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# Mr President, expose the corrupt MPs

**Firestorm** President Ruto's warning to bribe-taking lawmakers has sparked controversy, with some MPs conceding the House had become a den of graft and others fighting back. Leaders now want the President to name and shame the rogues. **P.4&5**

## CHURCH

### Catholic nuns win rare court battle with priests over school

The High Court has ruled in favour of a group of nuns in a protracted case with priests over the ownership of Our Lady of Grace School in Kisumu. Franciscan Sisters of St Ann, Lwak, retained control of the school for the underprivileged children in Kajulu / **P.10**



ODM leader Raila Odinga and Homa Bay Governor Gladys Wanga at the ongoing devolution conference in Homa Bay County yesterday. **GEORGE ODIWUORI NATION**



# Raila backs governors to snub Senate

**P.6** ODM leader Raila Odinga has told senators they have no legal mandate to summon governors to answer to audit queries. Mr Odinga says governors should account for their public spending before their respective county assemblies, a statement that is set to embolden MCAs.



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# National News

**Themes** Learners showcased creativity through songs and poems that touched on devolution among other issues

## Festival winners head for State concert

Top performers will then head to Kampala, Uganda, for the East Africa music and drama festival set to begin on August 17



AIC Songot rehearse their Turkana folk dance ahead of the finalist concert of the Kenya National Music Festival at Meru School yesterday. PHOTOS | ANTHONY NJAGI



Gadamoji Secondary school learners rehearse a Borana folk song yesterday at Meru School.



Mount Kenya University students present their winning choral verse on Wednesday.

BY ANTHONY NJAGI

The 97th edition of the Kenya National Music Festival in Meru County ended yesterday with electrifying performances by winners at Meru School.

The presenters showcased exceptional creativity and a strong commitment to preserving Kenyan and African heritage, as well as embracing global influences.

The winners of the two-day gala will on Saturday head to State Lodge Sagana for a State concert hosted by the President.

Immediately afterwards, they will proceed to Kampala, Uganda, for the East Africa Music, Dance and Drama Festival, alongside winners from the Drama and Theatre Festival.

The East African festival will run from August 17 to August 25.

Performances of the last day of the gala featured performances from Kaya Tiwi, AIC Songot Boys, Gadamoji High School, Loreto Convent Valley Road, Kambui Girls, Kabete National Polytechnic, PCEA Ongata Rongai, Booth Girls, Mosoriot Teachers Training College, Alliance Girls and Al-

liance High.

Other institutions that performed were Umoja High School, University of Nairobi, Nkueni Boys, Dakabarichia Secondary School, Vihiga High School, Togo Girls, Ngenia Boys, Sigalagala National Polytechnic, Kenyatta University, Kabarak University, Kibabii University, Little Friends Nivasha and Senende Boys High School.

Kambui Girls presented a *ngonjera* titled *Hatuwezi*, which emerged top in the festival. The poem, scripted by Nickson Nagide, explored the fight

for dominance between mathematics and Kiswahili, highlighting the importance of both disciplines in real life.

Issues of governance and public service took centre stage when primary schools presented original composition verses and songs at Meru Teachers Training College. Topics ranged from alcohol abuse by civil servants to devolution and value-based citizenship. This category was sponsored by Uraia Trust in partnership with the Kenya Music Festival.

Moi Forces Academy, Salvation



Kaaga Girls High School students and teachers with some of the trophies won during the finalist concert at the school yesterday.

Army (Nairobi Region) and Katoloni Primary School excelled in the songs category.

The Salvation Army's colourful piece *Pombe Haramu* addressed the problem of civil servants neglecting their duties due to alcohol abuse, leading to poor service delivery and eroding public trust.

In the Kiswahili verse category themed *Utu* (humaneness/service), pupils performed pieces exploring devolution, public etiquette and governance. The winners were Moi University Primary School, Marimanti Primary and Jonathan Mala Primary School.

Uraia Trust's Civic Education Manager Helen Mudora said the category aims to help young learners to not only understand how devolved governance works, but also internalise and uphold the principle of *utu* from an early age.

"By leveraging the power of

music and elocution, Uraia aims to enhance students' understanding of devolution as a transformative governance system while fostering *utu*—the practice of human dignity, compassion and mutual respect in everyday life," said Ms Mudora.

She added that the artistic compositions serve as creative avenues for students to reflect on their roles in shaping a just, equitable and cohesive society, while also emphasising the importance of civic engagement.

While closing the festival, Director-General of the Department for Basic Education in the Ministry of Education, Dr Elyas Abdi, reminded the audience that the festival is more than a competition.

"As we enjoy these performances, let us remember that this festival is a national platform for talent development, cultural preservation and lifelong learning," said Dr Abdi.



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**Impeding justice** Police officers had initially refused to issue documentation required for Kinyanjui to be treated

# Relief at last: Bullet removed from protester after 400 days



Mr Samuel Kinyanjui during an interview at Kileleshwa in Nairobi on June 20, 2025. FILE | NATION

Operation's success has vindicated Kinyanjui on his long-held suspicions about his initial treatment at KNH

BY KEVIN CHERUIYOT

A successful surgical procedure on Wednesday has finally provided Samuel Kinyanjui with the crucial evidence he needs in his pursuit of justice—the intact bullet that had remained lodged in his body for more than 400 days.

Mr Kinyanjui was shot by police on June 16, 2024, during the Gen Z demonstrations. The bullet, which penetrated his right foot before settling in his gluteal region, has fundamentally altered his life, costing him his livelihood and forcing him into dependence.

"Today is my happiest day because I have been yearning for this moment," Kinyanjui told the *Nation* following the 20-minute procedure at Ladnan Hospital in Pangani, Nairobi. "I know that with the bullet's removal, the side effects will diminish. It was a straightforward surgery, and I'm relieved the bullet is finally out of my body."

The operation's success has vindicated Kinyanjui on his long-held suspicions about his initial treatment. He expressed shock at discovering he had been living with a complete bullet for over 400 days, casting serious doubt on Kenyatta National Hospital's claims of removing bullet fragments during his first admission and surgery on July 16, 2024.

"What Kenyatta National Hospital told me was untrue. The bullet remained intact — completely whole as it was when it entered my body," he said.

The physical and economic toll has been devastating. The bullet's presence in his body cost him his employment, rendering him entirely dependent on the goodwill of friends such as Kevin Njiri, who is himself recovering from police-inflicted injuries.

"I remain hopeful that Ipoa [Independent Policing Oversight Authority] will deliver justice," Kinyanjui said. "I still require artificial hip replacement surgery, and with mounting medical bills and my inability to work until fully healed, I desperately need assistance. I trust Ipoa will hold the responsible officer accountable."

Njiri, who has been providing accommodation whilst undergoing his own therapy, called for meaningful dialogue between authorities and the youth whose grievances sparked the demonstrations.

"Our nation's wounds remain open. We hope truth will speak to power, delivering the accountability, economic justice and anti-corruption measures we demanded, in honour of patriots like Samuel and other victims," he said.

Dr Edward Sang, the orthopaedic and trauma surgeon who performed the procedure, revealed that bureaucratic obstacles had repeatedly delayed the operation. Originally scheduled for Monday, August 11, the surgery was postponed as Kinyanjui lacked a police abstract—a document that proved elusive after Kasarani Police Station refused to take his case.

Despite the successful extraction, Dr Sang emphasised that

**June 16**

Date last year when Samuel Kinyanjui was shot during nationwide demonstrations led by the youth

Kinyanjui requires ongoing monitoring through regular check-ups.

Ipoa's investigative officer Emmanuel Lagat, who accompanied Kinyanjui to hospital, expressed confidence in the investigation's progression now that the bullet evidence has been secured.

Vocal Africa Rapid Response Officer Ojiambo Ojoro, also present during the procedure, challenged the government's approach to victim compensation.

He criticised the monetary focus of President William Ruto's recently announced compensation framework, demanding instead that those responsible for killing and injuring protesters begin with formal apologies.

"Compensation must start with acknowledging what type of redress victims actually want," Mr Ojoro argued. "Some fought for better education—their compensation could be educational scholarships. We reject imposed compensation ideologies. We demand genuine redress that definitively ends police brutality."

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# National News

**No secret** National Assembly Speaker Moses Wetang'ula in March asked MPs in committees to desist from

## Name the corrupt MPs soliciting bribes

Some leaders of Senate and National Assembly committees have denied graft accusations made by President

BY DAVID MWERE

Leaders have asked President William Ruto to forward the list of MPs he has accused of turning parliamentary committees into avenues for soliciting bribes to the anti-graft agency. At the opening of the devolution conference in Homa Bay on August 13, President Ruto accused some MPs of soliciting bribes from State officials to alter committee reports in their favour.

The President had made similar accusations a week earlier at a forum with the private sector, where he had blamed corporate executives of bribing MPs to influence policies and laws.

Former Attorney-General Justin Muturi—who said he had been a victim of rent-seekers during his vetting for Cabinet—and Kisii Senator Richard Onyonka—who said Parliament is a graft den—challenged him to take the evidence of corruption to the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) for investigations.

Chairmen of Senate committees Moses Kajwang (County Public Accounts Committee), Godfrey Osotsi (County Public Investments Committee) and their National Assembly counterparts Wamboka Wanami (Public Investments Committee on Education and Governance) and David Pkosing (Public Investments Committee on Commercial Affairs and Energy), however, dismissed the President's allegations.

State House spokesperson Hussein Mohammed promised to respond to our questions on the matter but had not done so by press time. EACC chairperson David Oginde did not also respond to questions on whether the President has forwarded the list of suspected corrupt MPs for investigations.

investigations.

Mr Muturi, who is also the immediate former Speaker of the National Assembly and Public Service Cabinet Secretary, said: "It is true. Even when I went for the second vetting, some of the members tried to ask me for money but I refused and told them to decide whichever way."

"This thing is systemic. Some members of the Committee on Appointments chaired by the Speaker tried to solicit funds from me during my vetting but I declined. When I was in the Cabinet, my colleagues would complain about the same," added Mr Muturi.

"But when we told the President about what we were going through, he just laughed it off and the matter ended there," Mr Muturi claimed.

"When I went to the Senate to answer questions, I was hidden in a room and told *toa ya wazee*. But I told them off. When I went to defend the NYS [National Youth Service] supplementary budget, a ministry official requested that we get some money for MPs but I told him to forget it,"

the former CS alleged.

"Remember when I was Speaker, I even invited the EACC to come to Parliament to help me fight the vice," Mr Muturi recalled.

He was referring to an investigation by the Powers and Privileges Committee, which he chaired, that probed claims that MPs had been bribed during a contentious vote on a toxic sugar report. The committee invited the EACC and the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) to investigate the allegations of bribery, but nothing came of the probe.

Mr Muturi also dissolved the leadership of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) in the 11th Parliament following allegations of corruption. The committee had been accused of soliciting money from the principal secretary of a critical State department to influence its report following its consideration of a report by the Auditor-General.

Senate Deputy Minority Leader Enock Wambua said committees of Parliament are chaired by members of the President's party or coalition, and the few watchdog committees that are supposed to be chaired by members of parties not forming government are currently chaired by members of parties in a working arrangement with the Ruto administration.

"The Executive is 100 per cent made up of the President's loyalists. If it is true that there are bribery demands by committees of Parliament to the Executive, then the President has a duty to put leaders in his corner in order. It is not clear who the complainant is in this case, but that complainant should simply take their evidence to EACC for investigation," said Mr Wambua.

Mr Muturi accused the President of double speak.

"I hold the view that Ruto lacks the moral authority to speak about corruption because he has all along enticed MPs with money whenever he wants them to do things his way," he claimed.

"Before the vote on the Finance Bill, 2024, you must have seen him even threatening MPs while at a function in Narok to vote for it or face the music. That was corruption in itself," he added.

National Assembly Speaker Moses Wetang'ula, his Senate colleague Amason Kingi and leaders of majority Kimani Ichung'wah (National Assembly) and Aaron Cheruiyot (Senate) did not respond to our inquiries made to their known phone numbers regarding the President's corruption allegations.

The leaders of minority Junet Mohamed (National Assembly) and Stewart Madzayo (Senate) and the whips also did not respond to our enquiries.

Independent investigations by the *Nation* revealed that while



The National Assembly Public Investments Committee on Commercial Affairs and Energy during a session at Continental House, Nairobi, yesterday. DENNIS ONSONGO | NATION

**This thing is systemic. Some members of the Committee on Appointments chaired by the Speaker tried to solicit funds from me during my vetting but I declined. When I was in the Cabinet, my colleagues would complain about the same**

Mr Justin Muturi



corruption is rife in all parliamentary committees, it is intense in watchdog committees like PAC, PIC and the County Public Accounts and Investment Committee.

Mr Wetang'ula had previously informed the House about protests from government officials, saying "not more than three or four committees to whom the departments of government they oversee consistently come calling to the Speaker's Chamber."

"Avoid the temptation to have an illegal title within the committees of a member called the 'welfare member' so that you do not scare people and cause issues

that are not in keeping with the integrity of this House," Mr Wetang'ula told the House on March 14 while acknowledging the newly elected committee chairpersons.

"They do so to protest the manner in which committees handle those government officials when they appear before them. I encourage you to serve without fear or favour and with integrity," Mr Wetang'ula said.

The "welfare member" is a term coined by committees of Parliament, specifically in the National Assembly, and given to one of their own with instructions to solicit money from whoever appears before them. For instance, in PAC, two members have been given that duty.

The vice is also rampant during the vetting of nominees for appointment to various State jobs.

"The statement from the President over corruption in Parliament was the greatest thing in my life. The only problem is that he is realising it after three years of his leadership," said Mr Onyonka. "I want to thank the Director-General of the National Intelligence Service for finally telling the President the truth."

The senator claimed some of his colleagues in Parliament are looking for money "by all means". This, he said, is manifested by how easily MPs change laws.

He also noted that Controller of Budget Margaret Nyakang'o and Auditor-General Nancy Gathungu are harassed in Parliament



### REPUBLIC OF KENYA THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY 13<sup>TH</sup> PARLIAMENT - FOURTH SESSION - 2025

IN THE MATTER OF ARTICLE 118(1)(b) OF THE CONSTITUTION  
AND

IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF:

1. The Plant Protection Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 28 of 2025); and
2. The Capital Markets (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 30 of 2025).

#### INVITATION TO SUBMIT MEMORANDA

**WHEREAS**, Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution requires Parliament to facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of Parliament and its Committees and Standing Order 127(3) of the National Assembly Standing Orders requires House Committees considering Bills to facilitate public participation;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Plant Protection Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 28 of 2025) and the Capital Markets (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 30 of 2025) were Read a First Time and referred to the relevant Departmental Committees for consideration and reporting back to the House.

**IT IS NOTIFIED THAT** The Plant Protection Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 28 of 2025) is sponsored by the Leader of Majority Party, the Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah, EGH, MP. The Bill seeks to provide a regulatory and institutional framework for the prevention of introduction, establishment and spread of plant pests; management of plant pests; facilitate safe trade in plants, plant products and other regulated articles.

The Capital Markets (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 30 of 2025) is sponsored by the Leader of Majority Party, The Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah, EGH, MP. The Bill seeks to amend Section 29 of the Capital Markets Act (Cap. 485A) for the purpose of refining the provisions relating to shareholding limits within different licence. The amendments additionally seek to enhance ease of doing business by removing shareholding limits to attract more investment in regulated institutions. Without such limits, larger investors may be more willing to invest significant capital, leading to increased liquidity and expansion opportunities for the institution.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in compliance with Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution and the National Assembly Standing Order 127(3), the Clerk of the National Assembly hereby invites the public and stakeholders to submit memoranda on the Bills to the respective Departmental Committees as listed below:

NO.	BILL	DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE
1.	The Plant Protection Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 28 of 2025)	Agriculture and Livestock
2.	The Capital Markets (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 30 of 2025)	Finance and National Planning

Copies of the Bills are available at the National Assembly Table Office, Main Parliament Buildings, and on [www.parliament.go.ke/the-national-assembly/house-business/bills](http://www.parliament.go.ke/the-national-assembly/house-business/bills).

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S. NJOROGE, CBS  
CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
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appointing 'welfare members' who are then tasked with asking for and collecting bribes

# from State officers, President urged



without substantive motions to discuss their characters.

"Corruption in Parliament is a reality. I abhor corruption and it is the reason I was removed from the County Public Accounts Committee (CPAC) of the Senate," claimed Mr Onyonka.

"My colleagues in Parliament must decide whether they came to serve Kenyans or to make deals and solicit for money from the Executive and even the Judiciary. They are traders," said Mr Onyonka.

But the leaders of parliamentary committees fought back.

"I disagree with the President's insinuation of improper conduct on the part of Parliament. We do not audit; that's done by the Auditor-General. We do not investigate; that's done by EACC and DCI," said Mr Kajwang. "We do not prosecute; that's done by ODPP [Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions]. We do not convict; that's done by the Judiciary."

He added: "The President should direct his war to these institutions. Parliament merely makes recommendations.

Why should a Cabinet secretary or governor bribe Parliament if they are not guilty?"

Mr Osotsi said that Parliament has legal mechanisms to address corruption and other ethical issues among its members, such as the Powers and Privileges committees headed by the respective Speakers.

## ONSLAUGHT

### Ruto sustains graft accusations

At a forum with the private sector, President William Ruto blamed corporate executives of bribing MPs to influence policies and laws. On Wednesday, during the opening of the devolution conference in Homa Bay, the President accused some MPs of soliciting bribes from State officers so that the lawmakers can write favourable reports.

"We also have substantive legislation that guides ethical conduct by parliamentarians," he added.

Mr Wanami, the Bumula MP, was blunt: "The President is out of order."

"The best placed person to respond to questions concerning members of Parliament as a whole is Leader of Majority Ichung'wah and Leader of Minority Junet. Anyone else purporting to respond will be doing politics. I would have responded if it was about my committee where I am the spokesperson as prescribed in our standing orders," said Mr Pkosing.

Transparency International Executive Director Sheilla Masinde demanded that the EACC investigates "these claims" and any MP found culpable be prosecuted.

"Parliament and EACC should develop a close working relationship for EACC to easily investigate and make recommendations on allegations of impropriety, gross misconduct and bribery of MPs since these claims keep coming up," she said.

Ms Masinde added that there

is a need to reorient MPs on the leadership and integrity provisions in the Constitution and the legislative framework on leadership and integrity. This, she said, should include the Leadership and Integrity Act, the Public Officers and Ethics Act, Parliamentary Powers and Privileges Act and the rules governing the conduct of MPs.

"This will help to regulate parliamentary behaviour and ethical standards, essential elements to secure public trust and foster a culture of public service that favours public interest over private gains," said Ms Masinde.

Narok Senator Ledama Ole Kina said he was not aware of such allegations.

"What I know is that corruption is about to get very, very expensive," he said.

"It's true that this is the second time the President has made the same statement. Being in leadership I may not be aware of that as I am busy most of the time," said National Assembly Deputy Majority Whip Naomi Waqo.

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## Devolution Judiciary and journalists also criticised

# Stop summoning governors, Raila tells Senate teams

Endless summons by committees described as a waste of time

BY RUSHDIE OUDIA AND COLLINS OMULO

**O**range Democratic Movement (ODM) leader Raila Odinga has criticised senators for summoning governors over the use of funds, saying that role should be left to county assemblies.

He described the summoning of governors to Senate committees in Nairobi a waste of time and resources.

"It is unnecessary. Governors should be allowed to focus on their duties, not spending days in Nairobi fending off politically-motivated summons," he told delegates at the Devolution Conference in Homa Bay County yesterday.

Mr Odinga accused lawmakers of using their oversight powers for political or personal gain, including sabotaging development projects.

"Contractors who lose tenders are now using Ward Representatives and MPs to fight their wars. They summon County Executive Committee Members and Cabinet Secretaries endlessly, impeding development," he added.

The remarks came a day after President William Ruto accused lawmakers of demanding bribes from those summoned by parliamentary teams.

Mr Odinga also opposed MPs' control over the National Government Constituency Development Fund (NG-CDF) and the National Government Affirmative Action Fund (NGAAF), saying the kitties should be moved to devolved governments.

"It is not the work of MPs to build schools or hospitals. That role belongs to governors. NG-CDF and NGAAF should be ceded to counties where they will be managed in line with devolved functions," he said.

The Judiciary also came scrutiny, with Mr Odinga saying some individuals prefer bribing judges to hiring lawyers.

He added that corruption is not limited to counties but is deeply rooted in the national government, particularly in revenue collection and procurement.

"There is pilferage in these two areas. Corruption in the national Executive must be addressed decisively if we are to move forward as a country," he said.

The ODM chief accused the private sector and the media of



ODM leader Raila Odinga at the devolution conference in Homa Bay County yesterday. GEORGE ODIWUOR | NATION

complicity in corruption.

"Let's not pretend corruption is confined to politicians. The private sector bribes its way to get tenders. Some media exposés are sponsored by rival interests. We must slay this corruption animal together or perish under its weight," he said.

While admitting that sleaze exists in counties, Mr Odinga condemned the "weaponisation of anti-corruption efforts against governors".

"Counties get just about 15 per cent of the national budget, yet they are the main focus in the war on corruption. My friends say being a governor is like walking on a landmine as one has to buy his or her peace always. Governors are targeted to spoil the name of devolution and eventually kill it," he said.

The ODM leader said a lot of

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Ahmed Abdullahi, Wajir governor



power remains centralised in the national government and called for full devolution of key sectors like education.

Council of Governors Chairman Ahmed Abdullahi complained that county bosses are unfairly targeted for impeachment.

"Not one MCA or MP has ever been recalled, yet four governors have been impeached and attempts made to remove eight others. Are Kenyans only electing the wrong governors?" he asked.

He also called for pensions for former governors, saying many live in poverty.

Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi told governors to make good use of the more than Sh3 trillion allocated to them in the last 12 years.

He said 688 projects valued at Sh24 billion have been delayed in 34 counties, 40 projects valued at Sh400 million are under-utilised while Sh20 billion projects have been abandoned.

"This is a concern and should be addressed immediately," Mr Mudavadi said, adding that counties should not allow politics to drive investors away.

He also called for a system that rewards counties that excel in innovation and sanctions on those that fail to address challenges like waste management.

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**Devolution** Uhuru Kenyatta focused on Kisumu after Handshake with Raila, leaders say

# How Ruto made Homa Bay face of the broad-based government

Area governor Wanga says most of the development in the county has been with support from President's administration

BY NATION TEAM

For years, Homa Bay has played second fiddle to its more illustrious neighbours, including Kisumu, both politically and economically.

Tucked along the eastern shores of Lake Victoria, the county has been a bane of ridicule with the first 10 years of devolution doing little to help it shed off the negative image it has grappled with for many years.

However, since President William Ruto took power in 2022, Homa Bay has undergone steady transformation; rising from the quiet frontier county to a political and economic giant.

The Gladys Wanga-led county is fast becoming the face of President Ruto's broad-based government, with the Head of State making at least three visits to the region, between February and August this year.

Christened "County of endless potential", Homa Bay is quickly becoming Dr Ruto's second citadel of power outside Nairobi.

It has slowly taken the shine from Kisumu which was a darling of former President Uhuru Kenyatta after the "Handshake".

Mr Kenyatta concentrated most of his "Handshake" projects in Kisumu as he made numerous trips to the lakeside city. President Ruto appears keen on Homa Bay.

The ex-President took Madaraka Day celebrations to Kisumu, repaired Jomo Kenyatta International Stadium in Kisumu, built a modern port, the Kenya Marine Institute, and the Kenya Shipyards, where ferries are now be-

ing constructed, and refurbished Kisumu's port.

Kisumu State Lodge, where no president had slept, suddenly became a hive of activity as Mr Kenyatta spent a lot of time there.

But the tide has changed with President Ruto choosing Homa Bay. This came after Mr Ruto struck a political deal with ODM leader Raila Odinga last year. The 10-point agenda, between ODM and President Ruto's UDA, is meant to address Kenya's most enduring governance and political challenges.

Between his first visit in October 2022 and February this year, the President Ruto has toured the Homa Bay five times despite receiving little support from the voters in the region.

"I am delighted to be back in Homa Bay, the county of endless potential, a place whose promise mirrors that of our great nation: vast possibilities awaiting bold action as we steadily unlock the full benefits of devolution," said President Ruto during the official launch of the 2025 Devolution Conference on Wednesday.

The President visited the Homa Bay State Lodge, a project implemented by his administration ahead of this year's Madaraka Day celebrations, and signed crucial bills supporting devolution into law from there.

Such ceremonies have always been a preserve of the State House in Nairobi. However, the Head of State broke from tradition by assenting to the County Allocation of Revenue Bill, 2025 which increased the equitable share of revenue to Sh415 billion



for counties, and the County Public Finance Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2023, which amended the Public Finance Management Act to grant county assemblies financial autonomy.

On Wednesday, Governor Wanga recounted how Homa Bay struggled to make a name for itself. She said no one thought the county could even host the devolution conference. The county had been given several demeaning names including *mwisho walamami* (end of tarmac).

She said the derogatory references implied the county had no capacity to host a national event, as it was also considered a small county. "A lot of transformation has taken place here over the last three years," Ms Wanga said.

She said up to three quarters of the development in the region has been done with support from the national government.

The governor said some of the amenities that residents are currently enjoying, including roads in Homa Bay Town, development at the lakefront and other pro-

President William Ruto addresses residents in Awendo town after meeting with grassroots leaders from Migori County at the Sony Sugar Green Stadium yesterday. PHOTO | PCS

jects, were developed through a partnership between her administration and the national government, under President Ruto. "You (the president) promised not to leave Homa Bay behind just because of how we voted. The transformation has been enormous. The dualling of Homa Road, the transformation of the lake front developments and many other projects."

But no one captured the state the county was in before the 2022 elections than area Senator Moses Kajwang. "We did not have 90 per cent of the roads and other public infrastructure we currently have. This region had been considered the black sheep of the government," Mr Kajwang said.

The Senator added: "Many peo-

ple used to wonder what good can come out of Homa Bay. I am glad you have seen this as a county of endless potential."

Mr Kajwang said the region was side-lined by previous governments including Uhuru Kenyatta's. On Wednesday, President Ruto was in Homa Bay once more to open the three-day 2025 Devolution Conference, a continuation of the Head of State's dalliance with the county. President Ruto's first visit being in October 2, 2022 when he attended a prayer service at the African Inland Church in Homa Bay town.

In January 2023, President was back in the county to launch the construction of affordable houses and commissioning the Homa Bay Municipal Market.

In July the same year, the President was back for a thanksgiving and prayer service at the home of Interior PS Raymond Omollo.

In August 2024, President Ruto was back in Homa Bay town when he pledged to make it a city, among his many other visits to the county.

## Governors hail gains in health, education

BY COLLINS OMULO AND GEORGE ODIWUOR

Governors have hailed devolution as a game changer saying it has improved the lives of Kenyans, despite challenges faced by counties.

The county chiefs described devolution as the most progressive form of social, economic and political transformation that Kenya has witnessed.

Speaking during the 2025 Devolution Conference in Homa Bay yesterday, Council of Governors chairperson Ahmed Abdullahi said devolution remains a model of meaningful reform and the best gift Kenyans gave themselves in 2010.

The Wajir governor noted that counties have transformed sectors, with benefits reaching grassroots communities. "The primary goal of devolution is to ensure equitable distribution of development so that every Kenyan enjoys a dignified, quality life."

Over the last 12 years, Mr Abdullahi said, the health sector has recorded the most significant gains. "Devolving health has led to an increase in antenatal care and skilled deliveries, reflecting improved access to skilled birth attendants," he said, adding; "In 2013, Kenya had 8,466 health centres and dispensaries. Today, there are 14,710 operational health facilities—both public and private—thanks to sustained investments by counties in partnership with the national government and private sector."

