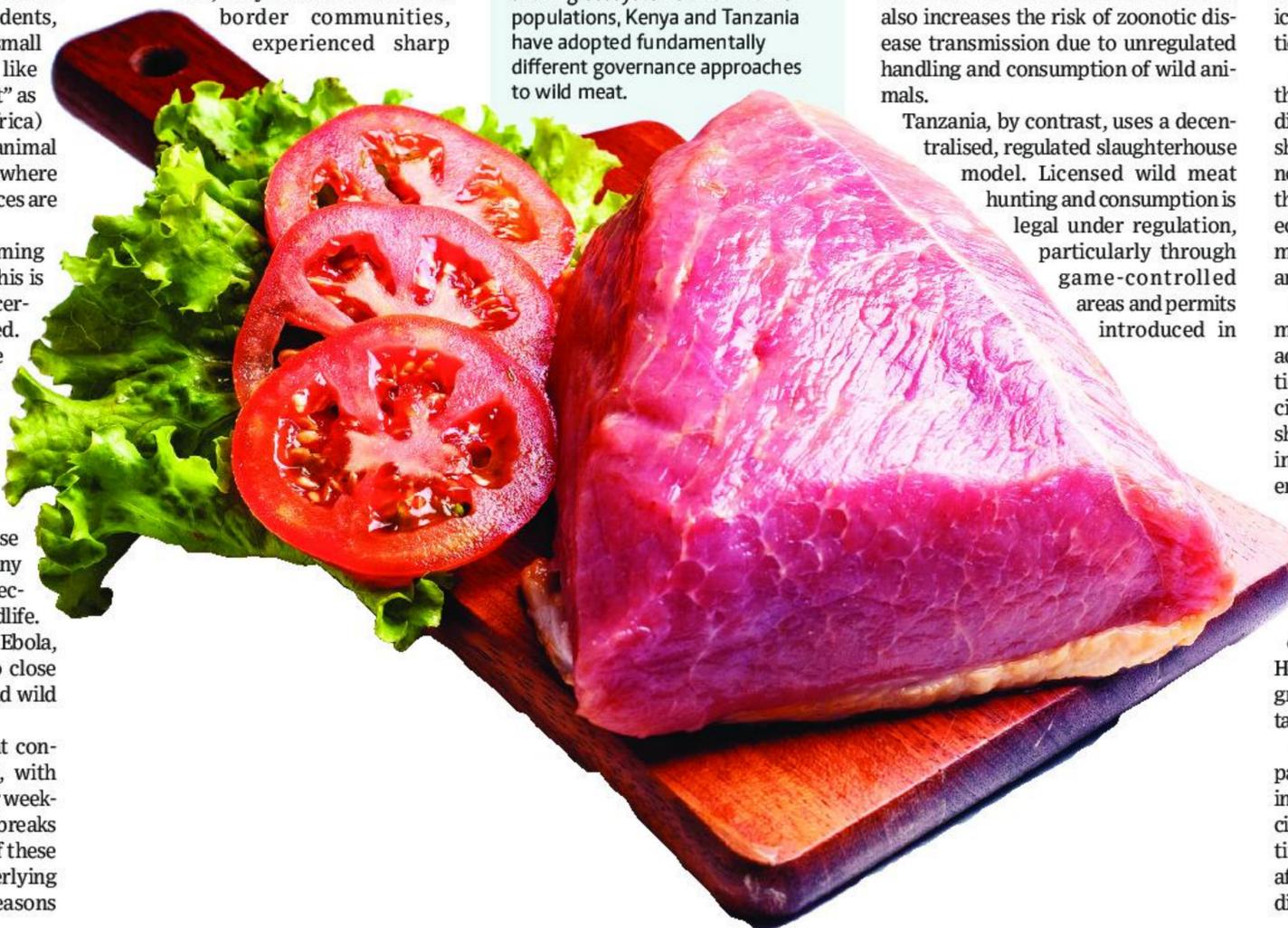
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2020. This approach is meant to enable communities to benefit economically from wildlife and reduce incentives for illegal hunting.

