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140 KILLED SINCE 2023 OVER DEMOS

Civil society organisations demand state accountability



Sabina Tabitha Ogoncho, wife of Paulo Makori who was shot by police in Kangemi during Saba Saba demonstrations, is consoled by activists and family members outside Nairobi Funeral Home yesterday. Right, 12-year-old Bridgit Njoki who was shot in the head at her parents' home in Ndumberi, Kiambu /DOUGLAS OKIDDY/ HANDOUT/ STORY PG 4-5

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ARRAIGNED

Two Gachagua allies, Thiga and Kwanjiru fight terror charges

Embattled youth leaders deny belonging to any terrorist group



DCP officials Serah Wanjiku and Peter Kinyanjui at Kahawa Law Courts after they were rearrested /DENISH OCHIENG'

Manyatta MP Gitonga Mukunji confers with lawyers when he appeared at Kahawa Law courts to face terrorism charges /DENISH OCHIENG'



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TWO Democratic Congress Party officials who are allies of former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua yesterday fought off terror charges levelled against them by the state over last week's protests.

Peter Kinyanjui and Wanjiku Thiga argued the case is politically motivated and legally defective.

The duo was arraigned before the Kahawa law courts to face terrorism-related charges linked to the June 25 Gen Z protests.

"On June 25, 2025, between 1200 hours and 2300 hours in Kikuyu area within Kiambu county, you and others not before court, committed a terrorist act which resulted in serious damage to Government offices and buildings," the charge sheet read.

Their lawyers, led by Wiper Party leader Kalonzo Musyoka, faulted the charges, telling the court the two youth leaders do not belong to any terrorist group.

This comes as more individuals believed to be protesters were arraigned over similar incidents linked to the demonstrations that were marred by violence.

Kalonzo warned that such charges risked rousing an already politically charged population.

"The penalty for terrorism is no less than 30 years. These young people do not belong to any terrorist group. Charging them under such a serious offence serves as a prospect of inflaming Kenyans," he argued.

He further condemned the incidents witnessed in Kiambu and Ruiru courts, where the two DCP youth

officials had been freed on bond only to be rearrested shortly after.

Kalonzo particularly criticised the nature of the rearrest of Kinyanjui, also known as Kwanjiru, saying it was executed in a manner that undermined judicial authority.

He noted that Kwanjiru had been granted bail by a competent court, yet was rearrested by anti-terror officers shortly after leaving the courtroom.

Kalonzo was referring to an event where a group of armed officers outside the court demanded that the main entrance be opened.

Once inside, the officers rushed into the courtroom and grabbed Kwanjiru, prompting screams and resistance from relatives and supporters.

A scuffle broke out, forcing officers stationed outside to fire several shots into the air to disperse the crowd and secure the arrest.

The officers then bundled Kwanjiru into a waiting van and sped off.

"Use of firearms in a court environment is excessive, unjustified and an affront to the authority and dignity of the judiciary. Courts are sacred places with constitutional adjudication," Kalonzo stated.

He urged the court to distinguish between illegal militias and unarmed demonstrators.

"Illegal militias seen in protests are the groups Kenyans wish to be brought to the court of justice," he said.

His sentiments were echoed by defence lawyers, among them Ndegwa Njiru and Kibe Mungai, who told the court that the charges are defective and an abuse of legal process.

They argued that they lacked constitutional and evidentiary backing.

The defence said that the respondents were rearrested by officers from the Anti-Terrorism Police Unit and brought to the Kahawa law courts under unclear circumstances.

They likened the nature of the arrest to an abduction, arguing that it violated both court orders and constitutional safeguards.

"Once a person has been admitted to bail, the bare minimum is that they must sleep in their own bed for a night, not in a cell. What happened here is contempt of court," the lawyers argued.

The prosecution team, however, defended the decision, saying the destruction targeted key government institutions, including a chief's office, a court and subcounty administration offices, among others.

They cited the need to protect public safety and property.

"The charge sheet demonstrates that the evidentiary and public interest tests were met. The right to prosecute is being exercised with humility," they said.

They also denied claims of abducting the duo, adding that they were lawfully arrested and brought to court within the constitutional time limits.

"This was not an abduction, as has been alleged. It was a lawful arrest carried out under provisions of the law," the prosecution said.

The state insisted that the charges, including terrorism, were properly brought and that any complaints about excessive force or procedural violations should be addressed during trial.

"If those allegations are serious, let them file a sworn affidavit. We cannot proceed on the basis of hearsay. There's no greater force than necessary that should be used, but if there were, it is a matter for trial," the state submitted.

"What we're dealing with now is whether the accused should take plea."

Magistrate Gideon Kiage said he would deliver a ruling on the objections raised on Thursday.

"Arguments have been made by counsels of both sides and due to the importance and gravity of the issues raised, I will preserve a ruling on these matters until July 10," Kiage said.

PROSECUTION TEAM DENIED CLAIMS OF ABDUCTING THE DUO, ADDING THAT THEY WERE LAWFULLY ARRESTED AND BROUGHT TO COURT WITHIN THE CONSTITUTIONAL TIME LIMITS

Senior counsel Kalonzo Musyoka at Kahawa Law Courts where he represented the youth leaders arrested during Saba Saba protests /DENISH OCHIENG'

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Do you believe Saba Saba protesters were shot by police?

YESTERDAY'S QUESTION

Do you believe state's decision to build church in State House?

YES 12%



NO 88%



SABA SABA PROTEST

Mother: I kept my son's body inside car after demo death

Says they had to escape with it because cops wanted remove lodged bullet

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A woman on Tuesday narrated the harrowing ordeal she underwent with her son who was shot dead by a police officer during the Saba Saba protests in Kitengela, Kajiado county.

Anne Gekunju said she was forced to take with her the body of her son, Brian Kimutai, to her rented house at Miriam's area within Kitengela township after it was released by protesters who initially took it to Kitengele Subcounty Hospital.

The body stayed inside a private car the whole of Monday night only to be rejected by the same hospital on Tuesday morning. The facility's management declined to admit it to its mortuary.

"After he was shot dead, we had a hard time with the police because they wanted to take away the body from the Kitengela Subcounty Hospital. We had to escape with it because they wanted to take it to remove the bullet lodged," Gekunju told reporters.

Attempts by the family to plead with the hospital's management to admit the body early Tuesday were futile.

The body was later taken to a local private hospital's mortuary in Athi River, Machakos county.

She said her son who had just completed school, had a grudge with the police officer who shot him dead on Monday.

She said the grudge was about decorations on a motorbike which her son operated in boda boda business within Kitengela township. Directorate of Criminal



Brian Kimutai /HANDOUT

Investigations detectives attached to Kitengela, police station visited Kitengela Subcounty Hospital early Tuesday and processed the body before they left.

The body had on Monday evening been ferried to the same health facility by hundreds of rowdy protesters who later manned it.

They denied police access to the facility to process the body.

Kajiado County Human Rights Activists chairman Longton Jamil said he assisted the family for their kin's shooting incident to be recorded at the Kitengela police station and have OB issued to them.

Other sources claimed the protesters withheld the body for fear that police would tamper with



it by removing bullets allegedly lodged.

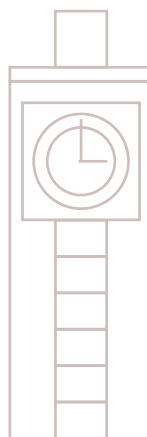
"Yesterday, I was on official duty in Kajiado, I wasn't in Kitengela. I am the one who had been abducted earlier in Kitengela for 32 days. I later got hired by the County Government of Kajiado," Jamil told reporters.

"I got information that this boy was shot dead yesterday by a prison officer. The family had the body the whole night after it was rejected by Kitengela Subcounty Hospital. Mwili imeanza kuharibika," he said.

Jamil said the deceased had a right for his body to be preserved in the hospital's mortuary as it is a public facility.

TOP: Brian Kimutai's mother Anne Gekunju (centre) at Kitengela Subcounty Hospital in Kajiado county yesterday
BOTTOM: A hearse collects Brian Kimutai's body from Kitengela Subcounty Hospital /GEORGE OWITI

CORRIDORS OF POWER



POLITICAL GOSSIP

Who is doing what and where in the world of politics



★ **A ONCE-POWERFUL** government figure has vanished amid a reportedly widening money laundering probe. Known for his high-profile appearances with political allies, the ex-official is said to have abruptly gone underground, missing key events and igniting speculation. Whispers suggest he's pleading for the intervention of the powers that be, framing the investigation as political persecution. It is alleged that detectives are investigating suspicious transactions. Those aware of the events are wondering whether the disappearing act is a fall from grace or a calculated retreat.

★ **A FORMER LAWMAKER** who surprisingly made it to the august House at the height of his glorious days is now the talk of the town. The fellow is said to be struggling with criticism over his perceived dwindling popularity and frequently clashes with residents who remind him of the same. Word is that the fellow has gone broke to the point where he allegedly has unpaid bar debts. A fly on the wall whispers that concerned bar owners are urging the man's friends to intervene and take him to rehab, hoping to restore the once-vibrant leader, especially as he insists on defending his seat in the 2027 election.

★ **JUST WHERE IS** a political mobiliser known for employing unconventional ways to galvanise support getting the windfall to build a five-storey building? Well, we are told the man allegedly wields the influence of powerful forces. Top state officials in his local town reportedly tread carefully lest he intimidates them. Sources claim that a state operative could be funneling millions to the mobiliser. As whispers grow louder, questions mount about the man's shadowy operation—believed to be tied to the Gen Z agitations, and how long before it explodes.

★ **A SENIOR BANKER** at a top financial institution has become a thorn in her colleagues' flesh after reportedly failing to repay the money she repeatedly borrowed from peers across different banks. Fed up and seeing no other option, Corridors of Power is apprised that the creditors are said to have now united and plan to storm her workplace to demand their money. Panicked, the banker, in senior management, is believed to be in hiding, fearing the exposure could cost her job if her employer learns of the events. Those after the banker describe her as manipulative, exploiting trust for financial gain.

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FELLED BY BULLETS ACCORDING TO CIVIL SOCIETY, 45 WERE KILLED IN 2023, 60 IN 2024



Over 140 killed since 2023 over demos, Kinoti killer squad makes a comeback



Body of a man who shot by police officers during Saba Saba Day protests on Waiyaki Way in Kangemi, Nairobi, on Monday /ENOS TECHE

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Since 2023, at least 140 Kenyans have been killed during protests—many while exercising their constitutional right to peaceful assembly.

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Businesses, supermarkets, stalls and public infrastructure were looted or destroyed, particularly in Kiambu, Murang'a, Meru and Kirinyaga counties

The latest bloodshed came during Monday's Saba Saba demonstrations, when 15 people were confirmed dead, including 12-year-old Bridgit Njoki, who was shot inside her home in Ndumburi, Kiambu county, as she watched television.

Civil society organisations, including International Justice Mission, Missing Voices and Amnesty International Kenya, have condemned the killings, describing them as a gross violation of human rights and a betrayal of the constitution.

“These acts represent a serious betrayal of the National Police Service's constitutional mandate and a direct assault on the rights and dignity of Kenyans,” IJM said in a statement on Monday. The scale of violence has triggered widespread outrage.

According to the groups, 45 people were killed during the 2023 anti-government maandamano protests, 60 died in the 2024 Gen Z protests, 20 more were shot during a June 25 memorial protest. Fifteen



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GEN Z PROTESTS, 20 DURING JUNE 25 MEMORIAL PROTESTS AND 15 ON MONDAY



people lost their lives during this year's Saba Saba protests, held just two days ago.

This year's protests, intended to commemorate Kenya's historic Saba Saba pro-democracy movement, turned deadly across Nairobi and its surrounding towns—Kitengela, Ngong, Kiserian, Roysambu, Githurai and Kahawa West.

Demonstrators clashed with police. Roadblocks were erected. Businesses looted. Cars torched. The violence, once again, spiraled out of control.

A Special Tactical Unit, moving in unmarked Subaru vehicles, was deployed across affected towns. Dressed in balaclavas and appearing militarised, they swiftly dismantled barricades and dispersed crowds. But they also left in their wake a trail of blood, injuries and fear.

"This was necessary because the mob had plans for more destruction and robbery," said a senior official aware of the operations.

According to police reports, 567 people were arrested, including an MP. At least 114 civilians were injured, while 52 police officers sustained wounds.

In total, 208 vehicles—police, government and civilian—were damaged.

Businesses, supermarkets, stalls and public infrastructure were looted or destroyed, particularly in Kiambu, Murang'a, Meru and Kirinyaga counties.

In Ngurubani, Kirinyaga county, businessman Charles Njirui Mkombozi said he lost Sh50 million after looters attacked his digital shopping mall.

In Meru county, Magunas Su-

permarket was reduced to ashes. Quickmart Roysambu, County Supermarket Kabati, and many other outlets were ransacked.

The matatu sector was equally hard-hit. Vehicles were stoned or torched.

According to Wilfred Bosire, Secretary General of Mass Mobility Operators, the sector lost between Sh800 million and Sh1 billion as PSVs withdrew from roads.

"We didn't expect roadblocks. We had been assured Saba Saba would just be a working day," Bosire said.

Meanwhile, politicians traded blame. A group of former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua allies claimed the government sponsored goons to infiltrate opposition strongholds and unleash destruction.

"This points to a clear plan of economic sabotage and purge on the people," said MP Onesmus Ngogoyo (Kajiado North).

Opposition lawmakers are now calling for international intervention, arguing the state is using force and sabotage to cripple dissent.

President William Ruto and Deputy President Kithure Kindiki, however, defended the crackdown, urging Kenyans to seek dialogue over destruction.

"We must learn to solve our national problems through consultations, discussions and peaceful ways," Kindiki said in Lamu.

Trade CS Lee Kinyanjui said the protests have devastated livelihoods. "We cannot sacrifice our businesses and terminate jobs to protest the cost of living – doing so only worsens the problem."

As the dust settles, Kenya Private Sector Alliance is tallying the losses. CEO Carole Kariuki confirmed a full report will be issued soon.

Yet amid the political noise and economic pain, one image stands out—a child shot dead in her own home.

Njoki's life was cut short not by disease or accident, but by a bullet meant to silence protest.

As Kenyans bury their dead and count their losses, civil society and human rights defenders say the time for accountability is now.

"We are witnessing the slow collapse of our democracy," said IJM's Joseph Ndungu. "If we allow this impunity to continue, we will have failed a generation."

Police disperse youth in Kangemi during Saba Saba demonstrations on Monday
/ENOS TECHE



Dialogue, referendum the only way to end protests, says Raila

JULIUS OTIENO/ Opposition leader Raila Odinga has proposed an intergenerational national dialogue as a long-term solution to the recurring, deadly protests that have rocked the country in recent weeks.

According to the ODM party boss, Kenya urgently needs an honest and inclusive conversation to prevent further unrest and save the country from descending into anarchy.

"The Bomas of Kenya Talks were a 'national dialogue': an inclusive intergenerational national conclave that gave us our current constitution. It is time for another," he tweeted on Tuesday, reinforcing his earlier message at the height of the protests.

Raila suggested that the resolutions arising from this dialogue, which should be akin to the one which resulted in Kenya getting the famed "Bomas Draft", should be subjected to a national referendum.

"I propose an inclusive intergenerational national conclave to hear our people across all divides and to develop irreducible reforms and changes necessary to take the country forward," Raila said during a press conference at the Serena Hotel on Monday.

He said the proposed dialogue should address key national concerns, including comprehensive police reforms, improved accountability and transparency and the need to rebuild public trust in law enforcement.

"The conclave should develop sustainable strategies to address transparency, accountability and impunity—especially regarding corruption and ensuring that leaders are held responsible for their actions," he added.

Raila emphasized that tackling youth unemployment must also be a priority, calling for strategies to expand opportunities in both the formal and informal sectors.

"Such a national forum must have clear terms of reference and

be steered by the most serious and sober minds in our nation," he said.

The call comes in the wake of widespread protests that have resulted in deaths, injuries and extensive destruction of property.

On Monday alone, more than 10 people lost their lives, scores were injured and property worth billions of shillings was destroyed in protests across at least 17 counties.

The demonstrations coincided with the 35th anniversary of the Saba Saba movement, which championed multiparty democracy in Kenya on July 7, 1990.

Two weeks prior, Gen Z activists had also taken to the streets to mark the first anniversary of the June 25, 2024, protests in which demonstrators stormed Parliament—events that left at least 19 people dead.

Raila, who was among those arrested during past Saba Saba protests, noted that this year's anniversary had aligned with the ongoing Gen Z-led demonstrations.

"As a living architect of the events leading to Saba Saba, I choose a coming together of minds and hearts, for the sake of the country I have long fought for — its progress, stability and prosperity," he said.

"The most important struggle taking shape in our country today is the struggle for good governance, economic opportunity and equality."

However, not all leaders agree with Raila's approach.

Makueni Senator Dan Maanzo argued that a conclave followed by a referendum and constitutional amendment may not adequately address the issues raised by the youth.

"As much as we want to discuss a conclave that could result in a referendum, I don't think that addresses the root causes. The country is unhappy with the politics of the day," Maanzo said.

Tetu MP Geoffrey Wandeto echoed these sentiments, saying that some reforms—like ending police brutality and abductions—do not require a committee or referendum.

"We need an Executive decision. Remove goons from the protests—those seemingly working with the police to brutalise Kenyans. Stop intimidating opposition leaders. Right now, the government's only tool seems to be brute force," he said.

(+) INSTANT ANALYSIS

Raila has been a constant figure in the call for reconciliation to end the protracted differences pitting regimes and the citizens. He ceded ground to let President William Ruto run the government in what culminated in a 10-point working agreement between his party, ODM, and Ruto's UDA. Raila also got global acclaim after his 2018 dialogue with then-President Uhuru Kenyatta resulted in a handshake that quelled tension in the country.

Raila Odinga during a press conference at Serena Hotel in Nairobi on Monday
/EMMANUEL WANSON

NEWS GENERAL

PROTEST AFTERMATH

Agony as families recount pain of losing loved ones

As they bury their children, they are also left to pick up emotional, financial damages



Faith Indech, mother of Elvis Musavi, who was shot on Monday in Kangemi, Nairobi county, by police officers during Saba Saba demonstrations, with activist Hussein Khalid and family members outside Nairobi Funeral Home yesterday /DOUGLAS OKIDDY

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TWELVE-year-old Bridgit Wainaina spent the afternoon like any other child — quietly at home in Ndumberi, Kiambu county, watching TV with her mother Lucy Ngugi — when a bullet tore through the wall and killed her.

It was just after 6.20 pm on Monday. The streets were restless, filled with chants and smoke as Saba Saba Day protests erupted across the country.

“I turned around and saw my daughter with blood on her hands,” Ngugi said, her voice cracking as she recounted her final moments with her daughter. “I thought she had been electrocuted. But when I touched her, trying to see where the blood was coming from, she became weak and collapsed.”

What she had not yet seen was the small bullet wound in her daughter’s head. A stray bullet, suspected to be from a police officer, had pierced their wall and tore into Bridgit’s skull.

Ngugi’s home is nearly two kilometres away from the main road where protesters and police clashed. Yet, even at that distance, they were not safe.

As panic took over, she called her

husband. With the help of neighbours and well-wishers, they rushed Bridgit to St Brigid’s Hospital. Doctors scanned her, revealing the horrifying truth; a bullet had penetrated her brain.

“She died later that evening,” she tearfully narrated as her hands trembled. “We tried. But there is nothing the doctors could do.”

Bridgit’s death has shattered the community — and her family — leaving a silence in a home that once echoed with a child’s laughter. A Grade 7 pupil’s life and dreams were ended on a living room couch,

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FRIEND OF VICTIM

He was running away when the bullet hit him in the back. We just saw him collapse under the Kangemi bridge

far from the frontlines of protests or confrontation.

But she is not the only innocent life lost this week.

In Kiambu town, 23-year-old Dennis Mwangi was also shot — this time in the back — just steps outside his house. His mother, Friday Kawira, unable to narrate her son’s story without breaking down.

“He was not protesting,” she said. “He had just washed his clothes and stepped outside to see what was happening. The bullet hit him from behind and exited through his neck. He died on the spot, right outside our home.”

In Ndumberi village, another grieving mother, Margaret Wangui, is mourning her son Laban Kamau, who was shot in the head.

“Ndumberi is a village, not a town. We don’t understand why there were such violent protests here,” she said. “My son was not a criminal. Why did they shoot him like that?”

As families bury their children, they are also left to pick up not only emotional wreckage — but financial too.

Many are now forced to look for the elusive money to cover mortuary fees, post-mortem costs and burial expenses, even when it is clear that their loved ones were extra-judicially

killed. “We are demanding justice,” Ngugi said.

“We did nothing wrong. My daughter was just sitting at home.”

In Kangemi, two more men were killed during protests — Paul Makori, a 37-year-old bodaboda operator and Elvis Musavi, 25. They were described by friends as peaceful and unarmed.

“He was running away when the bullet hit him in the back,” one of his friends said. “We just saw him collapse under the Kangemi bridge.”