## Leaders caution over increasing cases of human rights abuses

BY GEORGE ODIWUOR

There is concern that Kenya may be slipping back into the era when dissent was met with repression and violations of civil liberties were common.

During a panel discussion at the 2025 Devolution Conference in Homa Bay, Siaya Governor James Orengo and National Assembly Minority Whip Millie Odhiambo cited recent violations of human rights targeting those who challenge the political status quo.

The session, which focused on the protection of human rights and the pursuit of social justice, was also attended by Mr Hussein Khalid, CEO of

VOCAL Africa, and Ms Rehema Jaldeza, the National Gender and Equality Commission chairperson.

The discussions reflected on the current state of socio-economic, political, civil and cultural rights in the country. The panel discussions sought to identify actionable strategies to put the national government and counties at the heart of human rights protection.

Mr Orengo, a human rights lawyer, acknowledged progress made under the guidance of the Bill of Rights, but expressed concern that Kenya is now witnessing a regression in the respect for civil and political rights.

Among the rights he noted were un-

der threat are the right to life, dignity, privacy, freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

"If we examine the state of these rights over the past three years, it is evident that we are not where we ought to be. We are witnessing persistent encroachments by the state. Without the vigilance of the people, the country risks making two steps forward and one step back," said Mr Orengo.

Ms Odhiambo, the Suba North MP, called for the full implementation of the Constitution to shield Kenyans from violations, citing recent protests where protesters suffered injuries and death at the hands of state agencies.

Mr Khalid raised alarm over widespread corruption in counties, pointing to damning audit reports detailing ghost projects, unexplained expenditures and mismanagement of public resources. "Devolution holds immense promise, but it is being sabotaged by the diversion of resources into the hands of a few," he said.

Ms Jaldeza said Kenya should embrace equality and inclusion across all tiers of government, praising increased representation of youth, women and persons with disabilities in county assemblies.

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Siaya Governor James Orengo at the 2025 Devolution Conference in Homa Bay High School yesterday. ALEX ODHIAMBO | NATION

## The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the Un-audited results of the Group and the Bank for the Period ended 30 June 2025

I	STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION	GROUP				KINGDOM BANK				CO-OP BANK			
		30-Jun-25 KSHS.'000 (Un-audited)	31-Mar-25 KSHS.'000 (Un-audited)	31-Dec-24 KSHS.'000 Audited	30-Jun-24 KSHS.'000 (Un-audited)	30-Jun-25 KSHS.'000 (Un-audited)	31-Mar-25 KSHS.'000 (Un-audited)	31-Dec-24 KSHS.'000 Audited	30-Jun-24 KSHS.'000 (Un-audited)	30-Jun-25 KSHS.'000 (Un-audited)	31-Mar-25 KSHS.'000 (Un-audited)	31-Dec-24 KSHS.'000 Audited	30-Jun-24 KSHS.'000 (Un-audited)
A	<b>ASSETS</b>												
1	Cash (local and foreign)	11,994,774	11,600,198	10,691,648	11,107,688	637,507	761,599	783,739	731,830	7,742,010	7,777,149	9,095,783	6,830,365
2	Balances due from Central Bank Of Kenya	35,786,423	28,299,830	24,092,217	26,808,722	1,372,745	1,320,458	1,091,004	1,493,312	34,413,678	26,979,372	21,348,472	25,315,410
3	Kenya Government and other securities held for dealing purposes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	Financial Assets at Fair Value through profit and loss (FVTPL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.a.a	Investment Securities: Held at Amortised Cost - Kenya Government Securities	151,809,812	135,353,763	113,386,361	106,628,629	7,397,674	7,397,674	7,397,674	7,396,041	144,385,914	127,933,369	105,988,687	99,232,588
a.b	Investment Securities: Held at Amortised Cost - Other Securities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
b.a	Investment Securities: Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income (FVOCI) - Kenya Government Securities	101,923,855	106,775,645	104,187,398	95,597,668	13,080,360	13,662,243	13,103,849	12,394,736	88,843,495	93,113,402	90,382,274	82,860,216
b.b	Investment Securities: Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income (FVOCI) - Other Securities	1,234,195	1,233,853	1,304,062	1,750,670	-	-	-	-	1,234,195	1,233,853	1,234,190	1,733,630
6	Deposits and balances due from local banking institutions	15,838,326	15,641,496	22,048,183	19,676,142	2,249,111	1,948,398	782,647	1,116,522	8,414,035	8,944,118	14,943,315	14,924,391
7	Deposits and balances due from banking institutions abroad	41,834,199	28,081,364	30,114,552	26,599,725	65,845	136,299	109,250	210,264	41,817,403	28,283,026	32,083,780	26,432,093
8	Tax recoverable	-	-	-	-	279,897	279,897	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	Loans and advances to customers (net)	391,263,134	384,546,668	373,732,927	375,629,469	17,368,471	15,883,505	14,009,959	10,948,326	369,667,016	364,907,090	356,257,992	360,933,934
10	Balances due from banking institutions in the group	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	Investments in associates	3,925,666	3,907,470	3,656,036	3,143,836	9,767	9,767	9,767	10,916	706,444	706,444	706,444	706,444
12	Investments in subsidiary companies	-	-	-	-	255,039	255,039	255,039	255,039	3,884,925	3,884,925	3,884,925	3,884,925
13	Investment in joint ventures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Investment in properties	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Property, plant and equipment	13,168,210	12,972,618	12,266,285	11,075,323	1,202,528	1,216,470	1,213,922	1,214,404	11,275,101	11,081,665	10,536,094	9,172,480
16	Prepaid lease rentals	31,169	31,321	31,473	31,778	-	-	-	-	31,169	31,321	31,473	31,778
17	Intangible assets	5,535,020	5,594,337	5,509,826	5,739,802	111,819	84,499	70,090	21,126	1,989,677	2,081,899	2,016,187	2,386,544
18	Deferred tax asset	7,103,676	6,938,431	6,830,998	6,541,482	-	-	-	129,511	7,136,683	6,984,171	6,831,659	6,443,920
19	Retirement benefit asset	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	Other assets	30,456,827	33,096,737	35,338,178	26,594,238	2,663,825	1,957,959	2,078,987	1,605,713	25,351,146	28,538,042	32,482,194	24,213,101
21	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>811,905,286</b>	<b>774,073,731</b>	<b>743,190,144</b>	<b>716,925,172</b>	<b>46,694,588</b>	<b>44,913,807</b>	<b>41,185,824</b>	<b>37,527,740</b>	<b>746,892,891</b>	<b>712,479,846</b>	<b>687,823,471</b>	<b>665,101,820</b>
B	<b>LIABILITIES</b>												
22	Balances due to Central Bank Of Kenya	-	-	-	-	641,298	849,785	849,918	1,068,829	-	-	-	-
23	Customer deposits	547,724,260	525,173,518	506,112,147	507,391,376	27,199,372	25,211,774	21,631,506	17,437,699	514,341,040	493,937,069	478,183,582	484,248,337
24	Deposits and balances due to local banking institutions	11,621,648	6,322,130	590,717	4,801,688	-	-	-	-	11,621,648	6,322,130	2,265,963	4,801,688
25	Deposits and balances due to banking institutions abroad	1,233,378	608,348	2,210,361	1,835,811	-	-	-	-	248,553	428,909	2,210,361	1,361,443
26	Other money market deposits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27	Borrowed funds	65,671,377	54,769,904	55,406,100	50,217,353	13,514,767	14,270,932	15,036,303	16,551,769	51,556,060	39,702,206	39,584,754	32,683,703
28	Balances due to banking institutions in the group	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	Tax payable	315,589	3,041,750	230,128	286,586	168,785	93,807	32,001	36,556	401,039	3,154,787	563,960	265,755
30	Dividends payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31	Deferred tax liability	-	-	-	-	59,158	59,158	59,158	-	-	-	-	-
32	Retirement benefit liability	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	Other liabilities	29,030,854	28,450,892	33,037,956	25,262,727	787,743	702,289	531,815	248,890	25,629,766	25,212,863	30,026,541	23,198,804
34	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>655,597,106</b>	<b>618,366,542</b>	<b>597,587,408</b>	<b>589,795,541</b>	<b>42,371,123</b>	<b>41,187,745</b>	<b>38,140,701</b>	<b>35,343,743</b>	<b>603,798,107</b>	<b>568,757,965</b>	<b>552,835,160</b>	<b>546,559,731</b>
C	<b>SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>												
35	Paid up / Assigned capital	5,867,180	5,867,180	5,867,180	5,867,180	1,867,947	1,867,947	1,867,947	1,867,947	5,867,180	5,867,180	5,867,180	5,867,180
36	Share premium / (discount)	1,911,925	1,911,925	1,911,925	1,911,925	3,087,449	3,087,449	3,087,449	3,087,449	1,911,925	1,911,925	1,911,925	1,911,925
37	Revaluation reserve	1,342,931	1,342,924	1,602,390	1,375,901	-	-	-	-	1,427,072	1,427,072	1,427,363	1,448,823
38	Retained earnings / Accumulated losses	143,280,930	136,110,583	128,583,636	124,854,487	(642,451)	(768,098)	(947,651)	(1,065,565)	129,874,450	123,347,685	117,140,227	114,925,509
39	Statutory Loan Loss Reserve	136,231	71,442	53,059	75,645	64,800	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	Other Reserves	3,444,069	1,442,460	(1,789,920)	(7,742,140)	(54,280)	(461,236)	(962,622)	(1,705,834)	3,672,357	2,020,831	(510,191)	(5,971,623)
41	Proposed dividends	-	8,800,770	8,800,770	-	-	-	-	-	8,800,770	8,800,770	8,800,770	-
42	Capital grants	341,798	346,417	351,036	360,274	-	-	-	-	341,798	346,417	351,036	360,274
43	<b>TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>	<b>156,325,064</b>	<b>155,893,701</b>	<b>145,380,078</b>	<b>126,703,272</b>	<b>4,323,465</b>	<b>3,726,062</b>	<b>3,045,123</b>	<b>2,183,997</b>	<b>143,094,784</b>	<b>143,721,881</b>	<b>134,988,312</b>	<b>118,542,088</b>
43.1	Non-Controlling Interest	(16,884)	(186,512)	222,657	426,359	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>	<b>811,905,286</b>	<b>774,073,731</b>	<b>743,190,144</b>	<b>716,925,172</b>	<b>46,694,588</b>	<b>44,913,807</b>	<b>41,185,824</b>	<b>37,527,740</b>	<b>746,892,891</b>	<b>712,479,846</b>	<b>687,823,471</b>	<b>665,101,820</b>
II	<b>STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>												
1.0	<b>INTEREST INCOME</b>												
1.1	Loans and advances	27,947,320	13,961,554	55,854,237	25,635,618	1,095,136	491,105	1,559,305	674,246	26,534,909	13,331,280	53,822,127	24,548,225
1.2	Government securities	14,474,101	7,026,839	26,875,486	12,600,279	1,212,976	615,587	2,560,288	1,301,753	13,212,033	6,411,252	24,315,198	11,298,526
1.3	Deposits and placements with banking institutions	2,377,145	1,221,929	3,520,236	1,564,270	98,914	34,368	245,243	65,705	1,545,084	750,672	2,578,983	909,608
1.4	Other Interest Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.5	<b>Total Interest Income</b>	<b>44,798,566</b>	<b>22,210,322</b>	<b>86,249,958</b>	<b>39,800,167</b>	<b>2,407,026</b>	<b>1,141,060</b>	<b>4,364,835</b>	<b>2,041,704</b>	<b>41,292,027</b>	<b>20,493,204</b>	<b>80,716,308</b>	<b>36,756,360</b>
2.0	<b>INTEREST EXPENSE</b>												
2.1	Customer deposits	13,383,671	6,953,231	29,332,588	13,573,177	1,212,572	614,409	2,096,285	839,761	12,135,647	6,321,829	27,187,252	12,715,472
2.2	Deposits and placements from banking institutions	81,816	27,538	1,090,855	357,051	7,994	90	164,337	22,189	73,822	27,448	926,518	334,862
2.3	Other Interest Expenses	1,956,762	988,285	4,304,633	2,012,398	4,926	2,728	-	57,776	1,951,836	985,557	4,355,783	1,954,622
2.4	<b>Total Interest Expenses</b>	<b>15,422,249</b>	<b>7,969,054</b>	<b>34,728,075</b>	<b>15,942,627</b>	<b>1,225,492</b>	<b>617,227</b>	<b>2,260,622</b>	<b>919,726</b>	<b>14,161,305</b>	<b>7,334,834</b>	<b>32,469,553</b>	<b>15,004,957</b>
3	<b>NET INTEREST INCOME/(LOSS)</b>	<b>29,376,317</b>	<b>14,241,268</b>	<b>51,521,883</b>	<b>23,857,540</b>	<b>1,181,534</b>	<b>523,833</b>	<b>2,104,213</b>	<b>1,121,978</b>	<b>27,130,722</b>	<b>13,158,370</b>	<b>48,246,755</b>	<b>21,751,403</b>
4	<b>NON-INTEREST INCOME</b>												
4.1	Fees and commissions on loans and advances	5,602,336	2,765,926	11,033,718	6,026,497	157,628	77,683	237,312	82,138	5,444,708	2,688,243	10,257,723	5,944,359
4.2	Other Fees and commissions	6,326,426	3,058,091	12,066,724	6,316,468	126,288	63,733	205,884	94,159	4,844,708	2,374,302	10,099,885	5,006,300
4.3	Foreign exchange trading income/(loss)	1,547,029	800,615	4,974,885	2,649,075	64,285	36,621	(33,403)	38,525	1,284,436	659,391	4,099,341	2,339,257
4.4	Dividend income	1,064	-	25,380	-	-	-	-	-	66,878	-	87,065	-
4.5	Other income	635,144	315,956	1,050,219	357,491	9,758	4,971	119,844	39,053	502,000	235,518	623,962	226,781
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## The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the Un-audited results of the Group and the Bank for the Period ended 30 June 2025

	GROUP				KINGDOM BANK				CO-OP BANK			
	30-Jun-25 KSHS.'000 (Un-audited)	31-Mar-25 KSHS.'000 (Un-audited)	31-Dec-24 KSHS.'000 Audited	30-Jun-24 KSHS.'000 (Un-audited)	30-Jun-25 KSHS.'000 (Un-audited)	31-Mar-25 KSHS.'000 (Un-audited)	31-Dec-24 KSHS.'000 Audited	30-Jun-24 KSHS.'000 (Un-audited)	30-Jun-25 KSHS.'000 (Un-audited)	31-Mar-25 KSHS.'000 (Un-audited)	31-Dec-24 KSHS.'000 Audited	30-Jun-24 KSHS.'000 (Un-audited)
<b>13.0 OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>												
13.1 Gains/(Losses) from translating the financial statements of foreign operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13.2 Fair value changes in available-for-sale financial assets	5,099,914	3,037,928	15,328,480	9,129,000	908,342	501,386	1,019,371	341,730	4,182,548	2,531,022	14,249,582	8,788,150
13.3 Revaluation Surplus on property, Plant and Equipment	-	-	2,032,282	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13.4 Share of other comprehensive income of associates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13.5 Income tax relating to components of other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>14 OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME NET OF TAX</b>	<b>5,099,914</b>	<b>3,037,928</b>	<b>17,360,762</b>	<b>9,129,000</b>	<b>908,342</b>	<b>501,386</b>	<b>1,019,371</b>	<b>341,730</b>	<b>4,182,548</b>	<b>2,531,022</b>	<b>14,249,582</b>	<b>8,788,150</b>
<b>15 TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>	<b>19,179,297</b>	<b>9,968,692</b>	<b>42,817,107</b>	<b>22,119,634</b>	<b>1,227,273</b>	<b>645,365</b>	<b>1,568,366</b>	<b>786,591</b>	<b>16,916,771</b>	<b>8,738,479</b>	<b>37,237,676</b>	<b>20,791,828</b>
Basic Earnings per share	2.41	1.18	4.33	2.21	-	-	-	-	2.17	1.06	3.92	2.05
Diluted Earnings per share	2.41	1.18	4.33	2.21	-	-	-	-	2.17	1.06	3.92	2.05
Dividend per share	-	-	1.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.50	-

III OTHER DISCLOSURES	GROUP				KINGDOM BANK				CO-OP BANK			
	30-Jun-25 KSHS.'000 (Un-audited)	31-Mar-25 KSHS.'000 (Un-audited)	31-Dec-24 KSHS.'000 Audited	30-Jun-24 KSHS.'000 (Un-audited)	30-Jun-25 KSHS.'000 (Un-audited)	31-Mar-25 KSHS.'000 (Un-audited)	31-Dec-24 KSHS.'000 Audited	30-Jun-24 KSHS.'000 (Un-audited)	30-Jun-25 KSHS.'000 (Un-audited)	31-Mar-25 KSHS.'000 (Un-audited)	31-Dec-24 KSHS.'000 Audited	30-Jun-24 KSHS.'000 (Un-audited)
<b>1 NON-PERFORMING LOANS AND ADVANCES</b>												
a) Gross non-performing loans and advances	76,285,631	74,074,915	71,079,784	69,553,806	3,460,221	3,421,165	2,977,825	3,612,829	71,828,460	69,575,538	66,952,396	65,176,611
Less:												
b) Interest in suspense	5,006,645	5,022,701	5,115,196	5,122,223	506,294	496,993	478,671	531,085	4,423,478	4,432,557	4,556,851	4,558,567
c) Total Non-performing loans and advances (a-b)	71,278,986	69,052,214	65,964,588	64,431,583	2,953,927	2,924,172	2,499,154	3,081,744	67,404,982	65,142,981	62,395,545	60,618,044
Less:												
d) Loan loss provisions	45,208,562	42,545,712	40,337,945	36,289,370	942,588	1,189,108	867,401	1,418,659	43,973,652	41,095,923	39,136,283	34,690,291
e) Net Non performing loans (c-d)	26,070,424	26,506,503	25,626,643	28,142,213	2,011,339	1,735,064	1,631,753	1,663,085	23,431,329	24,047,059	23,259,262	25,927,753
f) Discounted Value of Securities	27,327,061	27,620,876	29,787,441	34,567,482	1,791,257	1,511,303	1,545,554	1,464,134	24,594,086	25,199,095	24,821,749	32,262,947
g) Net NPLs Exposure (e-f)	(1,256,637)	(1,114,374)	(4,160,798)	(6,425,269)	220,082	223,761	86,199	198,951	(1,162,757)	(1,152,036)	(1,562,487)	(6,335,194)
<b>2 Insider loans and advances</b>												
a) Directors, shareholders and associates	8,069,747	8,517,937	8,376,734	8,150,526	13,484	10,508	11,023	8,382	8,047,752	8,498,374	8,365,711	8,142,144
b) Employees	13,051,366	12,869,408	12,758,784	12,683,355	443,175	415,017	348,225	341,891	12,606,986	12,454,252	12,410,537	12,341,464
c) Total insider loans, advances and other facilities	21,121,113	21,387,345	21,144,569	20,833,882	456,659	425,525	359,248	350,273	20,654,738	20,952,626	20,776,248	20,483,609
<b>3 Off-Balance Sheet Items</b>												
a) Letters of credit, guarantees, acceptances	16,204,777	15,269,649	18,011,188	18,942,411	835,173	782,721	634,737	579,821	14,843,280	14,107,738	17,221,340	18,212,272
b) Forwards, swaps and options	15,459,000	12,426,124	13,119,489	18,059,922	661,050	397,950	-	22,035	14,797,950	12,028,174	13,119,489	18,037,887
c) Other contingent liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
d) Total contingent liabilities	31,663,777	27,695,774	31,130,677	37,002,333	1,496,223	1,180,671	634,737	601,856	29,641,230	26,135,912	30,340,830	36,250,159
<b>4 Capital strength</b>												
a) Core capital	129,701,630	126,250,553	122,825,896	112,018,142	4,153,479	4,115,205	4,007,745	3,537,890	120,846,634	117,740,382	114,793,785	106,974,205
b) Minimum Statutory Capital	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
c) Excess/( deficiency)	128,701,630	125,250,553	121,825,896	112,018,142	3,153,479	3,115,305	3,007,745	2,537,890	119,846,634	116,740,382	113,793,785	105,974,205
d) Supplementary capital	17,459,278	18,601,687	19,148,039	20,096,843	64,800	-	-	-	17,480,313	18,622,724	19,104,282	20,115,073
e) Total capital	147,160,908	144,852,240	141,973,934	133,114,985	4,218,279	4,115,305	4,007,745	3,537,890	138,326,947	136,363,106	133,898,067	127,089,279
f) Total risk weighted assets	689,998,621	636,686,585	670,824,019	624,437,354	25,822,225	23,356,284	21,009,574	18,401,973	655,754,643	620,549,235	639,757,936	594,157,582
g) Core capital/total deposit liabilities	23.1%	23.7%	24.2%	23.1%	15.3%	16.3%	18.5%	20.3%	23.0%	23.5%	23.8%	21.8%
h) Minimum Statutory Ratio	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%
i) Excess/( deficiency)	15.1%	15.7%	16.2%	15.1%	7.3%	8.3%	10.5%	12.3%	15.0%	15.5%	15.8%	13.8%
j) Core capital/total risk weighted assets	18.8%	19.8%	18.3%	18.1%	16.1%	17.6%	19.1%	19.2%	18.4%	19.0%	17.9%	18.0%
k) Minimum Statutory Ratio	10.5%	10.5%	10.5%	10.5%	10.5%	10.5%	10.5%	10.5%	10.5%	10.5%	10.5%	10.5%
l) Excess/( deficiency)(j-k)	8.3%	9.3%	7.8%	7.6%	5.6%	7.1%	8.6%	8.7%	7.9%	8.5%	7.4%	7.5%
m) Total capital/total risk weighted assets	21.3%	22.8%	21.2%	21.3%	16.3%	17.6%	19.1%	19.2%	21.1%	22.0%	20.9%	21.4%
n) Minimum Statutory Ratio	14.5%	14.5%	14.5%	14.5%	14.5%	14.5%	14.5%	14.5%	14.5%	14.5%	14.5%	14.5%
o) Excess/( deficiency)(m-n)	6.8%	8.3%	6.7%	6.8%	1.8%	3.1%	4.6%	4.7%	6.6%	7.5%	6.4%	6.9%
<b>5 Liquidity</b>												
a) Liquidity Ratio	66.7%	61.3%	59.9%	54.0%	77.1%	86.5%	91.7%	128.1%	61.0%	58.1%	56.1%	51.4%
b) Minimum Statutory Ratio	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%
c) Excess / (deficiency)(a-b)	46.7%	41.3%	39.9%	34.0%	57.1%	66.5%	71.7%	108.1%	41.0%	38.1%	36.1%	31.4%

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY							
	Share Capital	Share Premium	Revenue and Other Reserves	Proposed Dividends	Attributable to equity holder of the company	Non-controlling interest	Total equity
	KSHs'000	KSHs'000	KSHs'000	KSHs'000	KSHs'000	KSHs'000	KSHs'000
<b>Balance at 1 January 2025</b>	5,867,180	1,911,925	128,449,164	8,800,770	145,029,039	222,657	145,251,696
Profit/(Loss) for the year	-	-	14,079,383	-	14,079,383	77,369	14,156,752
Other comprehensive income	-	-	5,099,914	-	5,099,914	90,834	5,190,748
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	-	-	19,179,297	-	19,179,297	168,203	19,347,500
Net Movement in Reserves	-	-	575,700	-	575,700	(407,744)	167,956
2024- Dividends paid	-	-	-	(8,800,770)	(8,800,770)	-	(8,800,770)
<b>Balance at 30 June 2025</b>	<b>5,867,180</b>	<b>1,911,925</b>	<b>148,204,162</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>155,983,267</b>	<b>(16,884)</b>	<b>155,966,383</b>

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS			
	Un-Audited 30-Jun-25 KSHs'000	Audited 31-Dec-24 KSHs'000	Un-Audited 30-Jun-24 KSHs'000
<b>Net cash flows from operating activities</b>	<b>42,048,108</b>	<b>62,050,940</b>	<b>45,725,788</b>
Net cash flows used in investing activities	(24,651,252)	(25,194,250)	(13,777,199)
Net cash flows from financing activities	1,307,645	(11,130,832)	(10,461,852)
<b>Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>18,704,502</b>	<b>25,725,858</b>	<b>21,486,737</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	57,926,149	32,200,291	32,200,292
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at period end</b>	<b>76,630,651</b>	<b>57,926,149</b>	<b>53,687,029</b>

### KEY PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS:

Total Assets <b>Kshs. 811.9B</b> (13.2% Growth)	Total Customer Deposits <b>Kshs. 547.7B</b> (7.9% Growth)
Profit Before Tax <b>Kshs. 19.7B</b> (8.3% Growth)	Profit After Tax <b>Kshs. 14.1B</b> (8.4% Growth)
Net Loans and Advances <b>Kshs. 391.3B</b> (4.2% Growth)	Shareholders' Funds <b>Kshs. 156.3B</b> (23.4% Growth)

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

**Signed: John Murugu, OGW**  
Chairman

**Signed: Dr.Gideon Muriuki, CBS, MBS**  
Group Managing Director & CEO



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## National News

# Court declares Kulei firm owner of disputed 50-acre Nakuru land

BY JOSEPH OPENDA

Former President Daniel arap Moi's long-time aide, Joshua Kulei, has emerged victorious in a three-year legal dispute over a contested 50-acre parcel in Nakuru's Ngata estate.

The Environment and Land Court has declared that Sian Enterprises, a company linked to Mr Kulei, is the rightful owner of the property — LR No. 13287/99 — and ordered claimants Omar Mohamed Omar and Patrick Wakanda to vacate.

### Peaceful occupation

The dispute began in 2023 when Mr Omar and Mr Wakanda sued Sian Enterprises, Mr Kulei, the Chief Land Registrar, the Agricultural Development Corporation (ADC) and the Attorney-General.

They claimed the ADC had allotted them the land in 1995, issuing a title deed in 1996 after they met all conditions in a letter of offer.

They alleged peaceful occupation for decades until October 2023, when youths allegedly sent by Sian Enterprises invaded, demolished structures and began fencing the property.

The claimants sought recognition as genuine owners. They also sought an injunction against Sian Enterprises.

However, Mr Kulei and the company counter-claimed, stating they bought the land in 1998 for Sh5.5 million from the late Joseph Nkaissery, then a Cabinet Secretary, who had acquired it from the ADC in 1991.

Mr Kulei testified that he discovered the alleged takeover in January 2024 when a fence was removed and a temporary structure erected.

The Directorate of Criminal Investigations found the claimants' documents — including a grant, title, and bankers' cheques — to be forgeries.

The Chief Land Registrar corroborated the defence, producing an official grant that contradicted the plaintiffs' version.

Former and current Ngata chiefs confirmed Mr Nkaissery was the original owner.

Justice Anthony Ombwayo dismissed the plaintiffs' case, ruling they had failed to prove ownership. He ordered them to vacate, permanently barred them from the land, and directed the cancellation of all documents in their possession.

**Lawsuit** Court ruled that nuns are the school's owners

# Catholic nuns win rare legal row with priests over school

The Dominican Friars had conceived the idea of a school for underprivileged children in Kajulu

BY BRIAN WASUNA

The High Court has ruled in favour of a group of nuns in a rare and protracted battle with priests over the ownership of Our Lady of Grace School in Kajulu, Kisumu County.

Justice Samson Okong'o dismissed a case brought by Our Lady of Grace School Foundation Ltd, a private firm backed by priests of the Dominican Friars, which had sought to compel the Franciscan Sisters of St Ann, Lwak, to transfer ownership of the school and the land it occupies.

The Dominican Friars—an order of priests and brothers founded in the 13th century—had conceived the idea of a school for underprivileged children in Kajulu.