The existence of two divergent systems across a porous border creates challenges. These include illegal cross-border trade, conflicting conservation objectives, and uneven protection of biodiversity. There are also difficulties in implementing coordinated surveillance or public health interventions.

The contrasting regulations in Kenya and Tanzania significantly influence wild meat consumption choices.

In Kenya, where wild meat is strictly prohibited, consumption appears to be through informal and unregulated channels. This increases health risks and limits consumer awareness. In contrast, Tanzania's regulated licensing system provides a legal pathway for access. This makes wild meat consumption more visible and, in some cases, perceived as safer. These differing policies shape how communities access, justify and engage with wild meat, often driving cross-border trade and complicating enforcement and risk communication efforts.

What next?

Addressing the risks associated with wild meat trade requires a multifaceted strategy that balances health, equity and sustainability.

We suggest an intervention that prioritises economic stability and ensures affordable alternative protein sources are accessible, especially in food-insecure settings.

Public health education is also essential. An increasing awareness of zoonotic disease risks can help shift consumption behaviour.

Because men and women perceived the dangers of wild meat consumption differently, gender-sensitive approaches should be integrated. It should also be noted that, although women are rarely the primary hunters, they are often prosecuted for possession or sale of wild meat. Gender disparities on how laws are applied must be addressed.

Legal frameworks and enforcement mechanisms must be strengthened to address cross-border wildlife trade, particularly in regions with differing policies like Kenya and Tanzania. They should also reduce the risks faced by individuals who may unknowingly engage in illegal practices due to a lack of clarity.

We continue to work with national and regional stakeholders. This includes government bodies and technical partners who are actively engaging with us to co-develop One Health solutions. These solutions integrate public health, environmental sustainability and community well-being.

Finally, community engagement and participation should be at the core of any intervention. This will ensure that policies are locally relevant, culturally sensitive and supported by those directly affected to reduce the risks of zoonotic disease spillover.

LIFESTYLE DISEASES

Epidemic in slow motion: Experts sound alarm over rise in NCDs deaths

Medics point to a correlation between Kenya's socioeconomic development and the rise in lifestyle-related diseases.

By Maryann Muganda
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A silent epidemic is sweeping across Kenya. Non-communicable diseases (NCDs) are claiming more lives than ever before.

The 2024 Vital Statistics Report by the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) reveals that non-communicable diseases were responsible for 61.7 per cent of all hospital deaths in 2024—a sharp rise from 52.4 per cent in 2023.

Research data from the African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC) provides compelling evidence of this alarming trend. Dr Gershim Asiki, Research Scientist at APHRC, leading the non-communicable diseases (NCDs) research program under the Health and Systems for Health Research Unit, has been tracking NCD deaths through demographic surveillance systems in two Nairobi slums since 2002, following nearly 100,000 people.

"We have been able to track deaths and causes of death through verbal autopsy," Dr Asiki explains. His research reveals a five-fold increase in NCD deaths - from just five per cent in 2003 to 20 per cent by 2012 in urban slum settings. By 2018, his data showed that 43 per cent of all deaths were attributed to NCDs.

Similar studies in rural Kisumu found that 37 per cent of deaths between 2003 and 2010 were attributable to NCDs, while national data from the Kenya Demographic Health Survey shows NCDs increased from 35 per cent of total deaths in 2003 to 45 per cent in 2010.

"You can see most of these figures are overlapping," Dr Asiki notes. "One common feature that we see is all these data sets are showing an increase in NCD deaths."

Currently, NCDs rank as the second leading cause of death in Kenya based on population studies, but the trajectory suggests this could change. "When you look at the trends, NCDs are rising while other causes of death are coming down," Dr Asiki explains. "What is likely to happen is that NCDs might surpass the other causes of death, just like what is globally known."

According to David Makumi, CEO of Faraja Cancer Support Trust, the trend represents what he calls "an epidemic in slow motion".