At the City Mortuary, seven bodies lay unclaimed — all with gunshot wounds. Vocal Africa executive director Hussein Khalid says the bodies were recovered from Buruburu, Kahawa West, Githurai, Kiserian and Ngong. But activists say the numbers are being downplayed.

He says the number of deaths are set to rise as verification and documentation continues.

“We will only get more bodies and even right now I’m going to another mortuary to inspect a body. It is a sad state of affairs when the state is disregarding life,” he said.

“I live in Ngong and I personally counted more than 10 bodies lying on the road,” activist Wanjeri Nderu says. “I posted photos of five bodies on my

X handle. How can the government claim there were only three deaths?”

She says most bodies were picked up at night to minimise visibility and public outcry.

“The government is feeding the public with misinformation,” she says. “It’s heartbreaking. These were young men, many of them not even part of the protests.”

As outrage grows, so does the call for accountability.

The families of Bridgit, Dennis, Laban and others are now demanding an independent investigation into police conduct and use of live bullets during civilian protests. Human rights lobbies say the killings highlight a longstanding pattern of police brutality, especially in poor and informal communities.

But amid the calls for justice, it’s the human pain — raw and unresolved — that echoes loudest.

“She was just a child,” Ngugi stresses, staring at the small, empty couch. “We were only watching TV.”

On June 25, at least 19 people were killed and thousands of businesses looted and destroyed in a day of nationwide protests that were being held in honour of those killed in last year’s anti-tax protests.

On Monday evening, police released a statement praising officers for “exceptional restraint and professionalism in the face of sustained violence and provocation”.

NPS said 52 police officers sustained injuries, while 114 civilians were injured during the protests.

It said 125 police vehicles, 36 government vehicles and 47 civilian vehicles were damaged.

NPS praised Kenyans for being law-abiding and heeding the call to maintain law and order.

However, the service said certain individuals remained determined to engage in acts of lawlessness that involved multiple criminal acts, including attacks on law enforcement officers and looting.

“Regrettably, preliminary reports indicate fatalities, injuries, damage to motor vehicles and several incidents of looting,” it said.

NPS said each reported incident will be subject to further investigation, in accordance with the law.

On Sunday, an armed gang attacked the Nairobi headquarters of the KHRC, which had been hosting a press conference organised by women calling for an end to state violence ahead of Monday’s protests.

KHRC spokesman Ernest Cornel said the gang was made up of at least 25 people on motorbikes chanting: “There will be no protest today.”

“They were carrying stones and clubs. They also stole laptops and took some valuables from journalists who were there,” he said.

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NEWS GENERAL

WHO FIRED?

Kiambu families mourn six relatives shot dead during Saba Saba chaos

ALICE WAITHERA

TEARS and despair gripped families of six people shot dead in Kiambu county, including a 12-year-old girl, during the Saba Saba day protests that turned chaotic.

They lost their lives in differing circumstances, as their families demanded justice, an independent probe and investigations into the police use of live bullets.

Lucy Ngugi said her 12-year-old daughter Bridgit Njoki was shot dead while watching TV at home in Ndumberi village.

"It was around 6.20 pm," she

told the Star. "We were at home as a family when we heard a loud bang and I turned to look at my daughter and she had blood on her hand. My immediate thought was that something had cut her hand but when I held her hand to check the source of the blood, she fell on the floor.

"She had a gaping hole in her head," the mother said, expressing her shock that a stray bullet from somebody's gun had apparently struck her daughter.

Their home is about two kilometers from the main road where protests were taking place on Monday.

"I screamed and her father who was outside feeding chickens ran in."

Njoki died while being resuscitated in a nearby health facility.

On Tuesday morning, detectives from Forensic Crime Scene Investigations under the Directorate of Criminal Investigations visited Ngugi's family to process the scene.

Another victim, Dennis Mutuma Mwangi, 23, was shot dead outside his home in Kiambu town.

His mother, Friday Kawira,

tearfully said her son was shot from the back, indicating he was running away.

"The bullet hit him in the neck, killing him instantly right outside our home," she said, emphasising that he was not protesting and had just stepped outside their premises to see what was happening after washing his clothes.

Margaret Wangui, whose son Laban Kamau was fatally shot in the head in Ndumberi village, said they were shocked when protests erupted in the rural area.

"Ndumberi is a village and not a

town centre," she said. "We were shocked to see such protests that have left me without a son.

"It's so painful because he was not a criminal to be gunned down that way," she added.

The families decried being charged mortuary and post-mortem bills at Kiambu Level 5 Hospital despite their loved ones' deaths deemed to have been caused by shootings by police or their agents.

They urged the government to cover hospital bills and burial expenses, saying it's unfair to subject them to the costs when they're dealing with the pain of losing their loved ones.

The violence also left 18-year-old Kevin Muiruri with gunshot wounds to his leg as he was running from skirmishes in Kabete constituency.

He said a police vehicle passed him lying on the street after he was shot, but well-wishers took him to a hospital for treatment.

"When I fell, I looked down and saw a hole on my leg oozing blood and realised it was a bullet," Muiruri said.



12-year-old Bridgit Njoki who was shot in the head at her parents' home in Ndumberi, Kiambu county /HANDOUT

'PHANTOM IMPEACHMENT'

Isiolo governor puts up spirited fight in Senate

Hansard report from assembly revealed documents were doctored – lawyers



Besieged Isiolo Governor Abdi Guyo with one of his lawyers, Elisha Ang'oya, in the Senate chambers before the hearing of his Impeachment case yesterday /ENOS TECHE

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ISIOLO Governor Hassan Guyo on Tuesday dismissed the impeachment motion passed by MCAs as flawed and fraudulent, as he mounted a spirited defence before the Senate to retain his seat.

Appearing before the Senate with a high-powered legal team, Guyo urged lawmakers to throw out the motion, arguing that it failed to meet the constitutional threshold and was based on forged documents.

The governor, who faces three charges – gross misconduct, abuse of office and violation of the constitution and other laws – maintains that the allegations are baseless and politically motivated.

In a preliminary objection, Guyo's legal team – comprising former Law Society of Kenya president Eric Theuri, Elisha Ongoya and Elias Mutuma – told the Senate that the Hansard report from the county assembly revealed that the documents forwarded to the Senate were doctored.

"This is a phantom impeachment," Theuri said.

"The documents presented by the county assembly were forged, fabricated and generated outside proper legislative processes."

He further claimed the documents were not certified by the clerk of the assembly, as required by law and were marred by inconsistencies and procedural gaps.

"This is a harlot process," he said. "It does not align with Article 181 of the constitution. If allowed to proceed, it sets a dangerous precedent

where a rogue speaker and assembly members can stage a political coup."

Mutuma, supporting the objection, pointed out irregularities in the conduct of the assembly's sessions.

He said there was no formal communication from the speaker to open the session and a motion was irregularly withdrawn without any question being put to a vote.

"There was no call to order. The proposer, Abubakar Godana, moved to withdraw the motion, but who was presiding? Who approved the withdrawal? Where is the record of the vote?" he questioned.

Ongoya added that a High Court in Meru had already declared the impeachment proceedings null and void, following a petition filed by Guyo.

"There has been a valid court ruling," he told the Senate.

"The motion before you has already been rendered null and void. It has no legal effect."

But the Isiolo county assembly's legal team, led by senior counsel Paul Nyamodi, strongly refuted the governor's assertions.

He argued that impeachment processes are time-bound and should proceed without delay.

"These are time-sensitive proceedings," Nyamodi said.

"Delays can derail justice. The claims made by the governor are contested and the only way to establish the truth is through a full hearing and cross-examination."

He cautioned the Senate against halting the process on the basis of a pending court case.

"The governor's legal challenge should not interfere with this

House's mandate. Any ruling by the High Court has implications on the separation of powers. This House must proceed independently."

Eric Muriuki, also representing the county, said blocking the impeachment trial would cause irreparable prejudice to the assembly, which has no further recourse if the matter is stopped.

"The governor will have his day in court. He should not be allowed to manipulate legal timelines for his benefit," Muriuki said.

Backing the push for a full trial, assembly lawyer Boniface Mawira told the Senate that video and audio evidence had been submitted to support the charges.

"The violence that disrupted the proceedings was instigated by the governor himself," Mawira claimed.

"He cannot be allowed to benefit from his own misconduct."

Under gross violation, the MCAs accused Guyo of, among other things, failing to deliver an annual state of the county address for three consecutive years.

He is also accused of refusing to implement the assembly's recommendations requiring him to control and manage the county's public debt.

Guyo failed to utilise bursary funds in accordance with the approved budget, his accusers said. He is also said to have failed to renew the contracts of county executive committee members and appointed two deputy county secretaries to positions not recognised in law or provided for in the county staff establishment.

(+) INSTANT ANALYSIS

The governor faces three broad charges: gross violation of the constitution, gross misconduct and abuse of office. He is also accused of breaching public trust by making divisive, derogatory and discriminatory remarks against other clans residing in the county and by being consistently absent from the county, instead running its affairs remotely from Nairobi, thereby stalling service delivery.

NEWS GENERAL

GROWING COMPETITION

New firm bids for Rironi-Mau Summit road

Multiplex Partners Company Limited has submitted a bid, joining two Chinese firms already in the race

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A third company has expressed interest in building President William Ruto’s flagship Rironi-Mau Summit and Mai Mahiu-Naivasha highway, signaling growing competition for the high-stakes infrastructure project.

The Kenya National Highways Authority said Multiplex Partners Company Limited had submitted a bid, joining two Chinese firms already in the race.

Director general Kung’u Ndung’u said the agency also approved privately initiated proposals from the first two bidders, China Road and Bridge Corporation in partnership with the National Social Security Fund and Shandong Hi-Speed Road and Bridge International Engineering Ltd.

The Public-Private Partnership Committee gave the two initial proposals a go-ahead, allowing them to proceed to the project development phase.

However, before the bidding window closed, Kenha received a third proposal from Multiplex Partners whose details remain scarce.

“The PPP Committee in its 54th meeting approved the privately initiated proposals for the two proponents to proceed to project development phase,” Kenha said, in disclosures pointing to the works kicking off soon.

The agency said it is during consideration of the two proposals that the third bid – whose details, including physical address remain scant, was re-

ceived. Kenha received the additional proposal prior to the lapse of the time allowed for receipt of proposals.

“The proposal is currently being subjected to evaluation under the same criteria as the preceding two proposals to determine whether the same is in compliance with the Public Private Partnerships Act, 2021 and has met the necessary threshold as prescribed by law,” the agency said.

The checks entail conducting due diligence on the company and evaluation of the proposal if it meets the technical and financial requirements.

“Having undertaken the above processes, Kenha, the PPP directorate – National Treasury and the PPP Committee – will render their decisions,” the notice says.

Kenha said it will follow the law and announce the tender winner upon award.

“This will be disclosed at the appropriate time upon conclusion of statutory processes.”

The Rironi-Mau summit project remains central to Ruto’s legacy plan, thanks to the political gains it carries.

The project is envisioned to end the gridlock that has seen travellers heading to western region, especially during the festive seasons spend nights on the road.

It also cuts through Rift Valley, which is considered Ruto’s political bedrock hence, is viewed as one that stands to make a political statement once complete.

Part of the project is to expand the Rironi-Maai Mahiu stretch through to Naivasha – currently a designated truck route.



Nairobi-Nakuru highway /FILE

This is the road used by commuters headed to Kisii and the greater southern Nyanza region.

With campaigns for the 2027 elections gaining momentum, the project’s progress could make or break Ruto’s re-election bid.

The project cuts through Ruto’s Rift Valley stronghold while serving Western and Nyanza, which are key 2027 constituencies the President is eyeing for reelection prospects.

Kenya Kwanza said the works would begin in the first part of the current financial year, as evidenced in the conclusion of the first phase of considering the first two bids.

“Kenha is committed to adhering to provisions of the PPP Act of 2021 and further remains alive to the various procurement methods...and shall undertake all further steps in accordance with the law should all proposals proceed to project development phase,” Ndung’u said.

In its website, the agency says it held 65 meetings with more than 3,000 participants in ‘an effort to sensitise and have a buy-in for the Nairobi-Nakuru-Mau Summit road project’.

Communities living along the road corridor, elected leaders, county governments, conservationists, NGOs, transporters and other interest groups such as Kenya Private Sector Alliance were engaged.

“The engagements have seen the

incorporation of proposals from the public into the road designs to ensure various interests have been taken care of,” the agency says.

(+) INSTANT ANALYSIS

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CHANGE OF OFFICIALS

Invoking section 20(2) of the Political Parties Act 2011, NLP hereby informs the general public of the below captioned changes of NEC office bearers effective immediately.

DESIGNATION	FORMER OFFICIAL	CURRENT OFFICIAL
Party Leader	Stephen Kipkisen Tarus	Dr. Augustus Kyalo Muli
Co-Dep. Party Leader	Augustus Kyalo Muli	Joshua Andala
Co- Deputy Party Leader	-	Lameck Wafula
Co-Chairperson	Japhet Kiari Kea	Teddy Maina
Co-Chairperson	-	Samuel Ogutu
Secretary General	Omondi K’oyoo	Omondi K’oyoo
Deputy secretary General	Cesran Njeru	Fiona Ndunge
National Treasurer	John Waitthaka	Joshat Maina
Dep. National Treasurer	Samuel Ogutu/ Elosy Muuiya Gitari	Leocadia Nyanchama
National organizing secretary	Jimmy Kimathi	Jemima Katheeku
Dep. National Organizing secretary	Cecilia Nasieku	John Michael
Director political affairs	Patel Prabhakar Ishveber	Dennis Ombaba
Director public policy and economic affairs	Fredrick Karanja Kamau	Hassan Rajab
Secretary Science and technology	Dorothy ogolla	Dorothy ogolla
Director legal and constitutional affairs	James Ikara	Esther Angawa
Director publicity and info	Amram Muthee	Festus Mulatya
Director international affairs	Nuru Juma Msalem	Doreen Wamamba
Director women affairs	Carolyne Njau	Magdaline Mutwii
Director Youth Affairs	Joshat Maina Gathaga	George Bala
Director for environment	Doreen Wamamba	Gladys Achieng
Director Elections	-	Brenda Ongalo
Director for special programmes	Isaac Mugo	Beatrice Muange
Director for labour and Human Resource mgnt	Mercy Chepkemio	Juliet Mmbone
Director for national security	Jane Mwambili	David Mutio
Special interest group	Josephine Mwende	Hamisa Zaja
Executive Director	-	Edna Atieno

Omondi K’oyoo
Secretary General

VULNERABLE GROUP

Nurses warn of boycott over insecurity during protests

National Nurses Association of Kenya chairperson Collins Ajwang and members in Kisumu county /FAITH MATETE

FAITH MATETE

THE National Nurses Association of Kenya has warned that its members will stay away from work during protests if their safety is not guaranteed.

This follows the attack on nurses at the Kitengela Sub-County Hospital during Saba Saba Day demonstrations on Monday.

The association wants the government to put in place measures to secure healthcare workers and facilities.

“We are giving our final warning.

If our nurses continue to be attacked, assaulted or placed in danger while trying to deliver essential services, we will ask them to stay at home. If the government fails to act, we will down our tools,” said Collins Ajwang, national chairman.

He said the Kitengela attack not only endangered the lives of healthcare providers but also disrupted critical medical services.

Ajwang asked the Inspector General of Police Douglas Kanja and the Cabinet Secretary for Health Aden

Duale to urgently deploy security around hospitals during protests and ensure safe movement of nurses to and from their stations.

“We were told by the authorities to report to work and we did. But our nurses were left vulnerable. We feel betrayed. If this happens again, we will not be silent. We are telling our members not to report to duty if their security is not assured,” he said.

The association expressed deep frustration over repeated incidents of nurses being attacked, ambulances stoned and hospitals vandalised during political unrest.

“Enough is enough. Nurses are not sacrificial lambs. We are not going to die in the line of duty simply because someone failed to act,” Ajwang said.

He said the government must now show seriousness in protecting front-line workers.

The chairperson warned that unless immediate action is taken, NNAK will officially issue a countrywide work boycott during future demonstrations. Citing the constitution and international humanitarian laws, Ajwang said access to health-care and safety of those who provide it is a fundamental right.

“We are not just employees — we are human beings with families. The same goons who attack our hospitals are the ones who later seek care from us. This hypocrisy must stop,” he said.

NEWS JUDICIARY

FOUND GUILTY

Herbalist jailed 25 years for nurses' union official murder

Judge says prosecution had proved the case against the herbalist beyond reasonable doubt

MATHEWS NDANYI
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A 52-year-old Ugandan herbalist who was found guilty of the murder of a Kenya National Union of Nurses official has been sentenced to serve 25 years in jail by the High Court in Eldoret.

Justice Reuben Nyakundi convicted the herbalist, Mawanda Asuma, over the killing of Ferdinand Onger, who was the deputy chairman of KNUN Kisumu branch.

The deceased, 40, was based at Ramogi Institute of Advanced Technology dispensary in Kisumu county.

Asuma committed the offence between July 24 and July 27, 2019 in Kimondi forest, Nandi county.

Justice Nyakundi said the herbalist had been fully licensed to operate and that the deceased had trusted him.

Asuma had pleaded not guilty to the murder charge and was denied bond/bail after the prosecution convinced the court that he was a flight risk.

In his ruling, the judge said the prosecution had proved the murder case beyond reasonable doubts.

Justice Nyakundi noted that Mawanda's co-accused had pleaded guilty and entered into a plea bargain during which he confessed how the offense was committed.

"Your co-accused was jailed for 15 years after he confessed to what happened but considering the evidence brought to court, you bear the greatest responsibility for the killing," the judge said.

Justice Nyakundi said Mawanda and the deceased had a dispute over Sh200,000 which led the herbalist to scheme the murder.

Nyakundi said the deceased had sought treatment from Mawanda whom he believed could chase away some evil spirits that were tormenting him.

"He paid you and believed that you had the powers to chase away the evil spirits but the plan did not work leading to a dispute over the money paid by the deceased," Justice Nyakundi said.

In his defense in December last year, Asuma distanced himself from the torture and murder of the official saying the deceased was not only his



Ugandan herbalist Mawanda Asuma /MATTHEW NDANYI

client but also best friend.

He told the court that he had been administering herbal medicine on the deceased who was suffering from complications related to obesity arguing that there was no way he could have contributed to his demise.

Mawanda said he was so close

to the official that the deceased had introduced him to his close family members including his mother who is a retired nurse.

But Justice Nyakundi said Mawanda used their closeness to lure the deceased and hire hit men to commit the murder.

ceased is said to have demanded to know from his colleague who gave him permission to give his cousin a bottle of beer."

The court heard that Mogaka, who was holding a glass of beer in his right hand, stormed out of the house party as Ngaira followed him and attacked him with kicks and blows. The assault was captured on CCTV footage played in court.

Mogaka was followed out by six people, including his cousin who was armed with a rungu, as the fight escalated. It was during the fight outside the house that Ngaira was allegedly stabbed.

Inspector Hassan said she retrieved from the scene a blood-stained white and black t-shirt belonging to Ngaira and broken pieces of a glass, which are being used as prosecution exhibits.

Key prosecution witnesses included senior crime investigator, Inspector Daniel Kieni from DCI's Nairobi headquarters, and former Moi University student Edith Chebet.

Chebet testified that she witnessed the incident as it unfolded. She had been invited by a friend.

She said the accused aimed the glass at Ngaira's neck, leaving him bleeding profusely.

The former Moi University student told the court that a fight had ensued between Mogaka and Ngaira at the house party. "The fight between the accused and the deceased started right inside the house following an altercation and extended outside for some time," Chebet said.

The court heard that after allegedly stabbing the victim in the neck, Mogaka dropped the broken glass on the ground.

ON JULY 28

Court to rule whether lawyer has case to answer in colleague's killing



Lawyer Calvin Musachi Ngaira



Lawyer Abel Mogaka at the Eldoret Magistrate's Court /FILE

to a vicious fight at a house party in which lawyer Ngaira was allegedly murdered by his colleague.

Mogaka allegedly used a broken beer bottle to fatally stab Ngaira in the neck. Roy Barasa, another lawyer, had hosted the party at his apartment for his friends, mostly lawyers.

Barasa had invited more than 10 lawyers who had studied together at the Kenya School of Law at his Sirtui apartment in Annex area along the Eldoret-Nakuru highway for a house party. A commotion started inside the house and extended outside where Ngaira was stabbed.

DCI Inspector Sofia Ibrahim Hassan, based in Eldoret, produced CCTV footage of the incident and told the court the fight was over a bottle of beer that the accused is said to have served to his cousin, who had accompanied him to the party.

Inspector Hassan said Ngaira demanded to know who gave Mogaka permission to serve the beer to his cousin, who it later emerged, was not a lawyer, like most guests.

"The differences over the bottle of beer escalated, leading to the fight at the party," Hassan testified.

Ngaira, who had practiced law for barely three months, died of his injuries at Mediheal Hospital.

"I went to the scene and interrogated witnesses," she said. "The de-

10, 2019. He denied the charge and was released on a Sh1 million bond.

Justice Robert Wananda said he will decide on that date whether to put Mogaka on his defence or not.