The priests accused the nuns of defying repeated requests by senior members of their order to transfer the institution to the foundation.

The clerics further claimed a trust had been created to facilitate the transfer, but admitted it was never signed, allegedly due to an oversight.

The nuns countered that they were never party to such a trust and that it was drafted long after the land had been registered in their name.

They also accused the foundation of attempting to defraud both the Franciscan Sisters and the Dominican Friars of the property.

Our Lady of Grace School occupies two of four land parcels purchased for the project. Title documents list the Registered Trustees of the Franciscan Sisters of St Ann, Lwak, as the owners.

The nuns were registered as owners in 2008 in trust for the Dominican Friars, who had initiated the school's construction.

They insisted they could only transfer ownership to the Dominican Friars' local arm—and only with explicit instructions from the Catholic Church hierarchy, including the local bishop—not to a private company.

While siding with the nuns, Justice Okong'o acknowledged that the foundation had brought a genuine grievance to court in good faith. He noted that corre-

spondence between the Dominican Friars and the Franciscan Sisters showed a clear intention for the properties to be transferred to the foundation.

"What I have before me are just correspondence from different members of the Dominican Friars," he said. "I do not doubt from the said correspondence that there was an intention by the Dominican Friars to have the suit properties transferred to the plaintiff, and that the first defendant has no valid reason for refusing to effect the transfer. What is missing is a legally binding agreement or instrument... In the absence of such an agreement... only the Dominican Friars could bring a suit to enforce the duties owed to it by the first defendant as a trustee."

The idea for the school came from Fr Martin Martiny, a Dominican priest who had been in Kenya for seven years when the 2007–2008 post-election violence erupted. Witnessing its devastating effect on children, he rallied the Dominican Friars and other Catholic orders to fund a school for vulnerable children in Kajulu.

In 2008, the School Sisters of Notre Dame in Canada and other donors contributed Sh20 million to buy four parcels of land, two of which now host the school.

The Dominican Friars' headquarters in New York, however, declined to directly own or manage the institution, citing potential legal liabilities.

It also rejected a request from its Eastern Africa chapter to take direct ownership.

Instead, it was agreed that the Franciscan Sisters would hold the land and school in trust for the Dominican Friars, with Fr Martiny tasked to find a suitable Catholic entity to take over in the future.

In 2020, Our Lady of Grace School Foundation Ltd sued the Registered Trustees of the Fran-

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Justice Samson Okong'o



ciscan Sisters of St Ann, Lwak, after the nuns refused to hand over the land and school.

The suit also named Sr Juliana Akumba Misore, then Mother Superior of the order, as a defendant. By the time the matter reached court, Sr Mary Aoko Atwalla had succeeded Sr Misore and testified on behalf of the order.

She reiterated that the nuns would only transfer the property to the Dominican Friars of Eastern Africa, and not to a private company she said she did not know.

Before the suit was filed, various Dominican Friars had pressed the nuns for a transfer to the foundation. In November 2017, New York-based Fr Ken Letoile was the first to request the transfer, followed by Fr Martiny.

In March 2019, Fr Gideon Muchira, head of the Dominican Friars' Eastern Africa chapter, also made the same appeal.

Sr Atwalla refused, arguing the move would contravene Catholic Church property laws.

Business Registration Service records show the foundation has five directors: Americans Robert Hampton Clay, John Marcus Carroll and Carmen Garrett Armistead, alongside Kenyans Dorothy Mapenzi Shiroya and Daniel Ochieng Okweh. None holds shares in the company.

The firm was originally incorporated as Libra Institute on 19 February 2010.

In 2018, as the Dominican Friars explored creating a legal entity to own the school, they engaged lawyer Anthony Gross, who suggested using the dormant Libra Institute. Its name was changed to Our Lady of Grace School Foundation Ltd on 29 May 2018, and new directors appointed.

The foundation told the court that neither the Dominican Friars nor the Franciscan Sisters wished to run the school long term.

It claimed there had been a mutual understanding that the nuns would hold the property in trust until Fr Martiny identified a suitable entity to take over—something it argued the foundation fulfilled.

In dismissing the case, Justice Okong'o said that while there was evidence of intent, there was no binding legal agreement transferring beneficial interest in the land from the Dominican Friars to the foundation.

Without such a document, only the Dominican Friars themselves had legal standing to enforce any transfer. The ruling leaves the Franciscan Sisters of St Ann, Lwak, as the legal owners of the land and school.



## COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF MACHAKOS

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### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR THE MACHAKOS COUNTY ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2026/2027

Pursuant to the provisions of articles 10(2a) and 220 (2) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010; section 126 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012; and sections 6(6), 87, 104(4), 106(4) and 115(1) of the County Government Act, 2012; the County Government of Machakos through the Department of Finance and Economic Planning has organized for public Consultative Forums on Machakos County Annual Development Plan (ADP) 2026/2027.

The Public, Civil Society Organizations, Faith Based Organizations, Private Sector Practitioners and all other interested stakeholders are therefore invited to give views that will inform the preparation of the ADP 2026/2027 on the dates, time and venues as per the attached schedule.

SUB COUNTY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
<b>VILLAGE LEVEL CONSULTATIONS TO BE HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025</b>			
Masinga	22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2025	10:30am - 12:30pm	Kaewa Market
Masinga	22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2025	10:30am - 12:30pm	Kiatineni Chief's Camp
Yatta	22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2025	10:30am - 12:30pm	Kalyambeu Primary School
Mwala	22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2025	10:30am - 12:30pm	Wamunyu Baptist Church Ground
Kathiani	22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2025	10:30am - 12:30pm	Limbani Playground
Kangundo	22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2025	10:30am - 12:30pm	Ndunduni Dispensary
Matungulu	22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2025	10:30am - 12:30pm	Kyeleni Market
Kalama	22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2025	10:30am - 12:30pm	Muthumo Primary School Ground
Machakos	22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2025	10:30am - 12:30pm	Kaseve Market Chief's Camp
Mavoko	22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2025	10:30am - 12:30pm	Sikia Market Center Chief's Camp

**NB:** Village level consultations will be held on **20<sup>th</sup> August 2025** from **10:00 a.m.** at the respective Village Administration Offices. Written submissions may be sent electronically or physically to reach the undersigned by **5.00 p.m. 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2025.**

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# TPS EASTERN AFRICA PLC

## UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

The Board of Directors of TPS Eastern Africa PLC is pleased to announce the unaudited financial results for the period ended 30 June 2025.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE SIX-MONTHS PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE		
	2025 KSh's'000	2024 KSh's'000 Restated*
Revenue from contracts with customers	4,054,729	4,530,549
Other income	187,942	65,323
Inventory expensed	(1,190,608)	(1,332,235)
Employee benefits expense	(1,514,675)	(1,441,618)
Other operating expenses	(984,636)	(1,062,894)
Impairment loss – financial assets	(12,808)	(3,480)
<b>Profit before depreciation, finance income/(costs), results of associates and income tax expense</b>	<b>539,944</b>	<b>755,645</b>
Depreciation on right of use assets	(52,832)	(35,544)
Depreciation on property and equipment	(303,009)	(288,065)
Finance income – interest income	66,998	51,684
Finance costs – interest expense	(229,042)	(273,336)
Share of (loss)/profit of associates accounted for using the equity accounting method	(5,557)	29,505
<b>Profit before foreign exchange (loss)/gain and income tax</b>	<b>16,502</b>	<b>239,889</b>
Net foreign exchange (loss)/gain**	(17,716)	782,319
<b>(Loss)/profit before income tax</b>	<b>(1,214)</b>	<b>1,002,208</b>
Income tax expense	(14,760)	(306,258)
<b>(Loss)/profit for the period</b>	<b>(15,974)</b>	<b>695,950</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>		
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	(99,033)	(536,586)
<b>Total other comprehensive income for the period</b>	<b>(99,033)</b>	<b>(536,586)</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>	<b>(115,007)</b>	<b>159,364</b>
<b>Profit attributable to:</b>		
Equity holders of the Company	(13,347)	660,504
Non-controlling interest	(2,627)	35,446
<b>(Loss)/profit for the period</b>	<b>(15,974)</b>	<b>695,950</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income attributable to:</b>		
Equity holders of the Company	(130,354)	318,868
Non-controlling interest	15,347	(159,504)
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>	<b>(115,007)</b>	<b>159,364</b>
<b>Earnings per share</b>		
Basic and diluted (KSh's per share)	<b>(0.05)</b>	<b>2.34</b>

\* The comparative information is restated on accounts of correction of errors.

\*\* Net foreign exchange (loss)/gain represents the non-cash unrealised exchange (loss) / gains arising from the translation of the foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities.

COMPANY STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE SIX-MONTHS PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE		
	2025 KSh's'000	2024 KSh's'000
Other operating expenses	(14,388)	(24,394)
Net finance income	11,652	1,983
<b>Loss before income tax</b>	<b>(2,736)</b>	<b>(22,411)</b>
Income tax expense	(3,538)	(2,128)
Loss for the period	<b>(6,274)</b>	<b>(24,539)</b>
Other comprehensive income	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>	<b>(6,274)</b>	<b>(24,539)</b>

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT:		
	30 June 2025 KSh's'000	31 Dec 2024 KSh's'000
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Property and equipment	13,250,682	13,196,885
Intangible assets	1,271,952	1,271,952
Right of use assets	1,017,551	1,056,998
Investment in associates	840,525	861,948
Deferred income tax asset	11,537	12,295
<b>16,392,247</b>	<b>16,400,078</b>	
<b>Current assets</b>		
Inventories	574,901	560,289
Trade and other receivables	1,276,884	1,454,269
Current income tax	223,292	168,373
Financial asset – fixed deposits	868,678	911,570
Cash and cash equivalents	579,717	695,867
<b>3,523,472</b>	<b>3,790,368</b>	
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>19,915,719</b>	<b>20,190,446</b>
<b>Capital and reserves attributable to the Company's equity holders</b>		
Share capital	282,651	282,651
Share premium	6,001,741	6,001,741
Revaluation reserve	2,211,352	2,211,352
Translation reserve	(846,360)	(729,353)
Proposed dividends	-	98,928
Retained earnings	2,683,227	2,696,574
<b>10,332,611</b>	<b>10,561,893</b>	
Non-controlling interest	989,440	974,093
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>11,322,051</b>	<b>11,535,986</b>

COMPANY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT:		
ASSETS	30 June 2025 KSh's'000	31 Dec 2024 KSh's'000
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Investment in subsidiaries	5,749,856	5,749,856
Investment in associates	840,330	840,330
<b>6,590,186</b>	<b>6,590,186</b>	
<b>Current assets</b>		
Receivables and prepayments	19,604	19,617
Current income tax	-	2,417
Financial assets – fixed deposits	298,002	293,709
Cash and cash equivalents	11,445	4,312
<b>329,051</b>	<b>320,055</b>	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>6,919,237</b>	<b>6,910,241</b>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Equity</b>		
Share capital	282,651	282,651
Share premium	6,001,741	6,001,741
Proposed dividends	-	98,928
Retained earnings	507,821	514,095
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>6,792,213</b>	<b>6,897,415</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	26,976	12,826
Dividend payable	98,928	-
Current income tax	1,120	-
<b>127,024</b>	<b>12,826</b>	
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>	<b>6,919,237</b>	<b>6,910,241</b>

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (CONTINUED) FOR THE SIX-MONTHS PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2024							
	Share capital KSh's'000	Share premium KSh's'000	Revaluation reserve KSh's'000	Translation reserve KSh's'000	Retained earnings KSh's'000	Proposed dividends KSh's'000	Non-controlling interest KSh's'000
At start of period	282,651	6,001,741	2,211,352	(729,353)	2,696,574	98,928	974,093
<b>Comprehensive income for the period</b>	-	-	-	-	(13,347)	-	(2,627)
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	(15,974)
<b>Other comprehensive income:</b>							
Currency translation differences	-	-	-	(117,007)	-	-	17,974
<b>Total other comprehensive income</b>	-	-	-	(117,007)	-	-	17,974
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>	-	-	-	(117,007)	(13,347)	-	15,347
<b>Transaction with owners</b>							
Dividends: 2024 approved dividends	-	-	-	-	(98,928)	-	(98,928)
<b>At end of period</b>	<b>282,651</b>	<b>6,001,741</b>	<b>2,211,352</b>	<b>(846,360)</b>	<b>2,683,227</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>989,440</b>

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (CONTINUED) FOR THE SIX-MONTHS PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2024							
	Share capital KSh's'000	Share premium KSh's'000	Revaluation reserve KSh's'000	Translation reserve KSh's'000	Retained earnings KSh's'000	Proposed dividends KSh's'000	Non-controlling interest KSh's'000
At start of period *Restated	282,651	6,001,741	2,266,195	(344,321)	1,466,312	-	1,102,974
<b>Comprehensive income for the period</b>	-	-	-	-	660,504	-	35,446
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	660,504	-	35,446
<b>Other comprehensive income:</b>							
Currency translation differences	-	-	-	(341,636)	-	-	(194,950)
<b>Total other comprehensive income</b>	-	-	-	(341,636)	-	-	(194,950)
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>	-	-	-	(341,636)	660,504	-	(159,504)
<b>At end of period</b>	<b>282,651</b>	<b>6,001,741</b>	<b>2,266,195</b>	<b>(685,957)</b>	<b>2,126,816</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>943,470</b>

COMPANY STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE SIX-MONTHS PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2025				
	Share capital KSh's'000	Share premium KSh's'000	Retained earnings KSh's'000	Proposed Dividends KSh's'000
At start of period	282,651	6,001,741	514,095	98,928
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period:</b>				
Loss for the period	-	-	(6,274)	-
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>	-	-	(6,274)	-
<b>Transactions with owners of the company</b>				
Dividends: 2024 approved dividends	-	-	(98,928)	(98,928)
<b>At end of period</b>	<b>282,651</b>	<b>6,001,741</b>	<b>507,821</b>	<b>-</b>

COMPANY STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (CONTINUED) FOR THE SIX-MONTHS PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2024				
	Share capital KSh's'000	Share premium KSh's'000	Retained earnings KSh's'000	Proposed dividends KSh's'000
At start of period	282,651	6,001,741	654,685	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period:</b>				
Loss for the period	-	-	(24,539)	-
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>	-	-	(24,539)	-
<b>At end of period</b>	<b>282,651</b>	<b>6,001,741</b>	<b>630,146</b>	<b>-</b>

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE SIX-MONTHS PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE		
	2025 KSh's'000	2024 KSh's'000 *Restated
<b>Operating activities</b>		
Cash generated from operations	807,025	869,340
Interest received	4,532	-
Interest paid	(94,686)	(140,026)
Lease interest paid	(38,117)	(26,117)
Income tax paid	(80,039)	(53,949)
<b>Net cash generated from operating activities</b>	<b>598,705</b>	<b>649,248</b>
<b>Investing activities</b>		
Purchase of property and equipment	(497,446)	(299,655)
Investment in short term deposit	(93,612)	(326,033)
Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment	1,065	3,035
<b>Net cash utilised in investing activities</b>	<b>(589,993)</b>	<b>(622,653)</b>
<b>Financing activities</b>		
Proceeds from long term borrowings	-	121,594
Payments of long-term borrowings	(243,923)	(338,359)
Prior years dividends paid	-	(36,103)
Principal lease payments	(3,357)	(44,442)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(247,280)</b>	<b>(297,310)</b>
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(238,568)</b>	<b>(270,715)</b>
<b>Movement in cash and cash equivalents</b>		
At start of period	695,867	792,524
Decrease during the period	(238,568)	(270,715)
Effect of currency translation differences	122,418	(269,566)
<b>At end of period</b>	<b>579,717</b>	<b>252,243</b>

### COMMENTARY

TPS Eastern Africa Plc (Group/Company/Serena Hotels) delivered a resilient performance in the first half of 2025 navigating amidst a complex business landscape. Operating in an increasingly competitive East African market, the Group capitalised on opportunities despite public demonstrations in Kenya, inflationary pressures, rising energy costs, broader macroeconomic challenges, and geopolitical tensions.

For the period under review, revenue declined by 11% to KSh's 4.1 billion (H1 2024: KSh's 4.5 billion). Despite this shortfall, the Group delivered a Profit before depreciation, finance income/(costs), results of associates and income tax expense at KSh's 540 million (H1 2024: KSh's 756 million). This was, however, lower than the prior year due to reduced margins but was nevertheless reflective of a healthy operational resilience, which resulted in positive operating cash flows, allowing the Group to continue its strategic capital investments and to maintain a positive liquidity position. The prior year's finance income was enhanced by non-cash unrealised exchange gains from the appreciation of the Kenyan Shilling against the US Dollar. The first half of 2025 was characterised by relative exchange rate stability, which while beneficial for operational predictability, eliminated the exceptional currency gains that were recorded in the first half of 2024.

Consequently, the Group recorded a loss after tax of KSh's 16 million compared to a profit of KSh's 696 million in the corresponding period last year. This performance underscores the Group's ability to navigate a challenging business environment while continuing to meet all operational, investment, and financing commitments. Notably, the Group's US Dollar-denominated revenues continue fully to cover

the US Dollar loan obligations maturing in 2025 and beyond. Prior year's results were restated to reflect corrections mainly related to the accounting of leases under IFRS 16 and non-controlling (minority) interests.

Serena Hotels generated a positive operating cashflow of KSh's 0.6 billion in H1 2025 and invested half a billion Kenya Shillings into portfolio enhancements, including desirable refurbishments, sustainability initiatives and guest experience upgrades, aimed at long term value creation. Overall, the Group's financial position remains strong, with total assets of KSh's 20 billion, shareholders' equity of over KSh's 11 billion and a healthy liquidity position.

On 6 August 2025, Serena Hotels officially relaunched its global loyalty programme, *Prestige Club*, along with the Serena Prestige Club App and the enhanced Prestige Club Plus offering. These initiatives provide exclusive benefits to members on dining, accommodation, Maisha Spa & Health Club services, and a range of other offerings, further enriching the guest experience across the Serena portfolio of thirty-three (33) properties spread out in eight (8) countries in Africa and Asia.

Looking ahead, Management remains cautiously optimistic for the second half of the year, which traditionally represents the peak season. Encouraging feedback from our suppliers of business in both traditional and emerging source markets indicates growing interest in promoting East Africa as a preferred tourism destination. This is expected to support portfolio performance optimisation for the remainder of 2025. The Group's strong Serena brand and diversified portfolio continues to be recognised for its strength in leisure, corporate and diplomatic segments, as well as Meetings, Incentives, Conferences

and Exhibitions (MICE). The current forecasts indicate increased patronage across domestic, regional and international markets for the portfolio.

Given the seasonal nature of the tourism industry in East Africa and the uncertainties surrounding regional and global macroeconomic conditions, the first-half 2025 results should not be viewed as indicative of the Group's full-year performance.

The Board and Management extend their appreciation to the governments of the East African countries for their continued support aimed at enhancing the business environment for and in the region.

In line with the Company's practice, the Board of Directors does not recommend the declaration of an interim dividend.

### By Order of the Board

**Dominic Ng'ang'a**  
Company Secretary

14 August 2025  
Nairobi

The above results are an extract from the Group's unaudited financial statements for the period ended 30 June 2025.



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## National News

**Agriculture** Wheat and maize acreage on a downward trend due to low profitability

# Why N. Rift coffee boom has sparked food security fears

More farmers are switching from food crops to cash crops that attract better prices

BY BARNABAS BII

Agriculture experts have warned of a decline in crop production that could threaten the country's food security as more farmers in the North Rift diversify from food crops to high-value cash crops.

Many farmers in the region considered Kenya's food basket are venturing into coffee, sugar cane and horticulture production, lured by attractive prices.

In Uasin Gishu County, one of the leading maize-producing zones, the county government has distributed 383,000 coffee seedlings produced at its Chebororwa Agricultural Training Centre. The seedlings are being sold at a subsidised rate of Sh30 each to meet growing demand from farmers shifting to coffee production.

"We believe coffee has the potential to thrive here, uplift livelihoods and reposition our county as a hub of premium agricultural produce. The crop is well suited to our altitude, soil and climate," said Governor Jonathan Bii, who said they plan to distribute one million seedlings.

The devolved unit has also begun constructing a coffee milling plant in Cheramei, Turbo sub-county, to add value and reduce post-harvest losses, while wooing more farmers to invest in the cash crop.

"Maize is part of our identity, but market demands call for innovation and coffee farming is one of the most impactful shifts in Uasin Gishu's agricultural investment," said the governor, adding that the county also plans to distribute pulping machines to help farmers harvest more efficiently and cut production costs.

However, agriculture experts are warning that the rapid shift to cash crops poses a food security crisis, particularly in traditional maize-producing zones such as Uasin Gishu, Trans Nzoia and Nandi. An estimated 8,000 acres in Trans Nzoia is now under coffee and sugar cane cultivation.

"The shift by cereal farmers to cash crops like coffee and sugar cane has resulted in a decline in maize and wheat production, posing a serious threat to food security," said Mr Ezekiel Kosgei, an Eldoret-based agronomist.

Among the factors driving away maize and wheat farmers is high production costs and unsteady market for the produce.

"Maize production has proved to be an unprofitable investment due to erratic market prices caused by flooding by cheaply imported grains, especially during the harvest seasons," said Mr Samuel Kosgei from Turbo who has five acres of coffee.

"Although it might take long before



Uasin Gishu County Governor Jonathan Bii (left) speaks during the distribution of coffee seedlings to farmers in Kasperet on June 17. More farmers in the North Rift are cutting maize and wheat production in favour of coffee. JARED NYATAYA | NATION

one earns profit from coffee, the returns are attractive as compared to maize, which drops to below Sh2,000 per 90kg," explained Mr Kosgei.

Many coffee factories offer between Sh75 to Sh150 per kilo of coffee cherry depending on quality, prices that farmers consider to be profitable.

Mr Kosgei's sentiments were supported by Mr Evans Kwambai, a wheat farmer from Elgeyo-Marakwet who has now invested in six acres of coffee.

"Wheat has been our traditional source of income, but market uncertainty has forced many farmers to diversify to the emerging coffee production," said Mr Kwambai.

He is among wheat farmers who are faced with market challenges for their produce. Millers are now offering Sh3,800 per 90kg bag of wheat, down from Sh5,600. But most of them have suspended purchasing the crop. Some farmers in the North Rift are still holding last season's stock due to a lack of market for the crop.

In Uasin Gishu, wheat acreage is estimated to have dropped from 40,000 hectares to 18,000 hectares as farmers diversify into coffee and other high-value crops, according to a March 2025 report by the county's department of agriculture.

Kenya currently produces an average of 365,600 tonnes of wheat annually, far below the national consumption of 8.4 million 90kg bags, forcing the country to rely on imports. Last season, the Rift Valley produced an average of 4.5 million bags of wheat from 127,825 hectares.

Annual agriculture reports show that maize production in the Rift Valley has been on the decline—from 44 million to 33 million bags in the 2022/2023 period, dropping further to 21 million bags in 2024/2025. The yield improved to about 70 million 50kg bags in the 2025/2026 period, but there remains an acute shortage of the grain in the market.

According to the Coffee Research

Foundation (CRF), coffee production in the Rift Valley is on the rise due to favourable climatic conditions. "The coffee-growing parts of the Rift Valley have ideal climate and soil that support higher yields compared to other regions," states a CRF report released last month.

Mr Samuel Kosgei



### IN NUMBERS

383,000

Number of coffee seedlings that Uasin Gishu County has distributed to farmers

18,000

Hectares of land under maize farming in Uasin Gishu, down from 40,000, according to a report by the county's agriculture department

65,618

Tonnes of coffee produced in the Rift Valley last season, compared to 19,573 tonnes in the previous season



Chief Justice Martha Koome on July 11. BONFACE BOGITA | NATION

## Koome to Ruto: Anticipatory bail is a right

BY PHILIP MUYANGA

Chief Justice Martha Koome and Attorney-General Dorcas Oduor have differed over when anticipatory bail should be granted to suspects.

The two, who were guests at the Law Society of Kenya (LSK) annual conference in Diani, Kwale County, were responding to remarks by LSK President Faith Odhiambo challenging President William Ruto's recent criticism of anticipatory bail for corruption suspects.

At the Devolution Conference in Homa Bay County on Wednesday, President Ruto accused the Judiciary of abetting graft by granting such bail, which he claimed suspects use to shield themselves from arrest and prosecution.

Ms Oduor said that although anticipatory bail is a constitutional right, its implementation is problematic because some beneficiaries wrongly believe it shields them from prosecution.

"We have people who have been charged with offences which ought not to be bailable... I am not saying the President is right," she said, amid protests from some of the lawyers in attendance.

### National consensus

CJ Koome defended the Judiciary, saying anticipatory bail protects individuals whose rights may be threatened through arrest and detention before charges are filed. She noted that constitutional provisions were not accidental but were the result of national consensus, and that gains such as protection from unlawful arrest must be safeguarded.

"The danger today is the withdrawal of many corruption cases. I have called for data on how many anticipatory bail cases we have," she said.

She clarified that interim anticipatory bail orders are typically granted for a maximum of 14 days and do not endanger the administration of justice.

"The real danger to the administration of justice is the failure to prosecute corruption cases," she said to applause from lawyers, adding that once an individual is charged, due process must follow.

Ms Odhiambo dismissed President Ruto's blanket disapproval of anticipatory bail, saying the rule of law depends on an independent Judiciary.

"The standard requirements for granting anticipatory bail are well documented and provide safeguards against abuse of discretion. It is neither a Kenyan innovation granted on whims nor does it amount to endorsing crime," she said.



## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 101(y) of the Petroleum Act No. 2 of 2019 and Legal Notice No. 192 of 2022, the Energy & Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA) has calculated the maximum retail petroleum prices, which will be in force from 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025 to 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025:

### A. MAXIMUM RETAIL PETROLEUM PRICES (INCLUSIVE OF VAT)

August 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 – September 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2025		MAXIMUM PETROLEUM PUMP PRICES		
		Super Petrol (PMS)	Automotive Diesel (AGO)	Kerosene (DPK)
TOWNS		KES/L	KES/L	KES/L
1	Mombasa	182.03	168.30	152.29
2	Kilifi	182.90	169.16	153.16
3	Likoni Mainland	182.41	168.69	152.68
4	Kwale	182.41	168.69	152.68
5	Malindi	183.26	169.52	153.52
6	Lungalunga	183.28	169.55	153.55
7	Voi	184.22	170.49	154.49
8	Taveta	186.66	172.92	156.92
9	Lamu	187.37	173.64	157.64
10	Hola	187.86	174.13	158.13
11	Mpeketoni	187.37	173.64	157.64
12	Minjila	185.58	171.85	155.85
13	Garsen	185.74	172.01	156.01
14	Samburu	182.18	168.45	152.46
15	Taru	182.49	168.77	152.77
16	Mwatate	184.80	171.07	155.07
17	Wundanyi	185.09	171.36	155.36
18	Kaloleni	181.93	168.20	152.20
19	Marereni	184.39	170.67	154.66
20	Nairobi	185.31	171.58	155.58
21	Thika	184.95	171.22	155.22
22	Machakos	185.36	171.62	155.61
23	Kajiado	185.67	171.93	155.93
24	Makuyu	185.44	171.70	155.70
25	Muranga	185.84	172.11	156.11
26	Sagana	186.23	172.49	156.48
27	Embu	186.85	173.12	157.11
28	Kerugoya	186.71	172.98	156.98
29	Narok	187.34	173.61	157.61
30	Nyeri	187.32	173.58	157.58
31	Namanga	187.61	173.87	157.87
32	Giganjo	187.26	173.52	157.51
33	Chuka	187.77	174.03	158.03
34	Kitui	187.59	173.86	157.85
35	Mwingi	188.26	174.52	158.52
36	Nanyuki	188.28	174.55	158.55
37	Nkubu	189.96	176.23	160.22
38	Mtito Andei	189.15	175.42	159.42
39	Meru	190.30	176.56	160.55
40	Isiolo	190.05	176.32	160.31
41	Maua	191.08	177.34	161.34
42	Garissa	192.15	178.42	162.41
43	Marsabit	198.52	184.79	168.79
44	Liboi	196.93	183.20	167.20
45	Moyale	201.26	187.52	171.52
46	Sololo	199.62	185.89	169.88
47	Habaswein	196.81	183.07	167.06
48	Dadaab	194.54	180.81	164.81
49	Tarbaj	200.69	186.96	170.96
50	Elwak	203.46	189.73	173.73
51	Wajir	200.96	187.22	171.23
52	Modogashe	197.05	183.31	167.32
53	Mandera	207.49	193.76	177.76
54	Matuu	186.49	172.76	156.76
55	Merti	194.18	180.45	164.45
56	Oldonyiro	189.02	175.29	159.28
57	Eldas	204.03	190.30	174.29
58	Bute	198.91	185.17	169.17
59	Hadado	196.47	182.73	166.73
60	Mai Mahiu	185.15	171.41	155.41
61	Doldo	189.60	175.87	159.87
62	Lamuria	188.08	174.35	158.34
63	Sipili	189.58	175.84	159.84
64	Marimanti	188.93	175.20	159.20
65	Mutuobare	187.79	174.06	158.05
66	North Horr	200.18	186.45	170.44
67	Maikona	197.79	184.06	168.05
68	Kalacha	198.73	185.00	168.99
69	Loyangalani	198.84	185.10	169.10
70	Turbi	198.50	184.77	168.77
71	Laisamis	193.67	179.94	163.93
72	Merille	193.16	179.43	163.42
73	Korr	195.31	181.57	165.56
74	Nakuru	184.35	170.97	155.01
75	Gilgil	183.92	170.54	154.58

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77	Molo	184.05	170.67	154.71
78	Olunguruone	185.26	171.89	155.92
79	Londiani	184.43	171.05	155.09
80	Nyahururu	184.41	171.03	155.08
81	Archers Post	189.58	176.20	160.24
82	Lodosoit	191.47	178.11	162.14
83	Naivasha	184.54	171.17	155.21
84	Marigat	185.24	171.86	155.90
85	Kabarnet	186.09	172.71	156.75
86	Maralal	187.97	174.59	158.63
87	Wamba	189.42	176.04	160.08
88	Rumuruti	185.35	171.97	156.02
89	Eldoret	185.17	171.80	155.83
90	Kiplombe	185.17	171.80	155.83
91	Iten	185.17	171.80	155.83
92	Naiberi	185.17	171.80	155.83
93	Kesses	185.17	171.80	155.83
94	Kapsabet	184.82	171.45	155.5
95	Webuye	185.54	172.17	156.2
96	Kitale	185.43	172.05	156.10
97	Kapenguria	186.53	173.15	157.19
98	Bungoma	186.12	172.75	156.79
99	Moiben	184.82	171.45	155.50
100	Matunda	184.78	171.40	155.45
101	Burnt Forest	184.72	171.34	155.38
102	Tambach	184.87	171.49	155.54
103	Kapsowar	185.68	172.31	156.34
104	Chebara	185.47	172.10	156.14
105	Kimwarer	185.34	171.97	156.01
106	Timboroa	185.21	171.83	155.87
107	Nandi Hills	185.14	171.76	155.81
108	Kaiboi	184.89	171.52	155.55
109	Kimini	185.74	172.37	156.41
110	Endebes	186.34	172.97	157.01
111	Saboti	185.79	172.41	156.46
112	Chepareria	186.89	173.51	157.55
113	Lomut	189.68	176.31	160.34
114	Burgich	187.60	174.22	158.27
115	Sigor	187.83	174.45	158.49
116	Lodwar	192.03	178.65	162.7
117	Kakuma	194.78	181.40	165.45
118	Lokichar	190.31	176.93	160.97
119	Kalokol	193.35	179.97	164.01
120	Lokori	190.94	177.56	161.60
121	Lokitaung	198.34	184.96	169.00
122	Kapedo	189.68	176.31	160.34
123	Malaba	186.82	173.44	157.48
124	Lokichogio	196.84	183.47	167.50
125	Ziwa	185.14	171.76	155.81
126	Soy	184.80	171.43	155.47
127	Moi's Bridge	184.92	171.54	155.58
128	Turbo	184.72	171.34	155.38
129	Kibish	198.74	185.37	169.40
130	Nakalale	196.70	183.33	167.36
131	Loima	190.51	177.13	161.17
132	Lokiriana	193.21	179.84	163.88
133	Kainuk	188.38	175.01	159.05
134	Kacheliba	187.22	173.85	157.89
135	Kiwawa	188.27	174.89	158.94
136	Ortom	187.56	174.18	158.22
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138	Kwanza	186.70	173.33	157.37
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142	Barwessa	186.68	173.30	157.35
143	Kipsaraman	188.25	174.87	158.92
144	Loruk	188.02	174.65	158.69
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146	Tindiret	186.34	172.97	157.01
147	O'lessos	184.92	171.54	155.58
148	Kobujoi	185.61	172.24	156.27
149	Serem	185.74	172.37	156.41
150	Kabiyet	184.80	171.43	155.47

August 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 – September 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2025		MAXIMUM PETROLEUM PUMP PRICES		
		Super Petrol (PMS)	Automotive Diesel (AGO)	Kerosene (DPK)
TOWNS		KES/L	KES/L	KES/L
151	Cheptulu	185.54	172.17	156.20
152	Songor	186.48	173.11	157.14
153	Kapcherop	185.86	172.48	156.52
154	Sambalat	187.04	173.66	157.71
155	Arror	186.44	173.06	157.11
156	Tot	186.79	173.42	157.46
157	Kaptarakwa	185.14	171.76	155.81
158	Kapese	190.24	176.87	160.90
159	Kalemngorok	189.18	175.81	159.86
160	Marich	187.42	174.05	158.08
161	Alale	188.27	174.89	158.94
162	Kunyao	187.69	174.31	158.35
163	Asilong	186.97	173.59	157.64
164	Orolwo	187.04	173.66	157.71
165	Sebit	186.95	173.57	157.62
166	Morpus	186.79	173.42	157.46
167	Chepkorniswo	186.60	173.22	157.26
168	Kaibichbich	186.50	173.13	157.17
169	Keringet	186.03	172.66	156.70
170	Kisumu	185.16	171.78	155.83
171	Sondu	184.97	171.60	155.64
172	Oyugis	185.81	172.43	156.47
173	Kakamega	184.88	171.51	155.55
174	Mumias	185.36	171.98	156.03
175	Bondo	185.16	171.78	155.83
176	Siaya	185.37	171.99	156.04
177	Kericho	185.68	172.31	156.34
178	Nyamira	185.79	172.41	156.45
179	Kisii	186.32	172.94	156.98
180	Sotik	186.03	172.65	156.69
181	Keroka	186.34	172.97	157.00
182	Busia	186.30	172.92	156.97
183	Homabay	186.20	172.83	156.88
184	Migori	187.69	174.31	158.35
185	Isebania	188.18	174.80	158.84
186	Bomet	186.72	173.35	157.39
187	Muhoroni	185.19	171.82	155.86
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189	Mbale	185.16	171.78	155.83
190	Etayo	187.31	173.93	157.97
191	Magenche	187.48	174.10	158.15
192	Kilgoris	187.19	173.81	157.86
193	Malava	185.43	172.05	156.09
194	Lugari	186.10	172.72	156.76
195	Rodi Kopany	186.32	172.94	156.98
196	Ndhiwa	186.79	173.42	157.46
197	Langwe	186.30	172.92	156.97
198	Sindo	186.32	172.94	156.98
199	Awasi	184.73	171.36	155.4
200	Ahero	185.16	171.78	155.83
201	Ugunja	185.54	172.17	156.20
202	Asembo	184.94	171.56	155.60
203	Usenge	185.76	172.39	156.42
204	Harambee	184.87	171.49	155.53
205	Muhuru Bay	187.93	174.56	158.59
206	Kehancha	188.34	174.96	159.00
207	Ntimaru	188.87	175.50	159.53
208	Rongo	186.75	173.37	157.41
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# National News

**Education** Those with PhD and master's degrees to be given higher marks during interviews

## More openings for science tutors as TSC seeks to fill 24,000 posts

Commission to establish a monitoring and evaluation mechanism to ensure integrity, consistency, compliance

BY WINNIE ATIENO

The advertised Teachers Service Commission (TSC) vacancies targeting about 24,000 interns will favour those with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

(STEM) qualifications, according to the grading system.

The TSC announced the positions to fill vacancies in Junior School and support the implementation of the Competency-Based Education.

The commission has also devel-

oped guidelines for the promotion of teachers for the 2025/26 financial year.

Acting TSC Chief Executive Eileen Mitei said teachers trained by the Centre for Mathematics, Science and Technology Education in Africa, the Teacher In-

and experience and incorporate affirmative action.

Ms Mitei added that identification for promotion would depend on the budget of the commission, attrition rates and the existence of vacancies.

To be eligible for promotion, a teacher must have served at least three years in the current grade.

TSC may refuse to consider teachers for promotion if they have not completed two years after being found guilty for a disciplinary matter or a year since getting an administrative warning.

The scoring for a chief principal (Grade D5/T-Scale 15) is five points for a doctorate, four for a master's degree and three for a bachelor's.

County selection panels will oversee interviews for post-primary school teachers, including deputy principals.

Regional selection panels will be responsible for interviews of secondary and teacher training college principals as well as curriculum support officers.

"The commission shall apply a standardised scoring guide to ensure a fair, transparent and merit-based evaluation of shortlisted candidates. The parameters include academic qualifications, acting capacity, length of stay in one grade and the teacher performance appraisal development," the guidelines read.

Promotions will also be based on merit while ensuring gender representation, inclusion of persons with disabilities and regional diversity.

"In compliance with the Constitution, not more than two-thirds of teachers promoted shall be of the same gender," Ms Mitei said.

Successful candidates will be announced on the TSC website. Heads and deputy heads will be posted to schools with available vacancies. Offers must be accepted within 30 days.

TSC will also establish a monitoring and evaluation mechanism to ensure integrity, consistency and compliance in the promotions.

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COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KAKAMEGA

PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION FOR SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDUM ON COUNTY ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (CADP 2026/2027)

The County Government of Kakamega has embarked on the preparation of the County Annual Development Plan for the Financial Year 2026/2027

The objective of this document is to provide the strategic priorities for the medium term that reflect the County Government's priorities and plans, a description of how the County government is responding to changes in the financial and economic environment consistent with the County Integrated Development Plan 2023-2027.

This is in accordance with the provisions of Article 174 & 220 of the constitution of Kenya 2010, section 87(b) and section 91(g) of the County Government Act 2012 as well as section 126 of the Public Finance Management Act 2012.

In this regard The County Government of Kakamega hereby invites written submissions from Development Partners, State and Non-state stakeholders, Members of the Public and other interested stakeholders with reference to the **Kakamega County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) 2023-2027 (available on the county website)** which should be submitted to any of the following offices:

- The Department of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning Offices at the County Headquarters;
- All Sub-County and Ward offices
- Kakamega, Malava, Butere, Mumias and Matunda Municipal Offices

Written submissions and memoranda can also be submitted to: [economicplanning@kakamega.go.ke](mailto:economicplanning@kakamega.go.ke) or through the county public participation portal on the county website not later than **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2025**. A validation meeting has been organized at;

1. Mumias West at the Mumias Cultural Center for **Khwisero, Butere, Mumias West, Mumias East, and Matungu Participants**.
2. Lurambi at Bishop Stam for **Lurambi, Navakholo, Shinyalu, and Ikolomani participants**; and
3. At Lumakanda TAC hall for **Lugari, Likuyani and Malava Participants**. All the public engagements in the three venues will be held on the **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2025** starting at **0900Hrs**. The draft C-ADP 26-27 has already been uploaded to the county website: [www.kakamega.go.ke](http://www.kakamega.go.ke)

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duction, Mentorship and Coaching, the Kenya National Examinations Council and the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development panellists will have an added advantage.

In promoting teachers, Ms Mitei said the commission is bound by Articles 10 and 232 of the Constitution, which outline the values and principles of governance.

In an August 11 circular, Ms Mitei urged regional, county and sub-county education directors to uphold these constitutional provisions.

She said the guidelines incorporate constitutional principles of transparency, accountability, fair competition and merit.

They align with the Career Pro-

gression Guidelines for Teachers (2018), Curriculum Support Officers (2019), the Code of Regulations for Teachers (2015) and the Policy on Appointment and Deployment of Institutional Administrators (2017).

The guidelines aim to ensure equity, fairness, transparency and non-discrimination in teacher promotions, recognise and reward merit, performance

**24,000**

The number of intern teachers targeted for employment, according to the Teachers Service Commission

## Court halts bid to alter Uasu constitution

BY MERCY SIMIYU

The Employment and Labour Relations Court has stopped Universities Academic Staff Union (Uasu) Secretary-General Constantine Wasonga from implementing changes to the union's constitution that scrap term limits for his position.

In orders issued on August 12, the court barred the implementation of the amended Uasu constitution registered by the Registrar of Trade Unions on August 6.

"The leave so granted operates as a stay of implementation of further action(s), decisions or in any manner implementation of the amended constitution of the interested party as registered by the respondent by way of Form L," the court said.

It also directed that the orders be served to the respondents – the Registrar of Trade Unions and Uasu – by August 13, adding that disobedience would attract consequences. The matter will be heard on September 24.

The legal battle stems from an attempt to amend Uasu's 2014 constitution. Among the controversial proposals was the removal of the two-term limit for the secretary-general's office – a change that would have allowed Dr Wasonga to remain in the post without restriction.

According to records, the Uasu National Delegates Council – the only organ mandated to make such changes – met in December 2024 to consider the amendments. However, no voting took place despite the constitution's requirement for approval by at least two-thirds of delegates through secret ballot.

Some delegates lodged complaints, accusing the national office of procedural breaches. They said Dr Wasonga submitted forged minutes to the registrar, indicating the amendments had been adopted.

In a July 22 letter, Acting Registrar of Trade Unions Ann Kanake rejected the amendments and directed the union to convene a Special Delegates Conference within 14 days and conduct a proper vote under the supervision of a returning officer.

# OPINION

## Ruto's empowerment 'theatrics' bad for Kenya

Last week, President Ruto announced that boda bodas would now retail at Sh95,000, about half the usual price. It sounded like a breakthrough for riders, until you looked closer. The offer applies only to a limited stock of electric motorcycles from a single supplier, Spiro, with a Sh9,500 deposit and Sh180 daily over two years. For most riders, nothing changes.

This is an example of a negative-sum game. In game theory, a negative-sum game is one where, after all the moves are played, the total value in the system shrinks. Some individuals might benefit briefly, but the country ends up worse off. Ruto's empowerment 'theatrics', from the boda boda announcement to the State House distribution of bodas, PA systems, and car-wash machines, deliver short-lived optics while diverting resources, trust, and attention away from the structural investments that could actually grow Kenya's economy.

Announcements like these are not random; they fit a familiar pattern seen in many countries whenever populist leaders take to the stage. Political scientists define populists using three criteria: they divide their population between a righteous "people" and an elite or underserving minority; they claim to be the sole or best representative of "the people"; and they insist that democ-



President William Ruto plays pool during a Nairobi County Empowerment Programme at State House, Nairobi, last week. PHOTO | PCS

Real empowerment is not a show. It is a system where every trader can sell into a growing market and access affordable credit



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racy means serving the will of "the people" without accepting constraints from independent institutions, oversight, or inalienable rights. These leaders tend to evade normal policy channels, preferring to take key decisions based on personal instinct. More often, it concentrates power in one person, bypasses safeguards, and produces poor policies meant for maximum political impact rather than long-term results.

The concentration of power in a single leader and their personal network inevitably leads to increased corruption. Regular businesses suffer as their markets get squeezed by the well-connected few. A small business elite benefits from this cronyism, but only to the extent that they can remain in favour. Populist leaders do not want potential rivals, and when a businessperson gets too independently powerful, these leaders tend to force them out of their business positions or even from the country entirely.

This change to the nature of governing, more than individual policies, is what makes populism so dangerous to business over the long term. Populists undermine the operating environment capitalism depends on, most notably free competition and a predictable rule of law.

Seen through this lens, the State House spectacles of boda bodas, PA systems, and catering kits make per-

fect sense. They are designed to reinforce the image of the leader as the direct benefactor of "the people," bypassing bureaucrats, councils, and systems. Two days after the boda boda announcement, State House hosted the Nairobi County Empowerment Programme. Thousands trooped in as Ruto presided over the distribution of equipment to 1,115 groups drawn from the 17 constituencies in the city. The haul was familiar: motorcycles, public address systems, car-wash stations, tents and chairs, catering kits, salon and tailoring machines. It was a spectacle that dominated the news cycle, complete with music, pool tables, and photo opportunities, and it echoed similar "empowerment" drives by MPs, governors, and political allies across the country.

This is not policy but negative-sum politics. Some individuals may gain for a moment, but the country is left worse off. The politician enjoys applause and a bump in popularity, yet the funds, attention, and administrative energy that should go to reliable power, working roads, functioning markets, and predictable taxes are diverted to pageantry.

The rhetoric around the Sh95,000 price shows how populist optics beat economic clarity. The figure is tied to a single brand, e-bikes, and fixed financing terms. It is not a market-wide revolution, but a narrow, time-bound arrangement turned into a national talking point. This is how populists translate selective benefits into the illusion of universal relief.

Kenya's problem is not a shortage of motorcycles. It is a shortage of steady demand, affordable working capital to match cash cycles, and a predictable environment for SMEs. If they want to empower hustlers, they should pay SME arrears on time, lower nuisance fees, stabilise taxes, secure neighbourhoods, and keep power reliable. That is what multiplies income for everyone, not 1,115 photo-ready kits in a city of millions.

When populists rise, economies fall because they trade structural investment for political theatre. The politician "wins" with photo opportunities. A handful of people get assets. The economy loses competitiveness, productivity, and fiscal health. The sum of all outcomes is negative. Real empowerment is not a show. It is a system where every trader can keep the lights on, restock goods, access affordable credit, and sell into a growing market. That requires policy, not pageantry, and leaders who understand that prosperity is built, not gifted.

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## Counties must get it right on human capital

As the country celebrates the 9th Devolution Conference, it is important to take stock of gains made and the challenges that the devolved system of government is facing.

County governments have been a revolutionary step in recent times. They have not only decentralised power and resources, but also placed the common Mwananchi at the centre of decision making. This is why devolution remains a critical aspect in our country, for it provides inclusion and social justice.

However, full realisation of devolution's transformative potential has faced many challenges. Key among them is the management of the human resource function.

The quality and management of human capital is a critical in the effective delivery of service by the counties. Thus, the establishment of a competent, professional and ethical public service is not only essential in ensuring accountability and effective use of resources but also enhances public confidence in the counties' decision-making processes.

The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission in the execution of its mandate, observed serious governance weaknesses in relation to the management of the human resource function. The most notorious are payments to "ghost" workers, the use of fake professional and academ-

Full realisation of devolution's potential has faced many challenges



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ic certificates in employment, and loss of funds through payment of irregular allowances and salaries.

Further, the commission's Corruption Risk Assessments reports for counties revealed weaknesses and loopholes in payroll management, and staff recruitment, which provides for abuse and loss of public funds. The key findings of the assessments are: recruitment of staff without the approval of County Public Service Boards (CPSB), promotions without following service schemes, lack of autonomy of the CPSBs, compromising the ability to make independent decisions, payment of unauthorised allowances, and ghost workers.

In the last one year, EACC has pursued cases on irregular recruitments, manipulation of payroll and payments of irregular allowance, embezzlement of mortgage and car loans with an estimated

loss of Sh1.6 billion involving 822 county officers. In addition, 297 cases of falsification of academic and professional documents in recruitment in 33 counties are under investigations.

A close analysis of the root causes of these highly entrenched corrupt practices reveal, among others, complex schemes of conspiracies and collusions, conflict of interest, influence peddling in decision making and weak accountability and oversight. At the heart of this challenge is the quality, values and management of the human capital in the counties. It is worrying that governors influence the appointment of their relatives and close associates in critical departments such as procurement and finance. Such clear overreaches will dent professionalism in decision making. It therefore calls for interventions to address the ineffectiveness of the policies and governance practices of the CPSBs.

The CPSB is established by the County Government Act, 2012 pursuant to Article 235 of the Constitution. The laws vest the responsibility to perform the human resource function of the counties in the each CPSB. The law envisages an autonomous and independent body in execution of its functions. The law also provides for the application of uniform norms and standards to counties in execution of human resource functions by the Boards. However, an assessment of practices points to differences in stand-

ards in different counties. These can also be attributed to influence by the county executives in the running of the human resource function. Such overtures will ultimately result in influence peddling and conflict of interest in counties.

To remedy these weaknesses, the Commission recommended, among others, adoption of fully automation of the human resource processes, safeguarding the independence of CPSBs, development and enforcement of clear career progression guidelines, and continuous staff audits and implementation of human resource audits. But there has been disparities in implementation of these recommendations as each county Board acts as a different entity. Thus, we need more robust policy changes to address the lapses.

Given the challenges facing the CPSBs, establishing a central body to manage the human resource functions of the counties could help. Such a body will help streamline the recruitment, promotion and placement of staff while safeguarding the independence of public officers and limit interference. This could bring sanity to the human capital management and embed the much-needed values of professionalism, accountability and provision of quality service to the people.

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## Opinion

## DAILY NATION

## Stop blatant impunity and violation of rights

The increasingly blatant impunity in the brutal repression of law-abiding Kenyans engaging in peaceful anti-government protests to air their genuine grievances has been roundly condemned internally. However, the perpetrators should not be sitting pretty, thinking that no one else was watching their devious actions.

Human rights violations are often strongly denounced by international organisations and friendly foreign governments, as well as others keen to help ensure that the people's freedoms are respected.

A new report by the US Department of State highlights our country's worsening human rights record, denouncing the brutal attacks on government critics, especially during last year's anti-government protests. During the demonstrations, police killed 60 young people and severely injured hundreds of others.

The rights violations include extrajudicial killings and the forced disappearances of some innocent people, flagrant torture, and internal and cross-border abductions. A government agency, the Kenya National Human Rights Commission (KNCHR), has also sounded the alarm on the "shrinking of civic space and arbitrary arrests of human rights defenders".

In June last year, bitter protests against the Finance Bill 2024 forced President William Ruto to abandon what had been denounced as "punitive and oppressive" tax proposals.

There were 69 enforced disappearances, with the KNCHR documenting 82 cases, with 29 people still missing as of December.

While the government took steps to identify and punish some of the officials involved in the abuses, there was criminal impunity, and the country has experienced a marked deterioration in human rights. The government has also come under criticism over serious restrictions on the freedoms of expression and media, violence, or threats against journalists.

Appropriate action should be taken against the rogue officials who have masterminded or carried out the violations to prevent a recurrence of the crimes.

As human rights organisations have pointed out, the police have used excessive and unnecessary force against people only exercising their constitutional right to stage peaceful demonstrations, picket, and present their grievances to the authorities. This impunity must be stopped.



## Fight healthcare fraud

The fact that President William Ruto has had to send a stern warning to government hospitals against charging for outpatient services confirms that all is not well with public healthcare delivery.

He has told the hospitals to charge outpatients at their own peril, saying that the government has set aside Sh21 billion to cater for the services at Level One to Four hospitals.

The President's intervention should come as a relief to millions of poor citizens, who have been struggling with mounting medical bills amid the rising cost of living, high prices of basic commodities, and increasing statutory deductions, including the health and housing levies.

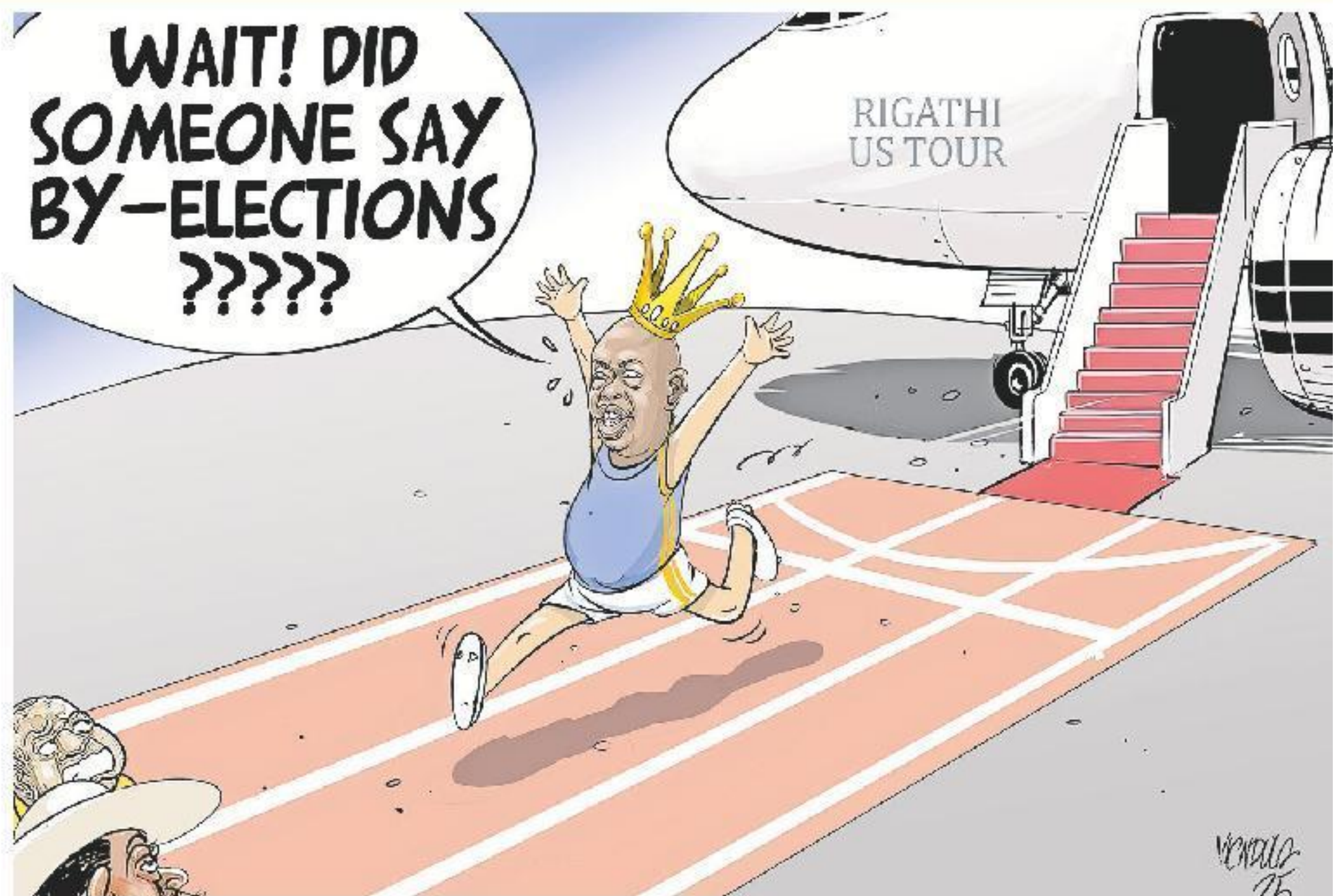
Since the chaotic rollout last October of the Social Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) to replace the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) that had been in operation for six decades, healthcare delivery has been challenging. And this despite access to quality and affordable healthcare being both a human and constitutional right.