"Cases of non-communicable diseases have been on an upward trend over the

years, and it's getting worse," Makumi explains. "Non-communicable diseases are multifaceted. We are talking about diseases that are not infectious, but many of them share the same risk factors."

Cancer has surged from the fifth leading cause of death in 2021 to second in 2024, killing 8,954 people—a rise from 7,699 in 2023.

Cardiovascular diseases, including heart attacks and strokes, ranked third in 2024, with 7,478 deaths. These conditions, often exacerbated by poor diet, stress, and untreated hypertension, are now claiming almost as many lives as cancer.

The expert points to a troubling correlation between Kenya's socioeconomic development and the rise in lifestyle-related diseases.

"Our lifestyles have continued to change as we develop socioeconomically," Makumi notes.

Serious complications

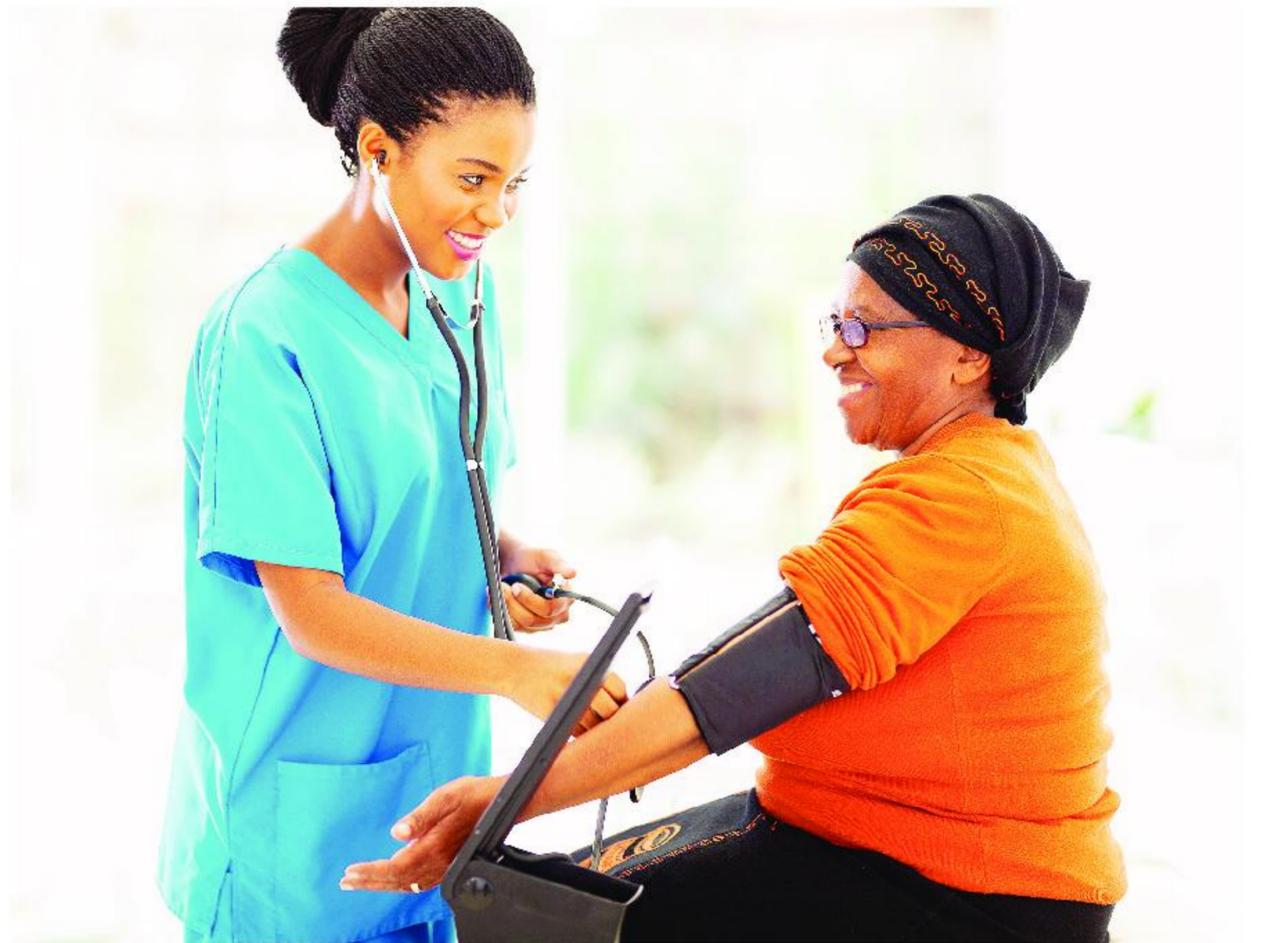
The changing lifestyle patterns revolve around dietary habits and physical inactivity. Makumi highlights how increased disposable income has led to spending on unhealthy food and alcohol consumption, while sedentary lifestyles have become the norm. These factors, combined with inadequate screening measures and inconsistent public education, have created fertile ground for NCDs to establish themselves.