Court hearings have been jammed by interested lawyers and human rights activists since the preliminary hearing began.

During the prosecution's final presentation, the court was told how an altercation over a bottle of beer led

MATHEWS NDANYI

THE High Court will rule whether a lawyer has a case to answer in colleague's murder.

The July 28 date was set after the prosecution led by Brenda Oduor closed its case against Eldoret lawyer Abel Mogaka following the testimony of 12 witnesses.

Mogaka was charged with murdering lawyer Calvin Ngaira on May

FRAUD CASE

Court gives DPP final chance to supply evidence

PETER OBUYA

THE court has ordered the Director of Public Prosecutions to supply crucial evidence it seeks to rely on in a Sh356 million a fraud case within three days.

Milimani senior principal magistrate Dolphina Alego directed the prosecution to furnish all documentary evidence and materials to the accused by Thursday, adding that her court will not tolerate further delays.

The accused, Honey Khatwani, was arraigned last month and charged with theft of Sh356 million from his employer.

The money got to his possession by his being an employee of OKI General Trading Limited in Baba Dogo where he works as a director.

When the matter came up for mention on Monday, Khatwani's lawyer Kennedy Echesa told the court the state had not yet provided any documentary evidence it intends to rely on during trial.

"The defence has not been supplied with any evidence despite the charges being filed weeks ago. We urge the court to compel the prosecution to comply," Echesa said.

The prosecution, represented by Victor Awiti, confirmed that the documents would be availed and requested for more time to finalise preparations.

However, magistrate Alego warned that Thursday's deadline would be the last chance for the prosecution to comply. Khatwani is currently out on a cash bail of Sh5 million. The matter will be mentioned again on Thursday for confirmation of compliance and further directions.

THEFT CLAIM

Bomas worker awarded Sh580k for unfair sacking

SHARON MWENDE

THE Employment and Labour Relations Court has ruled that Bomas of Kenya Limited unfairly terminated an employee who had been interdicted over the alleged theft of scrap metal.

The judgment was delivered on July 4 in a case filed by the Kenya Union of Entertainment and Music Industry Employees on behalf of Evanson Ndegwa.

"The grievant services were unfairly terminated," Justice Christine Noontatua Baari ruled.

Ndegwa was awarded one month's salary in lieu of notice (Sh36,120), three months' salary for unfair dismissal (Sh108,360), half-pay arrears during interdiction (Sh216,720), house allowance arrears (Sh151,695.36) and commut-er allowance arrears (Sh72,000).

NEWS GENERAL



Anti-riot police officers remove barricades erected by protestors on Kenol-Sagana highway /ALICE WAITHERA

UNFAMILIAR FACES

Puzzle of unknown youths ferried to protest in Mt Kenya

Strange groups caused tension and locals closed their businesses

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RESIDENTS of parts of the Mt Kenya region on Monday expressed concerns that the nationwide Saba Saba protests were hijacked.

In Murang'a town, locals told the Star that busloads of foreign youths travelled to the town on Sunday evening and were seen loitering on the streets all day long.

The alien youths caused tension as locals closed down their shops in anticipation of vigorous protests.

Samuel Njuguna, a boda boda operator, said the influx of youths in the town had caused apprehension, sparking concerns that they had been facilitated to cause chaos in the town.

"I have seen very many strange faces today. They are strolling all over the town conversing in unfamiliar dialects," Njuguna said.

Though the town was calm in the morning, Njuguna and other residents went home, not wanting to get involved in any confrontations.

"I have gone for my two children who had gone to school and then I'll head right back home. I'll look for more money tomorrow," he added.

Some residents stayed in the town but said they did so out of curiosity, as they were eager to see if any protests would be held.

Peter Njoroge, a fruit vendor, was concerned that his stall would get looted by youths in case of protests

and also closed down. "I've seen them moving around since morning and I'm not willing to risk my business especially since the protests held last month started in the evening and got chaotic," Njoroge said, referring to the protests held against police brutality on June 25.

Residents were right to be apprehensive, as the youths started blowing whistles and walked from the town to Mukuyu market that is about two kilometres away.

Despite the heavy police presence, the youths converged and erected barricades along the streets where they lit bonfires.

A police helicopter landed at Ihura Stadium at 5pm to provide extra supplies to security teams amid heightened confrontations with the youths.

Boda boda operators had converged near county commissioner Joshua Nkanatha's office, where he addressed them, asking them to help the security team to identify the foreigners.

"We're investigating reports that there are youths who travelled from other towns and appropriate action will be taken," he said, asking the operators to retire to their homes.

Nkanatha, who is also the acting county commissioner, said stern action will be taken against any individuals found to have ferried people into local towns for the chaotic protests.

The protesters engaged the police for hours on Monday night and the

sound of teargas canisters being lobbed resounded as late as 2am.

In Kangema town, residents were taken by surprise when protesters took to the streets and lit bonfires at 7pm after a calm day. The youths looted construction materials meant for Gakira modern market, with reports indicating that two sustained gunshot injuries.

In Kabati town along the Kenol-Thika highway, unfamiliar youths lit bonfires at 9am. They looted a mobile phone shop and overpowered police who were trying to stop them from looting County Supermarket.

The officers retreated and the youths made away with commodities, as residents watched in disbelief.

David Kimani, a boda boda operator, said he was alarmed that the perpetrators were unfamiliar faces.

"As boda boda operators, we know everybody. I was very surprised that I couldn't identify any of them," he said, adding that residents chose to keep their distance.

A similar predicament faced residents of Kenol town when unfamiliar youths engaged police officers in running battles as they attempted to loot another branch of County Supermarket.

In Kirinyaga county, another branch of County Supermarket was looted amid confrontations with the police. The youths also vandalised Nice Digital City at Mwea before being repelled by security officers.

MORAL BAR

Passaris bows to pressure, shelves anti-protest Bill

CYRUS OMBATI

NAIROBI Woman Rep Esther Passaris has suspended the proposed Public Order (Amendment) Bill 2025 amid pressure from the public.

Passaris said she was responding to the call by the National Council of Churches of Kenya and other voices of conscience.

"I have decided to pause the pre-publication process of the Public Order (Amendment) Bill 2025 to allow for national dialogue and wide public engagement," she said in a post.

"This is an invitation to co-create legislation that safeguards constitutional freedoms while ensuring public order."

Passaris, who has faced criticism over the attempt to introduce the Bill, challenged religious institutions to raise the moral bar of public discourse.

"Let us teach and encourage a culture of peaceful protest, lawful engagement and respectful disagreement values rooted in faith and democracy alike. A just society is not built by force or fear, but by accountability on all sides from citizens to state officers. It is my hope that this conversation will shift from confrontation to collaboration," she said.

"As we honour the spirit of Saba Saba, let us move forward not in anger, but in shared accountability; each of us doing our part to secure Kenya's promise of prosperity."

NCCK called for the withdrawal of the controversial Bill sponsored by Passaris, which proposes limitations on the premises of holding protests.

The Bill is no different from the Assembly and Demonstrations Bill, 2024, which ran contrary to the Bill of Rights as it imposed disproportionate restrictions upon the fundamental right to assembly and to demonstrate, as protected by Article 37 of the Kenyan constitution.

It seeks to direct – and probably scuttle – the way in which picket-

ing and demonstrations are held. It proposes to change the Public Order Act by redefining what constitutes a public meeting, processions as well as introducing specific spaces or zones for picketing.

Article 37 of the Constitution of Kenya specifies that every person has the right, peaceably and unarmed, to assemble, to demonstrate, to picket and to present petitions to public authorities; this right is a fundamental freedom. This freedom has turned dicey for a government that is plagued by protests and demonstrations on many fronts, but foremost on matters of poor governance, endemic corruption and lack of the rule of law.

But the government cannot arrest and successfully prosecute any peaceful demonstrator, by the mere fact of demonstrating against it, even as protesters are increasingly targeted by the state during or after picketing.

Many are beaten up or shot in the process while some are abducted – but even these have not stemmed the propensity for more protests.

In many ways, the Public Order Amendment Bill, 2025 proposes changes to the existing Public Order Act (Cap 56) by introducing restrictions on the locations of public meetings.

One of the proposals spells out that there will be no public meeting or procession allowed within a 100-metre radius of Parliament, protected areas such as State House (under the Protected Areas Act) and courtrooms.

It states, "A person who contravenes the provisions of this section commits an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding Sh100,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or both."

The Bill also seeks to designate the Interior ministry Cabinet Secretary as an authority to appoint areas where protests can be held (in consultation with county government) and where they cannot.



A PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATOR CANNOT BE ARRESTED AND PROSECUTED FOR DEMONSTRATING AGAINST GOVERNMENT

Nairobi Woman Representative Esther Passaris in Parliament /EZEKIEL AMING'A

STRATEGY

Insurance brokers tap low-income market to grow penetration

JACKTONE LAWI

THE Association of Insurance Brokers of Kenya (AIBK) plans to tap on the low-income earners and underserved groups to boost insurance uptake in the country.

Through a collaboration with Birdview Microinsurance the plan will target niche markets, including informal sector workers, small businesses, and Kenyans in the diaspora, as part of efforts to deepen insurance penetration, which remains below 3 per cent in Kenya.

Underserved groups and low-income household have been the worst hit by expensive medical emergencies which they have to foot out of pocket. Small businesses on the other hand lack insurance coverage a combination that has seen Kenya's insurance penetration stagnate below its African peers. A survey by AAR Insurance Kenya indicated that over 53 per cent of Small and Medium

Enterprises (SMEs) are uninsured.

The Associations Chairman John Lagat said the initiative is focused on expanding insurance access through customised, affordable products that reflect the realities of everyday Kenyans.

"This partnership with Birdview Microinsurance is a significant step towards expanding access to insurance in Kenya. By focusing on specific, often overlooked segments, we can ensure that more Kenyans have access to essential financial protection, fostering greater resilience within our communities," said Lagat.

Micro-insurance – low-cost, tailored insurance typically aimed at low-income populations – is increasingly being seen as a tool to bridge the country's protection gap.

With traditional insurance often out of reach for many, experts say micro-insurance could help build resilience among vulnerable groups facing health, income, or climate-re-

lated risks. Birdview Microinsurance CEO James Kimani said the firm is leveraging partnerships with brokers, who control a sizeable share of the insurance market, to reach untapped segments.

"Micro-insurance remains significantly underserved in Kenya. We are focusing on building meaningful relationships and products that deliver impact," he said.

Birdview Micro-insurance CEO James Kimani, National Chairman Association of Insurance Brokers of Kenya John Lagat and Founder & Director Birdview Microinsurance Richard Muiru converse during AIBK Members meeting. /HANDOUT



The company's founder, Richard Muiru, added that the diaspora market is a key focus, with plans to roll out products that enable Kenyans abroad to support the healthcare needs of their families locally.

In the plan digital platforms would play a central role in ensuring convenience and reach.

AIBK CEO Eliud Adiedo said that beyond expanding market reach, the

THE DATA

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The indicative value of the shilling to the dollar

Kenya's shilling remained stable against the US dollar on Tuesday as inflows ensured stable supply in the market

FINANCIAL MARKET

FOREX EXCHANGE RATES

Currency	Mean
US DOLLAR	129.2381
STG POUND	176.0998
EURO	151.7061
SA RAND	7.2829
KES / TSHS	20.4274
KES / USHS	27.8169
AED DIRHAM	35.1855
IND RUPEE	1.5055
CHINESE YUAN	18.0130
JPY (100)	88.6741

NSE BIGGEST WINNERS

	Price	Change (%)
EAAGADS	12.45	9.69
SAMEER AFRICA	7.10	7.25
CIC INSURANCE	3.36	6.67
EVEREADY	0.90	5.88
UMEME	23.70	5.33

NSE BIGGEST LOSERS

	Price	Change (%)
PORTLAND CEMENT	39.95	6.66
KPLC	11.10	4.72
UNGA GROUP	20.80	4.59
TOTAL KENYA	23.55	2.08
DTB	79.00	1.25

CONCERN

Soaring debt costs surpass health, education budgets

UNCTAD says the country is spending at least 6.5% of export revenues to pay loans



The Trade and Development Board meets for its 33rd special session in Geneva on 17 January /UNCTAD

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DEVELOPING countries among them Kenya are increasingly forced to choose debt repayments over development, with 3.4 billion people living in nations whose debt servicing bill is more than key sectors of health or education.

The UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) made the revelation during the recently concluded Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development in Sevilla, Spain, where it urged development partners and governments to prioritise public debt vulnerability as a top concern. "Public debt can be a powerful

tool for development. Governments use it to invest in their people and economies – and pave the way to a better future. But when debt grows too large or becomes too costly, it turns into a burden. That is the current reality for much of the developing world," the UN trade agency said.

The UN agency mentioned Kenya among half of developing nations spending at least 6.5 per cent of export revenues to service external public debt.

In the financial year ending June 30, 2025, Kenya spent Sh1.85 trillion on debt servicing, constituting debt redemption at Sh843.4 billion and interest payment at Sh1.1 trillion. This financial year, the govern-

ment has earmarked Sh1.1 trillion to pay interest on debt. This is way below the Sh702.7 billion allocated for education and Sh139 billion planned for health in the current financial year.

To turn public debt from a burden into a tool for development, the organisation calls for fairer mechanisms to lower borrowing costs, enable timely debt restructuring and go beyond the limits of the current G20 Common Framework for Debt Treatment.

It also supports calls in the Sevilla Commitment to triple the lending capacity of multilateral development banks – from \$50 billion to \$150 billion – and helps developing countries boost investment.

The report flags stark contrasts among developing regions, with Asia and Oceania holding 24% of global public debt, followed by Latin America and the Caribbean (5%), and Africa (2%).

UNCTAD says that systemic inequalities in international financial systems are making things even more challenging.

Since 2020, developing regions have been borrowing at rates two to four times higher than the United States, for example.

In 2023, developing countries paid \$487 billion to lenders abroad. Half of these economies spent at least 6.5 per cent of their export earnings to repay external public debt.

Those countries paid \$25 billion more to creditors than they received in fresh debt disbursements, leading

to an overall net debt outflow for years in a row. This negative trend is worsening, the report warns, as high interest rates, low global growth and rising uncertainty continue to strain public finances and make it harder to sustainably manage debt.

In 2024, developing nations paid \$921 billion in net interest on public debt, up 10% from the previous year.

A record 61 developing economies spent at least 10 per cent of their government revenues on interest payments, leaving less for critical areas like health, education and climate action.

According to the report, this dynamic is largely a result of high borrowing costs, which increase the resources needed to pay creditors, making it difficult for developing countries to finance investments.

Since 2020, developing regions have been borrowing at rates that are two to four times higher than those of the United States.

(+) INSTANT ANALYSIS

Controller of Budget has continuously raise concerns with the countries spending of its loans. In her budget implementation review report for the first nine months of 2024/2025, Nyakang'o said the public debt stock increased by seven per cent from Sh10.58 trillion on June 30, 2024.



TIP OF THE DAY

MAKE "SPACIOUS THINKING" PART OF YOUR TEAM CULTURE

If your team is stuck in reactive, task-focused work, it might be time to shift gears. Constant execution can keep projects moving, but it also crowds out creativity, motivation, and long-term thinking. As a leader, you have the power to create space for deeper insight and strategy. Here's how to encourage spacious thinking.

Focus on ideas, not just tasks.

Rework meeting agendas to go beyond updates and action items and include space for learning, values, and development. Ask open-ended questions like "What have we learned recently?" to shift your team's focus beyond the short term.

Introduce novelty. Routines stifle fresh thinking. Change the setting, shake up the guest list, or even use a new book or customer insight to spark a different kind of conversation. Break the cycle of "same room, same talk."

Recognize the right behavior. It's easy to reward speed and busyness. But don't overlook those who pause to ask better questions or challenge assumptions. Make it clear that deeper thinking isn't a delay—it's a strength.

NEWS BUSINESS

WARNING

Car & General sounds alarm over fake engine oil in Kenya

Anti-Counterfeit Authority says such lubricants make up almost 20% of local market share

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KENYA'S automotive sector is grappling with a surge in counterfeit oil products, with industry players warning that the problem is eating into legitimate sales and threatening engine safety across the country.

Car and General says that a significant portion of its market is being undercut by fake lubricants.

The automobile industry has been grappling with the infiltration of these fake oils, with estimates by the Anti-Counterfeit Authority on the proportion of counterfeit lubricants being sold in the market being as high as 20 per cent as of 2023.

Car and General-general manager George Rubiri pointed out that the firm might be losing millions and they will be looking to ride on technology to curb the losses.

"I think that's a very big industry problem that we are facing, especially in the parts business. And more so for us, it's on the oil business. This has affected us a lot. On a monthly basis, maybe our sales are around Sh50million," said Rubiri.

"And when you look at it, is that counterfeit oil takes quite a huge chunk of what our actual sales would have been."

Kenya's automotive lubricants market is a growing sector, projected to reach a value of approximately \$150 million (Sh19.4 billion) in 2025, with



An illegal fuel depot discovered at Canaan area along Nairobi Mombasa highway near Voi town. /FILE

a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 5.03 per cent projected between 2025 and 2033, according to Market Report Analytics.

This growth is driven by increased vehicle ownership, infrastructure development, and the expansion of various industries.

The projection by Anti Counterfeit Authority and the total value of the market report analytics means that the sector could be losing up to Sh3.88 billion.

In an effort to tame these losses, the company has partnered with the Anti-Counterfeit Authority and the Kenya Association of Manufacturers to crack down on the syndicates

behind the fake oil, but still says enforcement remains a challenge.

"We also engage them through the Kenya Association of Manufacturers. You know, just trying to identify this individual behind that racket. I think it's a very challenging environment,"

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The estimated value of counterfeit oil in Kenya

he added. To fight back, the company is rolling out a digital authentication system. Each oil can will feature a unique code that buyers can verify by scanning or USSD.

"So when you look at other players, what they are doing and also what we are initiating that will be rolling out in a few couple of months is for every can of oil that we sell out there, the customer will be able to scan a certain code, or if they don't have a smart phone, they can, through USSD, they can send a text of a code," said Rubiri

The company is also leveraging its digital platform to educate over 1,000 distributors and retailers on identifying counterfeit products and enforcing quality control.

Car and General Group CEO Vijay Gidoomal said that beyond the fight against counterfeit, the company will be looking to ride on the renewed demand for motorbikes, and diversification to grow its Kenyan operations.

This is after a glut of repossessed bikes from loan defaulters in 2022–2023 disrupted new sales.

"In 2021, the industry was selling up to 25,000 bikes a month. That dropped to 4,500 by 2024."

"Now we're seeing recovery—averaging 8,000 units every month—and we expect this could hit about 15,000 motorbike sales by next year, depending on the stability of taxes, fuel prices, and the exchange rate," said Gidoomal.

CULTURE CHANGE

By Chris Harrison



No Soul

IT'S easy to assume that a well-recognised brand is a valuable one. In boardrooms and leadership teams, there's often pride in a polished logo, a clever slogan, or a consistent visual identity splashed across everything from business cards to stadium billboards. But a recognisable brand is not the same as a strategic brand. And in mistaking the two, many organisations leave immense value on the table.

The heart of the problem lies in a fundamental misreading of Marketing's role.

Too often, it's seen as a promotional tool — good for generating leads and running campaigns — but rarely invited into conversations about corporate purpose, culture, or long-term direction.

The result? A brand that might look impressive on the outside but lacks coherence or authenticity inside.

An authentic corporate brand isn't just what you say to the market. It's who you are. It's the shared values of your people, the clarity of your purpose, the tone of your culture, and the consistency of every experience you offer to customers, partners, employees, and investors. It's not a paint job; it's the architecture beneath the surface. And when there's a gap between what you say and how you behave, people notice. That's when cynicism creeps in, engagement fades, and reputations erode.

As a coach working in organisational culture change, I've learned this: if your internal culture is strong, with three or four signature behaviours shared by everyone — from the CEO to the newest recruit — then that's your brand in action. It's the clearest signal that your business has a soul. And it does more to shape reputation and loyalty than any flashy ad campaign ever could.

This challenge is particularly acute in the financial services sector. Many legacy institutions still trade on size, heritage, and institutional trust. However, during periodic financial crises, the cracks become apparent. Public confidence plummets, and generic branding based on gravitas and hubris can't rebuild the trust that had been lost. The sector is often exposed, with brand identities that are well-known but not well-loved.

Into that gap has stepped a wave of Fintechs. With no legacy to rely on, they are building brands from the ground up: values-based and user-centric. They understand that brand isn't a label; it's a lived promise. And they design their cultures to match.

In 2025, the opportunity is clear: to elevate the corporate brand from cosmetic to strategic. To build brands that are not only recognised, but liked and valued. And to use that brand as a lever for growth, loyalty, and culture from the inside out.

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GOING PUBLIC

Packaging firm SKL to list on Nairobi Securities Exchange on July 24

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PACKAGING materials firm Shri Krishana Overseas Limited (SKL) will list on the Nairobi Securities Exchange Plc on July 24, 2025.

SKL will sell 50.5 million ordinary shares at an offer price of Sh5.90 on the NSE's Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) Market Segment following clearance by the NSE and the Capital Markets Authority.