Hospitals, dispensaries and health centres in many counties are still demanding payments, but the President insists patients must be treated for free and given medicine. He has even told patients asked to pay for health services to report to the police, as healthcare is a right and not a privilege.

This follows the suspension of 40 hospitals over fraud allegations after a month-long forensic audit by the Social Health Authority (SHA). Those affected include some public health institutions.

Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale says the audit uncovered multiple fraud by hospitals, including claiming payments for more expensive procedures than those performed. Some falsify records by converting outpatient visits into admissions. There is also fraudulent billing of patients.

Though the President's intervention to correct the anomalies is welcome, the government should also ensure that funds are promptly disbursed to the hospitals to ease operations.



## Curses could curb graft in counties

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Translating a fragment of language from one system to another — from Kiswahili to English for example — is a hard job of migrating meaning with all its balances and equivocations.

I have had to translate the name of the Meru Ikama ceremony — a type of trial by ordeal — to "the ritual of fondling the hot stone".

You may have read in the newspapers, dear reader, that in my youth I read Linguistics and English at Egerton University (among other social sciences), an agricultural college where the bulk of the students woke up at an early hour to wash pigs, milk cows and manufacture yoghurt.

For us arts students, a more advanced species, 5am was when our hangover would be entering its third and final phase during which the body would toss a coin and decide whether you ended up retching your guts in the bathroom, and therefore be too sick to get an education, or the fever would break and you would be able to hobble around as a partially functioning corpse for the rest of the day.

Patience, I'll make an important point — eventually. If you twisted my arm, the one with a bionic implant, really hard and demanded to be told what I am an expert in, at some point I'd squeal "I'm an expert in man!". How he thinks, what he thinks, why he thinks, how he lives, why he lives that way, what it means to live like that, how he has lived, why he has lived that way, what is the consequence to him today for having lived that way, with whom he has lived, how one member intercourses with the other, why, with what effect, how they learn, produce and create meaning, how they transfer it, in other words, we can talk a lot of English and little else.

Translating "kugwata ikama" has bogged me down for hours, even with the help of the most elaborate research systems. This article is about African traditional systems of justice and why they should do better than the colonial species. Let's do this properly, starting at the beginning. I proposed re-

A traditional trial is a scary spectacle, surrounded by rituals and procedures, involving the swearing of oaths and symbolic acts.



Mutuma Mathiu | Society

cently to a group from my village that, rather than swearing in our governors and Members of County Assembly on the Constitution and the Bible, we should get them to swear traditional oaths either as the supplementary oath or as the principal oath.

Why? My father died 30 years ago and, before he died, he called us and gave us explicit instructions on how he wanted his wealth — mainly land — shared and forbid us from doing certain things. One of the rules was that if you wanted to use your brother's land, you either had to buy it, lease it or clearly ask his permission. To this day, if I have leased land from my brother, I will not set foot on it a day after expiry of the lease. I don't think there is a law in this world that I would have obeyed with as much care. Truth is, even 100 years after converting to Christianity, I want to boldly argue that leadership-age Africans are more sensitive to traditional forms of behaviour regulation — witchcraft, curses and other traditional beliefs and practices — than the Bible and Western laws.

This continues my favourite theme, that in many cases we uncritically took and swallowed the post-colonial state as prescribed by the departing powers and the resultant under-development and suffering are the inevitable constipation from that folly. In my

research for that Meru conversation, I discovered that there was actually a relatively developed and rich system of traditional justice which served as a mechanism for conflict resolution and social regulation, one that was deeply planted in the tribe's norms, values, and spiritual beliefs.

Unlike the Western model that we adopted, it is not a punitive system, it is not invested in retribution, rather it seeks to restore harmony in the community and repair relationships, guided by principles of fairness, reconciliation, and restoration.

This is a system that evolved to address fairly simple complaints: land disputes, theft, marriage conflicts, and accusations of witchcraft. Good luck applying it to complex financial or technical disputes, but it has an underbelly with a better chance of deterring deviance than the imported system, that is the point I'm trying to make, and I will explain why.

A traditional trial is a scary spectacle, surrounded by rituals and procedures, involving the swearing of oaths and symbolic acts. There is also a heavy dose of spirituality and proceedings begin with prayers or rituals to invoke blessings and guidance from ancestors. This reinforces the idea that justice is not only a human endeavour but also a divine one, ensuring that decisions are respected by all. The "fondling of the hot stone" is a method of trial by ordeal, believed to be overseen by spiritual forces, involving handling a red hot stone. The spirits protect the innocent, the guilty see fire.

But the scariest of them all is an oath called "the striking of the goat". I don't know what is done to the goat, they don't survive to tell the story, but we all believe that if you break this oath, your lineage will die. The oath is almost never invoked, no clan would hang its survival on the honesty of a member.

Let governors and MCAs strike the goat and promise to be fair, committed and honest in their dealings.

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# It's Kenya's football moment, but 'Nation' is shooting wide

**H**arambee Stars' stellar performance in the ongoing 2024 African Nations Championship has captivated the country. It is a welcome surprise not only to football fans, but to most Kenyans.

Like happens when the country's athletes shine on the global stage, the team's two impressive wins against the Democratic Republic of Congo and Morocco, and the draw with Angola, have sent Kenyans into a frenzy. The team's glow has outshone the ethnic and political hostility that often dominates the public sphere, and united citizens into one cheering squad. This is the magic of sports. They have a way of igniting patriotism.

But football is not just a sport; it is a celebration of culture. When the national team wins, the entire country erupts in euphoria, collapsing all other divisive vibes and providing a strong unifying thread of a people bound by shared victory. The songs, the flags, the painted faces, the street dances—these are not mere by-products of a game, but affirmations of national identity. This is the story the media, and the *Nation* platforms in particular, should be telling—capturing the colour, the sounds, the moods and the meaning of this moment.

And while at it, the tournament offers a golden opportunity to help Kenyans know their footballers a little more intimately. Brief daily pen profiles of players—where they come from, their career journeys, their quirks and inspirations—would make the stars of the Harambee Stars even more relatable. The nation is hungry for heroes, and this is the time to introduce them.

For years, Kenyans have been reduced to spectators in football, watching with envy as other victorious teams were feted in their countries. A chance for Harambee Stars to play in the championship was exciting enough. That they have beaten two football giants and past champions has taken the excitement to another level.

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**Pamella Sittoni**  
Public Editor



That is why the championship is the subject of conversation everywhere: on social media and in social gatherings. It has lifted the spirit of Kenyans. They are thronging the stadia to be part of this historic moment, or watching the matches on television.

Ahead of the tournament, the *Nation* platforms kept the government on its toes, highlighting the state of the sports facilities and urging it to meet the requirements for hosting the games. But they have not been as prolific when it came to covering the matches. We have not seen the level of match analysis expected of a continental championship.

One would have expected the *Nation* to reflect the national mood and pride, and to rally the national team to take the cup. Take the *Monitor* in Ugan-

da, which declared in a headline at the start of the championship: "Cranes must stand up".

However, from the *Nation* publications, broadcast and digital platforms, one would be hard-pressed to believe that a tournament of such magnitude and historic significance is ongoing, and the national team is not just participating, but thriving.

After the *Saturday Nation* of August 2 announced the start of the championship with the headline "Football bonanza", with six pages of stories, the rest of the coverage has been underwhelming, both in quantity and quality. The headlines are uninspiring, and the stories flat.

Often, the focus has been on anything but the game. When Harambee Stars won its opening match, NTV's bulletin began with the story of motorists being inconvenienced by traffic jams around Kasarani, before bringing the report of the win. This was blamed on a delay in processing the main story. Audiences expect news in the correct order, in time. They are not interested in the internal processes.

Much airtime and space has gone to covering related issues, such as the security breach at Kasarani stadium and the resultant fines and other measures taken against the football federation. These are indeed important issues that must be highlighted. But they should not overshadow the foot-

ball bonanza promised to fans at the opening of the games.

Ironically, a presenter on an NTV show blamed poor communication for the confusion witnessed at the Moi International Stadium, Kasarani. He thought the government should have done better by informing citizens about the match, including where and how to buy the tickets. Was this journalist hearing himself? Did he not see it as his and the media's role to provide such information to the public?

The story of the prize money from President William Ruto is exciting. It is a major incentive to the team and must be highlighted. But is this the only reason for the exciting show of talent?

Readers and viewers expect more from the *Nation* platforms. They want to know each player's story and what they bring to the pitch. They want to know how the coach picked the winning team and what it has taken to get here. They want stories of how each match was played, with all the twists and turns. They want to be taken to the field and helped to relive the magical moments of each game.

It is not too much for audiences to expect pre- and post-match analysis of the matches and teams, and even predictions based on history and team strength. When surprises occur, sports journalists should explain the reasons to the audiences—what went wrong or right? For the print and digital platforms, a daily display of photos that capture the action would add to the thrill of the tournament.

With the games being played in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania, they present an opportunity for the *Nation* platforms to harness the media house's regional presence by providing on-ground reporting from each of the three countries.

The *Nation* platforms have always excelled in sports coverage. It is not too late to redeem themselves and give their audiences a better experience with the remaining matches—one that not only reports the scores, but captures the culture, the pride, and the magic of Kenya's proudest football moment.

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Harambee Stars players celebrate after beating Morocco during their CHAN match at Moi Internationals Sports Centre, Kasarani on August 10. FILE | NATION

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**Mohamud Ali** | Devolution



## Devolution has rewritten Kenya's story

**W**hen Kenyans adopted the 2010 Constitution, they did more than just alter the governance structure; they set in motion a quiet revolution—one that, in just over a decade, has achieved what the centralised system failed to deliver in fifty years.

The story of Kenya under devolution is about restored dignity, renewed hope and dreams that, for generations, were too far-fetched to be imagined. For half a century, development in Kenya was a tale of imbalance. The bulk of resources and opportunities were concentrated in a few regions, leaving vast swathes of the country—especially the frontier counties—locked in poverty and defined by neglect. In counties like Marsabit, government felt like a far-off entity. But devolution has become the bridge that is reconnecting all Kenyans.

For the historically marginalised counties, devolution is the reason our children now speak of thriving. It is why a new generation believes that their destiny is not written in the accidents of geography or history, but in the choices they make and the effort they put in. For the first time in our history, the people of Marsabit and other frontier counties have a real seat at the table where decisions about our lives are made. County governments are no longer waiting for development to trickle down; we are planning it, budgeting for it, and delivering it ourselves.

Some doubted whether devolution would work. Today, those doubts have been answered. Walk through the streets of Lodwar and Isiolo and you will see paved roads, street lighting and bustling markets. Visit Marsabit or Sololo town and you will find referral hospitals. In Wajir, maternity wings stand where expectant women once endured dangerous journeys to deliver. In Garissa, improved road networks and water projects are changing lives in real time. For every pastoralist child, access to education is no longer an improbable dream—it is an expectation.

Perhaps most striking is the way devolution has also altered the psychology of our people and dismantled the old narrative of fragility in frontier counties. For years, our regions were portrayed in the media and policy circles as unstable, insecure and unfit for investment. Today, communities that had hitherto resigned themselves to the margins now dare to dream again.

The lesson is clear: equitable resource allocation works. Local decision-making works. Bringing government closer to the people works. And when communities feel ownership of development, they guard it, sustain it and build on it.

The challenge before us now is to safeguard devolution from the twin threats of political interference and fiscal starvation. Kenya's future will be written in the language of devolution. Because in empowering counties, we have empowered the nation. And in empowering the nation, we have begun to deliver the promise of independence to all, in every corner of our land.

The writer is the governor of Marsabit County.

# Why corporate governance is in shambles

**O**rganisations resemble living creatures: the board is the head, charting vision and guarding integrity, while advisory bodies, consultants and executives are the ears, feeding in intelligence and stakeholder voices. When those ears grow bigger than the head, institutions become reactive and disjointed, straying from their founding purpose.

A deliberate pause between listening and deciding is the board's greatest asset; without it, strategy drifts on the tide of daily noise.

Early warning signs of this imbalance emerge in everyday rhythms—meetings bogged down in operational minutiae, risk registers swell with conflict-

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**Hesbon Omollo** | Management



ing priorities, and decisions stall. Accountability frays as roles blur, oversight becomes execution, and execution masquerades as governance.

Several incidents in our public and private sector boards highlight the cost of ceding board authority. In one case, a procurement arm green-lit multi-billion-shilling contracts without board scrutiny, triggering inflated costs and delivery failures.

An organisation overseeing major asset expansion pursued unchecked acquisitions that led to government rescues. Another institution saw inventory and property-lease mismanagement spiral into crippling losses when its board failed to challenge executive spending.

This erosion of board influence springs from several root causes: charters and mandates that leave decision rights ambiguous, appointment of people without expertise, over-reliance on

external consultants, and self-marginalisation.

Restoring equilibrium requires intentional recalibration. Boards must revisit charters to delineate strategy from operations and enshrine escalation pathways. They should recruit directors with deep sector knowledge and financial acumen, ensuring a critical mass of independent thinkers.

When public institutions reclaim the head's vantage above daily clamour, they not only safeguard mission integrity, but also inspire confidence and cultivate resilience. Let the ears gather intelligence and the head shape destiny.

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# Letters

## THE CUTTING EDGE by THE WATCHMAN

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**Bad example** • The unruly behaviour of Kenyan soccer fans in the Chan tournament in Nairobi is a true reflection of the conduct of their political leaders, who have no qualms about breaking rules in pursuit of their selfish interests, says Charles Wakaba Kamanga. "It just means that the anarchy could be averted if the people would similarly follow their leaders' example." His contact is kamangacw@gmail.com.

**Stolen, not lost** • Every time he hears reports about government money getting lost, Evans Macharia Mwangi says he's often quite disappointed about the reluctance by the officials concerned to say it as it is. Says he: "This money we are told in audit reports has been lost has actually been stolen. All should know that the money is never lost, it's just stolen." His email address is evans\_macharia@yahoo.com.

**Road crashes** • Drivers are not always to blame for accidents, says university don XN Iraki. "Our road designs and construction are wanting, but in case of an accident, we blame motorists. Can we also investigate the widespread sale of counterfeit spare parts, including brakes? My condolences to the families that have lost their loved ones in avoidable accidents." His contact is xniraki@gmail.com.

**Lagging bank** • In the competitive banking industry, Stanbic Bank account holder Carey Yiembe says it must ease its online services by upgrading its mobile app. "One can neither make payments on a majority of till numbers and paybills nor check the credit card balance. Your competitors are way ahead of you. Please, do the needful." He can be reached through his email address, yiembe@gmail.com.

**Pay for damage** • Contractors ferrying a lot of heavy equipment and construction materials to sites in Nairobi should be held liable for the damage to roads, says Diana Dsouza. "They should be required to contribute to the cost of the road repairs, especially the sections damaged by those heavy vehicles in contravention of the allowed weight on those roads." Her contact is dsouzadiana754@gmail.com. Have a responsible day, won't you!

## LETTERS

### Killers must be brought to justice

The abuse of human rights, and the subsequent attempt to compensate victims, indicates State culpability. If lives have been lost, those responsible must face prosecution—regardless of rank or political connection. Why should the government bear responsibility for murders committed by masked killers if it claims to have no hand in them? If we are truly a constitutional democracy, then the law must apply equally to all. The police, intelligence units and any other agencies found to be complicit must face the full force of the law. The right to life is sacred, and it is the government's duty—not its choice—to protect it.

Joseph Katiku Kioko, Nairobi

### Share festival pieces on social media

Being a fan of the National Music Festival, I have noted a lot of improvements, such as the expansion of categories. The creativity in the festival is also very high. The participants have explored nearly all areas, exposing economic, social and political injustices in communities. The organiser of the festival should upload the performances on social media platforms for fans who could not make it to Meru for the live shows. A big thank you to all sponsors and the entire festival fraternity for the good work.

James Joram, Rumuruti

### Let us vote for better leaders in 2027

When I walk or drive around, I see wonderful hard working men and women busy on motorcycles, selling all types of goods even along the roads, and others walking fast to their places of work. What disturbs me is the high taxes that await them, and the corrupt government officers who misuse their money or distribute handouts to hoodwink voters. Others travel in large convoys fuelled by the hard-earned resources from the common man. Why can't we, come 2027, vote in a government that will not be allergic to criticism, that will not lie, and will prioritise education and health?

Ndiritu Wanjohi, Nyeri

### We're being fooled on river clean-up

I think we do not know what a river is. There has been much talk about how Nairobi River will be cleaned. Probably hundreds of millions of shillings have already been used to pay youth to "clean" it. We have heard smooth speeches about how the river will be cleaned. But what is it that they are cleaning? Let us call idiocy by its name. At the Globe Roundabout, raw sewage flows from the Kipande Road side, and from the buildings and shops on the upper side of Museum Road. The sewage flows in well structured open culverts. Who is fooling whom here?

Githuku Mungai, Nairobi

### End charades and ensure road safety

The trend where transport safety authorities simulate decisive action after deadly road accidents must end. The agencies engage in theatrics to appear responsive while making no real changes. Despite receiving substantial funding from taxpayers, the agencies have failed to confront the underlying causes of the recurring road accidents. I urge Roads and Transport Cabinet Secretary Davis Chirchir to step in, impose order and deliver long-term solutions. Kenyans deserve a secure and dependable transport systems.

Peter Ojwang', Siaya

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## TODAY IN HISTORY

**August 15, 1985:** Zanzibar President Hassan Mwinyi is nominated as the ruling Chama Cha Mapinduzi's candidate to contest the presidency of the United Republic of Tanzania when President Julius Nyerere retires in October. Mwinyi, also Vice-President of the union, was proposed by Nyerere at a special national conference of the ruling party. Here, Nyerere (left) introduces Mwinyi at a rally. COMPILED BY MARIA WAMBUA

## LETTER OF THE DAY

# Resolve these issues to protect devolution

Devolution was overwhelmingly endorsed by Kenyans in the 2010 referendum, becoming a cornerstone of the new Constitution. It aimed to decentralise government functions, bringing services closer to the people.

Since its implementation in 2013, a lot of progress has been made. Health services are now under county control, and the 47 devolved units have created jobs and funded development. Machakos and Kakamega, for instance, built Kenyatta and Bukhumbu stadiums using county resources.

However, the promise of devolution has been undermined by persistent challenges. The Council of Governors (CoG) frequently complains about delayed disbursements and inadequate funds from the national government. The counties depend on national government allocations, currently set at 15 per cent of the national budget. Delays in releasing this money hinder service delivery. Increasing the allocation to 25 per cent could help counties to plan and execute projects more effectively.

Corruption remains a major obstacle. Several governors and deputies have been arrested or impeached for graft. Critics argue that devolution has multiplied avenues for mismanagement, with some suggesting merging counties into larger regional governments to curb waste.

The President recently said that nearly Sh4 trillion has been disbursed to counties since 2013,

yet much of it goes to recurrent expenditure—salaries, pending bills and debt repayment—leaving little for development.

Flagship projects are often neglected, and in many counties, roads, dispensaries and early childhood development education facilities remain in a state of disrepair. Nepotism and tribal bias further erode progress, with leadership positions sometimes monopolised by certain families or dominant clans, and marginalising others. Counties with diverse ethnic make-up, such as Migori, Busia, Bungoma and Nairobi often struggle with representation and inclusivity.

Political infighting is another threat. Governors have faced impeachment motions, often driven by poor relations with members of county assemblies, while disputes between governors and their deputies, or senators, have stalled development. Border disputes, such as those involving market centres like Sondu, Keroka and Riosiri, also sour inter-county relations, with revenue control at the heart of many conflicts.

This year's Devolution Conference must tackle these deep-rooted issues. The CoG should table practical solutions, and experts commissioned to implement them. Devolution remains one of Kenya's most transformative ideas—but unless corruption, mismanagement and divisive politics are addressed, it risks becoming a missed opportunity.

Joshua Omache, Kibabii University





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THE SENATE**

**INVITATION FOR SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**THE CONSTITUTION OF KENYA (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025  
(SENATE BILLS NO. 13 OF 2025)**

The **Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (Senate Bills No. 13 of 2025)** was read a First Time in the Senate on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 and thereafter stood committed to the Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights for consideration. The Committee is required, under standing order 145(5) of the Senate Standing Orders, to facilitate public participation on the Bill and to take into account the views and recommendations of the public when the Committee makes its report to the Senate.

The Bill seeks to amend the Constitution to address challenges of constitutional design and architecture that require reform so as to strengthen and secure the devolved system of government and for greater unity and harmony of the constitutional dispensation. The Bill proposes to achieve this by –

- (a) clarifying the role of various organs and institutions established by the Constitution in the process of implementation of devolution;
- (b) reviewing the mandate of the National Assembly and the Senate in order to clarify the shared role of the Houses of Parliament and the special roles assigned to each House of Parliament;
- (c) refining the legislative process set out in the Constitution in order to ensure that both Houses of Parliament play an effective role in the legislative process; and
- (d) ensuring that both the National Assembly and the Senate play an effective role in the budget making process in order to safeguard the implementation of devolution.

The Bill proposes to –

- (i) ensure that there is clarity in the role of each House so as to avoid overlaps and varied interpretations of the role of the respective Houses;
- (ii) provide for the leadership and the order of precedence in the Senate;
- (iii) provide for the origination of any Bill in either House of Parliament, save for a Bill on raising national revenue which may only originate in the National Assembly;
- (iv) grant full legislative mandate to both Houses of Parliament and provide for the procedure for the consideration of Bills by both Houses of Parliament;
- (v) provide for the procedure for the consideration of allocation and appropriation Bills by both Houses of Parliament;
- (vi) provide the procedure for referral of a Bill for assent after the mediation process and further excludes the allocation and appropriation Bills from the mediation process;
- (vii) repeal the definition of the term "money Bill";
- (viii) provide for the joint submission of a Bill passed by Parliament by the Speakers of both Houses of Parliament to the President for assent;
- (ix) provide clarity on the coming into force of Bills that are deemed to have been assented to under Article 115(6) of the Constitution;
- (x) provide for the establishment of a County Assembly Fund with respect to each county assembly;
- (xi) provide the procedure for the submission and consideration of estimates of revenue and expenditure of entities at the National level of Government by both Houses of Parliament;
- (xii) clarify that the basis for the preparation of budgets by county governments is a County Allocation of Revenue Bill;
- (xiii) assign the responsibility of approving or vetting of various State officers to both Houses of Parliament; and
- (xiv) assign the process of removing from office a member of a commission or holder of an independent office to both Houses of Parliament.

In accordance with the provisions of Articles 118 and 256 of the Constitution and standing order 145 (5) of the Senate Standing Orders, the Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights now invites members of the public to submit any representations that they may have on the Bill by way of written memoranda.

The memoranda may be submitted to the Clerk of the Senate, P. O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi, hand-delivered to the Office of the Clerk of the Senate, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi or emailed to [maoni@parliament.go.ke](mailto:maoni@parliament.go.ke) to be received on or before **Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 at 5.00 p.m.**

In addition, the Senate will hold public hearings on the Bill in the forty-seven counties, on dates and venues to be communicated.

The Bill and a digest that summarizes the contents and context of the Bill may be accessed on the Parliament website at <http://www.parliament.go.ke/the-senate/house-business/bills>.

**J. M. NYEGENYE, CBS,  
CLERK OF THE SENATE**

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF UASIN GISHU  
COUNTY TREASURY

**NOTICE FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR THE ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND IDENTIFICATION OF WARD-BASED PROJECTS FOR THE FY 2026/27**

The County Government of Uasin Gishu wishes to inform the public that it will be holding public participation forums in all thirty wards for the development of the Annual Development Plan and the identification of Ward-Based Projects for the 2026/27 Financial Year, in line with Article 10 of the Constitution of Kenya, Section 115(1) of the County Governments Act, and Section 7 of the Uasin Gishu County Equitable Development Act, which requires public involvement and engagement in making decisions affecting them. The CECM for Finance and Economic Planning, therefore, invites all residents to attend this exercise, which will take place on **27th and 28th August 2025**, starting at 10:00 a.m. as scheduled below.

S/N	Ward	Venue	Dates	S/N	Ward	Venue	Dates
1	Kaptagat	Kaptagat Ward Office-Naiberi	27 <sup>th</sup> AUG 2025	16	Kamagut	Chief office -Leseru	28 <sup>th</sup> AUG 2025
2	Ainabkoi/Olare	Chepng'oror Chief's Office	27 <sup>th</sup> AUG 2025	17	Tembelio	Tembelio Ward Office	28 <sup>th</sup> AUG 2025
3	Simat/Kapseret	Kapseret Sub County Office	27 <sup>th</sup> AUG 2025	18	Soy	Soy Ward Office	28 <sup>th</sup> AUG 2025
4	Kipkenyo	Kipkenyo dispensary	27 <sup>th</sup> AUG 2025	19	Kipsomba	Kipsomba center	28 <sup>th</sup> AUG 2025
5	Langas	New Langas Ward Office	27 <sup>th</sup> AUG 2025	20	Kuinet/ Kapsuswa	Kuinet Ward Office	28 <sup>th</sup> AUG 2025
6	Megun	Megun ward office	27 <sup>th</sup> AUG 2025	21	Moisbridge	Town Manager's Office	28 <sup>th</sup> AUG 2025
7	Cheptiret/ Kipchamo	St Thomas catholic church	27 <sup>th</sup> AUG 2025	22	Sergoit	Ward office -Kapnyangi	28 <sup>th</sup> AUG 2025
8	Racecourse	Racecourse Ward Office	27 <sup>th</sup> AUG 2025	23	Ng'enyilel	Ng'enyilel Ward Office	28 <sup>th</sup> AUG 2025
9	Kiplombe	Kiplombe Ward Office	27 <sup>th</sup> AUG 2025	24	Ngeria	Kipsamo Trading Centre	28 <sup>th</sup> AUG 2025
10	Tapsagoi	Tiret	27 <sup>th</sup> AUG 2025	25	Moiben	Moiben Sub County Office	28 <sup>th</sup> AUG 2025
11	Kapsoya	Kapsoya chief's office Cheboin cattle dip	27 <sup>th</sup> AUG 2025	26	Segero/ Barsombe	Ng'eny trading centre	28 <sup>th</sup> AUG 2025
12	Tulwet/Chuiyat	Chuiyat market	27 <sup>th</sup> AUG 2025	27	Kapkures	Chukura Trading Centre	28 <sup>th</sup> AUG 2025
13	Tarakwa	Tarakwa Ward Office	27 <sup>th</sup> AUG 2025	28	Ziwa	Anne's catholic church	28 <sup>th</sup> AUG 2025
14	Karuna/Meibeki	Ward Office- Karandil	27 <sup>th</sup> AUG 2025	29	Huruma	PCEA Church	28 <sup>th</sup> AUG 2025
15	Kimumu	Kimumu Ward Office -Ainaptich	27 <sup>th</sup> AUG 2025	30	Kapsaos	Kapsaos Ward Office	28 <sup>th</sup> AUG 2025

Written submissions can be sent via email to [coplanning@uasingishu.go.ke](mailto:coplanning@uasingishu.go.ke), or delivered physically to the **Office of Economic Planning** located at the **County Headquarters**, as well as at **Sub-County and Ward Offices**.

County Executive Committee Member  
Finance and Economic Planning  
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF UASIN GISHU



**REQUEST FOR BIDS**

Name of Project: **Water and Sanitation Development Project - Conditional Liquidity Support Grant (CLSG) II**

1. **Meru Water and Sewerage Services Company Limited** has received funding from the **Water Sector Trust Fund financing from the World Bank** towards the cost of the **Water and Sanitation development Project - Conditional Liquidity Support Grant (CLSG) II**, and intends to use part of the funds to undertake the following works. The company hereby invites bids from eligible firms to undertake the following works as per World Bank Guidelines.