Perhaps most concerning is that the majority of deaths from these diseases are entirely preventable. Patients typically present to hospitals not for routine screening, but with serious complications from undiagnosed conditions.

"A lot of people live with non-communicable diseases that they don't even know they have," Makumi explains. "They may have diabetes, but until they have a complication or show up in a coma, they don't know."

Makumi further explains the pattern is similar for hypertension and cancer. Patients arrive at emergency rooms with strokes, kidney failure, or advanced cancers that could have been managed effectively if caught early. By the time they seek medical attention, treatment becomes more complex and expensive, and their quality of life is already compromised.

Hypertension, once considered a minor health issue, is now among the top five causes of death, killing 5,035 people in 2024.



Dr Asiki identifies three broad categories of factors driving this increase: demographic, behavioural, and environmental. Demographic factors include Kenya's aging population and genetic predisposition - both non-modifiable risk factors. However, behavioural factors account for more than 80 per cent of NCD cases.

"Diet is the number one risk factor for NCDs," Dr Asiki emphasises. "There's evidence that when you combine all the other three behavioural risk factors, they don't even add up to the risk caused by diet."

The 2015 Kenya Steps Survey revealed alarming statistics: 99.8 per cent of adults don't consume enough fruits and vegetables, while 89 per cent consume foods high in salt.

The consumption of sugary drinks has doubled between 2008 and 2019, with sales becoming more affordable as costs dropped by 50 per cent. Meanwhile, 25.5 per cent of adults aged 20-89 engage in heavy episodic drinking, with

88 per cent of these being men.

Environmental factors, including air pollution from vehicles and industries in urban areas, and household smoke from cooking fuels in rural areas, further compound the problem. "There are a lot of monitors in Nairobi that monitor particulate matter. If you looked at those measurements, you'd be shocked to see how much pollution is in Nairobi," Dr Asiki notes.

The healthcare system's failures compound the problem. Makumi identifies several critical gaps: inadequate community education, poor referral systems, insufficient diagnostic capacity, and lack of resources at primary health-care levels.

"We haven't educated our communities enough sustainably and continuously," he says. "It shouldn't be a one-off opportunistic kind of education."

Financial barriers also prevent many Kenyans from accessing timely care. Even when diagnostic equipment and skilled personnel are available, patients may not be able to afford medications or may face interruptions in treatment due to insurance limitations.

The expert reserves particular criticism for preventable deaths from conditions like cervical cancer and hypertension. "To allow our women to die of cervical cancer the way they are is criminal," he states. "It just should not have a place in a country that is almost a middle-income country."

APHRC is working directly with the Ministry of Health to address this crisis through evidence-based policy development. "We generate evidence that NCD is a problem in the country. For instance, there is clear evidence that 1 in 4 adult Kenyans have hypertension," Dr Asiki explains. The organisation is currently supporting the Ministry to conduct another Kenya Steps survey. The last one was done in 2015.