On listing, 8.7 million ordinary shares will be made available to the public. The move will break the listing drought that has hit NSE in the past five years.

SKL Managing Director and Co-founder Sonvir Singh said the listing will open doors for future capital-raising initiatives and provide investors with more opportunities to participate in the promising packaging sector.

"Listing on the NSE's SME Market Segment is a strategic decision that will provide SKL with access to the capital markets, enabling us to raise funds and accelerate our future expansion plans while pre-

sending opportunities for investors seeking to participate in Kenya's packaging sector," said Sonvir

According to the firm, the promising packaging solutions sector is sustainably growing, supported by diverse demand from the manufacturing, floriculture, and agriculture sectors.

Kenya's packaging industry has been rising and was worth approximately \$585 million (75.6Billion) as of the end of 2023.

The industry is also shifting towards eco-friendly materials, convenient designs, and smart technologies to meet consumer needs, reduce waste, and ensure product safety. Digital printing and supply chain transparency are also gaining traction. Transaction advisors added that SKL's listing will also be a boost for the manufacturer's long-term sustainability.

"This listing will play a key role in further enhancing corporate governance and stakeholder trust, elements that will further strengthen SKL long-term sustainability," said Kumar Sheth of IM Consulting services Ltd, a corporate finance



SKL Managing Director Sonvir Singh inspects packaging at the company's factory in Nairobi. /HANDOUT

company that aided the listing journey.

NSE Chief Executive Officer Frank Mwiti said the listing would provide the company with unparalleled access to a broad range of both domestic and international investors, creating opportunities for efficient capital raising to support its expansion strategy, innovation pipeline, and long-term value creation.

"The increased liquidity will also offer flexibility for existing shareholders and attract a new class of investors interested in supporting sustainable, growth-oriented busi-

nesses," said Mwiti.

"Equally, through accessing public markets, SKL Limited will benefit from enhanced visibility, improved corporate governance, and increased brand credibility, key to supporting its net phase of growth."

He expressed confidence that SKL's entry into the bourse would inspire other SMEs to consider the capital markets as a viable path to scaling and institutionalising their operations. Mwiti noted that such listings will not only deepen and diversify the local capital markets but also expand investor choices.

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SERIAL MISCARRIAGE HORROR AS DIABETES HAUNTS WOMEN

Husband walked out on survivor after she lost four pregnancies

A clinical officer takes blood test of a citizen during World Diabetes Day in Mombasa /FILE



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Elizabeth Waithaka's diabetes cost her four pregnancies, her husband and a community she had known as family.

Wrong diagnosis led to medication and blood transfusions that, instead of making her life better, worsened situations.

"I was a very sickly child. In high school, instead of trying to find out what the problem was, they kept testing for pregnancy," Waithaka says.

"At some point in high school, my parents stopped paying my school fees because they saw no hope in me due to my medical condition. I had to hustle for fees to see myself through school," she says.

This abandonment would follow her later in life after her husband walked out on her over the loss of four children.

"I knew the loss of four children devastated him because it depressed me, too," Waithaka says.

"He just woke up one day and

walked out of the marriage, never to come back. My own mother castigated me and told me I had brought shame to the family."

Even the hospital in Nyeri where Waithaka lost the four children did not have answers to her condition.

"They actually sent me away and told me to never set foot in that hospital when I tried to know what the problem was," she says.

It was during a church outreach programme that Waithaka was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes.

While Type 2 diabetes is known to be caused by lifestyle choices, such as diets and other medical conditions, Type 1's cause is not yet fully understood.

Some research, however, claims it is an autoimmune disease, where the body's immune system mistakenly attacks and destroys the insulin-producing cells (beta cells) in the pancreas.

"I was put on medication and taught the types of food I should eat and how to eat them. And thank God after a while, I got a baby, who

also has diabetes Type 1, but we are managing," Waithaka says.

Part of Waithaka's meal plan involves keeping off processed and street foods.

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He just woke up one day and walked out of the marriage, never to come back. My own mother castigated me and told me I had brought shame to the family

"If I have to go to a meeting away from home, I prefer carrying home-made foods," the mother of one says.

"I eat a lot of greens and avoid introducing new foods into the diet due to a lack of knowledge of their contents."

DIET WOES

Jane Muthoni is meticulous about what she eats. Her Type 1 diabetes diagnosis many years ago not only affected her lifestyle but also infiltrated her bones and transformed the very way she lives.

For years, Muthoni, who was diagnosed with the non-communicable disease at childhood, has known food stands between her life and death.

Her bag, on the other hand, has insulin injections, whose sole purpose is to keep her alive.

"Having Type 1 diabetes means my body is not producing enough insulin, so I have to inject myself every morning and evening. I also avoid foods that are high in sugars, salt and fats," the mother of three says.

Before the diagnosis, Muthoni's childhood was fraught with challeng-

es. She was in and out of hospitals with different ailments.

"This went on until high school. If it was not tonsils, it was fever and general body tiredness. At some point, I lost my eyesight," she says.

Immediately after the diagnosis, she was kept off all starchy food. And so, for years, Muthoni survived on a diet of beans and vegetables.

"This meal was traumatising. I asked myself so many questions. Why me? Why not my friends or my other family members?"

In high school, to satisfy her craving for a different meal, she would secretly eat githeri, which gave her side effects, such as dizziness.

But with constant research and visits to a number of specialists, including general physicians and nutritionists, Muthoni was introduced to some safe starches, such as brown bread, brown ugali and safe non-hydrogenated oils.

This later changed to her only taking small portions of carbohydrates, proteins and vitamins per plate.

The biggest price she paid for living



with diabetes is sitting for her KCSE exam on a hospital bed.

“The frequent hospital visits did not end with the diagnosis. I still had episodes that put me in bed, considering there are days I cheated on my diet,” she says.

Muthoni would go on to pass her exams, go to college and have children. However, in 2022, her 10-year-old daughter was diagnosed with the same disease.

“Having lived with the disease for many years, I coped very quickly with the diagnosis. The biggest challenge is, however, managing the diet of two diabetic people in one household,” Muthoni says.

“This has in many instances resulted in high expenses on food budgets and to some extent, stigma from extended family members, who do not yet understand what it means to live or handle someone with diabetes.”

MILLIONS AFFECTED?

The Ministry of Health estimates that 800,000 Kenyans are living with diabetes, but only 20 per cent are enrolled in comprehensive care programmes.

“This leaves more than 600,000 individuals underserved, receiving substandard care,” Medical Services PS Dr Ouma Oluga said.

“We are working on a national access programme to lower medication costs and ensure treatment continuity.”

The octagonal Nutrient Profile Model adopted by the Ministry of Health and partners
/CLARET ADHIAMBO

IILA programmes officer Gideon Ogutu during a meeting with journalists
/CLARET ADHIAMBO

He, however, warned of a potentially much larger undiagnosed diabetic population, estimating that up to two million Kenyans could be living with undetected diabetes or a pre-diabetic state.

Waithaka and Muthoni, who work at the Kenya Defeat Diabetes Association, say the association is working on a programme that is helping persons living with diabetes to form support groups.

Like alcohol anonymous groups, these support groups help them share their challenges and new knowledge and studies on how to manage the disease.

“The challenges are uniform across the country — many are struggling with diets and access to treatment,” Muthoni says. “Apart from building support, these support groups are also sharing knowledge and forming teams on how they can easily access products such as insulin.”

The meetings also sensitise members to push the government to formulate policies that will help make their lives easier.

WARNING LABELS

One of the policies is the front-of-pack warning labels (FOPWL) on products to inform consumers about potential health risks associated with ultra-processed foods and beverages.

The labels are designed to make it easier for individuals to make informed choices at the point of purchase, especially regarding items high in saturated fat, sugar or sodium.



Jane Muthoni at the Kenya Defeat Diabetes Association offices in Ngara, Nairobi
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Elizabeth Waithaka at the Kenya Defeat Diabetes Association offices in Ngara, Nairobi
/CLARET ADHIAMBO

chase, especially regarding items high in saturated fat, sugar or sodium.

They are intended to prevent non-communicable diseases, such as diabetes, heart disease and obesity.

Some countries have already implemented these labels on food products. They include Argentina, Chile, Israel, Mexico, Peru and Uruguay.

Kenya, led by the International Institute for Legislative Affairs (IILA) in partnership with the Ministry of Health, made a breakthrough this year and came up with the country’s Nutrient Profile Model (NPM).

An NPM is a technical document that sets the threshold for nutrients of concern.

It is this threshold that is used to decide if a product should have a FOPWL label or not.

“If a product does not exceed the threshold set on the NPM, then it will not have a front of pack warning label,” IILA programme officer Gideon Ogutu said.

The NPM design adopted by the Kenya team is the octagonal shape, with black and white colours.

“It took a lot of effort for us to come up with an NPM because the first document had a lot of gaps that needed to be addressed,” the programme officer said.

“And I want to thank the Ministry of Health for steering us to this success. It is after MoH took over the

process that we made headway and finally came up with the NPM.”

Kenya’s NPM model borrows from other countries with success stories as well as WHO guidelines.

“We settled on the octagonal shape because it is related to stop or a warning sign, which is basically what the warning labels are trying to communicate,” Ogutu said.

“The black and white colours are used because they are fairly neutral and relatable.”

Anne Swakei of the Non-Communicable Disease Alliance of Kenya says the FOPWLs are not only important for persons living with diabetes but also other NCDs, such as cancer and cardiovascular diseases.

She says implementation of the labels will only be important if proper awareness and sensitisation are conducted.

“Not everyone who lives with NCDs can read and write, and so it will be important that once adopted, sensitisation campaigns be conducted by the Ministry of Health and other partners,” Swakei says.

“We also cannot assume that those who can read and write will automatically understand what the front-of-pack warning labels are. So, the campaign messages should consider this and also inform the consumers on what parts of the products they will be placed.”



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Ruto, watch out! Police will destroy your image

PRESIDENT William Ruto must by now have realised the police have no capacity, on account of decades of professional decay, to manage anything without making a mess of the show.

He will be aware each time the police pour into the streets, they do more harm to his credibility and paint him in such horrifying tint that even the opposition, with all their fire power, have failed to achieve.

Yet he continues to listen to security plans cobbled together by Inspector General Douglas Kanja and his clueless team every time Gen Z convene to express their strident opinions.

In the past three weeks, the police have murdered scores of youth and maimed hundreds.

President Ruto must ask himself what he gains as a leader who has time and again, pledged over and over again that the type of executions in Kenya today would never happen on his watch.

It begins to look plausible there exists elements in the force keen to destroy his credit and trigger national hopelessness that can only be seen as failure of leadership.

The dynamic and inspiring politician with the pulse of the nation at his fingertips looks to have taken a hit and exposed a prickly and hostile variant.

Quote of the day: “The police must obey the law while enforcing the law.”—Governor of California and 14th US Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren died on July 9, 1974

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NEW REALITY AS WANTAM, TUTAM AND HAFTAM POLITICS TAKES ROOT

By Fredrick Okango

Wantam now a warning, tutam a scoreboard and haftam a hard reset. The old model—first term for politics, second for delivery and legacy at the end is gone



IN Kenya's evolving political arena, three politically-inspired terms—wantam, tutam and haftam—have become markers of political legitimacy and survival. Though informal, these acronyms refer to one-term, two-term and half-term presidencies, respectively. They reflect deeper public concerns about leadership, accountability and democratic performance.

This discourse is grounded in Article 142 (1) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, which limits a president to two five-year terms. But as the 2027 election approaches, these terms are increasingly shaping political narratives, testing alliances and measuring betrayals.

Former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua's marginalisation by 2024 vividly illustrates haftam—a tenure that legally seemed intact but was soon politically eroded. His impeachment was a demonstration that wantam, tutam and haftam are not just theoretical but are today's political currency.

Wantam describes leadership that ends after one term, either by choice or force. Gachagua has adopted this as a political weapon, claiming betrayal by President William Ruto and warning that Mt Kenya's withdrawal of support will render Ruto a one-term president. His rallying call of wantam seems to resonate with his support base, predominantly Central Kenya.

Raila Odinga and Ruto have sharply condemned Gacha-

gua's push for a wantam narrative, calling it undemocratic and harmful to governance. They have dismissed Gachagua's early 2027 campaigns, stressing that leadership transitions should be left to voters, not personal vendettas. Raila has accused Gachagua of putting bitterness before national unity.

Wantam has also found support among Gen Z protesters, who use it as a form of real-time democratic accountability and mobilisation. For them, it is not about betrayal or loyalty; it is about delivery and justice.

Tutam refers to a president completing two terms if re-elected. Legally, this is the default. Politically, it is no longer automatic. Ruto and his allies insist he deserves a second term to fulfil his Bottom Up Economic Transformation Agenda. However, the youth are demanding visible progress, not deferred promises.

For younger Kenyans, tutam represents renewed trust. They see the presidency as a

contract, not a coronation. If performance falls short, the contract is revoked—at the ballot box, not the courtroom.

Raila, while upholding electoral accountability, has also rejected Gachagua's sustained tribal and transactional approach to politics. He denounced the “shareholding” logic used to distribute state benefits based on political loyalty.

Declaring “all Kenyans pay taxes”, he rejected Gachagua's overtures of anti-Ruto alliance, including support from Mt Kenya for a 2027 bid. Raila's stance affirms politics of inclusion over ethnic patronage.

Once unthinkable, haftam now reflects the reality of political demotion despite constitutional protection. Gachagua's tenure is a textbook case—stripped of influence and his role as Deputy President.

Haftam is not limited to the deputy presidency. At the presidential level, Gen Z-led civic uprisings in 2024–2025 have shown that mass dissent can pressure even constitu-

tionally secure leaders into political limbo. While Article 145 outlines the path for impeachment, public disapproval can render a leader ineffective without formal removal. Haftam, then, is a people's verdict. It reflects a refusal to be spectators in a democracy they help shape.

Kenya's youth, particularly Gen Z, are no longer passive participants. Once dismissed as “digital dreamers”, they have emerged as powerful political actors. They do not rely on political parties to channel their dissent. They protest visibly, organise digitally, mobilise physically and speak directly to power.

To them, wantam is a warning, tutam is a scoreboard and haftam is a hard reset. The old model—first term for politics, second for delivery and legacy at the end is gone. Now, the first term is the legacy, judged instantly and relentlessly.

These new metrics are reshaping politics. Term limits still exist, but they now intersect with performance standards. Time in office is no longer assumed; it must be justified. For Kenya's leaders, the message is stark: constitutional legitimacy and coalition math are no longer enough. Survival demands delivery, trust and transparency.

Time in office is not a gift. It is a test. And Kenyans, especially the youth, are the examiners.

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VOICES

RECLAIMING ENGLISH: LET IT SERVE US—NOT THE GHOSTS OF EMPIRE

By Sachida Nand Jha

Decolonising English studies means we stop treating British and American literature as the gold standard, while relegating African, Asian, or Caribbean literatures to the margins

THIS past week, Nairobi became the intellectual capital of the Global South. Scholars, writers, and students from across Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, and the Pacific gathered at the University of Nairobi for the 20th ACLALS Conference (Association for Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies), under the theme: Transcultural Englishes in a Multipolar World.

At the heart of this gathering was a bold, urgent question: Can English be decolonised? Can we transform English Studies from a colonial relic into a discipline that truly serves the cultural realities and intellectual ambitions of our societies?

For most Kenyans, English is both familiar and foreign. It's the language of education, governance, and aspiration – but also the language of colonisation, imposed to displace indigenous languages and ways of knowing. This tension runs deep: we have mastered English, but do we own it?

The answer lies not in rejecting English, but in reclaiming it. English has long been used to dominate. But it has also been used to resist. Think of Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o, Chimamanda Adichie, Wangari Maathai, or Kwame Nkrumah – African thinkers who used English to speak truth to power. What matters is how we use English, and what we pair it with.

As keynote speaker Yvonne Adhiambo-Owuor reminded us, stories are not just entertainment. They are “infrastructures of thought”—they shape how communities remember the past, imagine the future, and define themselves. When classrooms privilege Shakespeare over Shaban Robert, or teach Achebe as “an African who wrote in English” rather than as an African intellectual in his own right, we reinforce the myth that knowledge and value lie elsewhere.

That myth must be broken. Decolonising English studies means we stop treating British and American literature as the gold standard, while relegating African, Asian, or Caribbean literatures to the margins. It means recognising that Kiswahili, Dholuo, Luhya, Giriama, Pokot, Gikuyu, or Sheng, are not inferior languages – they are vibrant, expressive, and worthy of academic and artistic investment.

This is not a new conversation. Back in 1968, just five years after independence, a group of University of Nairobi lecturers – Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o, Henry Owuor-Anyumba and Taban Lo Liyong – questioned why African students were still studying British literature as if London were the centre of the world. Their demand was clear: let our curricula reflect our cultures, our stories, our languages.

Over 50 years later, the call remains urgent. Today's world is multipolar. Cultural influence no longer flows from a single Western centre. From Nairobi to Delhi, Port of Spain to Lagos, new Englishes are emerging—not as broken versions of the “standard,” but as full expressions of local identity. Whether it's Sheng in Nairobi or Camfranglais in Yaoundé, these are not corruptions. They are innovations.

Our classrooms must catch up. A Kenyan student should not only

read Chaucer and Orwell, but also explore Nairobi street poetry, Dholuo proverbs, or Swahili oral epics. These aren't “extra” or “optional”—they are central to how we see ourselves and the world.

But curriculum reform is only part of the solution. The real transformation must happen at the institutional level. Who gets hired to teach literature? Whose languages get translated, funded, and archived? How much is invested in indigenous-language research compared to English-medium scholarship? Without institutional change, “decolonisation” becomes an empty buzzword – attractive in theory, but hollow in practice.

The ACLALS conference did not shy away from these hard questions. Panels tackled curriculum design, multilingual creative writing, South-South collaboration, and racism in global publishing. These are real-world issues, not just academic debates.

But change won't come from con-

ferences alone. It must come from policymakers, publishers, educators, and parents. The Ministry of Education must rethink the literature syllabus. Publishers must take risks on multilingual works. Universities must hire scholars of indigenous languages and literatures – not just experts in Western classics.

Let's also be cautious of trendy terms like “Global Englishes” or “Transcultural English.” While they sound progressive, they can easily become a cover for elite cosmopolitanism – celebrating diversity without disrupting existing hierarchies. If English is truly global, it must make room for everyone's English – not just the polished versions acceptable to Western gatekeepers.

English is not neutral. It never has been. But it can be transformed. It can become a tool for inclusion, not exclusion – for connection, not erasure.

That transformation begins with ownership. We must make English serve us – not the ghosts of empire. That means grounding it in our languages, our histories, our realities.

English is ours too. But only if we claim it.

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IF ENGLISH IS TRULY GLOBAL, IT MUST MAKE ROOM FOR EVERYONE'S ENGLISH – NOT JUST THE POLISHED VERSIONS ACCEPTABLE TO WESTERN GATEKEEPERS. ENGLISH IS NOT NEUTRAL. IT NEVER HAS BEEN

Justice in real time: Judiciary must fulfil 14-year transcription promise

By Lawi Sultan

Money is the obvious culprit. Some may not recall this but during the tenure of CJ Maraga (2016-2021), the IT budget was not only slashed but totally eliminated by a disenchanted Executive



AS a social consciousness theorist, I see justice as the heartbeat of a society—a rhythm that should pulse unimpeded with urgency and clarity. In Kenya, that rhythm stutters.

Over 500,000 cases clog our courts, rural stations flicker in darkness and proceedings linger in handwritten notes or delayed transcripts. For over a decade, visionary leaders, Chief Justices, have championed transcription technology to mend this fracture.

Their efforts deserve applause, yet a nagging question haunts me: why, since 2011, has this promise not swept the nation?

Willy Mutunga set the stage. In 2011, as Chief Justice, he launched the Judicial Transformation Framework, a bold blueprint that named “audio-visual recording and transcription” a pillar of reform. By 2016, his team piloted the Judiciary Automated Transcription System, recording proceedings digitally to slash delays. It was a spark of genius; a recognition that a society's

soul demands justice delivered swiftly, not posthumously.

CJ Martha Koome has fanned that flame. Since taking office in 2021, she's doubled down on tech-driven justice. On August 16, 2024, she announced a National Transcription Centre, building on the AI-powered Milimani Transcription Pilot. “We are expanding... to the rest of the country,” she declared, promising a 72-hour turnaround for transcripts nationwide.

Earlier, in July 2024, she teased an ‘Artificial Intelligence-powered transcription system’ at a private sector roundtable, pairing it with tools like the Causelist Portal. Her resolve ties transcription to transparency; justice not just done, but seen and heard.

I applaud former CJ Mutunga's foresight and CJ Koome's tenacity; they have lit a path toward a judiciary that mirrors our collective dignity.

Yet here's the rub: 14 years after former CJ Mutunga's vision, transcription is not nationwide. The

2016 pilot fizzled beyond a handful of courts. By 2021, only 32 of 132 stations had digital recording systems. CJ Koome's 2024 pledges dazzle, but the Milimani Centre's reach remains limited, and rural courts still grope in the dark—literally and figuratively.