ITEM NO	RFQ NO	RFQ DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY
1.	MEWASSCO/RFQ/CLSG II/01/2025/2026	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS WORKS FOR KATHITA INTAKE AND A 1.55 KM 315 MM DIAMETER WATER PIPELINE.	OPEN
2.	MEWASSCO/RFQ/CLSG II/02/2025/2026	PROPOSED 2.4 KM 315 MM DIAMETER KATHITA WATER PIPELINE TO MILIMANI WATER TREATMENT PLANT	OPEN

1. Qualified and interested Bidders may obtain further information and inspect the RFQ Documents during office hours from 0800 hours to 1700 hours from Monday to Friday excluding public holidays at the address given below. The bidding document in **English** may be downloaded **free of charge from the company's website [www.mewass.or.ke](http://www.mewass.or.ke)**.
2. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Procurement using a Request for Bids (RFQ) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" dated July 2016, revised 5th Edition September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations"), which can be found in the following website: <https://www.worldbank.org/en/programs/project-procurement> and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations
3. RFQ shall be quoted in Kenya Shillings and shall be inclusive of all applicable taxes. RFQ shall remain valid for one hundred and twenty (120) days from the date of opening of Bids.
4. The Bidders shall chronologically serialize all pages of the RFQ document submitted.
5. **Mandatory** pre tender site visit as per the Bid Documents (**East Africa Time**).
6. All bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **25th August 2025** at 12.00 Noon (**East Africa Time**).
7. Electronic Bids will not be permitted.
8. Any clarification request regarding this RFQ may be sent in writing to: [meruwater.procurement@gmail.com](mailto:meruwater.procurement@gmail.com). Requests for clarification should be received by MEWASSCO not later than: **3 days prior to the deadline for submission of bids**.
9. Completed Bids should be clearly marked with category and description in a **plain sealed envelope and deposited in the Tender Box at the MEWASSCO Main Office addressed to.**

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# County News

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## BRIEFLY

### Officials shrug off nurses' strike

**MACHAKOS** • Health services remain available despite the ongoing nationwide nurses' strike, county officials have said. Speaking at Machakos Level Five Hospital, County Secretary Muya Ndambuki said the strike is part of a country-wide industrial action, not a county-specific crisis. He noted recent recruitment and promotions, with 183 nurses hired and 231 promoted in 2025 alone. **Sammy Kimatu**

### Hundreds line up for IDs in Mukuru

**NAIROBI** • Over 500 residents in Mukuru, Landi Mawe Ward, yesterday gathered at the Kaya-ba chief's camp to apply for national identity cards. The drive, organised by the Registrar of Persons Kariokor office and facilitated by MCA John Maina Mugo, followed complaints of police harassment over lack of IDs. Beneficiaries, including 18-year-old Faith Atara, expressed hope for jobs and education. **Sammy Kimatu**

### County, NGO in youth policy bid

**HOMABAY** • Homa Bay County has partnered with local NGO Shining Hope for Communities (Shofco) to launch a youth policy, unveiled at Tom Mboya University during the International Youth Day. Deputy Governor Joseph Oyugi Magwanga said the policy was shaped by young voices from both towns and villages. Shofco CEO Dr Kennedy Odede called it a "policy for youth, by youth." Senator Moses Kajwang hailed it as a model for other counties. The policy addresses unemployment, business start-up support, and youth participation in decision-making. **Cecil Odongo**

**Devolution Conference 2025** Those who have already visited speak of beauty, peace and renewal

## New attraction lures conference attendees to town's sunny shore



Visitors and locals sightsee at the Ugatuzi Amphitheatre in Homa Bay Town yesterday. The site has become popular with delegates attending the devolution conference. **ALEX ODHIAMBOI NATION**

Named Ugatuzi Amphitheatre, the open-air venue has become a social-media sensation

BY RUSHDIE OUDIA

As delegates settled into the vast dome tents at Homa Bay High School—the official venue for the 2025 Devolution Conference—an almost equal number found themselves drawn away from the formal sessions, lured by the breeze and tranquil beauty of Lake Victoria's shoreline.

The transformation along the Homa Bay lake front is striking.

From the recently established arboretum and modern pier to a state-of-the-art fish market, the waterfront tells a new story of ambition and renewal.

But it is one addition—the newly unveiled Beachfront Amphitheatre—that has stolen the show. Named the Ugatuzi Amphitheatre, the sweeping, open-air venue has become a social-media sensation, tempting delegates to trade speeches and panel discussions for lakeside views.

Since Sunday, a steady stream of visitors from across the county

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Pastor Daniel Obutu



and beyond has made the short journey to see the amphitheatre for themselves. Its gracefully tiered terraces, cabro-paved walkways and oval performance stage frame uninterrupted vistas of Lake Victoria.

Inspired by the Mama Ngina Waterfront in Mombasa and reminiscent of Cape Town's coastline, it is a space for strolls, performances, quiet contemplation—or simply watching the sun sink

beneath the horizon. When fully completed, the amphitheatre will be flanked by wide lawns, inviting visitors to linger, relax or picnic. Those who have already visited speak of beauty, peace and renewal. Many stop to take photographs; others simply sit in stillness, captivated by the view.

"It looked too good to be true online, so I came to see it for myself. It's truly impressive," said Morgan Omollo.

Pastor Daniel Obutu, visiting with members of his congrega-

tion, was visibly moved.

"This area was once chaotic and unpleasant. There was hyacinth everywhere and the lake front was inaccessible. The transformation is unbelievable. I now have a story to tell my family—and a reason to bring them here," he said. For Shantel Awino, the amphitheatre promises a renaissance in local culture.

"Seeing artists perform by the lake shore will be a dream come true—for performers and audiences alike. This is the kind of

recreational development we've needed for years," she said.

Homa Bay Governor Gladys Wanga said relocating government offices away from the lakeside was a deliberate move to make way for public recreational spaces.

"Don't confine yourself to the conference venue—venture out and discover the beauty of this county. We are building a futuristic city, and we want Homa Bay to be a model of progress, culture and natural charm," she said.

Ahead of the conference's official opening, President William Ruto toured the new arboretum. Homa Bay Senator Moses Kajwang reflected on the pace of change: "Three years ago, 90 per cent of the public infrastructure you see today simply didn't exist. There's much more to come—watch this space," he said.

On social media, praise has poured in for the county government's efforts in reshaping the waterfront. For Hesbone Omollo, the amphitheatre holds personal meaning—just minutes from his home.

"When a breathtaking destination lies only 10 minutes away, it's a testament to visionary leadership. The Homa Bay lake front is magnificent," he wrote.

Observers say the development is a call to other riparian counties to unlock Lake Victoria's untapped potential for tourism and economic growth.

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## CHANGING TIMES

### New era of openness for State lodges in Ruto empowerment drives

Once the preserve of top officials and diplomats, Kenya's State House and Lodges are embracing a new era of openness.

On August 9, President William Ruto welcomed more than 1,100 young people to State House Nairobi for an economic empowerment forum. Three days later, over 2,500 women from Siaya, Kisumu, Homa Bay and

Migori attended the Nyinam Presidential Luncheon at Homa Bay State Lodge.

The event, organised with Governor Gladys Wanga, addressed gender-based violence, teenage pregnancies and sexual abuse, while highlighting economic inclusion as a solution. "If women have money in their pockets, they can overcome challenges,"

said Governor Wanga. Security was briefly strained as the turnout exceeded the expected 2,000, prompting Interior Principal Secretary Raymond Omollo to open the gates to all. President Ruto reaffirmed his commitment to women's empowerment, saying: "When women are empowered, communities thrive."

By George Odiwuor

## County News

### Agricultural centre opened at the University of Nairobi



First Lady Rachel Ruto (second left) receives a gift from Elgon Kenya Managing Director Bimal Kantaria (second right) and Mr Baiju Kantaria during the unveiling of the Kantaria Agricultural Technology and Innovation Centre (KATIC) at the University of Nairobi's Upper Kabete campus yesterday. Looking on is Ms Leena Kantaria. EVANS HABIL | NATION

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### Embu

## Probe into killing of two women begins

BY GEORGE MUNENE

Police have launched investigations following the discovery of two bodies in a stream in Matakari, Embu County, on Wednesday.

The decomposing bodies of the women were found by locals who had gone to fetch water from the stream.

A police officer said the women, who remain unidentified, may have been killed elsewhere and their bodies thrown into the stream.

Embu County Police Commander, Samuel Muthamia, said initial findings point to homicide.

"Area residents have no idea who the women or their relatives are. This is murder," he said.

#### Disfigured faces

Mr Muthamia appealed to residents to provide any information that could help identify the victims and their killers.

"It is strange that the bodies were at an advanced state of decomposition yet we have not received reports of missing people," he added.

The police boss said security in Matakari has been beefed up and bushes believed to serve as hideouts for criminals cleared.

"The area has never witnessed such an incident. The killers will face the full force of the law," he said.



Embu County Police Commander Samuel Muthamia. He has appealed to Matakari residents to volunteer information that could lead to the arrest of the women's killers. FILE | NATION

The faces of the women were disfigured, leading to speculation that the killings were carried out by people who didn't want the women identified.

"I was at home working when I heard that two bodies had been found in the stream. I then rushed to the scene," Ms Beth Kariuki, a local, said.

Mr Joseph Simba, another resident, said growing insecurity has made Matakari locals live in fear.

"We keep complaining about criminal gangs and general in-

It's strange the bodies were at advanced state of decomposition yet we've not received reports of missing people

Samuel Muthamia, police boss



security but authorities don't seem to take us seriously. The murder of these women should show police and other security agents that the situation is serious," Mr Simba said.

Area Chief Titus Mugambi said he was on official duty when he was informed of the gruesome find.

"I went to Matakari and called the police soon after seeing the bodies," the administrator said.

The bodies were later taken to Embu Level Five Hospital mortuary.

### Mandera Federal forces retake Gedo, a strategic region

## Hundreds flee Somalia as fighting escalates

The Red Cross appeals for food, blankets, tents, mosquito nets and other items

BY MANASE OTSIALO

The number of Somali nationals seeking refuge in Mandera County continues to rise as clashes between Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) troops and Jubaland forces rage in Gedo.

The fighting that started on July 21 has resulted in at least 2,289 people fleeing to Mandera, according to the Kenya Red Cross Society.

"We have set up two evacuation sites that now have more than 2,000 people," Mr Adan Mustafa, the County Red Cross Coordinator, said.

Barwaqo and Duse Primary schools have been turned into evacuation centres.

"Most of the people affected are women, children, the elderly and those with disabilities. They are in dire need of humanitarian assistance," Mr Mustafa said.

"They require water, medication, food and non-food items like mosquito nets and blankets."

He added that the situation on the border remains tense.

"As we continue receiving the refugees, we also appeal for enhanced security on the border and the evacuation sites," Mr Mustafa said.

#### Hindrance to peace

The humanitarian agency has been providing psycho-social support to the refugees since they started crossing the border.

Mandera County Police Commander, Robinson Ndiwa, assured residents and refugees of security.

"We have put in place the necessary measures to ensure security for all," Mr Ndiwa said.

According to the police chief, the border with Somalia remains shut to stop Al-Shabaab militants from crossing into Kenya.

Local security agencies say the clashes between forces of the FGS and Jubaland are a hindrance to peace in Gedo and the wider region.

Authorities in Mogadishu accuse Jubaland officials of ordering "militia attacks on national army bases and civilian areas

in Bula Hawa, leading to civilian casualties."

"Many people have died since last week. All our businesses and homes have been destroyed by the fighting," Ms Hawa Aden, a Gedo resident, said at one of the evacuation centres.

"Fleeing from home to become a refugee has never been on my mind but here I am. I pray for an end to the fighting so that I can return home and continue with my life uninterrupted."

Ms Halima Ali, another victim, said she would remain in Kenya until the situation back home stabilises.

"I appreciate the compassion extended to me and others from Somalia by Kenyans. I will remain here until the situation back home improves," she said.

Another round of fighting erupted in Bula Hawa near the border with Kenya, with shells landing in Mandera.

"We were not at home but our house has been destroyed by what appears to be a Rocket Propelled Grenade launched from Somalia," Mr Omar Aliow, a resident of Bula Geneva in Mandera, said.

2,000

The number of refugees being hosted by the Kenya Red Cross Society at Barwaqo and Duse primary schools in Manderera town. There are fears of the numbers rising

ra town told the *Daily Nation* on Thursday.

Federal Government soldiers under an officer identified as Abdirashid Janan – a former Jubaland minister for Security – said they drove Jubaland forces from Bula-Hawa in the evening.

The capture of the town the Federal Government forces signals the start of voter registration in the Gedo, a stronghold of Ahmed Islam Mohamed Mado-be, the Jubaland leader opposed to proposed constitutional changes that could lead to direct elections.

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Christopher Kirathe was appointed as the Receiver of Chiedo Developers Limited ("the Company") on 15 July 2024 by The Company for Habitat and Housing in Africa ("Shelter Afrique" or "the Bank"). This is pursuant to a Charge issued by the Company dated 19<sup>th</sup> October 2012 and registered at the Companies Registry on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2012. The Company charged title no. KISUMU MUNICIPALITY/BLOCK12/94 ("Charged asset") where **LAKE BREEZE APARTMENTS** have been constructed.

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# World



**Ukraine war** Macron says Trump is also planning a meeting with Putin and Zelenskyy

## Worries grow ahead of Trump-Putin summit

Analysts see European leaders being relegated to the margins

BERLIN, THURSDAY

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz hosted virtual meetings with international partners on Wednesday to discuss the upcoming Donald Trump-Vladimir Putin summit in Alaska.

Joined by other European leaders, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and US President Trump, the talks aimed to find a coordinated stance on the war in Ukraine.

The objective for the European leaders was to present a united front and convey their terms to Trump ahead of his meeting with the Russian President.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen posted on X that the talks with Trump "strengthened the common ground for Ukraine among Europeans, Americans and NATO".

Merz, standing alongside Zelenskyy in Berlin, stressed after the virtual meeting that fundamental European and Ukrainian security interests must be preserved in Alaska.

It was the message conveyed to Trump during the meeting, Merz said.

He added that Ukraine must have a seat at the table in any follow-up meetings and a ceasefire must be the start of negotiations.

"Ukraine is prepared to negotiate on territorial issues, but the contact line must be the starting

point," Merz said, adding that a legal recognition of occupations is not up for debate.

Multiple American media outlets, citing anonymous sources familiar with the matter, reported that Trump told European leaders during the virtual meeting that he does not intend to discuss territory with Putin and that the US could offer security guarantees to Ukraine under certain conditions.

French President Emmanuel Macron said territorial matters concerning Ukraine can only be negotiated by Zelenskyy.

Addressing journalists with European Council President Antonio Costa, Macron stressed that the US wants to achieve a ceasefire in Ukraine and that "to date, no serious territorial exchange plan is on the table".

The French president added that Trump is also planning a trilateral meeting with Putin and Zelenskyy.

"Peace cannot be achieved without the parties directly involved - Russians and Ukrainians," Italy's Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani said, adding that the EU must participate in the negotiations.

Security and political analysts across Europe offered a pessimistic outlook for the Alaska summit, citing possible risks.

Peter Wijninga, a defence expert at the Dutch Hague Centre for Strategic Studies, said the summit in Alaska, excluding Kyiv and the EU, exposes deep divisions between Europe and the US over the Ukraine crisis.

European leaders fear Trump could strike an agreement, possibly involving the annexation of parts of Ukrainian territory,



German Chancellor Friedrich Merz and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Berlin on Wednesday. PHOTO | REUTERS

which would directly violate the Ukrainian constitution, he said in an interview with Dutch public broadcaster NPO Radio.

As the worry about a one-sided deal grows across Europe, the US side has been downplaying the conference.

White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt relegated the summit to a "listening exercise where Trump will get a better understanding of the situation".

Neil Melvin, director of International Security at the Royal United Services Institute, said European leaders have been relegated to

the margins ahead of the Alaska summit.

"European leaders are able to inform Trump their ideas, and the US will brief them on the summit outcomes, but Europe is in the position that the Ukraine conflict outcomes are being negotiated over its head and the leadership in the continent is essentially an observer," Melvin added.

European allies of Ukraine will have to wait and see what comes out of the conference.

It seems there is a lot of background work going on across the Atlantic and in Europe to have some input into Trump's discussions with Putin, said political scientist Stefan Wolff, a specialist in international security at the University of Birmingham in the United Kingdom.

There are two possible deals Trump could make. A deal with Putin on a ceasefire for Ukraine or an agreement resetting relations between Russia and the

United States, Wolff said.

"I think he is interested in both, but does not see them as mutually exclusive or mutually constitutive," he added.

Overall, Europe's expectations for a concrete breakthrough are low.

Swedish Foreign Minister Maria Malmer Stenergard told Swedish Television late on Tuesday that she was not optimistic about the Alaska summit.

"It is important that European interests are taken into account in the Trump-Putin meeting," she said.

Merz said if there is no movement on the Russian side in Alaska, "then the US and Europeans should and must increase the pressure".

Meanwhile, Trump on Wednesday said Russia would face "very severe consequences" if Putin refuses to agree to a ceasefire in the conflict with Ukraine during their meeting. (Xinhua)

### C. Verde declares state of emergency

Cape Verde has declared a state of emergency on the islands of São Vicente and Santo Antão after flooding killed at least nine people and forced 1,500 from their homes. The state of emergency activates crisis funds and urgent infrastructure repairs in the Atlantic Ocean islands off the west coast of Africa. Monday's floods were triggered by Tropical Storm Erin, leading to 193mm of rain in five hours, far above São Vicente's annual average. Deputy PM Olavo Correia said the floods are catastrophic. Rescue teams are desperately searching for missing people, while roads, homes and vehicles have been severely damaged. Commenting on the heavy rains, Ester Brito from the country's meteorology institute told Reuters news agency that the weather conditions are uncommon. (BBC)

### Nigerian military chief defends operations

ABUJA • Nigeria's defence chief has defended operations against insurgents and gangs that have led to civilian casualties, saying the military is doing everything to prevent loss of life. The military has increasingly used airstrikes against the threat of militias in the north and central regions. It has admitted to mistakenly targeting civilians in the northwest, where there is widespread insecurity, and has promised to investigate such cases. Defence Chief of Staff General Christopher Musa also called for a review of international laws, arguing that they restrict state forces while leaving non-state actors "who kill at will". Musa said the army halts many operations to prevent civilian harm. (Reuters)

## 2022

The year President Vladimir Putin sent thousands of Russian soldiers into Ukraine in what he called a 'special military operation'

## Cote d'Ivoire rebel hub shows boom, burdens of Ouattara era

BOUAKE, THURSDAY

Bullet-riddled houses line streets in Cote d'Ivoire's former rebel capital Bouake, but in the run-up to his third re-election bid President Alassane Ouattara (left) is keen to turn the city into a symbol of recovery.

"Bouake is a city of past pain, but above all rebirth, unity and renewed brotherhood," the 83-year-old said in his Independence Day speech last week, ahead of

a parade in which he waved to supporters from a black armoured convertible.

It was the first time Bouake hosted independence festivities in more than 60 years, sending the message that "peace has returned" after the civil war that preceded Ouattara's swearing-in in 2011, said political analyst Geoffroy Julien Kouao.

Away from the pomp of official ceremonies, ex-combatants and other Bouake residents tell a more complex story of division.

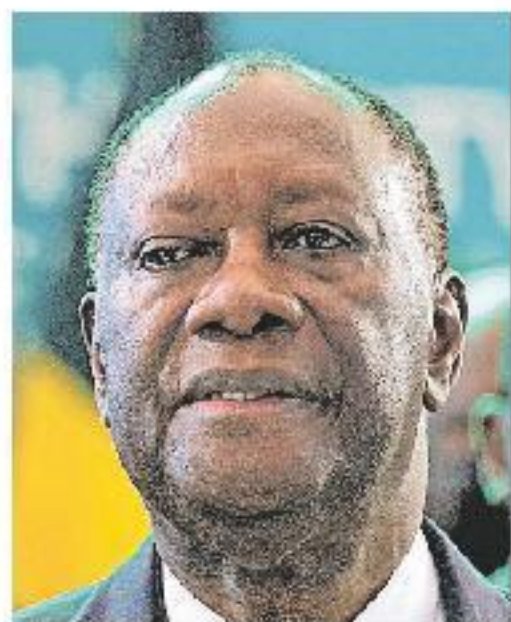
"When we apply for jobs, we are turned away because employers know we took up arms. They are afraid of us," said Fousseini Toure, member of a civil society group.

Cote d'Ivoire, the world's largest cocoa producer, split in two after a rebellion in 2002 against then-President Laurent Gbagbo, and Bouake became the headquarters of the New Forces rebels, many from Ouattara's Dioula ethnic group.

The war was largely a result of xenopho-

bic policies against farmers from Burkina Faso and Mali that also targeted northern Ivorians with cultural ties to them. UN peacekeepers deployed and elections were held in 2010, but Gbagbo refused to concede to Ouattara, setting off four months of violence that killed 3,000 people.

Ouattara, who announced last month he would seek re-election, is widely credited for Cote d'Ivoire's steady economic growth since he took office. (Reuters)



# Business

# 8.4%

Growth in Co-op Bank net profit for six months

## Co-op Bank net profit increases to Sh14bn

BY DOMINIC OMONDI

Co-operative Bank of Kenya has posted an after-tax profit of Sh14.1 billion for the six months to June 2025, an 8.4 per cent increase from Sh13 billion in the same period last year, driven by strong growth in both interest and non-interest income.

Operating income rose 10.8 per cent to Sh43.5 billion, supported by a 23.1 per cent jump in net interest income to Sh44.8 billion.

Chief Executive Officer Gideon Muriuki attributed the results to the group's strategic focus on sustainable growth, resilience, and agility. The performance lifted the lender's return on equity to 19.9 per cent, underscoring its ability to deliver value to shareholders.

"Co-operative Bank Group remains steadfast in advancing its strategic priorities, firmly grounded in resilience and growth across diverse economic sectors," he said.

The listed lender is majority-owned by the 15-million-member co-operative movement through Co-op Holdings Co-operative Society Limited, which holds a 64.56 per cent stake.

### Operating environment

Operating expenses climbed 13 per cent to Sh24 billion from Sh21.27 billion, reflecting higher provisioning for loan defaults and rising staff costs. The bank increased loan-loss provisions by 50 per cent to Sh4.5 billion from Sh3 billion, citing a tough operating environment for borrowers.

Staff costs rose 8.43 per cent to Sh9.9 billion, driven by pay increases and the hiring of additional employees as the bank expanded its branch network.

During the period, Co-op Bank's staff count grew by 450 to 5,850. The lender opened 15 new branches in Kenya, bringing its total to 212, while subsidiaries also expanded their footprint—Kingdom Bank opened in Machakos and Co-operative Bank of South Sudan added a branch in Wau.

Mr Muriuki noted that subsidiaries contributed positively to group performance.

## Jubilee Insurance launches 5th edition of biker race



Jubilee Insurance Group Head of Marketing and Corporate Communications Caroline Ndung'u with James Kiragu of Grand Nairobi Biker Race and cyclist Winnie Wandiga during the launch of the 5th Jubilee Live Free Race yesterday.

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### BRIEFLY

#### CHALLENGE

#### Huawei Kenya opens search for innovators in ICT

Huawei Kenya has opened the registration of university and college students for the 10th edition of its annual ICT competition, seeking to double the participation from 6,000 contestants to a new record of 12,000. National winners will join the regional competition which will then give rise to a global contest. Since its launch in Kenya in 2018, the Huawei ICT competition has assisted over 12,000 Kenyan students, offering them global exposure and technical mentorship. **Kabui Mwangi**

#### INVESTMENT

#### IFC eyes Sh1.3bn equity stake in tours business

The International Finance Corporation (IFC) is proposing to make an equity investment of Sh1.29 billion in Safari Holdings, the parent firm of ARP Africa Travel, Pollman's Tours & Safaris, and Tanzanian tour firm Ranger Safaris. In a disclosure Wednesday, IFC, a member of the World Bank Group, said it will make the investment alongside a Mauritian firm vehicle known as Alterra Africa Accelerator Fund, which will also manage the co-investment. **Charles Mwaniki**

## Report Wastage rife despite more allocation to the development fund

# Audit exposes Sh496m ditched NG-CDF projects

Initiatives spanning 29 constituencies have been abandoned to choke in grass

BY KABUI MWANGI

Projects valued at Sh495.6 million and funded by the National Government Constituency Development Fund (NGCDF) across 29 constituencies have been reported stalled and abandoned, underscoring systemic inefficiencies in implementation of publicly-funded development.

This came during a period when annual national allocations to the kitty jumped 68.1 per cent to Sh74.8 billion, up from Sh44.5 billion in a corresponding prior period.

The fund is a government initiative established to support development at the grassroots level by allocating cash directly to

each parliamentary constituency. Managed through committees at the constituency level, the kitty is used for projects such as building schools, security installations, and funding education through the issuance of bursaries to students from needy families.

"Stalled projects are an indication that the public has been denied benefits that would have accrued from the completed projects and that value for money invested in the projects has not been realised," Auditor General Nancy Gathungu said in a new audit report covering the year ended June 2024.

The report further shows that completion of projects worth Sh6.9 billion was delayed in 157 constituencies, indicating ineffec-

### ALLOCATION

# 74.8

Billions of shillings allocated to the kitty in the period up from Sh44.5 billion previously

fectiveness in the management of public resources.

Of those completed, the auditor flagged Sh101.1 million worth of projects in 18 constituencies that remained unutilised, which she said points to wastage of public finances and lack of value for money.

A physical verification and review of project records by Gathungu's office showed that development initiatives valued at Sh696.99 million in 65 constituencies had unsatisfactory imple-

mentation issues, including poor workmanship and structural defects, which indicated contract mismanagement and procurement irregularities.

Other issues flagged included payments for incomplete works or no works at all, failure to brand projects, raising the risk of duplication in accounting, as well as lack of proper handover and documentation, which meant that many completed projects had completion and handover certificates.

Gathungu also raised concern over unutilised funds totaling Sh26.7 billion across all the 290 constituencies as of June 30, 2024, noting that this has been a recurring situation over the years, which has previously been blamed on delayed disbursement of funds from the NGCDF Board.