Rather than relying solely on health

promotion messages, APHRC is advocating for regulatory and fiscal policies. "Evidence worldwide has shown that you cannot change behaviours by just telling people eat well, don't drink, don't smoke. Systematic reviews have shown that all health promotion messages have failed," Dr Asiki notes. "The way to change it is to restrict choice through regulation and fiscal policies."

Since 2019, APHRC has been working with the Ministry of Health on four key policies: restricting marketing of unhealthy foods, implementing simplified front-of-pack labelling with octagon warning symbols, promoting healthy food procurement in public institutions, and developing fiscal policies that tax unhealthy foods while reducing taxes on vegetables and fruits.

Nutrient model

Kenya already has strong tobacco control policies enacted in 2017 and the Alcoholic Drinks Act of 2010, but lacks comprehensive policies addressing unhealthy diets - the leading NCD risk factor. The Ministry has developed the Kenya Nutrient Profile Model, a document that guides identification of foods high in salt, sugar, and fat for regulatory purposes.

"When you restrict marketing, increase taxes on unhealthy foods and label foods, consumers will start going for healthier ones," Dr Asiki explains.

The solution, according to both experts, requires a multi-faceted approach: sustained community education, improved referral systems, better-equipped healthcare facilities, affordable medications, and addressing commercial determinants of disease through policy measures.

"We need to accelerate efforts and progress," Makumi says. "NCDs are an epidemic in slow motion, and we need to wake up to this reality before more preventable deaths occur."

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What are your thoughts on HIV discordance, its stigma, and whether discordant couples should continue living together?

Christine Kambia Joel, Film Producer

Discordant couples, where one partner is HIV positive and the other is not, can safely live together if the positive partner takes antiretroviral therapy (ART), which greatly reduces transmission risk. While I don't personally know any such couples, I believe love and understanding should guide their choice to stay together. Though HIV stigma still exists, it has lessened over time as more people understand the virus isn't only spread through sex. Continued public education on HIV transmission is key to reducing stigma and fostering acceptance.



Guvena Ngandu, Driver

I'm fascinated by discordant couples who manage to live together without infecting each other. I've known two such couples who are living happily with their partners. In one case, the couple discovered the woman's HIV status after their wedding, and the man initially wanted a divorce. However, the doctor advised against it, and the couple is now thriving with two children. With the availability of effective treatments and prevention methods, many people are no longer fearful of HIV. Antiretroviral therapy has revolutionized the management of HIV, enabling people to live long, healthy lives. As a result, the stigma surrounding HIV has decreased significantly.



Erick Mugiza, Businessman

Discordant couples are those where one partner is HIV positive and the other is not. While it's challenging to accept a partner's HIV status, I've seen couples who have made it work. In my opinion, if a couple is discordant, they should prioritize open communication, trust, and mutual support. I've witnessed a couple where the wife is HIV positive, and they've built a happy life together with two children. The introduction of antiretroviral therapy has transformed the lives of people living with HIV, allowing them to lead normal lives. Consequently, HIV stigma has decreased over the years.



Vivian Chemutai, Businesswoman

Discordant couples are relationships where one partner has HIV and the other doesn't. Personally, I wouldn't be comfortable with an HIV-positive partner, as I'd worry about the risk of transmission. However, I understand that people with HIV deserve acceptance and support. While HIV stigma still exists, it's essential for communities to promote understanding and empathy towards those living with the virus. If discordant couples are faithful to each other and take necessary precautions, we should learn to coexist with them. By doing so, we can create a more inclusive and supportive environment for everyone.



Compiled by Jenipher Wachie

FEATURE

The lost shield: PrEP crisis hits discordant couples, sex workers

With PrEP out of reach for vulnerable Kenyans following donor funding cuts, health advocates warn of a resurgence in new HIV cases if urgent action isn't taken.

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Mary Auma chose love with open eyes. At just 19, she married a man living with HIV—armed not with denial, but with determination and daily doses of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), the pill she believed would shield her from infection. But now, a year later, that shield is cracking.

Since their marriage in early 2024, she has relied on PrEP—a medication taken by HIV-negative individuals before sex to reduce the risk of transmission from an HIV-positive partner.