Why? Money is the obvious culprit. Some may not recall this but during the tenure of CJ Maraga (2016-2021), the IT budget was not only slashed but totally eliminated by a disenchanted Executive and its supporters in parliament. Resistance lingers, too—judicial officers cling to pens, and legal frameworks lag, unamended for this leap.

I propose a one-year, Sh64 million rollout for 20 pilot courts—Nairobi, Mombasa, Kisumu, Eldoret—scaling to all 132 stations later. Here is the breakdown and why it's worth it:

Equipment (Sh18 million): For audio devices, AI transcription software licence and computers. Justification? Precision matters; cheap tools garble truth. Audio captures every word; AI turns it into text fast; laptops make it accessible. Let us look at this as the minimum for credible justice.

Infrastructure (Sh18 million): For solar kits and internet. Why? Half of our stations lack reliable power or connectivity. Solar and internet ensure rural voices are not silenced

by geography. Training (Sh8 million): For 60 tech operators and judicial officers workshops. Reason? Tech is useless without skilled hands. Operators run the systems; officers adapt to them.

Personnel (Sh12 million): For 20 operators' monthly salaries. Fair pay secures talent; justice deserves competence, not volunteers.

Support and contingency (Sh8 million): For maintenance and buffer. Tech breaks; plans shift. This ensures we do not falter mid-stride.

Total: Sh64 million. Funding? Judiciary covers Sh32 million (50 per cent), donors such as the World Bank (Sh19 million, 30 per cent), private partners (Sh13 million, 20 per cent)—with strict oversight. Scale it to Sh420 million over five years for nationwide reach.

Expensive? Yes. Excessive? No. Backlog costs—economic and human—run into billions yearly.

The delay since 2011 is Parliament's, and ours by extension, for not demanding more. Let us fund it, build it, protect it. Because justice deferred is not just delayed, it chips away at the social fabric and ecosystem we live in.

Social consciousness theorist and author of 'The Gigantomachy of Samaismela' and 'The Trouble with Kenya: McKenzian Blueprint'

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Saba Saba, Gen Z protests glaring crisis of moral fabric

BURGLARY, looting and vandalism of public and private property witnessed across Kenya during protests on June 25 and Saba Saba Day was unprecedented in scale and wantonness.

Days that were ideally meant to be sombre and reflective, in honour of Kenyans who lost their lives in the struggle and fight for Multi-Party Democracy and good governance, ended up as days of anarchy.

The most distressing scene on Saba Saba Day was that of a schoolgirl pushing a trolley across a road, with goods looted from a supermarket in Kabati town Murang'a county.

A number of adult citizens also continued to enter and leave the same supermarket, with stolen goods, through a narrow opening at the supermarket's main entrance.

The daylight looting under the glare of media cameras is a textbook case of societal moral collapse.

That neither the government, protesters nor religious institutions look remorseful, dismayed and concerned about the apparent decay and collapse of our moral compass and fabric, spells a tragedy to both our present and future as a nation.

As a constitutional democracy, Kenyans have the power to vote out any incompetent government. On the other hand, societal moral decay and degeneracy spells trouble.

To add salt to Injury, the government, through the Ministry of Interior has made a simplistic reaction, terming the anarchy, burglary, looting and vandalism, as, "Gen Z Madness".

It has vowed to use the criminal justice system to bring back national order.

Indeed, the shooting, maiming and killing of tens of protesters is testament to the government's monopoly of violence, as declared by the DCI boss.

The continuing hired goons blame game between the government, the opposition and a majority of Kenyans is only making a bad situation worse, with no end or solution, in sight.

Ethnic profiling of these protests as alluded to by the government is ignorant, reckless and dangerous.

The executive, in an apparent complicity with the legislature, is drumming up support for the controversial Assembly and Demonstration Bill and Public Order Amendment Bill, in a clampdown, on the right to assemble, picket and demonstrate as enshrined in the constitution.

We have also heard President William Ruto tie his fate to that of 57 million Kenyans saying, "If there is no country for William Ruto, there is no country for you".

Kenya is at a crossroads. The aftermath of June 25 and Saba Saba Day protests and the lingering air of "unfinished business" within the youth or Gen Z Uprising, is a composite crisis that we must not waste, as a country and as a people, if we mean to have and keep this country, for ourselves and for future generations.

Hezbon Mureithi,
Development journalist at Afrika
Tuungane

PICTURE OF THE DAY



NSE chairman Kiprono Kitonyo welcomes President William Ruto at the bell-ringing ceremony at the London Stock Exchange at the Paternoster Square in London on July 2 /HANDOUT

LETTER OF THE DAY

Building legacy of prosperity through tourism

Kenya! We are a country of breathtaking beauty, with our breathtaking wildlife parks, the majestic Mt Kenya, pristine beaches and awe-inspiring great wildebeest migration. We're home to rich cultures, scenic landscapes, world-class athletes, warm weather all year round and incredible stories to tell.

We stand at a moment of extraordinary promise. Our tourism numbers tell an uplifting story—a story of resilience, growth and the boundless potential of our nation. These figures are not just numbers, they represent opportunities that empower our youth, create jobs and drive economic transformation.

But let us be clear; beyond

these achievements, much more is demanded of us. If we are to truly transform this industry and leave behind a legacy that future generations will be proud of, we must rise to meet this moment with courage, unity and an unwavering commitment to peace.

Tourism thrives where peace prevails. It is peace that invites the world to experience the beauty of Kenya. It is peace that fosters trust, collaboration and innovation. And it is peace that allows our youth to dream bigger, work harder and achieve more.

So today, we call on every Kenyan to protect this promise. Let us reject division and destruction. Let us refuse to be used as tools for selfish in-

terests. Instead, let us stand together as one people, united by a shared vision of progress and prosperity.

The future of our tourism industry—and the opportunities it holds for our youth—depends on the choices we make today. Let us choose dialogue over discord. Let us choose hope over fear. And let us choose peace, not just as a necessity, but as a legacy we proudly pass on to the next generation.

Kenya, this is our moment. Let us rise for peace. Let us thrive for peace. Together, we can build a brighter future for all with hope and determination.

Rebecca Miano
CS for Tourism



No. Not all. It is not right and does not give value for money since not many Kenyans would attend church services in State House at ease because the church will be in a protected area. The government should instead build a church outside State House that most Kenyans would have easy access to.

ROBERT AHOYA
Boda boda operator, Kajiado



No. There are many Kenyans of various spiritual beliefs, such as Muslims at State House. So, building a church at State House is discriminatory to subscribers of non-Christian faith. Money used to build the church should be used for more credible development projects such as health, education and security.

JACKSON MARANGA
Resident, Machakos county

Do you support state's decision to build church in State House?



★ STAR COMMENT No. According to the constitution, Kenya is a secular state, meaning there is no state religion. Article 8 explicitly states, "There shall be no state religion."

This principle ensures freedom of worship for all citizens and prohibits the state from promoting or favouring any particular religion. Some of the key aspects of the relationship between state and religion in Kenya are: No state religion; the constitution rejects the idea of a state-sponsored or favoured religion. Freedom of worship; citizens are guaranteed the right to practice and manifest their religion freely.



ERIC MATHEKA
Resident, Kajiado county



Yes. If the church was in existence even before President William Ruto got to State House and it was a mabati structure, there is no big deal if he is modernising it. There is no problem supporting God's work. Service to God should continue in and out of State House. If the President says he is using his own money to build the church, let him go ahead.

ELIAS TUM
Resident, Kajiado county



No. President William Ruto ought to have built a church outside State House to avoid controversy as is already being witnessed. We have seen Muslims saying they also want a mosque. He should build a church that majority of Kenyans can have access to. Christians and non-Christians should be considered.

DOUGLAS OMBATI
Resident, Kajiado county

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Who's in and who's out
In the local hotspots

KQ AND VISA EA SIGN MAJOR PARTNERSHIP

KENYA Airways (KQ) and Visa East Africa recently signed a partnership at Emara Ole Sereni Hotel, Nairobi. The deal was courtesy of Asante Rewards. In attendance were KQ chief commercial of customer service **Julius Thairu** and Visa East Africa vice president and GM **S Pollock**.



1. Julius Thairu and S Pollock
2. Signing ceremony
3. KQ cabin crew Miriam Doumboiya, Sylvia Muturu, Emma Muita and Winfresha Akinyi
4. PR lead Visa East Africa Bryan Wesonga and CIO Africa's Joan Warucu
5. KQ's Irene Musyoki, Deborah Otiso and Daisy Wanjala
6. Prlemystaw Vajdel, Jakub Socha and Katarzyna Wojcik of Comarch
/HANDOUT



POMP AS JABALI TOWERS IS UNVEILED IN TATU CITY

JW Marriot Hotel on Friday hosted a red-carpet event marking the launch of Jabali Towers in Tatu City. Jabali is a premier mixed-use high rise development that redefines sustainable living, working and leisure in Africa's business and lifestyle hub. In attendance were Tatu City Group COO and country head **Preston Mendenhall**, Rendeavour founder and CEO **Stephen Jennings** and top lawyer **Ahmednasir Abdullahi**.



1. Tatu City's Njeri Kanyara, Edna Mulatya and Prudence Karimi
2. Piotr Smolarzi of Euroeorm and Donald Berthnick of Grit
3. Eroh Cako of Tatu Woodworks and Eki Jewska of Tatu City
4. Ahmednasir Abdullahi
5. Event MC Just Ivy Africa and Siscom Capital founder Derrick Akuu
6. Stephen Jennings
7. Preston Mendenhall
/MOSES MWANGI

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OFFICER ROBBED

Rifle seized from prison warden in Majengo Saba Saba protests



Police officers on Waiyaki Way during the Saba Saba protests on Monday
/ENOS TECHE

CYRUS OMBATI

A prison warden who had been incorporated into an anti-riot team in Nairobi to contain Saba Saba protest was attacked and robbed of his rifle in Majengo slums.

The senior sergeant of prisons was among dozens of wardens brought in to supplement police efforts to contain the chaos. They managed to seal off entrances to the city centre, leaving chaos to a few peripheries.

He had been sent to Mombasa Ndogo slums within the larger Shauri Moyo area when the incident happened.

The warden told police he was confronted by a gang that chased him for a few metres before he slipped and fell.

His colleagues left him and the gang grabbed the G3 rifle – loaded with a magazine of 20 rounds and

51 blanks – and vanished into the slum. Also stolen were his mobile phone and his riot gear helmet.

During the scuffle, the officer sustained injuries on the forearm, shoulder, hip and leg and was taken to hospital in fair condition, police said. The incident prompted an operation in the area late in the evening, in vain.

Locals said dozens of police were deployed in efforts to recover the weapon.

Protests were staged in at least 17 counties, which saw property of unknown value destroyed in the chaos.

Police on Monday confirmed that 11 people died due to the chaos that rocked Saba Saba protests across the country.

However, the National Police Service commended Kenyans for being law-abiding and heeding the call to maintain law and order.



PHOTO STORY

National Assembly Majority leader Kimani Ichung'wah, Speaker Moses Wetang'ula, President William Ruto, DP Kithure Kindiki and Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi after the Head of State assented to the Division of Revenue Bill 2025, at State House, Nairobi, yesterday
/EMILY LANGAT /PCS

WORLD-CLASS

Africa takes centre stage as AI firm gets global honours

Selection challenges traditional assumptions about tech innovation from the continent

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CYBERVERGENT, a Pan-African company harnessing artificial intelligence, has been named one of the World Economic Forum's 2025 Technology Pioneers.

This recognition places Cybervergent among a select group of global innovators using transformative technologies to shape industries and drive responsible innovation.

The organisation utilises AI to revolutionise cybersecurity, risk management and digital governance.

"I am honoured that Cybervergent has been named a Technology Pioneer by the World Economic Forum," said Adetokunbo Omotosho, CEO of Cybervergent.

"Even more significantly, it affirms

that transformative technology can thrive in any region, reshaping global perceptions of innovation."

Cybervergent's inclusion underscores its role in redefining digital trust and delivering cybersecurity solutions that meet the evolving challenges of the digital age.

Its selection challenges traditional assumptions about tech innovation, demonstrating that world-class advancements in AI and cybersecurity can originate from Africa.

The company's AI-driven platform enables organisations across industries to strengthen their cyber resilience, regulatory compliance, and data privacy frameworks – capabilities that are increasingly critical in today's digitised global economy.

Cybervergent is committed to empowering enterprises across the con-

tinent – especially in Kenya, where digital trust and cyber resilience are key enablers of sustainable economic growth. Its automation-first approach helps modern organisations embed digital trust at scale.

This recognition enhances Africa's and Kenya's profile on the global technology stage, opening doors to strategic investments and cross-border partnerships.

It also amplifies Africa's voice in global conversations on AI ethics, cybersecurity and digital governance.

By highlighting local innovation, it sends a powerful message to startups across the continent: African talent can and does compete on the world stage. The World Economic Forum – renowned for convening global leaders to address pressing economic and societal challenges – has previously

honoured trailblazing companies such as Google, Spotify and Airbnb through the Technology Pioneers programme.

As part of the WEF 2025 Technology Pioneers cohort, Cybervergent will join a global network of experts, policymakers and industry leaders.

Together, they aim to advance AI-powered cybersecurity frameworks, shape policy on digital trust and risk management and promote secure, inclusive digital transformation worldwide.

The WEF Technology Pioneers programme identifies early-stage companies poised to significantly impact business and society.

Many past honourees have grown into sector-defining global enterprises, from fintech and biotech to AI and digital infrastructure.



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Murang'a Governor Irungu Kang'ata speaks at the home of shot mask seller Boniface Kariuki in Muguru ward on Sunday /KNA

BURIAL PLANS ONGOING

Calls for justice as leaders visit mask vendor's family

Say use of excessive force is a tactic to discourage Kenyans from exercising their rights

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LEADERS from Murang'a on Sunday joined the family of hawker Boniface Kariuki in Muguru, Kangema sub-county for burial preparations and called for an end to police brutality. Kariuki, a mask seller, was shot in the head during protests against the death of teacher Albert Ojwang in police custody.

He later succumbed to injuries at the Kenyatta National Hospital.

Murang'a Senator Joe Nyutu condemned the killing and use of excessive force by police on protesters.

"Kariuki was selling face masks. He was unarmed and was not fighting the police when he was shot," he said.

Nyutu said use of excessive force by the police is a tactic aimed at discouraging Kenyans from exercising their constitutional rights.

He urged young people to remain determined, saying they are the future of the nation.

Nyutu also encouraged them to acquire national identity cards and register as voters ahead of the next general election.

Murang'a Governor Irungu Kang'ata, who also joined the family in mourning, condemned the violence, saying every Kenyan has a right to protest.

He traced the unrest back to public outrage over Finance Bill, 2024.

"I commend the youth for standing up against punitive taxation. As a county, we have managed to grow our revenue without raising taxes. Murang'a last increased taxes and licensing fees in 2018. Since then, we have sealed revenue leakages and improved our collection from Sh500 million to Sh1.3 billion," Kang'ata said.

He called for tolerance from leaders who are being criticised on social media.

"Even in real life, you don't kill someone just because they insulted you. All leaders, including myself, are criticised and even insulted online. That's no reason to retaliate with violence," he said.

"It is inhumane and unjust for senior police officers to order arrest or torture of anyone because they felt insulted."

Kang'ata said it is important for police to arrest criminal elements looting businesses and not killing innocent Kenyans.

"Kariuki was not armed. He was just an innocent hawker," the governor said.

He also pledged legal support for the family.

As a lawyer, I will stand with the family of Kariuki and ensure justice is served. These cases can take time, but I will represent them to the end."

Prof Peter Kagwanja, a political scientist, said, "Reckless killing of young people cannot be justified and is not part of nation-building."

Ubuntu Kamau, a local youth leader, castigated the government for trying to silence victims of state violence through financial compensation.

"No amount of money can replace a life lost. The life of a human being cannot be exchanged for a million or two million shillings," he said.

Kamau urged the government to uphold the sanctity of human life and treat every citizen with dignity.

Kariuki will be laid to rest on Friday July 11.

(+) INSTANT ANALYSIS

In Kenya, Saba Saba Day is remembered as the day on which nation-wide protests took place at Kamukunji grounds in Nairobi. On 7 July 1990, Kenyans took to the streets to demand free elections. Kenneth Matiba and Charles Rubia are some of the faces of Saba Saba Day.

SH500 MILLION

Hope for Saccos as state agency injects millions into growth

GORDON OSEN

IN a strong signal of revival and strategic focus, the Kenya Development Corporation has declared a Sh57 million dividend to the National Treasury and launched a Sh500 million recovery facility for Sacco-based lending, offering renewed hope for the parastatal's role in inclusive national development.

The announcement was made during the inaugural Next Frontier Africa 2025 Summit, a two-day event hosted by KDC at KICC.

The summit, themed Catalyzing Inclusive Growth through Strategic Sector Investments and Innovation, convened more than 700 public and private sector leaders united in their

commitment to reshape Africa's investment landscape.

KDC was formed in 2021 through the merger of the Industrial and Commercial Development Corporation, Tourism Finance Corporation and IDB Capital.

It provides long-term finance, infrastructure funding and business advisory services to Kenya's strategic sectors. The corporation is billed as a key driver of inclusive development and economic transformation

Receiving the dividend cheque on behalf of the government, Albert Mwenda, director general of Budget, Fiscal and Economic Affairs at the National Treasury, praised KDC's dual impact.

"This dividend reflects not only



Cooperatives and Micro and Small Enterprises CS Wycliffe Oparanya at a trade fair in Nairobi /XINHUA

financial growth but also developmental impact.

KDC is demonstrating that development finance can be both commercially sound and socially responsive, channeling capital to sectors that mat-

ter most to our future," Mwenda said.

In a key highlight of the Summit, KDC signed a KES 500 million financing agreement with Boresha Sacco under the Safer programme. The facility will provide affordable, post-Covid recovery credit to micro, small and medium enterprises in underserved regions.

It is expected to boost grassroots enterprise, deepen financial inclusion and support Kenya's broader economic revitalisation efforts.

Principal Secretary for State Department for Cooperatives Patrick Kilemi said move is a critical step towards embedding Saccos into the national economic recovery strategy.

"Saccos like Boresha are transforming financial access for ordinary Kenyans. With strategic support from institutions like KDC, we are building economic resilience from the ground up," he said.

The summit featured thematic forums on manufacturing, healthcare, climate resilience, tourism and the digital and creative economy.

These sessions examined how development finance institutions can collaborate with governments and private investors to unlock value

chains, foster innovation and scale strategic investments across Africa.

KDC board chairperson Sakwa Bunyasi said the corporation is committed to investing in innovation and high-impact industries, particularly those led by young entrepreneurs.

"We must fund what matters—solutions that address climate change, generate decent jobs and build regional competitiveness. KDC is boldly stepping into that space," he said.

KDC boss Norah Ratemo said the corporation is seeking to lead the next era of development finance by aligning capital with national and continental goals.

"This summit has given voice to a new kind of development finance—one that is inclusive, strategic and future-ready. From Saccos to startups, from agribusiness to creative hubs, we are financing the next frontier of Africa's growth," she said.

Ratemo said KDC's work supports the bottom up agenda, Vision 2030 and the African Union's Agenda 2063.

"This is not just an event—it's the beginning of a movement to make capital more accessible, inclusive and impactful by design. We are just getting started," she concluded.

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Deputy President Kithure Kindiki, Speaker Moses Wetang'ula and Majority leader Kimani Ichung'wah during a Women and Youth Saccos Empowerment engagement in Faza, Lamu county /PHOEBE OKALL /DPCS

MARGINALISED

You'll not be left behind, Wetang'ula tells Lamu

Speaker commends state for streamlining process of acquiring ID cards

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NATIONAL Assembly Speaker Moses Wetang'ula has urged Kenyans to get National Identity cards, emphasizing that citizenship is not a privilege, but a right for every citizen regardless of background, tribe or region.

Speaking on Monday at a Women Empowerment Forum in Lamu county, Wetang'ula commended President William Ruto's administration for streamlining the process of acquiring ID cards, particularly in historically marginalised areas like Lamu and border regions.

These regions, he noted, have endured years of unnecessary bureaucratic barriers.

"Getting an ID is now free and unconditional. No more being asked who your grandfather was just to prove you are Kenyan. Citizenship is a birthright. It is not negotiable," he said.

The speaker asked Kenyans to remain vigilant against divisive, tribal-based politics that threaten to undo the country's democratic and development gains.

"We must reject the politics of hate and insults. There is no big tribe or small tribe in this country. We are one people. Our shared identity must always come before political affiliations or ethnic roots," he said.

Wetang'ula criticised opposition leaders whom he said are offering "nothing but bitterness."

"Ask some of them what Kenya's biggest issue is, and they'll shout: 'One term!' Ask again, they'll say: 'Ruto must go!' That is not leadership. That is just hate dressed up as activism," he said.

On development, Wetang'ula highlighted the direct connection between national unity and economic growth, particularly in coastal counties.

He pointed to a resurgence in the tourism sector, attributing it to the calm and stability ushered in under

the Kenya Kwanza administration.