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**NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE**

Last 12 Mths	Security	Prices	Shares
High	Low	Yesterday	Previous

**AGRICULTURAL**

14.50	10.00	Eaagads Ord 1.25	14.15	14.60	71,419
440.00	240.00	Kakuzi Plc Ord. 5.00		385.75	
350.00	81.00	Kapchoruar Tea Kenya Plc Ord	326.25	326.50	21
430.00	320.00	The Limuru Tea Co. Ord 20.00		310.25	
32.60	13.60	Sasini Ltd Ord 1.00	15.95	16.00	7,009
289.00	120.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Plc Ord 500	241.25	241.75	3,116

**AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES**

49.00	18.50	Car & General (K) Ord 5.00	29.00	26.40	348
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**BANKING**

20.00	10.00	ABSA Bank Ord 0.50	20.00	19.80	5,628,771
38.00	26.50	BK Group Ord 0.80	36.00	36.00	530,200
85.00	43.05	Diamond Trust Bank Ord 4.00	81.00	81.00	39,098
52.50	33.70	Equity Group Holdings Ord 0.50	54.75	54.00	5,370,265
9.74	2.80	HF Group Plc Ord 5.00	9.58	8.84	1,489,693
39.00	15.80	I&M Group Ord 1.00	38.00	38.30	77,426
48.50	15.00	KCB Group Ord 1.00	52.75	49.35	2,930,493
67.00	28.50	NCBA Group Ord 5.00	65.75	65.25	64,329
180.00	90.00	Stanbic Holdings Ord. 5.00	184.50	184.25	3,079
322.00	134.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ord. 5.00	333.00	333.50	10,306
18.35	10.10	The Co-op Bank of Kenya Ord 1.00	17.40	17.35	299,123

**COMMERCIAL & SERVICES**

0.45	0.45	Deacons (East Africa) Ord 2.50		0.45	
1.88	0.59	Eveready EA Ord 1.00	1.48	1.35	242,100
5.40	2.70	Express Kenya Ord 5.00	4.13	4.42	2,722
4.66	4.66	Homeboyz Entertainment Plc Ord 0.50		4.66	
9.18	3.83	Kenya Airways Ord 1.00	4.72	4.76	1,253,362
3.46	2.00	Longhorn Publishers Ord 1.00	2.82	2.85	6,703
5.00	1.70	Nairobi Business Ventures Ord 1.00	1.72	1.77	103,314
22.40	10.60	Nation Media Group Plc Ord. 2.50	12.70	13.70	18,368
8.52	1.80	Samser Africa Plc Ord. 5.00	14.50	14.30	87,160
10.80	4.50	Standard Group Ord 5.00	6.10	6.04	173
18.70	10.85	TPS Eastern Africa Ord 1.00	14.45	14.30	1,309
0.41	0.16	Uchumi Supermarket Ord 5.00	0.30	0.31	66,862
3.95	1.80	WPP ScanGroup PLC Ord. 1.00	2.85	2.78	2,005,182

**CONSTRUCTION & ALLIED**

5.55	5.55	ARM Cement Ord 1.00		5.55	
84.00	21.30	Bamburi Cement Ltd Ord 5.00		54.00	
47.00	29.00	Crown Paints Kenya Ord 0.50	45.50	45.55	1,317
3.27	0.72	E. A. Cables Ord 0.50		1.71	
55.75	4.38	E.A. Portland Cement Ord 5.00	53.75	50.25	1,304

**ENERGY & PETROLEUM**

7.52	1.94	KenGen Ord 2.50	7.44	7.40	1,687,265
12.40	1.30	KP & LC Co Plc Ord. 250	11.10	11.05	2,250,062
4.20	4.00	KP & LC Plc 4% Pref. 20.00		4.10	
6.00	6.00	KP & LC Plc 7% Pref. 20.00		6.00	
26.00	14.55	TotalEnergies Marketing Kenya Ord 5.00	29.30	28.00	33,093
24.75	6.30	Umeme Ltd Ord 0.50	9.36	9.32	694,788

**INSURANCE**

8.98	4.01	Britam Holdings Ord 0.10	8.30	8.06	389,571
3.69	1.60	CIC Insurance Group Ord. 1.00	3.86	3.71	961,355
254.75	142.00	Jubilee Holdings Ord 5.00	273.50	275.75	3,390
2.97	1.05	Kenya Re Insurance Ord 2.50	2.26	2.26	658,430
11.20	3.30	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ord 1.00	11.50	11.35	49,153
11.00	4.00	Sanlam Kenya Ord 5.00	8.30	8.28	7,731

**INVESTMENT**

16.50	7.60	Centum Investment Co Ord 0.50	11.90	11.85	20,019
1.12	0.27	Home Afrika Ltd Ord. 1.00	0.65	0.65	457,310
1,500	1,500	Kurwitu Ventures Ltd Ord. 100.00		1,500.00	
5.60	1.91	Olympia Capital Holdings Ltd Ord. 5.00	6.90	6.48	85,704
1.78	0.29	Trans-Century Plc Ord. 0.50		1.12	

**INVESTMENT SERVICES**

10.00	5.22	Nairobi Securities Exchange Ord 4.00	10.60	10.65	17,454
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**MANUFACTURING & ALLIED**

95.00	65.00	B.O.C Kenya Group Co. Ord 5.00	90.00	89.25	2,480
495.00	325.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Ord 10.00	438.75	434.50	2,965
23.90	11.00	Carbacid Investments Ord 1.00	21.75	21.80	1,456
244.00	100.00	East African Breweries Ord 1.00	204.25	207.75	14,155
2.33	0.86	Flame Tree Group Holdings Ord 0.825	1.26	1.24	19,810
77.00	10.40	Kenya Orchards Ord 5.00		74.00	
0.27	0.27	Mumias Sugar Co. Ord 2.00		0.27	
31.00	12.00	Unga Group Co. Ord 5.00	19.65	19.75	502
6.80	5.90	Shri Krishana Overseas. Plc 0.20	6.20	6.00	35,841

**TELECOMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY**

27.50	11.50	Safaricom Ltd Ord. 0.05	26.50	26.35	2,076,940
20.00	20.00	Laptrust I-Reit Co. Ord 20.00		20.00	
3330.00	1880.00	Abisa New Gold ETF	4050i	3985	
761.00	761.00	Satrix MSCI World Feeder ETF	811i	800.00	

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**COMMERCIAL BANK RATES**

		Euro	\$	£	C\$	SF	IR	JY	ZR
ABC	buy	150.96	129.00	175.10	93.70	159.99	1.47	88.02	7.32
	sell	151.80	129.50	176.04	94.06	160.81	1.47	88.43	7.39
Abisa	buy	150.75	129.10	174.22	93.65	159.88	1.47	87.18	7.34
	sell	151.24	129.30	174.75	93.93	160.53	1.47	87.43	7.36
Co-op	buy	148.40	128.50	172.91	91.90	158.03	1.44	87.24	6.43
	sell	153.59	129.80	177.36	95.63	162.89	1.60	90.27	8.29
Equity	buy	150.85	128.90	174.84	93.6	160.2	-	87.47	7.35
	sell	151.58	129.50	175.71	94.06	161.03	-	87.89	7.39
NBK	buy	150.87	129.00	174.34	93.71	159.17	1.47	87.21	7.34
	sell	151.07	129.40	174.59	93.87	159.43	1.47	87.35	7.36
KCB	buy	150.90	129.03	174.94	93.67	160.33	1.47	88.00	7.36
	sell	151.39	129.43	175.53	93.98	160.90	1.48	88.00	7.38
NCBA	buy	150.60	128.90	174.00	93.55	159.70	1.47	87.04	7.33
	sell	160.45	129.40	174.75	93.95	160.40	1.47	87.39	7.36
Stanbic	buy	150.53	128.90	173.99	93.60	159.97	1.46	87.12	7.34
	sell	151.13	129.40	174.66	93.96	160.59	1.48	87.46	7.45
Prime	buy	150.60	129.00	174.90	93.50	159.90	1.47	87.80	7.30
	sell	151.10	129.50	175.40	94.00	160.40	1.48	88.40	7.40

**CBK RATES**

	Exchange Rate	Swiss Franc	160.4766
US Dollar	129.2398	100 Japanese Yen	88.2303
1 Sterling Pound	1754495	1 Swedish Kroner	13.5298
1 Euro	151.2558	1 Norwegian Kroner	12.6544
1 South African Rand	7.3732	1 Danish Kroner	20.2258
Ksh/US\$	27.5225	1 Indian Rupee	1.4735
Ksh/T\$H	20.1563	1 Hongkong Dollar	16.4638
Ksh/RWF	11.2022	1 Singapore Dollar	100.9962
Ksh/BIF	23.0735	1 Saudi Riyal	34.4428
1 UAE Dirham	35.1899	1 Chinese Yuan	18.0207
1 Canadian Dollar	93.9814	1 Australian Dollar	84.6973

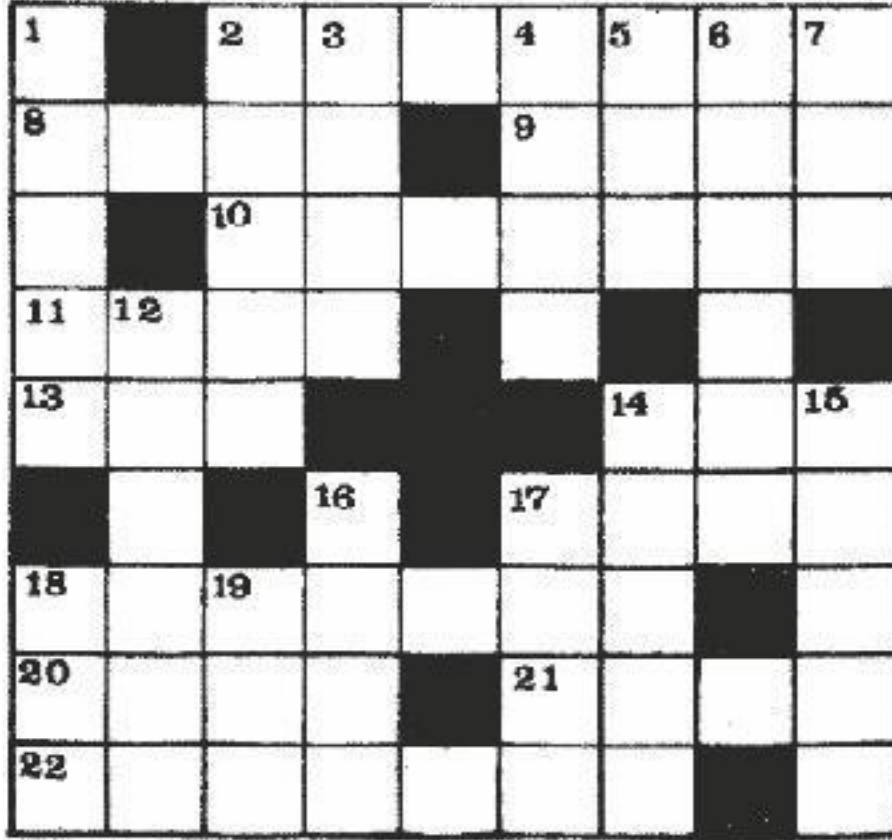
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		Daily Yield	Annual Rate
African Alliance Kenya Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.55%	7.82%
African Alliance Kenya Enhanced Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.96%	8.25%
Britam Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.37%	10.92%
Britam Money Market Fund	USD	4.58%	4.69%
Abisa Shilling MMF	Kenya Shilling	8.26%	8.58%
Abisa Dollar Fund MMF	USD	4.01%	4.09%
Gulfcap Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	12.89%	13.11%
Gulfcap Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	13.13%	13.94%
Gulfcap Shariah Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.08%	7.33%
Old Mutual Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.54%	11.01%
Old Mutual Dollar Money Market Fund	USD	4.94%	5.06%
Etica Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.43%	12.11%
Etica Money Market Fund	USD	5.87%	6.05%
CPF Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	6.29%	6.56%
Co-op Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.83%	9.23%
Co-op Bond Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.12%	10.65%
Arvocap Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.08%	11.67%
Arvocap Alimasi Fund	Kenya Shilling	1.32	1.32
Mayfair Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.13%	8.47%
Mayfair Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	15.18	15.18
Enwealth Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.62%	11.14%
CIC Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.22%	8.53%
CIC Wealth Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.00%	7.00%
CIC Dollar Fund	USD	4.63	4.74%
Equity Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	5.01%	5.12%
Kuza Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.28%	11.94%
Kuza Money Market Fund	USD	5.60%	5.75%
Madison Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.28%	10.83%
Madison Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.63%	12.34%
Orient Kasha Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.65%	12.25%
Jubilee Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.30%	10.80%
Jubilee Money Market Fund	USD	5.07%	5.19%
Lofty-Corban Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.88%	12.63%
Lofty-Corban Bond Fund	Kenya Shilling	12.23%	12.94%
Lofty-Corban Money Market Fund	USD	5.12%	5.24%
Cytomn Money Market	Kenya Shilling	12.42%	13.22%
NCBA Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.85%	8.14%
NCBA Dollar Fixed Income Fund	USD	3.43%	3.49%
ICEA LION Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.81%	9.21%
ICEA LION Dollar Fixed Income Fund	USD	10.47%	10.47%
ICEA LION Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	115.89	115.89
Britam Special Fixed Income Fund (3 months)	Kenya Shilling	10.65%	11.18%
Britam Special Fixed Income Fund (6 months)	Kenya Shilling	10.67%	11.21%
Britam Special Fixed Income Fund (12 months)	Kenya Shilling	10.84%	11.40%
Sanlam Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.58%	10.05%
Sanlam US Dollar Fund	USD	5.27%	5.41%
Apollo Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.71%	10.20%
Genghis Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.65%	9.03%
GenAfrica Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.75%	11.28%
KCB Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.19%	9.59%
KCB Money Market Fund	USD	5.04%	5.16%
Nabo Africa Fixed Income Fund	USD	6.69%	6.92%
Nabo Africa Money Market Fund	USD	5.76%	5.93%
Nabo Africa Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	12.16%	12.93%
Nabo Africa Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	12.20%	12.97%
Dry Associates Money Market Fund	USD	4.93%	5.04%
Dry Associates Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.75%	10.20%
Dry Associates Special High Yield Fund	Kenya Shilling	12.16%	13.34%
Faulu Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.80%	10.27%
Britam Bond Plus Fund</			

# Leisure

## SIMPLE CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**  
 2. Extremely angry  
 8. Conceited  
 9. A cause of great distress or annoyance  
 10. West African country, 'Naija'  
 11. In printing, 'let the cancellation stay'  
 13. Spread grass or hay to dry  
 14. A small aircraft that is able to fly very fast  
 17. A system of words, letters or symbols used for secrecy in espionage  
 18. Middle Easterner  
 20. A person who inherits and continues the work of a predecessor  
 21. The stake in a poker game  
 22. Refusing to be persuaded **DOWN**  
 1. In nautical language, used as a command to stop or cease  
 2. Imposed a monetary fee on a suspect in a court of law  
 3. A single, complete thing



4. Mountain goat  
 5. Paddle for rowing a boat  
 6. One  
 7. A large expanse of salt water  
 12. Taunted  
 14. A large piece of meat cooked whole  
 15. Principle held by one as true  
 16. Of a person, kind  
 17. Relatives with a common ancestor  
 18. Initial Health Assessment (abbreviation)  
 19. A long, narrow inlet formed by the partial submergence of a river valley

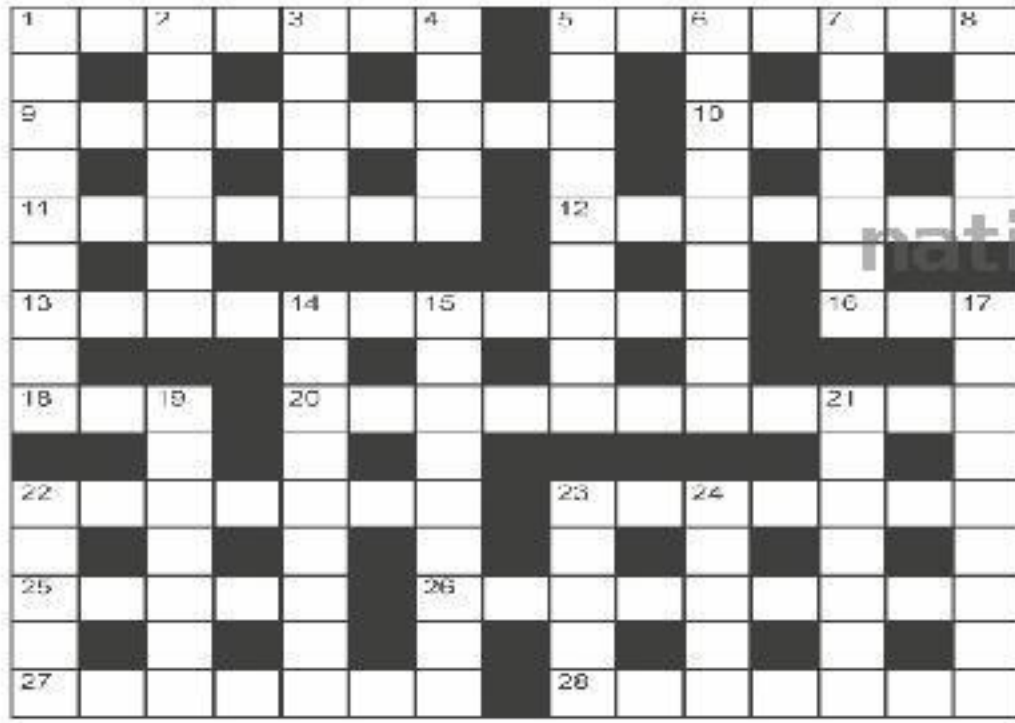
- YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION**  
**ACROSS:**  
 1 Swan song  
 7 Nit  
 8 Eye  
 10 Satay  
 12 ARB  
 13 Stem  
 14 Arab  
 15 Egg  
 16 Slay  
 18 Amen  
 21 PIN  
 22 Erase  
 23 Yet  
 24 Git  
 25 Ricochet  
**DOWN:**  
 1 Suss  
 2 Ante  
 3 Niamey  
 4 Sty  
 5 Near  
 6 Gyrate  
 9 Ebb  
 11 Atelier  
 14 Agaric  
 16 Spy  
 17 Anti  
 19 Math  
 20 Nett  
 22 Ego

## CODEWORD

Each number in our Codeword grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. For example, today 7 represents I when 7 appears. You have two letters in the control grid to start you off. Enter the appropriate squares in the main grid, then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and control grid. Check off the list of alphabetical letters as you identify them.

## COMPLEX CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**  
 1 Bear excited most American children (7)  
 5 Colour of mole maybe relative's caged (7)  
 9 Picked up spotted rat circling king and queen? (5,4)  
 10 Bits put back on satellite (5)  
 11 No doubt canal drained in good time (7)  
 12 Handle alien creature not yet one year old (7)  
 13 Oxford University books returned by group not working (3,2,6)  
 16 Circuit in China going west (3)  
 18 Bob possibly scrubbing power tool (3)  
 20 Bird shaking a leg on ledge (6,5)  
 22 More nuts and sauce at front of jetty (7)  
 23 Leave insects near back of run-down church (7)  
 25 Some beer Gazza brought back for match (5)  
 26 Officers turn the air blue about Oscar's speech (9)  
 27 Predict painful cycling in iron saddle at the end (7)  
 28 Basic car dial defective (7)



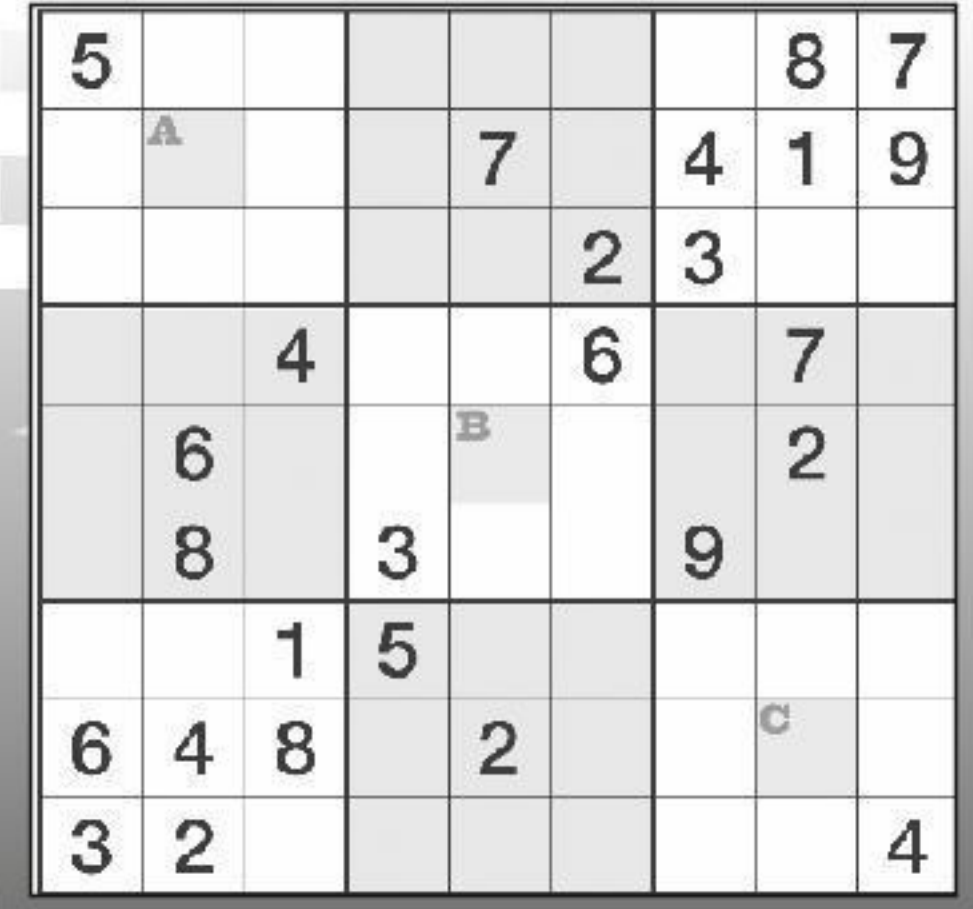
- DOWN**  
 1 Fire hot beneath fool in sinner's garment? (9)  
 2 Old boat carrying the French is loaded (7)  
 3 Ceremonial table with key artist turned (5)  
 4 EV broken down inside festival difficult to shift? (5)  
 5 Cake produced at home fed to reared fish (9)  
 6 Beef and veg in cream almost gone (9)  
 7 Bronze erected at top of river not affected (7)  
 8 Benefit of dog losing its lead (5)  
 14 Murky nature of enemy's son smuggling good drink (9)  
 15 Porter perhaps raised area for writer (9)  
 17 Adult mice peel off in stages (9)  
 19 Salesperson visiting capital upset its previous ruler (7)  
 21 Common info on grass Spain's promoted (7)  
 22 Tower above delta fine after conflict (5)  
 23 City's casualty department generates light source (5)  
 24 Audience see squabble beginning to develop (5)

- YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION**  
**ACROSS**  
 1 Panacea  
 5 Pedicab  
 9 Recap  
 10 Smart Alec  
 11 Chain smoke  
 12 Emma  
 14 Varsity match  
 18 Heaven forbid  
 21 Brie  
 22 Shellacked  
 25 Retriever  
 26 Eaten  
 27 Saracen  
 28 Antares  
**DOWN**  
 1 Piracy  
 2 Nectar  
 3 Copenhagen  
 4 Assam  
 5 Prankster  
 6 Duty  
 7 Calamity  
 8 Backache  
 13 Ambivalent  
 15 Safe haven  
 16 The Birds  
 17 Banister  
 19 Skater  
 20 Adonis  
 23 Larva  
 24 Disc

## SUDOKU

### ENJOY THE GAME OF SUDOKU DAILY

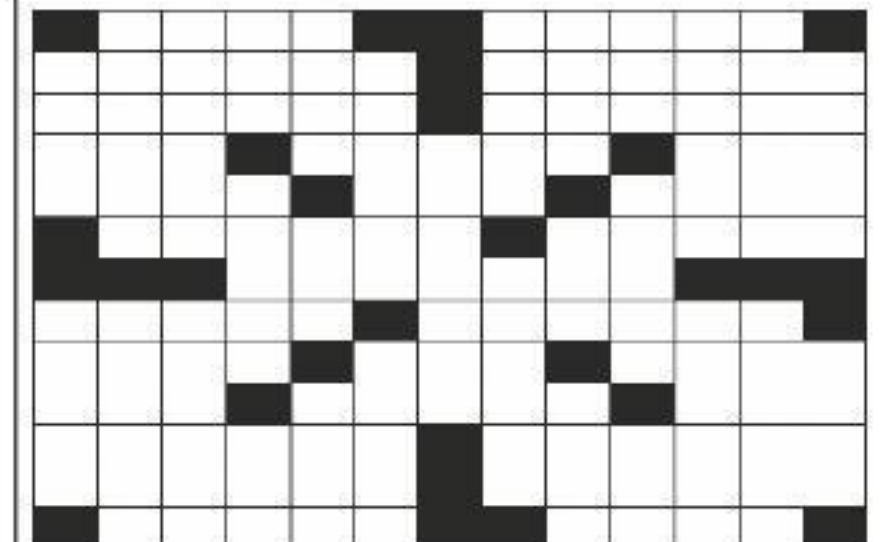
Use Numbers 1-9. Sudoku is played on a grid of 9 x 9 spaces. Don't Repeat Any Numbers in the upper left square (circled in blue), this square already has 7 out of the 9 spaces filled in. Don't Guess. Sudoku is a game of logic and reasoning, so you shouldn't have to guess. Use Process of elimination.



### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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

## WORD FIT



Fit the words into the grid to create a finished crossword

- 3 LETTERS:**  
 ALE  
 ANT  
 CAD  
 CUI  
 HIP  
 IRL  
 IFG  
 LIE  
 SEE  
 SKY  
 TAB  
 USE
- 4 LETTERS:**  
 ANON  
 BELL  
 BETA  
 HUMP  
 MFSH  
 NEED  
 NOON  
 OOZE  
 RFFD  
 SLUK  
 TAME
- 5 LETTERS:**  
 ARMED  
 BALES  
 CAMEL  
 ENSUL  
 IFGAI  
 ORGAN  
 PAGAN  
 RAILED  
 RECAP  
 STOUT  
 TRLED
- 6 LETTERS:**  
 BACKUP  
 CANCEL  
 CORPSE  
 COUPLE  
 DE FTE  
 DULLES  
 FC7FMA  
 ELAPS  
 EMBLEM
- 7 LETTERS:**  
 GILDING  
 SUNDIAL
- 8 LETTERS:**  
 ENZYME  
 INCCED  
 INTACT  
 MANIAC  
 OPENER  
 PEACHY  
 RANSOM  
 SNEEZE  
 TOSSED  
 TYRANT

### Take 5

by Simon Shaker

No. 1089  
 Find the letter given, then solve.  
**7 = W**  
 Solution 1088: SEICLLUDE

### WordWheel

No. 1089

Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or anticlockwise.  
 Solution 1088: CASUALLY

### WORD-BUILDER

1089

How many words of three or more letters, including plurals, can you make from the five letters, using each letter only once? No foreign words or words beginning with a capital are allowed. There's at least one five-letter word.  
**TODAY'S GOALS:**  
 Good - 10 Excellent - 15 Amazing - 18  
**SOLUTION 1088:** eth, helot, noe, hole, hoit, not, horel, let, lct, loth, the, tole, tce

### TRIO

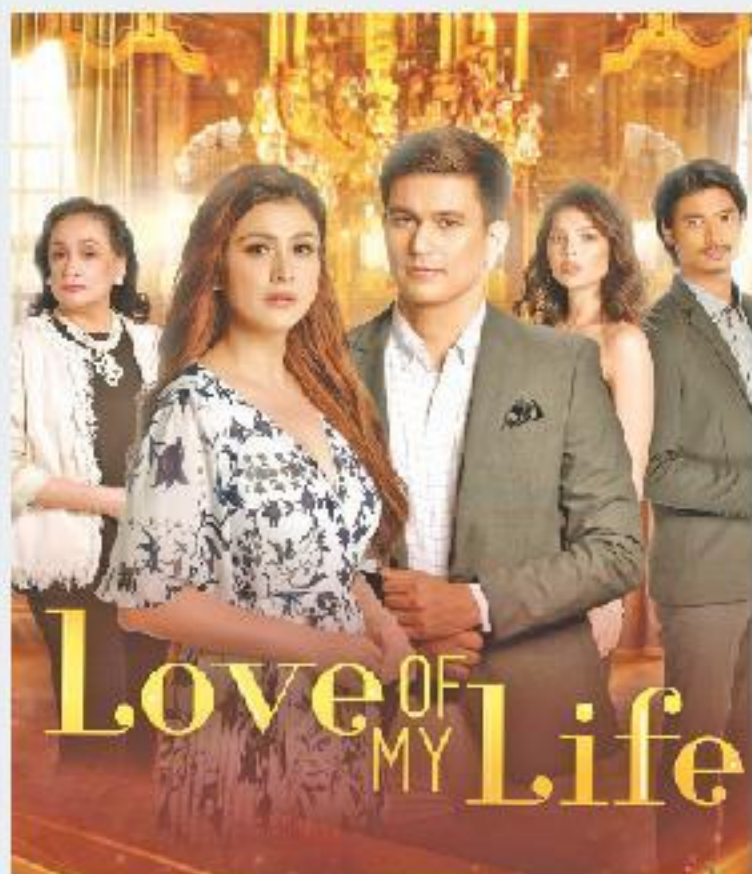
These four words can be completed using the same three-letter sequence. Can you find it?