Auma believed PrEP would always be available, allowing her to maintain her HIV-negative status while enjoying a healthy marriage. But the once-reliable supply of PrEP, has dried up, and with it, Auma's sense of safety.

In a small village in Homa Bay County, she sits in quiet anguish, torn between her commitment to her husband John Ooko and her growing fear of contracting the virus.

"I knew the risks when I said 'yes' to a man living with HIV, but I also knew there was protection," she says. "The inability to access the PrEP is deeply troubling. I want to remain HIV-negative and still be with my family. Now I don't know what to do."

She worries that the situation may reopen wounds caused by the stigma she faced from her own parents when she first disclosed her partner's status.

"When I shared my husband's status with my parents last year, they strongly opposed the marriage," she recalled.

Her parents even cut off communication when it became clear she had no intention of leaving him. Their anger has since cooled, but her concerns remain.

"I withstood their pressure because of PrEP. I love my husband, but today I'm in a very difficult position," she said.

Ooko explained that condoms haven't worked for them as a couple trying to expand their family.

Love tested

"We've tried using condoms, but they're not effective for us—we want a second child. Our son is now seven months old. How is that possible without PrEP?" Ooko asked.

He described the PrEP shortage as a major setback.

"Auma showed me true love even when her parents wanted us apart. I'm indebted to her. I don't want her to become infected. I'm appealing for the consistent supply of PrEP," he said.

Auma and Ooko's story is emblematic of the growing struggles faced by discordant couples across Kenya due to the shortage of PrEP.

The situation is equally dire for sex

workers, who rely on PrEP as a frontline defence.

Nancy Atieno, a sex worker based in Homa Bay Town, said PrEP is no longer as readily available as it was last year.

"It's become increasingly difficult to access the drugs. We used to get PrEP in good supply at various hospitals, but now it's scarce. Only a few people manage to obtain it," Atieno said.

She added that the shortage affects her work and income.

Atieno warned that the unavailability of PrEP is putting sex workers and other

vulnerable groups at serious risk of infection. She says she at times turn down some clients who want unprotected sex due to lack of PrEP.

"I've had to turn down clients who want unprotected sex because I don't have PrEP. That affects my earnings," she says.

"Unprotected sex pays better. People are in this business to make money, so most of my colleagues end up going without protection even when they don't have PrEP. That's how HIV spreads," she said.

Recent statistics confirm the alarming trend. According to data presented at a training organised by the Media for Environment, Science, Health and Agriculture (MESHA) in Nairobi, PrEP initiation in Kenya dropped by 49 per cent—from 55,876 initiations between January and March 2024 to just 28,648 during the same period in 2025.

The sharp decline has been linked to funding cuts by the United States government, following the disbandment of the United States Agency for International Development (USAid) programmes that once supported HIV prevention and treatment.

Alternative funding

Justus Ochola, Homa Bay County Department of Health's Co-ordinator for Research, Learning and Innovation, warned that the shortage is threatening

hard-won progress in Kenya's HIV response.

"The drop in PrEP supply exposes more discordant couples and sex workers to new HIV infections. The virus will inevitably spread to other groups in the community," Ochola said.

He added that adolescents and young adults, being sexually active, are also at risk.

He urged county governments to make an alternative budget line for purchasing PrEP. "Health is a devolved function and county governments should put an alternative budget line for purchasing drugs. They should also intensify anti HIV infection campaigns in the community. Failure to do so will escalate HIV infections," Ochola said.

Patricia Jeckoniah, LVCT Health Programmes Manager for Policy, urged both the government and private sector to devise sustainable, domestic solutions to fund HIV interventions.

"We mustn't allow more people to contract HIV simply because foreign funding has dried up. This is the time for public-private partnerships to ensure our health system can meet the needs of Kenyans," she said.

She also called for increased sensitisation efforts, particularly among adolescents and young women, to reduce new infections.

Names of Auma, Ooko and Atieno have been changed to protect their identities.



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