"Tourism thrives in peaceful environments. When the country is stable, tourists come back, businesses reopen and people find work. That's what we're seeing now and we must protect that momentum," he said.

He also addressed past insecurity in parts of Lamu, often linked to cross-border criminal activity, saying national unity and full support for security agencies are critical to safeguarding peace. "We cannot achieve progress without peace, and peace is only possible when we stand together and support our men and women in uniform," he said.

Shifting focus to the role of families, Wetang'ula paid warm tribute to Kenyan women, calling them the backbone of homes and the heartbeat of the nation.

"When a woman earns even Sh500 shillings, the whole family eats. But give the same to some men well, you might not see them till morning," he said, drawing laughter and applause

ILLEGAL TRADE

Narok villagers raid chang'aa dens, accuse police of taking bribes

KNA

MORE than 500 angry residents stormed the homes of suspected illegal alcohol brewers at Olpukoti village in Melelo, Narok county accusing them of destroying the youth and enjoying protection from corrupt government officers.

The operation, carried out by residents armed with canes, saw brewing equipment dragged out from thickets and destroyed. Some suspects were forced to surrender and sign public declarations renouncing the illegal trade.

At the same time, those who resisted were reportedly roughed up, including one woman who fainted after being beaten by the mob and was later rushed to the hospital on a motorbike.

"These illicit brews have destroyed our young men. I lost my brother to these brews after he had consumed them for years," John Membe said.

"We will now punish anyone found brewing this alcohol and even deal with any police officer collecting bribes to protect them," a resident said.

At the centre of community outrage is the loss of 21 young lives in recent months, allegedly due to consumption of the deadly liquor. "We buried another young man just recently. It's devastating," said Ndi-tiang Chepurkel, the village elder of Kimorgor adding, "We've tried working with chiefs to fight this menace, but now the people have decided to rise up and help. We cannot keep watching our sons die."

From afar, the homesteads involved look normal, giving no clue of the deadly trade within.

However, worn-out distilling drums and makeshift cooking pots offer a silent testimony to the brewing activities hidden behind quiet fences.

Residents said the vice has not only led to deaths, but also to breakdown of family structures.

"Mira chewing, illicit brew and constant noise have made young men irresponsible. Homes are breaking," said Richard Kiswaa a village elder at Kimogoro.



John Membe, whose brother died after excessive alcohol use, addresses the media in Olpukoti after wananchi raided homes of suspected illicit brewers /KNA

WETANG'ULA SAID LAMU HAS ENDURED YEARS OF UN-NECESSARY BUREAUCRATIC BARRIERS

OIL SPILL SIMULATION

Kenya hosts training to boost maritime disaster readiness in Mombasa

CHARLES MGHENYI

KENYA is stepping up its efforts to protect the region's marine environment with a large-scale oil spill simulation exercise taking place in Mombasa this week.



KMA director maritime safety Julius Koech at Bandari Maritime Academy /CHARLES MGHENYI

The five-day Maritime Search and Pollution Response Exercise begun on Monday, bringing together maritime experts, emergency responders and regional partners for hands-on training in oil spill preparedness and response.

The drill is being held at Bandari Maritime Academy and along Nyali Beach, simulating a high-impact maritime incident, a collision between two oil tankers near the Kenya-Tanzania border resulting in a major oil spill.

Led by the Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA), in collaboration with the Kenya Navy and Kenya Ports Authority (KPA), the exercise aims to test national and regional oil spill response mechanisms, emergency coordination and joint action under real-time conditions.

"We are simulating a complex maritime crisis, activating the

National Oil Spill Contingency Plan and bringing together a multi-agency team that includes both government and non-state actors," said Julius Koech, KMA's director of maritime safety and the exercise coordinator.

Specialised vessels including KPA's Mwokozi, Tangulizi, and Duma, as well as the Kenya Navy's Shupavu, have been deployed for the offshore response. Onshore, teams are participating in a mock shoreline cleanup along Nyali Beach, simulating how spilled fuel would be contained and cleared if it reached the Kenyan Coast.

Koech said Kenya has made major investments in training and equipping oil spill responders, as well as establishing a dedicated fund to support cleanup efforts.

"We have steadily built our capacity over the years. Our agencies are better equipped and more coordinated. Exercises like this help us stay ready," he said.

The regional field exercise is being supported by the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC), with IOC representative Raj Mohabeer praising Kenya's preparedness and structured approach to oil spill response.

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ENDING DISCRIMINATION

Kwale women equipped to defend inheritance rights

CHARLES MGHENYI

MORE than 100 women in Lunga-Lunga, Kwale county, have been empowered with knowledge to stand up against gender-based violence linked to land and inheritance injustices.

Through a community outreach forum organised by local rights group Nahugombe under the Kujenga Amani programme, the women were sensitised on their legal rights.

This included how to seek redress when those rights are violated, particularly when it comes to land ownership, succession and equality, as guaranteed by the constitution.

The initiative also dug into the roots of domestic tension, encouraging peaceful conflict resolution,

healthy communication and shared responsibility within families.

Nahugombe founder and executive director Nora Chao said many women are still battling systemic discrimination, especially after losing a spouse or during land subdivisions.

"Most women are unaware of their rights. This lack of knowledge is often used against them, denying them what's rightfully theirs," Chao said.

Entrenched cultural beliefs and lack of documentation, such as marriage certificates or title deeds, continue to put women at risk of being kicked out of their homes or cut off from inheritance.

Participants were encouraged to report abuse and access legal and psychosocial support. Many expressed relief at finally gaining clarity on laws

that are often kept out of their reach.

Shenazi Harun, a resident, spoke out about the quiet suffering many women endure due to lack of awareness and platforms to voice their concerns.

"When marriages aren't legally recognised, widows can lose everything. Cultural practices still favour men and religion is sometimes twisted to justify this inequality," she said.

Shenazi called for a mindset shift and urged other women to speak out, get their paperwork in order and actively secure their rights, for themselves and their children.

Rukia Mwakulinga echoed the sentiment, saying, "I used to think it was normal for men to control everything. But this training opened my eyes, what we've been accepting as culture is often discrimination."

She emphasised that men and elders must also be involved.

"It's not enough to educate women alone. Men also need to be part of these conversations so they stop seeing women as inferior," Mwakulinga said.



Nahugombe founder and executive director Nora Chao during an interview at Kanana in Lunga-Lunga /BRIAN OTIENO

PEOPLE-CENTRED

Counties ink deal to restore peace

Governments working together to ensure Kerio Valley, which has been affected by banditry, is secure

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THE North Rift Economic Bloc counties have signed MoUs with the Kerio Valley Development Authority and the NCKK to help foster peace and development in the region.

Nandi Governor Stephen Sang, who is also chairman of the bloc, led other county bosses from the region in signing the deal in Eldoret where they were hosted by Uasin Gishu's Jonathan Bii.

Others present included Governor for West Pokot Simon Kachapin and his Elgeyo Marakwet counterpart Wisley Rotich.

Sang said the mandate of KVDA covered five of Noreb's eight counties but they had agreed to expand the mandate under the MoU to involve the entire region.

The counties under the bloc are Nandi, Uasin Gishu, Elgeyo Marakwet, Turkana, Baringo, Samburu, West Pokot and Trans Nzoia.



Governor Stephen Sang after signing of the Noreb MoUs with Kerio Valley Development Authority and NCKK in Eldoret /MATHEWS NDANYI

The partnership would cover working together in several areas including resource mobilisation, ag-

riculture, climate change mitigation and peace issues. Sang said although KVDA was among regional bodies

listed by the government to fold up, they had suggested the authority remain in operation because of its unique mandate.

"We want KVDA to continue to exist but with a wider mandate in many other areas of cooperation," Sang said.

KVDA would henceforth play the role of implementing partner for the donor-funded projects and activities.

NCKK has been engaged because of its role in peace-building and economic and social transformation.

"We have agreed to a joint cooperation on several programmes coming up and also creating synergy in what we have already been doing with NCKK on the ground," he said.

The national and county governments are still working together to ensure the Kerio Valley region, which has been affected by banditry for many years, is secure, he added.

The MoU with NCKK will roll out other projects and will see the body play a more active role in community

projects. The devolved units have a shared vision for peace and a conducive environment, Kachapin added, which would be enhanced through the new MoUs with KVDA and NCKK.

"We intend to harness the resources we have to ensure we foster peace and development through the various projects we have in our region," Kachapin said.

Weighing in, Bii said the economic bloc would help foster equitable development through joint projects that would deal with issues like climate change.

The activities implemented are more people-centred and impactful, governor for Elgeyo Marakwet said.

"We want to ensure Noreb will be a unique region where counties will partner with other organisations to help hasten development programmes that benefit our people," Rotich said.

Also present were KVDA CEO Sammy Naporos and clerics representing NCKK.



Kipkelion West veterinary officer Dennis Kimutai vaccinates cattle in Kunyak in the subcounty /KNA

HIGH RISK

Vaccination drive amid foot and mouth outbreak

KNA

KERICHO county has initiated a cattle vaccination campaign to combat Foot and Mouth disease after confirmed outbreaks in Soin/Sigowet and Kipkelion West subcounties.

This follows a quarantine imposed on Soin/Sigowet on July 3, which halted livestock market operations and restricted animal movement in and out of affected zones.

The vaccination drive, a public notice from the subcounty veterinary office stated, focuses on communicable livestock diseases in high-risk areas. Subcounty veterinary officers are coordinating the programme

and farmers have received vaccination schedules.

The county government has urged livestock keepers to participate in the subsidised vaccination initiative, highlighting its crucial role in preventing disease spread and safeguarding the agricultural economy.

Dennis Kimutai, Kipkelion West veterinary officer, confirmed that the outbreak began this July, affecting all four wards within the constituency.

"Each affected location will undergo vaccination for approximately one week, depending on vaccine availability. The vaccination exercise is being carried out concurrently across all six subcounties in the affected areas," Kimutai said.

A total of 15,000 doses are available for the six subcounties, with Kipkelion West aiming to vaccinate just over 3,000 cattle.

The campaign in Soin/Sigowet commenced on Monday and is scheduled to run until July 17.

It targets high-risk areas such as Kaptessa, Korongui, Kiptugumo, Koyabei and surrounding locations.

NEWS COUNTIES

PRESERVING HERITAGE

Elders want Garissa streets renamed after local heroes

They say this not only promotes national identity and unity, but immortalises their legacy

STEPHEN ASTARIKO

ELDERS from Garissa county have petitioned the county assembly to rename key streets after distinguished local leaders, cultural icons and other eminent personalities.

They want the comprehensive geographic information system used to map and install modern and durable street signage to improve navigation, preserve heritage and support urban planning.

Led by the Kenya Livestock Marketing Council chairman Dubat Amey and mzee Maina Githongori, the group said honoring Garissa's trailblazers through street names is long-overdue.

Amey said the move not only promotes national identity and unity but immortalises their legacy and ensures future generations remember their work.

"We want our children to walk on streets named after those who contributed so much to society. This is a cultural reclamation of our space and history," he said.

Maina said many residents face difficulty in giving directions due to lack of signage, hence the urgent need for GIS-based mapping to streamline urban mobility.

The petition, received by clerk Mohamud Santur, was presented in the presence of deputy speaker and Ifin MCA Mustafa Abdirashid.

The elders proposed a county-wide GIS mapping initiative to accurately chart roads, lanes and landmarks within Garissa municipality and surrounding suburbs. This, they said, would enhance service delivery, improve emergency response and assist new residents



Maina Githongori, an elder, hands a petition to Garissa deputy speaker Mustapha Abdirashid /STEPHEN ASTARIKO

and service providers in navigating the area.

They also recommended installation of clear and permanent signage across all major roads and public institutions, viewing it not only as a tool for modern urban management but as a means of restoring cultural dignity and civic pride among residents.

Abdirashid praised the elders for their initiative, wisdom and patriotism, saying the committees on lands, housing, physical planning and urban development and roads and public works would review the pe-

tion and engage the executive for further action.

"This is more than renaming streets. It's about identity, legacy and respect," he said. "Our streets must reflect the spirit of our people."

Santur said elders are custodians of invaluable historical memory that should be tapped into for documenting history. He urged them to ensure those recommended for commemoration reflect the rich diversity of communities in Garissa.

Madogashe MCA Mahat Abdirahman Muktar were present.

(+) INSTANT ANALYSIS

The Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) is a non-partisan professional office of the Parliament of the Republic of Kenya. The primary function of the Office is to provide professional services in respect of budget, finance and economic information to committees of Parliament. Every financial year the office releases opinion on key areas to watch out for in the lead up to the budget process.

UNRULY ELEMENTS

Saba Saba hijacked by selfish people, says ex-governor

STEPHEN ASTARIKO

FORMER Tana River Governor Hussein Dado has condemned

Monday's demonstrations, saying the spirit of Saba Saba was hijacked by self-serving politicians and unruly elements.



Former Tana River Governor Hussein Dado when he was endorsed by elders from Bangale subcounty as governor candidate in 2027 /STEPHEN ASTARIKO

The day was characterised by running battles between the police and protesters, with several deaths reported. Goons also looted and destroyed property.

Many businesses chose not to open, with security officers erecting road blocks to feeder roads in major towns and cities – Nairobi being the most affected.

Dado said what was meant to be a solemn day of reflection and peaceful advocacy, had unfortunately been turned into an avenue for inciting violence, looting and destruction of property.

"Saba saba was started when the likes of Kenneth Matiba and Charles Rubia were detained. It was a historic day rooted in the fight for democracy and justice in Kenya. The constitution that we later come to

have was a result of their effort and struggle," he said.

"Unfortunately what we witnessed yesterday were actions that not only dishonoured the legacy of those who fought for our freedom, but also threatened safety and livelihoods of ordinary Kenyans."

He spoke in Bangale subcounty after he was endorsed by elders to run for the 2027 governor's seat.

The former interior CAS thanked area youth for maintaining peace and urged them not to allow anyone to use their energy, dreams and frustrations to destabilise the country since the police will deal ruthlessly with such individuals.

He said use of goons to orchestrate chaos, looting and destruction of property to push personal or political agendas must be condemned.

PROBE ON

Uncle hacks girl, 12, to death in Meru land dispute

CYRUS OMBATI

A 12-year-old girl was hacked to death at home in a suspected land dispute in Mulika, Meru county.

The girl's body was found in a school uniform with a deep panga cut on the back of the head.

Also found dead in the compound in the July 6 incident, was a dead calf, pig and two goats. A pawpaw tree was also slashed.

Police said they recovered a panga believed to have been used in the murder.

The officers linked the crime to the uncle of the girl.

The body of the girl was discovered by her elder sibling upon returning home.

She was left devastated, witnesses and police said.

The assailant escaped the scene and efforts to trace him are ongoing, police said.

Police said the body was moved to the mortuary pending post-mortem and investigations. In Kathangari, Embu county, Richard Njeru, 36 was found dead in his house after he had been stabbed by an unknown assailant in the left thigh. Police said he succumbed to excessive bleeding.

EXPANSION

Kenya seeks partnerships to boost Ahero rice production

FAITH MATETE

THE National Irrigation Authority is seeking partnerships with international development agencies to revamp and expand rice irrigation schemes across western Kenya.

NIA says this will significantly reduce the country's reliance on rice imports.

Japan International Cooperation Agency President Akihiko Tanaka visited the Ahero Irrigation Scheme in Kisumu county to explore collaboration opportunities.

NIA chief executive officer Charles Muasya outlined a multi-billion shilling proposal targeting rehabilitation and expansion of key rice-growing schemes, including Ahero, West Kano, and Lower Kuja in Migori county.

He said the plan includes modernising ageing infrastructure and extending irrigation coverage by more than 56,000 acres in Lower Kuja area alone. "The total investment required is Sh2.6 billion for Lower Kuja, Sh2.1 billion for West Kano and Sh1.9 billion for Kisumu cluster," Muasya said.

COUNTIES CENTRAL

TARGETS 459,000

Kisumu rolls out typhoid vaccination drive



County commissioner Benson Leparmorijo, Kisumu health executive Gregory Ganda and county EPI logistician Florence Aketch during typhoid vaccination at Nyalenda Health Awareness Centre /FAITH MATETE

FAITH MATETE

KISUMU county has launched a mass immunisation campaign aimed at protecting more than 459,000 children from typhoid fever, one of the region's most persistent public health concerns.

The initiative, which begun at the Nyalenda Health and Wellness Centre, introduces the Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine (TCV) for the first time in the county.

The campaign is part of a nationwide effort running from July 5 to 14, targeting children aged nine months to 14 years.

Health officials say Kisumu records approximately 12,900 cases of typhoid annually, with children under 15 bearing the brunt of the disease.

"This isn't just another health

campaign—it's a matter of saving lives," said County Commissioner Benson Leparmorijo during the official launch.

He noted that over 60 per cent of typhoid-related deaths in Kenya affect children. "Here in Kisumu, many suffer silently, some never diagnosed. This vaccine is free, safe and could mean the difference between life and death."

Leparmorijo called on community leaders, parents, teachers and Nyumba Kumi members to spread awareness and ensure all eligible children are vaccinated during the campaign window. The vaccine, now part of Kenya's national immunisation schedule and endorsed by the World Health Organization, is being offered alongside the Measles-Rubella vaccine for children aged nine to 59 months.

In Kisumu alone, this adds another 159,000 children to the immunisation effort.

According to Health CEC Gregory Ganda, the introduction of TCV

represents a crucial step in tackling typhoid, especially given the challenges in accurate diagnosis.

"Many health centres rely on rapid diagnostic kits that often give misleading results," Ganda said.

He added, "We need prevention more than ever and this vaccine gives us that chance."

The county health boss encouraged parents to ensure their children receive both TCV and Measles-Rubella vaccines to build long-term protection. Florence Akech, the county's Expanded Programme on Immunisation Coordinator, said 156 fixed vaccination sites have been established across all eight subcounties.

Mobile outreach teams are also active in schools, churches, markets and even funerals to reach more children. "We've seen that children under 15 are most at risk. Typhoid has claimed too many young lives already," she said. "After this campaign, TCV will be administered routinely at nine months of age."

ARRAIGNED

7 detained over Mawego police station torching

Suspects remanded at Kendu Bay police station pending further action



Mawego police station in Homa Bay county after being set ablaze by protesters /HANDOUT

CYRUS OMBATI
@CyrusOmbati

AT least seven suspects were arrested and arraigned over the torching of Mawego police station in Homa Bay.

The attack happened on July 3 as the body of teacher Albert Ojwang arrived in the village.

It was at the Mawego police station that the slain teacher was briefly detained before he was moved to Nairobi over claims of false publication.

Ojwang was killed at Nairobi Central police cells on June 7 after his arrest in Homa Bay.

He was buried at his rural home on July 4.

Following the torching of the station, police arrested seven suspects on July 6 and presented them at the Senior Principal Magistrate's Court, Oyugis, on July 7, and made an application to

detain them for 21 days for custodial orders to allow completion of investigations.

However, the court granted seven days and the suspects were remanded at Kendu Bay police station pending further police action.

A mob attacked and burnt Mawego police station as the body of Ojwang arrived in the village.

It emerged that the group of mourners commandeered the hearse to the police station and were later joined by a group of students from a local polytechnic.

The crowd surged and turned unruly prompting police to lob teargas canisters in vain.

They later walked into and out of the station carrying the casket as another group remained behind ransacking the station.

They set the OCS's office and the report office on fire flattening it.

Some stole the flag posts, the police and national flags, together with the station signage as they escaped the scene amid teargas canisters.

Police living near the station said their houses were looted. No injuries were reported and the armoury was found to be safe, police said.

So far, at least six persons have been charged with the murder of Ojwang, among them Central Police OCS Samson Talam and police constable James Mukhwana.

Talaam, Mukhwana, Peter Kimani, John Ginge Gitau, Gin Ammitou Abwao and Brian Mwaniki Njue are accused of jointly murdering Ojwang on the night of June 7 and 8, 2025, at Central police station in Nairobi.

TRAGEDY

Farmhand defiles, kills teen before dying by suicide

ROBERT OMOLLO

A 25-year-old farmhand died by suicide after he allegedly killed his employer's daughter at Manera village in North Kanyamwa, Ndihiwa.

Brian Manase is suspected to have killed Ida Odhi-ambo, 16, on Sunday when his employer was away.

It was reported that Manase defiled the girl before killing her.

Ndihiwa police commander John Losia said the incident occurred when Pamela Audi who is the homeowner and mother of the girl, had travelled to Kisumu as the farmhand and her daughter remained behind.

"The girl died after her head was chopped off using a panga. She was found lying in a pool of blood in the house," Losia said.

Audi travelled back and arrived at 9 pm Sunday when she discovered the shocking scene.

It is reported that Audi tried to look for the houseboy within the home compound in vain.

"The mother of the girl went to the house where her daughter sleeps but she was shocked to discover her daughter was dead," Losia said.

The body was under the bed with blood on the floor.

The woman raised an alarm attracting neighbours who mounted a search for Manase.

One group of residents went to the house where he sleeps and found his body.

"The neighbours had to break the door as it was locked from inside. His body was found hanging from the roof with his neck tied to a sisal rope," the police officer said.

Losia said investigators who went to the scene established that Ida could have been defiled before being killed.

The bodies were taken to Homa Bay Referral hospital mortuary for postmortem.

Residents were advised to undertake assessment on the background of people they hire to work for them in homes.

"They should get information from chiefs to avoid a repeat of this mistake," he said.

"THE GIRL DIED AFTER HER HEAD WAS CHOPPED OFF USING A PANGA. SHE WAS FOUND LYING IN A POOL OF BLOOD IN THE HOUSE," NDIHIWA POLICE COMMANDER JOHN LOSIA SAID

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2) Sale is subject to reasonable reserve prices.
3) Cash at the fall of the hammer.
ALL ARE WELCOME

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No. 13 of 2019)
CHANGE OF USE
The registered owner of Land Reference **No. KIAMBU/MUNICIPALITY BLOCK 2/195** located off Kiambu Road in Kiambu Town in **Kiambu Sub-County** in Kiambu County proposes to change the use of the land from **Residential Single Dwelling use to (Commercial Cum Residential Multi Dwelling Units (Flats)** subject to approval by the Kiambu County Government.
Individuals, Institutions, Members of the public etc. with any comment(s) and/or objection(s) to the proposed should forward them in writing within **14 (fourteen) days** of this notice to:
THE CECM , LAND, HOUSING, PHYSICAL PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
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NOTICE OF A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 139(2) AND 287 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2015 AND THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF THE COMPANY

NOTICE is hereby given of the Special General Meeting of the Company which will be held on the **23rd day of July 2025** at the Company's Registered Offices to transact the following business:

ORDINARY RESOLUTION:
1. To read the notice convening the meeting, table the proxies received and confirm the presence of a quorum:
2. Removal of Director/ Shareholder from Office
2.1 It is noted that KENNEDY MUMO KATONGA resigned and ceased to act as a Director/Shareholder of the Company on 19th June, 2023 and the same was duly approved by the Board.
2.2 It is further noted that the resignation has never been effected at the Companies Registry and the resultant changes never made.

THE RESOLUTION IS AS FOLLOWS:
3. In accordance with the provisions of Sections 139(2) as read together with Section 287 of the Companies Act, 2015 to automatically remove from Office the following Director/Shareholder of the Company:


3.1 KENNEDY MUMO KATONGA

4. The automatic removal from office of KENNEDY MUMO KATONGA as a Director/Shareholder be effected at the Companies Registry and all documents, notices and communications necessary to effect the Director's resignation be executed and filed as is required.


IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the resolutions set forth above will be duly passed within **fourteen (14) days** of the issuance of this Notice in accordance and in compliance with the Companies Act, 2015 and the Company's Articles of Association.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Mama Recho Cherono Sang



OBITUARY



With humble acceptance of God's will, we announce the promotion to glory of our beloved matriarch, **Mama Recho Cherono Sang**, which occurred on **Tuesday, the 1st of July 2025** following a short illness bravely borne.

Mama Recho was born in **Kapsogut, Bureti Sub-county, Kericho County**, to the late **Mr. and Mrs. Elijah and Zipporah Maiuwa**.

She was the devoted wife of the late **Mathew Sang**, and a loving mother to: the late **Wilfred Korir (Step Son)**, the late **Florence Sang**, **Bishop Josephine Lang'at**, **Evelyne Sang**, the late **Benard Korir**, **Ken Korir**, the late **Doris Sang**, **Eric Korir**, **Ricky Korir**, and **Vincent Korir**.

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Mama Recho was also blessed with **16 great-grandchildren**.

A devoted servant of God who faithfully served in the AIC Church, she stood as a distinguished matriarch, a tireless worker, and a steadfast pillar of faith, wisdom, and strength to her family and community.

Funeral Arrangements

• Fund Drive

Wednesday, 9th July 2025 at AIC Milimani, State House Avenue, Nairobi – starting at **5:30 p.m.**

• Memorial Service:

Thursday, 10th July 2025 at **AIC Milimani**, State House Avenue, Nairobi – starting at **11:00 a.m.**

• Funeral Service & Burial:

Saturday, 12th July 2025 at **Kaminjeiwet Village**, Chemosot Ward, Bureti Sub-county.
Service begins at **9:30 a.m.**, followed by burial at her home.

Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness.
-Matthew 25:21-

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (NO 13 OF 2019)
CHANGE OF USER
The registered owners (s) of **Nairobi Block 23/455** Located along Oloiktoktok Road, Kileleshwa within Nairobi City County wishes to Change its use from **Residential to Commercial cum Residential (Apartments)** subject to approval by the Nairobi City County Government.
Any individual(s), Organization(s) and Institution(s) with comments or objections to the proposal should submit them in writing within **14 days** to:

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (NO 13 OF 2019)
NOTIFICATION FOR EXTENSION OF USE
The Registered owner of **Plot LR. No 2327/25 (Nairobi/Block 192/704)** situated along Lamwia road in Karen Estate, Nairobi City County, proposes to extend the use of the land of **Single Dwelling Residential to include Cottages & Ancillary Services**, subject to approval by Nairobi City County. Individuals, Institutions, Organizations etc. with objections or comments to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within **fourteen (14) days** of publication of this notice to:

CECM: Built Environment and Urban Planning,
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REPUBLIC OF KENYA
IN THE CHIEF MAGISTRATES COURT AT NAIROBI
MILIMANI LAW COURTS
CIVIL CASE NO. E. 575 OF 2024

SIMON THUITA MACHIRAPLAINTIFF
-VERSUS-
SUHAIL KHAN AHMED KHAN1ST DEFENDANT
DANVAS OKERO MOGIRE2ND DEFENDANT

TO: SUHAIL KHAN AHMED KHAN.

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE BY ADVERTISEMENT.
Under Order 5 Rule 17(2), (3), (4) & 26 of the Civil Procedure Rules 2010 pursuant to court order granted on 24th June 2025 by Hon. SELINA N. MUCHUNGI. (SRM)

TAKE NOTICE that a Plaintiff has been filed at the Chief Magistrates Court Milimani Commercial Courts **MCCC/ E 575 OF 2024** in which you are named as the 1st defendant. Service of summons on you has been ordered by means of this advertisement. A copy of the summons and plaint may be obtained from our offices or the Chief Magistrates Court Milimani Commercial Courts.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that unless you enter appearance within 15 days from the date of this notice the case will be heard in your absence.

DATED at NAIROBI this **24th** day of **June** 2025

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REPUBLIC OF KENYA
IN THE SENIOR PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATES COURT AT KIKUYU
MCCC/E238/2022

MATUNDA (FRUITS) BUS SERVICES LIMITED.....PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
PATRICK KIPLANGAT.....1ST DEFENDANT
LAWRENCE MMATA CHORE.....2ND DEFENDANT
DANIEL MUTAI.....3RD DEFENDANT

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE BY WAY OF ADVERTISEMENT
Order 5 Rule 17 of the Civil Procedure Rules 2010

PURSUANT TO THE COURT ORDER OF 22ND SEPTEMBER, 2023

TAKE NOTICE THAT a **SUIT** by way of a **PLAINT** dated 12th August 2022 has been filed in the **SENIOR PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATES COURT at KIKUYU** in MCCC/E238/2022 and summons issued in which you named as Defendants.

Service of summons and the Plaintiff and all the pleadings upon you has been ordered by means of this advertisement

A copy of the same may be obtained from **SENIOR PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATES COURT at KIKUYU** or from the under mentioned Advocates.

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT unless you enter appearance within **15(FIFTEEN) DAYS** from the date of service of this notice the case will be heard and orders made your absence notwithstanding.

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REPUBLIC OF KENYA

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

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF LOCAL PHYSICAL AND LAND USE DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

KAPKATET MARKET CENTRE LOCAL PHYSICAL & LAND USE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2025 – 2030.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 49(1) of the Physical and Land Use Planning Act, 2019, NOTICE is hereby given that the preparation of the above Plan was on the 4th day of July 2025 completed.

The Plan relates to land situated within **KAPKATET, BURETI SUB COUNTY KERICHO COUNTY.**

Copies of the draft plan have been deposited for public inspection, free of charge at **DEPARTMENT OF LAND, HOUSING AND PHYSICAL PLANNING, PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING AND THE BURETI SUB COUNTY OFFICES FROM 8.00 A.M TO 5.00P.M.**

Any interested person who wishes to make any representation in connection with or objection to the above plan may within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice send the same to **THE CECM LAND, HOUSING AND PHYSICAL PLANNING, P.O. BOX 112-20200, KERICHO** and such representations or comments shall state the grounds upon which they are made.

Dated this 4th Day of July 2025

Hon. Joseph K. Korir
CECM - LAND, HOUSING & PHYSICAL PLANNING

PUBLIC NOTICE

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r.3(3)(xi))
THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT
(NO 13 OF 2019)
NOTIFICATION FOR CHANGE OF USE

The registered owner of **Plot No L.R NO. 12715/16806** located along Parliament road Syokimau Area, Mavoko Sub-County, Machakos County, proposes to change the use from **Residential to Religious Institution (Mosque)** subject to approval by Machakos County Government. Individuals, Institutions, Organizations etc. with objections or comments to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r.3(3)(xi))
THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT
(NO 13 OF 2019)
NOTIFICATION FOR CHANGE OF USER

Notice is hereby given that the registered owner of Plot No. **MUGUGA/MUGUGA/713** located at **KABETE** Sub-County **ZAMBEZI** area has applied for permission to change the user from **AGRICULTURAL USE TO COMMERCIAL CUM RESIDENTIAL (SHOPS AND FLATS)** subject to approval by County Government of Kiambu. Individuals, Institutions, Members of the public etc. with objections or comments to the proposal should serve notice of such in writing within fourteen **(14) days** of this notice to:

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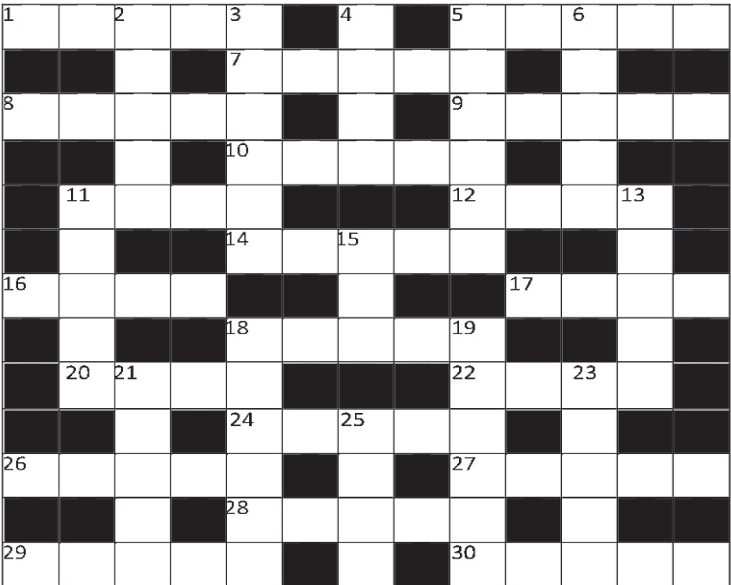


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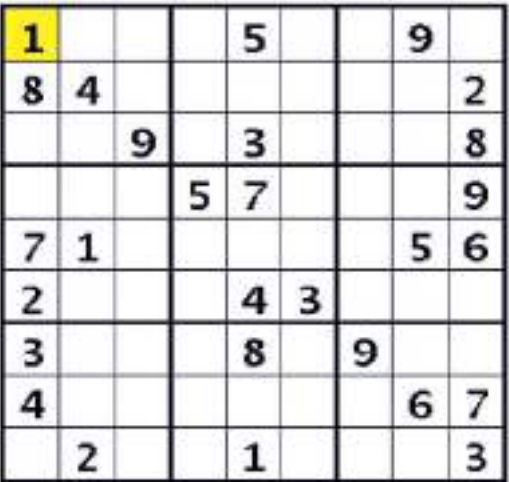
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- 4. Former Senator for Mandera County (5)
- 5. Principle (5)
- 6. A support for two adjacent bridge spans (4)
- 7. Former senator for Mombasa County (4)
- 11. Constituency in Migori County (5)
- 12. Giraffe-like animal (5)
- 13. Give another name for the constellation The Ram (5)
- 14. Turn upside down (5)
- 15. Constituency in Nandi County (5)
- 16. Hives (5)
- 20. Constituency in West Pokot County (5)
- 21. Constituency in Migori County (5)
- 22. Fertilizer (4)
- 24. Which asteroid comes closer to the Earth than any other (4)
- 25. Former Governor for Nairobi County (5)
- 26. Daub (5)
- 27. Constituency in Kirinyaga County (4)

ACROSS

- 6. What is the suns most distant planet (5)
- 8. Place with the oldest church in Kenya, St. Paul's Church, established in 1846. (5)
- 9. This moon of Saturn discovered in 1789 has a crater which is one third of the diameter of the satellite (5)
- 10. What is the luminous phenomenon which appears in the upper atmosphere near the Polar Regions (6)
- 14. Name the seventh planet from the sun (6)
- 17. What red giant in the constellation cestus was the first known long-period variable star (4)
- 18. Anger (3)
- 19. Grudge fight (4)
- 20. What is the brightest star in the sky (6)
- 23. What is the name of the smaller of the two moons of mars (6)
- 28. Constituency in Kilifi County (5)
- 29. Chief Administrative secretary for transport and infrastructure (5)
- 30. Elaborate songs for solo voices (5)

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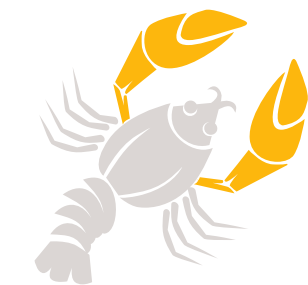
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- HASH BROWNS
- HONEY
- HOT CHOCOLATE
- JAM
- JELLY
- MARMALADE
- MILK
- MUFFINS
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- PANCAKES
- PORRIDGE
- ROLLS
- SAUSAGES
- TEA
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- WAFFLES
- YOGURT

ALL IN THE STARS



CANCER

June 22-July 22

The people around you are more understanding than you know, so express how you feel.

LEO

July 23 - August 22

Withhold judgment about what you hear until you talk to your friends, as much of what is passed on to you is likely to be misinformation.

VIRGO

August 23 - September 23

Your intuition is keener than usual, Virgo, so trust your instincts about everyone, even strangers.

LIBRA

September 24 - October 23

Avert misunderstanding by explaining in detail exactly what it is you need or what you're prepared to give.

SCORPIO

October 24 - November 22

React to yourself the way you would have others react to you in an ideal world, and that world will soon become yours.

SAGITTARIUS

November 23 - December 21

You might have to face delays when you're trying to make arrangements. Accept things and change your schedule.

CAPRICORN

December 22 - January 20

Some honest talk is definitely in order. Try to show that you understand. All should be fine in the end.

AQUARIUS

January 21 - February 19

You may feel that someone is taking unfair advantage of you. If you aren't up to doing it, say no.

PISCES

February 20 - March 20

You have the potential to make great strides in your career today, so take advantage of this energy and go for it.

ARIES

March 21 - April 20

It's best if you see to repairs right away rather than wait. The problem will only escalate if neglected.

TAURUS

April 21- May 21

Take advantage of the tremendous wisdom that others have to share with you. Resources are available.

GEMINI

May 22 - June 21

A group you're affiliated with could find some discrepancies in their financial records and ask you to check into it.

Chef's food decoration at Chinese pre-school poisons 233 children, eight arrested

BBC/ More than 200 children are being treated in hospital with lead poisoning in north-west China after school chefs used inedible paint to decorate their food.

Eight people have been arrested after tests showed the food samples from a kindergarten in Tianshui City in Gansu province had lead levels that were 2,000 times over the national safety limit. In total, 233 children from Peixin Kindergarten had high levels of lead in their blood after eating steamed red date cake and sausage corn bun.

The school principal asked the kitchen staff to buy the paint online, according to a police statement.

But after the children fell ill, officers had to search for the supplies which had been hidden. The paint was clearly marked as inedible, the statement said.

One parent told the BBC that he was worried about the long-term effects of lead poisoning on his son's liver and digestive system. Liu took his child to hospital in Xi'an for testing last week after other parents raised the alarm. His son now needs 10 days of treatment and medication.

Chinese state media aired footage which it said was from CCTV cameras in the kitchen which showed staff adding paint pigment to the food.

Investigators found that the red date cake and the corn sausage rolls had lead levels of 1052mg/kg and 1340mg/kg respectively, which both exceed the national food safety standard limit of 0.5mg/kg.



TELEVISION LINEUP – WEDNESDAY



5:00 AM	MORNING DECREE	4:00PM	TV47 NEWS NOW
5:30 AM	TV47 FITNESS	4:15PM	BEAT KIDS
6:00 AM	MORNING CAFÉ	4:30PM	KIKI AND NUNA
10:00AM	THE 77 PERCENT - RPT	5:00PM	BEATPLUG
10:30AM	BEAT BREAK	7:00PM	UPEO WA TV47
11:00AM	TV47 MATUKIO	7:30PM	DR.OF WENEKE TONIGHT
2:00PM	BAZE 47	9:00PM	THE DAILY REPORT
3:00PM	THE DEBATE CYCLE - RPT	11:00PM	DW DOCUFILM
3:30PM	NUZO AND NAMIA (ENGLISH) - RPT	12:00AM	BEATPLUG MIX

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ATHLETICS



Sports CS Salim Mvurya with Beatrice Chebet and Faith Kipyegon / HANDOUT

FACILITIES CONCERN

Faith and Chebet want better training facilities after record-breaking feats

BY TEDDY MULEI

World record-holders Faith Kipyegon and Beatrice Chebet have urged the government to step up and provide elite training facilities for Kenyan athletes ahead of the Tokyo World Championships in September.

Their call comes hot on the heels of their record-breaking performances at the Prefontaine Classic in Eugene last weekend, where the two tore up the record books in sensational style.

Kipyegon clocked 3:48.68 in the women's 1,500m to obliterate her world record and become the first woman in history to dip under 3:49.

Meanwhile, Chebet delivered a historic performance in the 5,000m, stopping the clock at 13:58.06 to become the first woman to break the 14-minute barrier. The two stars voiced deep concern over the dire state of training fa-

cilities in Kenya.

Currently, the country's two main stadiums, the Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani and Nyayo, are closed for the upcoming Africa Nations Championship (CHAN) in August. The Ulinzi Sports Complex, the only alternative, could also be off-limits once CHAN kicks off.

Kipyegon voiced her concerns about the unavailability of proper training grounds, recalling her preparations to become the first woman to run a one-mile race in under four minutes on June 26.

"As I was preparing to go to Paris to try and become the first woman to run a Mile under four minutes, I went through a lot, especially trying to settle for the best training venue," Kipyegon said.

"I was so disappointed that the Kipchoge Stadium was closed when I was trying to go and become the first woman to run a Mile in un-

der four minutes."

On June 26 in Paris, Kipyegon attempted to become the first woman to dip under the four-minute mark in the women's one-mile race, but her attempt fell short when she posted 4:06.42. The 31-year-old noted that she had to seek alternatives to execute her training for her record-breaking mission in Paris.

"I want to thank the Moi School of Law in Eldoret and the University of Eldoret, where I trained. If it was not for those facilities, I don't think I would have been able to try," she added.

"I tried my best to be the best in the world with what I did in those two facilities."

Kipyegon, 31, became visibly emotional as she highlighted the gulf in infrastructure between Kenyan athletes and their international rivals. "Sometimes, I feel emotional talking about this issue because, for other elite athletes around the world, they have perfect facilities to train. That is why these days we have high-profile competitions all over the world."

ATHLETICS

Kenya juniors steps up preparations ahead of African Championships

BY ANGWENYI GICHANA

Team Kenya has stepped up preparations for the 2025 Africa Athletics Combined U18/U20 Championships to be held in Nigeria.

The team is currently camping at Moi International Sports Centre (MISC), Kasarani and is set to jet out to Nigeria on June 14 for the biennial event scheduled for June 16-20 at Abeokuta City, Ogun State, Nigeria.

The five-day championship will take place at Moshood Abiola International Stadium.

Elizabeth Keitany, who is the general team manager/safeguarding, said: "So far, so good. No challenges so far. The athletes are training hard under qualified coaches and have displayed high levels of discipline. The mood in the camp is also buoyant."

She added: "The morale in the camp is high. The athletes are raring to go and we expect them to perform well in Nigeria."

Kenya will parade a strong team of 48 athletes. The team is training under a number of coaches led by Robert Ngisirei. She added that coach Perpetual Mbutu has been incorporated to coach sprinters in the camp.

Steeplechaser Brian Kandie has vowed to return home with gold. "We want to go to Nigeria and perform well because we want to lift the name of our country," said the athlete who trains at Sinonin Camp under veteran coach Barnaba Kitilit. "I have been training with senior athletes and this has helped me gain the necessary experience," he added.

Another steeplechaser, Nicholas Ktum from Lomuke in Turkana, added: "My tactics are almost okay, but I want to improve on how to jump the water barrier. That's where I get challenges."

Nancy Chepng'etich, 18, who won the 800m during recent trials at Afraha Stadium in Nakuru, said she expects to win gold in Nigeria.

"Having won gold in Zanzibar during the Eastern Africa showpiece, I am now targeting the African title," said Chepng'etich, who looks up to World champion Mary Moraa.

Judy Chepkoech of Tiloa wants to follow in the footsteps of multiple Olympic and world champion Faith Kipyegon. Chepkoech will represent Kenya in the 1,500m.



Athletes take off in the U18 women's 100m final during National Trials at Afraha Stadium in Nakuru / HANDOUT

Kenya to build upon their victory against South Africa in classification match

BY CHARLENE MALWA



Kenya men's Para Volley team during their match at Kasarani stadium / CHARLENE MALWA

Kenya men's sitting volleyball head coach Richard Kanyi believes structured development, consistent exposure, and tactical focus are essential if the national team is to become a serious contender in future international competitions.

Speaking after Kenya's commanding 3-0 (25-11, 25-20, 25-12) win over South Africa in their classification match at the Africa ParaVolley Championship at Kasarani, Kanyi described their classification win as a turning point. "We've seen what's possible when we prepare well, but to get to the next level, we need

deliberate investment in training camps, international friendlies, and a local league," said Kanyi.

"If these players can get consistent match exposure, we can compete with the best. We've already proven we have potential."

Kenya's men closed their campaign on a high after enduring a tough group stage that saw them fall 3-0 to Egypt, Rwanda, and Morocco in straight sets.

The team struggled with reception and finishing but displayed glimpses of cohesion, especially in the latter stages of their final group match against Morocco. Kanyi, who guided a relatively young squad to

Lagos, said the experience in Nigeria offered valuable lessons.

"The tournament exposed us to high-level sitting volleyball. We now know what areas to improve," he said.

"Reception and transition play were our biggest weaknesses, and those are already priorities for our next training block."

Against South Africa, Kenya found their rhythm early, using solid court positioning and aggressive serving to control the pace. The second set saw South Africa rally briefly, but the Kenyans remained composed to carry their momentum into a dominant third set.



SPORTS LOCAL

BANKERS RE-GROUP

Mutinda leads Kenya Cup charge as focus shifts to world stage



KCB setter Immaculate Mutinda /HANDOUT

BY CHARLENE MALWA

KCB setter Immaculate Mutinda says it is time to restore lost glory as the bankers turn their attention to the inaugural Kenya Cup, where they are eyeing a title push after falling short in the national league.

"We missed out on the league, but this is our moment to bounce back," said Mutinda, who made a return to the squad this season after taking a break to attend to personal matters.

"It is our time to reclaim what we lost. I'm happy my team has qualified this far. It is a must for us to win."

KCB swept past Postbank in straight sets (25-15, 25-14, 25-23) to set up a women's semifinal clash against Kenya Prisons, who dominantly eliminated Kenya Army (25-12, 25-15, 25-15).

Prisons setter Marcleen Okoko, who is part of the provisional Malkia Strikers squad, will be doubling up this week.

She expressed pride in the team's display and her return to national training.

"It's an honour to be back. We've started well in camp and the motivation is high," said Okoko.

Prisons beat Equity Bank 3-0 (25-20, 25-20, 25-23) to book a semifinal place in the men's contest.

Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) confirmed their

ambitions with a 3-0 rout of Trailblazers (25-16, 25-18, 25-20), while KDF rallied from a set down to dismiss Administration Police 3-1 (23-25, 25-23, 25-17, 25-20) in the men's matches.

In the final women's quarterfinal, DCI showed grit to overturn an early deficit against Kenya Defence Forces (KDF), winning 3-1 (22-25, 25-23, 25-10, 25-15) to complete the last four alongside Pipeline, who advanced directly by being league champions.

Meanwhile, the Malkia Strikers have begun non-residential training at the Nyayo National Stadium gymnasium ahead of next month's FIVB Women's Volleyball World Championship set for August 22 to September 7 in Bangkok, Thailand.

Kenyans are drawn in Pool "G" alongside Vietnam, Germany, and Poland in the 32-nation tournament. The top two teams from each pool will progress to the second round.

This will mark Malkia's eighth appearance at the global showpiece, and the team is keen on making history by breaking through to the second round for the first time.

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Nairobi United target Caf Cup group stage

BY ANGWENYI GICHANA

Nairobi United have set a target of reaching the group stage of the 2025/26 CAF Confederations Cup.

The club's chairman, Samuel Born Maina, said: "We are hoping for a good draw in the preliminary rounds because our target is to reach the group stages. It won't be easy, but we have to prepare adequately. We know we are minnows, but we are ready to fight for this."

He said they have begun negotiations with three experienced signings from West Africa.

"We are not going to overhaul the squad that helped us win a domestic double. Currently, we are considering signing an experienced defender, midfielder, and striker. We shall also have a few players from local clubs joining us," said Maina.

Nairobi City Stars, sponsored by the Johnson Sakaja Foundation, bagged a rare domestic double after lifting the National Super League title and the Mozart Bet Cup following a shock 2-1 win over giants Gor Mahia.

Maina said they will start their pre-season preparations early. "We plan to start our preparations in Kisii, then travel to Tanzania for a couple of build-up matches. We are looking at the possibility of playing high-profile friendly matches against Simba or Yanga," he added.

The club boss said that at the moment, Nicholas Muyoti will remain as the head coach.

FKF regulations require teams in the top-tier leagues to have a CAF A-licensed coach. Muyoti has a Caf 'B' diploma. He added that they have started working on Caf Club Licensing, which requires a team to have a women's and youth team, among other requirements.

"We want to ensure we meet all the requirements and make the necessary signings before submitting the lists to Caf," noted Maina, who is a communications expert.

The club is set to receive Sh12 million from Caf to help in their continental cup campaign.

Nairobi United will represent Kenya alongside Premier League champions Kenya Police, who will feature in the Caf Champions League.



Nairobi United players celebrate after bagging the Mozart Bet Cup /HANDOUT

FOOTBALL

Midfielder Owino over the moon after joining Nairobi City Stars

BY ANGWENYI GICHANA

Nairobi City Stars midfielder Vincent Owino says he is honoured after signing for Football Kenya Federation (FKF) Premier League side Tusker.

Tusker FC on Tuesday announced the signing of the talented midfielder, who penned a two-year contract with the Brewers ahead of the 2025/26 season.

Owino had an impressive campaign with City Stars, where he stood out as one of the most consistent midfield performers. However, Simba wa Nairobi were relegated to the National Super League.

Known for his composure on the ball,

precise passing and tactical awareness, Owino is expected to bring both energy and stability at the heart of the Brewers' midfield.

Owino expressed his excitement after joining one of the most successful clubs in Kenyan football. "I'm honoured to join

Tusker FC, a club with great history and ambition," he said. "This is a big step in my

career, and I'm ready to give everything on the pitch to help the team achieve its goals. I want to grow here, win trophies, and learn from the experienced players and coaches around me," he told the club's official website.

Tusker FC head coach Charles Ok-

ere welcomed the midfielder's arrival, praising his work ethic and potential.

"Vincent is a player we have monitored for some time. He brings balance, grit and intelligence to our midfield. He is young and hungry, and we believe he will fit well into our system and philosophy," the tactician said.

Owino becomes the club's first major signing of the transfer window as Tusker looks to strengthen key areas of the squad in preparation for a title charge next season. The club is also expected to part ways with several players who did not impress in the just-concluded season. The transfer window was opened on July 4 and will close on September 5.



Vincent Owino, after signing for Tusker FC/HANDOUT

PREMIER LEAGUE

Newcastle agree £55m fee for Forest's Elanga

BBC SPORT

Newcastle United have agreed a £55m fee with Nottingham Forest for Sweden winger Anthony Elanga. Sources have told BBC Sport the deal could be completed this week. Newcastle are seeking to strengthen their attacking options as they prepare for their return to the Champions League following a fifth-placed Premier League finish last season.

The 23-year-old scored six goals and produced 11 assists for Nuno Espirito Santo's side during their successful 2024-25 Premier League season. Newcastle have yet to pay a fee for a player this summer, with 18-year-old Spanish winger Antonio Cordero the only new arrival on a free transfer from Malaga. Forest are believed to have paid £15m to sign Elanga from Man United on a five-year deal in 2023.

He had arrived at Old Trafford at the age of 12 and made 55 appearances before moving to the City Ground. Newcastle's pursuit of Elanga underlines just how far his stock has risen after a stellar campaign with Forest.

His statistical profile paints the picture of a player not just improving but excelling in some of the most important attacking metrics. The radar chart below, provided by Opta via FBref, shows Elanga ranking in the top percentiles among Premier League attacking midfielders and wingers across multiple categories.

Being in the 80th percentile for goal-creating actions means he outperforms 80% of similar players in that key attacking measure.

His high percentile for shots-on-target percentage also highlights not just an eye for goal but efficiency in making goalkeepers work. He doesn't waste chances.

Elanga's crossing output also sits near the top of the scale. Whereas none of Newcastle's wingers—Jacob Murphy, Harvey Barnes or Anthony Gordon—averages more than 4.85 crosses per 90 minutes, Elanga averages 6.65. His progressive carries—how frequently he moves the ball towards goal—highlight his directness and willingness to take on defenders, which added dynamism to Forest's attack.



Anthony Elanga /HANDOUT

GREAT MOVE FOR GUNNERS

Why Arsenal are signing 'brain of the future' defensive midfielder Zubimendi

Arsenal are hoping they have found the final piece that will complete the jigsaw puzzle of their midfield.

Martin Zubimendi, considered one of the world's best defensive midfielders, has finally completed his £60m move from Real Sociedad—a deal widely expected since January. “He has a gifted mind,” Spanish journalist Roberto Ramajo told BBC Sport. “He sees things on the pitch that others can't.”

“Zubimendi isn't a 10 (out of 10) at anything, but he's an eight at everything. In the Premier League, he can develop into a 10 at everything.”

Ramajo calls him ‘el cerebro del futuro’ — the brain of the future. Spain international Zubimendi, 26, rejected a move to Liverpool last summer and is now joining their title rivals. There he is most likely to link up with Declan Rice and Martin Odegaard in a three. So what type of player are Arsenal getting, and what will his role be at Emirates Stadium?

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Zubimendi played 236 times for Real Sociedad—his only club to date—and scored 10 goals. But he is not a goal-scorer, because he is primarily a defensive midfielder. Real Sociedad played several formations last season, although it was mostly a 4-1-4-1 with Zubimendi as the pivot. In La Liga in 2024-25, he ranked in the top five of central midfielders for successful passes, successful long passes, progressive passes, touches, tackles, interceptions, aerial duels won and distance of completed upfield passes (8.5km).

“He's not a paragon of technical prowess, nor does he stand out for his vision, his long ball touch, or his ability to link up,” said Real Sociedad ex-

pert Ramajo. “He delivers in every aspect of a midfielder's game, and he always contributes. And that's what sets him apart, what allows him to excel the way he has at Real Sociedad since he came into the first team.”

“Martin has very good tactical ability. He knows how to occupy space on the pitch almost perfectly, and he reads his team's needs very well when it comes to helping his teammates. “He has a fantastic reading of the game because he's very intelligent without the ball. I know he's hailed with the ball, but I like him better off it.”

HOW DOES HE FIT IN FOR SPAIN?

Zubimendi has won 19 Spain caps and played nearly every game as the holding midfielder since Rodri's injury in the Euro 2024 final against England. When Rodri—who would go on to win the Ballon d'Or—went off at half-time in that game, many observers felt that would be a boost for England.

But Zubimendi was impressive when he came on, with Spain not appearing to miss Rodri on their way to a 2-1 victory. Spain boss Luis de la Fuente has called him the second-best defensive midfielder in the world. Zubimendi is unfortunate that number one is Manchester City's Rodri, with Spain only playing one player in that position.

“Zubimendi, unlike Rodri, is the brain of the future,” said Ramajo. “The feeling I have is that the City midfielder has already reached his peak and it's difficult for him to develop further.”

“Rodri is what he is, and he's tremendously good at it. But Zubimendi is also like that, and he still can evolve and improve a lot. He's going to follow the path Rodri once took, leaping the Premier League, where a midfield player can get his act together.”

Zubimendi made the most of his run in the Spain team with Rodri out injured, including chipping in with some goals. He scored twice in the 2024-25 Nations League campaign, in the group against Denmark and the final defeat by Portugal.

In the Nations League knockout games in 2025, he ranked fifth for passes and successful passes, second for interceptions and seventh for tackles.

WHERE'LL HE FIT IN AT ARSENAL?

Zubimendi's form led to reports that Real Madrid, managed by Xabi Alonso, might try to hijack the move. The appeal could have been great with Alonso having come through the same youth team—Antiguoko—as Zubimendi, as well as also playing for Real Sociedad and Spain in the same number six position.

But Zubimendi was set on Arsenal, where he is likely to take the position previously occupied by Thomas Partey.



Martin Zubimendi (L) battles Jude Bellingham (R) of Real Madrid in a past match/XINHUA

PREMIER LEAGUE

MPs could vote on proposal to make at least 10 EPL games on free-to-air

BBC SPORT

The Liberal Democrats have tabled an amendment to the Football Governance Bill, which continues to make its way through parliament. The legislation will establish a regulator that is independent of the government and the sport's authorities to oversee the men's game in England's top five divisions.

The amendment would require it to ensure that the top-flight matches—along with the League Cup Final, and the Championship, League One and League Two play-off finals—would be free-to-air.

Live Premier League matches have been broadcast behind a paywall since its inception 33 years ago, with only a handful of games shown on the BBC during Covid in

2020. The Lib Dems say they are confident that a vote will be granted on the proposal. Last year, the party committed to widening public access to major sporting events by ensuring more are available to view without subscription TV packages. It says it favours a similar approach to one taken in Spain where La Liga must offer one free game a week to fans after a change in the law in 2022.

Max Wilkinson MP, Lib Dem spokesperson for Culture, Media and Sport, said: “I'm urging MPs of all stripes to back our amendment to tear down the paywall and make Premier League games available on free-to-air channels. “For too long, the jewel in the crown of British football has been locked behind an expensive barrier that keeps fans out while lining the pock-

ets of broadcasters. “That must end today - with a free-to-air revolution that gives the Premier League back to the country.”

A spokesperson for the Department of Culture, Media and Sport said: “The government has no plans to review the listed events regime.”

Labour's large parliamentary majority means they will be expected to defeat the proposal in any vote, although the Lib Dems are hopeful of persuading some rebel MPs to support the amendment. The Premier League declined to comment. The legislation has now reached the report stage in the House of Commons. A similar amendment was tabled at the committee stage last month. At the time, Sports Minister Stephanie Peacock said: “The listed events regime has protected key moments

such as the FA Cup Final while ensuring that the Premier League, EFL and FA can raise billions of pounds annually, which is invested back into the pyramid. “We all want to see more matches being televised free-to-air, but that must be balanced against that investment and not risk it... It would not be appropriate for the regulator to intervene in commercial decisions between the relevant broadcasters and rights holders.”



Liverpool's Mohamed Salah (L) vies with Palace's Tyrick Mitchell /XINHUA

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Faith, Chebet want better facilities after breaking records

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Big payday awaits Kenyan medallists at 2026 Club Games

BY TEDDY MULEI

Kenyan athletes eyeing podium finishes at next year's Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland, are set for a windfall



Sports Cabinet Secretary Salim Mvurya /FILE

after Sports Cabinet Secretary Salim Mvurya unveiled a significantly enhanced reward scheme for medal winners.

Speaking Tuesday morning at Talanta Plaza, Mvurya announced that the Ministry of Sports has reviewed its incentive structure for major global competitions (including the Commonwealth Games, Olympics and Paralympics) with new rates effective from April. "Part of the review of the sports policy is to enhance the benefit package for our athletes."

"We have also reviewed both the Olympics and Paralympics package as well as the Commonwealth Games package, effective April," Mvurya said. Under the new structure, Commonwealth Games gold

medallists will now receive Sh2.5 million, up from Sh500,000 while silver medallists will pocket Sh1.5 million, up from Sh350,000.

Bronze medallists will walk away with Sh1 million, a five-fold increase from the previous Sh200,000.

"These new incentives have been officially approved by SRC (Salaries and Remuneration Commission.)"

Kenya will be looking to better its performance from the 2022 Birmingham Games, where the country bagged 13 medals (six gold, five silver, and two bronze) to finish 13th on the medal table. Standout performances came from sprint sensation Ferdinand Omanyala (100m), Mary Moraa (800m), Beatrice Chebet (5,000m), Jackline Chepkoech and Abraham

Kibiwot (3,000m steeplechase), and Wycliffe Kinyamal (800m), all of whom struck gold. Olympic medallists are also set to benefit from the new deal.

Gold now carries a Sh3 million prize, up from Sh750,000, silver will earn Sh2 million, up from Sh500,000 while bronze will now attract Sh1 million, up from Sh350,000. In a major boost for past heroes, Mvurya revealed that Sh70 million has been set aside to compensate medal-winning athletes who never received their dues. "During the implementation of the compensation, there is a process that the athletes go through, including anti-doping. Once that is complete, then the compensation is given."

★ SCHOOLS

Yala, Nyakach target 7s title defence at Nyanza show

BY TEDDY MULEI

Nyanza region secondary schools champions St Mary's School Yala and Nyakach Girls are confident of retaining their titles when the Regional Term Two Games get underway in Kisumu tomorrow (Thursday).

Yala coach George Kerima and Nyakach's Kevin Otuoma said they have had adequate preparations and they are poised to retain their trophies in the event starting Thursday to Saturday at Kisumu Girls. The tacticians, however, admitted that the competition will be stiff, adding most teams that have qualified for the regional showpiece are strong.

Kerima said: "The boys know what is expected of them, and they are ready to deliver. I expect stiff competition Maseno, Friends School Anjago, and Otieno Oyoo."

Yala will open their campaign against Kanga School, while Friends School Anjago will go against Mbita School.

In other Day-One games, Cardinal Otung, Mosochi will be up against St Paul's Gekano High as Otieno Oyoo battles it out with Nyambaria School.

Separately, a confident Nyakach Girls coach, Otuoma, said: "I expect to retain the regional trophy because we have been training for this the whole season. I don't see any reason why we shouldn't take the trophy back to Nyakach."

He added: "The girls are looking forward to countering any challenges that come their way. During the Kisumu County championships, they beat Sigoti Complex in sudden death after drawing 19-19 in full time."

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HIGH CALIBRE SQUAD

Chebet, Kipyegon to lead Kenya's charge for women's 5,000m glory at Tokyo World Championships in Japan

BY TEDDY MULEI

World 5,000m record holder Beatrice Chebet and World Champion Faith Kipyegon are primed to headline Kenya's formidable charge in the women's 5,000m at the Tokyo World Championships in September.

Kipyegon is the reigning world champion from Budapest 2023, where she delivered a masterclass in the event, clinching gold in 14:53.88. She outpaced Netherlands' Sifan Hassan (14:54.11) and Chebet (14:54.33).

With this triumph, Kipyegon secured a wildcard entry to the Tokyo showdown, ensuring Kenya's dominance on the global stage while allowing the nation to field multiple athletes in the distance in Tokyo. Over the weekend at Hayward Field in Eugene, during the Prefontaine Classic, Chebet made history by shattering the women's 5,000m world record, clocking a swift 13:58.06 to become the first woman in history to break the 14-minute barrier.

She led World 10K road race record holder Agnes Ng'etich (14:01.29) and Ethiopia's Gudaf Tsegay (14:04.41), with Margaret Akidor finishing fourth in 14:30.34. This record-breaking feat ensured that Chebet, Ng'etich and Akidor all secured their Tokyo spots. In Tokyo, Kenya will be hoping for its sixth title at the World Championships.

Vivian Cheruiyot was the first Kenyan woman to claim a 5,000m title at the global stage in Berlin

2009, clocking 14:57.97 before defending her crown in Daegu 2011, clocking 14:55.36. Hellen Obiri picked up the baton six years later also claiming successive titles in London 2017 (14:34.86) and Doha 2019 (14:26.72). Speaking during a reception hosted by the Sports Cabinet Secretary at Talanta Plaza on Tuesday morning, Chebet expressed confidence in her team's prospects.

"With my colleagues Faith, Agnes and Akidor, I know we are going there as a team. We are going there to try and come with the three medals," Chebet said. Chebet also took a moment to acknowledge her competitors. "I want to thank all the other athletes who competed in the Prefontaine Classic."

She also expressed her gratitude to Athletics Kenya (AK) for facilitating

the crucial trials in Eugene. She further called on support from all stakeholders as the team prepares for Tokyo. "As we prepare for Tokyo we need your sport and encouragement," she added.

AK President Jack Tuwei lauded the Prefontaine Classic for providing a perfect platform for team selection. "The Prefontaine classic has given us a good platform to select our men's 10,000m and women's 5,000 teams," Tuwei said. The remaining teams will be finalized during the trials on July 22 at Ulinzi Sports Complex.



Faith Kipyegon (R) and Beatrice Chebet (C) compete during the women's 5,000m final at the Paris 2024 Olympic



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