--- E  
 PAR ---  
 --- ATE  
 TEN ---

**TRIO 1088 SOLUTION:**  
**PAR**

ART: JONATHAN

TREAT OF THE DAY



LOVE OF MY LIFE

1:30 PM

Love of My Life- is a Philippine television drama series.. It is directed by Don Michael Perez, it stars Coney Reyes, Carla Abellana, Mikael Daez and Rhian Ramos. The series has a total of 80 episodes. Isabella, a rich matriarch, is strict and only wants what she thinks is best for her family. This causes her to become estranged from her two sons – Nikolai, the black sheep who is the reason for a tragic accident in their family.



- 4:00am Aljazeera
- 5:00am Off The Hook
- 6:00am Fixing The Nation
- 10:00am Your World
- 12:00pm Flaqo
- 12:30pm Kilimo Almasi Agri Show
- 1:00pm NTV Adhuhuri
- 1:30pm Love of my life
- 2:30pm Kwetu Mixx
- 3:30pm Galaxy Kids
- 4:00pm Beatz and Buzz
- 6:30pm NTV Mashinani
- 7:00pm NTV Jioni
- 7:40pm The Sacco Way
- 8:00pm #TTTT
- 9:00pm NTV Weekend Edition
- 10:00pm The Trend
- 12:00am Aljazeera

NTV WEEKEND

EDITION 9:00PM

Join Michelle Ngele Odhiambo tonight and the rest for your definitive nightly roundup of top news stories, featuring incisive reports, exclusive interviews, and powerful investigative pieces that uncover the truth.



CINEMA GUIDE

NAIROBI

- ANGA DIAMOND PLAZA**  
**Coolie** (Hindi) 2D 10AM, 2.40PM, 7PM, 10.10PM  
**Nobody 2** 2D 12.50PM, 8.10PM  
**Saiyaara** 1PM, 0PM  
**Superman** 3D 5.45PM  
**The Fantastic Four: First Steps** 2D 4.45PM  
**War 2** 2D 10.10AM, 1.30pm, 3.50pm, 7pm, 10.15pm  
**Weapons** 2D 10.20AM  
**ANGA SKY CINEMA, PANARI CENTRE**  
**Coolie** (Hindi) 2D 9.25PM  
**Freakier Friday** 2D 10AM,  
**Nobody 2** 2D 2.20PM, 8.20PM  
**Superman** 2D 12PM,  
**The Bad Guys 2** 3D 12.30PM,  
**The Fantastic Four: First Steps** 2D 10.30AM, 2.20PM, 4.20PM, 6.20PM  
**War 2** 2D 6.20PM, 10PM  
**Weapons** 2D 4PM  
**WESTGATE CINEMA WESTGATE MALL**  
**The Naked Gun** 2D-SCRN 1(16) 4.30PM  
**Superman: Legacy** 3D-SCRN 1(16) 2.00PM  
**Fi: The Movie** 2D-SCRN 2(PG) 9.20PM  
**The Bad Guys 2** 2D-SCRN 2(PG) 11.20AM  
**The Fantastic Four: First Steps** 3D-SCRN 1(PG) 11.00AM  
**Nobody 2** 2D-SCRN 1&4(16) (6.25PM &

10.10PM

- Jurassic World Rebirth** 2D-SCRN 3(PG) (FRI- THUR) 3.00PM & 6.10PM  
**Saiyaara** 2D-SCRN 2(PG) 2.55PM & 6.00PM  
**Coolie** 2D-SCRN 3(TBA) 11.30AM & 8.50PM  
**War 2** 2D-SCRN 1& 4(16) 11.10AM, 3.00PM, 6.35PM & 8.55PM  
**Nobody 2** 2D-SCRN 5(16) 11.05AM  
**Weapons** 2D-SCRN 5(18) 9.50PM  
**Superman: Legacy** 3D-SCRN 6(16) 5.50PM  
**Freakier Friday** 2D-SCRN 5(PG) (4.20PM (SAT & SUN) 2.20PM  
**The Fantastic Four: First Step** 3D-SCRN 6(PG) 3.20PM  
**The Naked Gun** 2D-SCRN 5(16) 2.20PM  
**Coolie** 2D-SCRN 5(TBA) 6.30PM  
**War 2** 2D-SCRN 6(16) 8.50PM  
**Saiyaara** 2D-SCRN 6(PG) 11.20AM  
**CENTURY CINEMAX SARIT CENTRE WESTLANDS**  
**War 2** 2D- 11.30AM, 3.00PM, 6.30PM & 10PM  
**Freakier Friday** 2D 12.30PM & 3.00PM  
**The Fantastic Four: First Steps** 3D , 5.30PM, 7.45PM & 10.00PM  
**The Bad Guys 2** 2D- 12.30PM & 2.45PM  
**Superman: Legacy** 5PM, 10:00PM  
**Nobody 2** 2D -11.00AM & 7.00PM  
**Coolie** (Hindi) 2D -1.00PM & 9.00PM  
**Saiyaara** 2D- 4.15PM

CENTURY CINEMAX

- TWO RIVERS MALL - LIMURU ROAD**  
**The Bad Guys** 2D 11AM, 1PM, 3PM, 5PM  
**The Naked Gun** 2D 7PM & 9.30PM  
**Superman: Legacy** 11AM, 1.45PM, 4.30PM, 7.15PM & 10PM  
**The Fantastic Four: First Steps** 3D 12PM, 2.30PM, 5PM, 7.30PM & 10PM  
**Smurfs** 2D - 1PM, 3PM  
**Nobody 2** 2D 5PM, 7PM & 9PM  
**Jurassic World Rebirth** 3D 1PM, 7PM & 10PM  
**Fi: Formula 1** -4PM  
**Freakier Friday** 2D 12.30PM & 3PM  
**Weapons** 2D 5.15PM, 7.45PM & 10PM  
**CENTURY CINEMAX THE JUNCTION MALL - NGONG ROAD**  
**Smurfs** 2D- 11.00AM, 1.00PM , 3.00PM  
**Weapons** 2D 5.00PM, 7.30PM & 10.00PM  
**The Fantastic Four: First Steps** 3D 12.00PM, 2.30PM, 5PM, 7.30PM & 10PM  
**Nobody 2** 2D 11.00AM, 5.30PM & 10.00PM  
**The Naked Gun** 3D 12.45PM, 3.15PM & 7.30PM  
**The Bad Guys** 3D 11.00AM, 1.15PM, 3.30PM  
**Superman: Legacy** 3D & 5.30PM, 7.45PM 10PM

TELEVISION

TV47 TV

- 5:00 Morning Decree  
 5:30 TV47 Fitness 6:00 Morning Café  
 10:00 TV47 Matukio 2:00 Baze 47 3:00 Kids On The Block 4:00 TV47 News Now 4:15 Sports Life 4:30 Debate Circle 5:00 Beat Plug 7:00 TV47 Wikendi 7:30 The 77 Percent 8:00 Eco Africa 8:30 New Life Begins 9:00 This Friday With Betty Kyallo

- 10:10 Tribe 47 12:00 Beatplug Mix

CITIZEN TV

- 5:00 Pambazuka 5:30 PE @ Home Show 6:00 Day Break 10:00 Sema Na Citizen 1:00 News 2:00 Mseto Africa 3:00 Citizen Junior 4:00 News Briefs 4:30 Kali ni Kali 6:00 Kenya's Gold 7:00 Nipasha Wikendi 7:30 Neema 8:00 Aurora's Quest 9:00 Friday Night 10:00 10 Over 10 11:00 Afrosinema 1:00 Friday Night Rpt 4:00 Pambazuka

KTN TV

- 5:30 Command Your Morning 6:00 the Situation Room 10:00 Zilizala Viiwanjani 11:00 Yanayojini 1:00 Newsdesk 2:00 The Broken Marriage Vow 3:00 Tupike 4:00 Mbiu 4:30 Kids 5:00 Baseline 6:00 Love In 40 Days 7:00 Dira Ya Wiki 8:00 The Rich And Lazarus 9:00 Friday Briefing 10:00 Football Slip 11:00 Rasha Rasha 01:00 Aljazeera

K24 TV

- 5:00 Inuka 6.30 New Dawn 7.30 K24 This Morning 9.55 Wisdom Moments 10.00 Inuka 11.00 Mchipuko 1.00 News Cut 1.30 Jungu La Spoti 2.00 You Were There 2.30 Turning Point Intl. 3.00 Ubongo Kids 3.30 Akili & Me 4.00 K24 Mashinani 4.30 Mchipuko Extra

- 5.00 Beatbox 6.00 Tangled Hearts 7.00 K24 Saa Moja 7.30 Aap Ke Aa Jane Se 8.00 Brazil Avenue 8.30 BBC- Focus On Africa 9.00 The Loop 10.00 BBC- Dira Ya Dunia 10.30 Beat Box 12.00 Al Jazeera

KBC TV

- 5.00 France 24 5.05 Maombi 5.30 Gear Up 6.00 Worship Experience 7.00 Kudzacha 9.00 Vibes Za Pwani Live 11.00 Dunda Dunda Live 12.30 Khutba 1.00 Lunchtime News 2.00 ECO Africa 2.30 Inside Government 3.00 Arts 213.30 Ukumbi Wa Kiislamu 4.00 Kurunzi 4.30 Club 1 Extra 6.30 Sunshine By My Side 7.00 Darubin 17.30 Vioja Mahakamani 8.00 Kuken Art 8.30 Take On Tech (Rpt) 9.00 KBC Channel 1 News 10.00 Disco Funk 11.30 CGTN 12.30 France 24

AQUARIUS | JAN 21 - FEB 19

A relaxing evening at home may be just what you need, Aquarius, but a colleague might ask you to attend a business-related event.

PISCES | FEB 20 - MAR 20

Today you may try to contact several people, Pisces, none of whom may be available. You might particularly want to reach a female friend or relative who lives far away.

ARIES | MAR 21 - APR 20

Whether or not you should make a specific expenditure could cause some tension between you and a partner. You may think that it isn't feasible now yet it is.

TAURUS | APR 21 - MAY 20

You were born with a certain grace and beauty, Taurus. Today you will be able to cultivate your love for beautiful things. You may feel like trying on designer clothes.

GEMINI | MAY 21 - JUNE 21

It's a great weekend to write that business plan and think about how to raise money for a new business. You may think about how to raise funds through loans or grants

CANCER | JUN 22 - JULY 22

Today you may attain a goal you've been hoping to reach for a long time, Oddly enough, friends, family, and others may not seem as happy as you expected

LEO | JULY 23 - AUG 22

This weekend is about your family and fun- so you may be thinking more about spending your money in these areas than saving it.

VIRGO | AUG 23 - SEP 23

It might be more difficult than usual for you to deal with words, Virgo. Someone might lend you a book on a rather obscure subject that you can't understand..

LIBRA | SEP 24 - OCT 23

Some news that comes to you from others could shake you up. You might find that what you learn casts doubts in some concepts of your life.

SCORPIO | OCT 24 - NOV 22

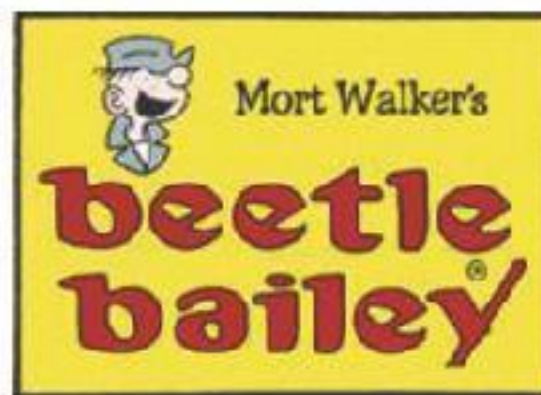
You may see that nearly every couple you know is quarrelling. You may have a few differences with a partner, but this is nothing to worry about.

SAGITTARIUS | NOV 23 - DEC 21

You may be in a very stressful atmosphere. Your entourage is likely to be tense and you're no exception with both friends and relatives.

CAPRICORN | DEC 22 - JAN 20

When it comes to matters of money, you're pretty cautious, Capricorn. Your security is important to you, so protect it at all times..



**NAIROBI & UPCOUNTRY**

**PERSONAL NOTICES**

**A109 Lost**

**EXTENSION** of lease Nakuru Municipality block 10/81 Sammy Kuria Ndungu

**LOSS** of original title Lr No. 21976/48 LR number 71775

**LOSS** of title deed Kampi ya Moto/Kampiya Moto block 6/89, 6/90 (Kipsyenan) Kipsyenan Primary School

**LOSS** of Title Deed No. Butsoto/Indangalasia/ 408

**LOSS** of Title Deed No. LR 337/1858, IR 73283

**LOSS** of title deed Number Githunguri /Klaira / 814

**LOSS** of title Gatamaiyu/ Kamuchege/ 1051

**LOSS** of title kisumu/kasule/5212

**LOST** Karatina Township/ Block I/406

**LOST** title deed Gaturi/Nembure/15676, 15677 & 15678 of Zakaria Mwaniki Laban Riunga

**LOST** Title Deed- Inoi/Thaita/3177 for Reuben Muriithi Njuki

**LOST** Title deed No Kamagambo/Kabuoro /8999

**LOST** Title Kjd/Kap-Central/10397 Of Henry Moranga Obonyo

**LOST** title no Makueni/unoa/2428 for Thomas mutaki Mulwa

**LOST** Title No.Muguga / jetscheme/5552

**LOST** title nos Mavoko town block 2/18235 & 18236 for faith mongina ongeri

**LOST** Title:Kjd/Kitengela/23148

**PERSONAL SERVICES**

**A167 Acupuncture**

**MEN'S** Vitality Clinic 0722-242243

**PAIN** Relief Clinic 0724-044383

**A279 Notices**

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**IN THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE COURT AT THIKA**  
**MCELC NUMBER 48 OF 2020**  
JANE WAMBUI NDIRANGU (Suing As Personal Representative Of The Late SIMON KIMANI KARIUKI (Deceased) )..... PLAINTIFF  
VERSUS  
MUSA KIPSANG MIBEI..... 1<sup>ST</sup> DEFENDANT  
JOHN ROTE MUSWANYI..... 2<sup>ND</sup> DEFENDANT  
THE CHIEF REGISTRAR OF LANDS..... 3<sup>RD</sup> DEFENDANT  
TO: (1). MUSA KIPSANG MIBEI, P.O BOX 89, NANDI HILLS.  
(2). JOHN ROTE MUSWANYI, P.O BOX 89, NANDI HILLS.  
**RE: PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE NOTICE BY SUBSTITUTED SERVICE**  
(Under Order 5 Rule 17 of the Civil Procedure Rules)

**TAKE NOTICE** that the above matter is scheduled for **PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE** on the **23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2025** in the forenoon or soon thereafter at the Chief Magistrate Court at Thika as shall be listed on the days cause list.  
**TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that in default of attendance the matter will proceed your absence notwithstanding.  
**DATED at NAIROBI** this 06<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025  
**MAINA MUIRURI & CO.**  
**ADVOCATES FOR THE PLAINTIFF**

**Drawn & Filed By**  
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**A279 Notices**

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

The owner(s) of plot 7109/204 & 7109/205 (Amalgamated) located at Imara Daima, Kware off Catherine Ndereba Road, proposes change of use from **single dwelling to multi-dwelling (flats)** subject to approval by the County Government of Nairobi. Any individual, institution, members of the public with comments or objections to this proposal should forward them in writing within **fourteen (14) days** of this notice to: **The CECM - Land, Housing, Physical Planning & Urban Development, County Government of Nairobi, P.O. Box 30075 - 00100, Nairobi.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT NO 13 OF 2019**  
**NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE**  
The registered owner of Plots No. **IMM/16583, 2530, 23998, 1621, 1393 & 1097** located along the Mombasa-Mainland Highway Road wishes to **Subdivide and Change the Use** of resultant sub plots from **Industrial to Commercial** subject to the approval of the County Government of Mombasa. Individuals, organizations, institutions etc. with comments, recommendations or objections are hereby requested to forward them in writing within **14 days** of this notice to:  
**THE CECM; LANDS, HOUSING AND URBAN PLANNING**  
**COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF MOMBASA**  
**P.O BOX 81599-80100, MOMBASA**

**FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r.3) (3) (a)**  
**THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT**  
**(NO. 13 OF 2019)**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTIFICATION FOR CHANGE OF USER**  
The Registered owner of plot L R No. **KABARE/NYANGATI/14275** located within Kutus Township, Kirinyaga County proposes to change use from **agricultural to Light Industrial (warehouse/go downs)** subject to approval by the County Government of Kirinyaga. Individuals, institutions, members of public etc. with comments and/or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within **fourteen (14) days** of this notice to:  
**THE CEC- M LANDS, HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT**  
**KIRINYAGA COUNTY BOX 260 - 10304, KUTUS**  
**Name of Registered Planner: METSUKA TAM LIMITED,**  
**Reg. No. 0114**

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

The Registered owner (s) of LR No.: **1705/3 - Kilifi** situated within **Baabab Area**, is proposing to extend use of the Property to include a **Telecommunication GSM Site** subject to approval by the **County Government of Kilifi**. Any individual (s), institution (s) and organization (s) with objection (s) to the proposal are hereby requested to forward them in writing within **14 days** of publication of this notice to:  
**The CECM-In Charge of Lands, Energy, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development,**  
**County Government of Kilifi**  
**P.O Box 519 - 80106, KILIFI.**  
**Registered Planner: Plan. Helien Nzainga**  
**Reg. No. PP0026.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Physical and Land Use Planning Act, 2019**  
**EXTENSION OF USER**

The Registered Owner of Plot Title No. **NAKURU / MUNICIPALITY BLOCK 24 / 186** located within Kaptebwa Soko Mjinga area is proposing to Extend Use of the land to include **GSM/Base Transceiver Station**, subject to approval by the County Government of Nakuru. Any Individual(s), Institution(s) or Organization(s) with Objection(s) to the proposal are hereby requested to forward them in writing within **14 Days** of publication of this notice to:  
**The CECM -In Charge of Lands, Housing and Urban Development, Nakuru County Government,**  
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**Death and Funeral Announcement**



**Evanson Muriithi Mukira**

It is with profound sadness and humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the sudden passing on of Evanson Muriithi Mukira on 31st July, 2025 in California U.S.A. Muriithi was the son of the late Ex-Senior Chief Moses Mukira Gachugi, Keziah Njeri Mukira and late Florence Mugure Mukira of Kagongo Village, Chinga Ward, Othaya, Nyeri County

He was husband of Joyce Muriithi.

He was devoted father of Zion Mukira, Chase Muriithi and Zivah Njeri.

He was son-in-law of late Muriithi Gichora and Nazalin Muriithi.

Evanson was brother of the late Gladys Ngunjiri and Nelson Ngunjiri, Arthur and Gladys Gachugi (U.S.A), Timothy and Mercy Muto, Duncan Kingori Snr, Arthur G. Mukira (Formerly Of Crown Paints) and Rachael Gachugi, Beatrice W. Mukira, Loise H. Mukira (Formerly Of U.S.A.I.D), the late David Thiomi and Jane Thiomi, Canon Joyce Kariuki of ACK St Francis Karen and George Kariuki, Duncan & Jane Kingori Jnr of U.S.A, Richard and Muthoni Waithaka, Edwin Mukira (Crystal Valuers Ltd) and Mary Njoki, Charles and Hellen Gitahi, Margaret & Justin Njeru, Samuel & Gladys Gathanga, John Mwangi, George and Rose Keru. He was uncle, cousin and friend to many.

Prayers and funeral planning meeting will take place on Monday, 18th August, 2025 at All Saints Cathedral, Nairobi from 5.30pm.

The cortege will leave Lee Funeral Home, Nairobi on Wednesday, 20th August, 2025 at 7.00am for a funeral service Starting from 10.00a.m. at ACK St. Paul's Church, Kariki in Chinga, Othaya, followed by interment at his family home.

**Death and Funeral Announcement**



**Mary Nyokabi Maithori**

**Sunrise: 1<sup>st</sup> January 1959 – Sunset: 9<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

It is with great sorrow and sadness that we announce the promotion to glory of Mrs. Mary Nyokabi Maithori of Tumutumu Village, Mathira West Sub-county.

Daughter of the late James Ngetha Mathenge and the late Joyce Wanjugu Ngetha.

Dear wife of the late Johnson Maithori Maruga. She was a loving and dedicated mother of Joyce Gathigia, Caroline Ngima, Edward Maruga and Lucy Mumbi. Mother in-law of Josephat Nganga and Winnierose Gathoni.

Sister of Charles Mathenge, the late Grace Nyaguthii, her late twin Christopher Karumba, Caroline Njoki and the late Kennedy Kareithi. Step sister of Agnes Mwaura, Mary Ngetha, Ann Ngetha amongst others.

Grandmother of Clarence, Charlene, Franklin, Jayden, Mercy, Wanjira, Gianna, Wanjiru, Mbira and Gathoni.

Family and friends are gathering daily at St. Andrew PCEA Church – Nairobi from 5:00 p.m and at her residence in Tumutumu Village, Karatina from 4:00 p.m. for prayers and funeral arrangements.

The cortege will leave Jamii Hospital Mortuary - Karatina on Tuesday 19th August 2025 at 7:30 am. A funeral service will be held at Tumutumu PCEA church, Karatina and thereafter burial at her home in Tumutumu Village.

**"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" ~ 2 Timothy 4: 7- 8**

**Celebration of a Life Well Lived**



**Gemma Bosibori Moturi**  
Sunrise: 6<sup>th</sup> February 1961 - Sunset: 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug 2025

It is with deep sorrow and humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the death of Gemma Bosibori Moturi (formerly of Co-operative Bank) that occurred on 2nd August 2025 in the USA.

She was the loving wife of Dennis Moturi (formerly of Kenya Bureau of Standards). Daughter of the late Benedict M. Ndege and Mary K. Ndege. Daughter-in-law of the late Hon. Nyarangi Moturi and the late Susan Nyarangi. Mother of Michelle, Samuel, Michael and grandmother of Fahari Tochi. Sister of the late Joseph Ndege, Mande Nyarandi, Jacinta Moraa, George Ndege, Angela Agunda, Evelyn Onchera and David Ndege. Sister in-law of the late Eileen Ogenche, Violet Nyarangi, the late Tom Nyarangi, Elvira Mokuia, Edwin Moturi, Leonida Mbogo, the late John Osano, the late Michael Knoll, Homalla Ndege, Joel Agunda, William Onchera and Sarah Mosoti.

Niece of the Agnes Mokera, Rosa Tendere, Lucia Mokuia, Melen Magonga, Thomas Otero, Patrick Manyi, Andrea Otero, Gichana Otero, Petro Onyoka, Christopher Mososi, Andrew Nyaboga, Joseph Oyugi, Esther Ocharo, Milkah Nyaruri, Anne Ogwora, Agnes Moturi, Mary Motanya, Jimmy Moturi, Priscillah Momanyi, Zack Nyayiem, Col. Charles Moturi, Sarah Moturi, Nyachae, Anam, Margaret Moturi, Jemimah Mokogi, Biliyah Nyamweya, Milkah Ogato, Oguta Bwana, Caren Silo, Martha Mongare, Charles Bwana, Grace Omanga, Julie Mariera.

Loving cousin, aunt and grand mum to many.

The church service will be held on Wednesday 20th August 2025 from 2:00 p.m. at Liberty Centre, Mombasa Road.

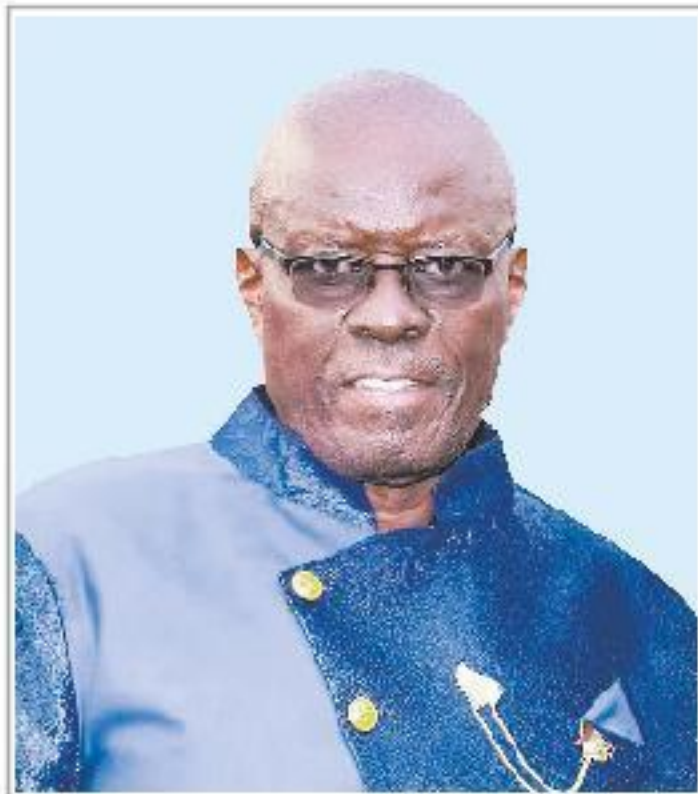
The cortege will leave from Lee funeral home on 21st August 2025 at 7:00 a.m. Burial service shall be held on Friday 22nd August 2025 from 10:00 am at Matutu settlement Scheme in Borabu Constituency.

The main fundraising event will be held both virtually and physically at Impala Court, along Ngong Road, on Sunday, 17th August 2025, at 5 pm. For virtual fundraising link and other details kindly reach out to the Secretary on +254725705351

Friends and relatives are meeting daily at her residence, Impala Court along Ngong road

**"Blessed Are Those Who Die in the Lord" – Revelation 14:13**

**Appreciation Message**



**Moses Mulongo Wataka**

We, the family of the late Moses Mulongo Wataka, express our deepest gratitude to God for the blessing of his life, and for the grace and mercy He granted our dad throughout his life's journey. We sincerely thank all those who stood with us during his illness and final journey. Your love, prayers, visits, and professional care meant the world to us.

To the spiritual shepherds and congregations of Friends Church Nairobi, led by Pastor Kennedy Wakhungu, Fountain Gate Church Nairobi, led by Apostle James Mbugua, Friends Church Donholm, Friends Church Malaha and Friends Church Ngwelo, your prayers, encouragement, presence, financial and spiritual encouragement uplifted our hearts when we needed it most. We are deeply grateful to Mater Hospital, Halisi Hospital Kitengela, and Nairobi West Hospital for the outstanding medical care they provided. We are especially thankful to all who donated blood whenever transfusions were needed.

Special appreciation goes to Citibank Kenya, Diaspora Friends (Fort Worth, Texas, USA), Rusinga School, One Acre Fund, Safe Point Designs, Kusoya, Nairobi Community Friends and Ngwelo Community, for your unwavering support. A heartfelt mention goes to the Gatimbu family for your moral and financial support.

Our special thanks go to the Steering Committee chairpersons—Erick and Lydia Wafula in Nairobi, and Jairus Walela in Ngwelo, for your tireless leadership and dedication. Our gratitude also goes to our Papas Joseph and Zablou, our aunts Tafath and Joan, his nephews and nieces led by Robert Musiamba and our entire extended family led by Hon. Grace Sundukwa for your unceasing prayers, love, and support.

Since it may not be humanly possible to thank each one of you by name, kindly accept our message of gratitude.

May God bless you abundantly for walking this journey with us.

**In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you - 1 Thessalonians 5:18 NKJV**

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**FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT**



*Grace Njeri Kamau*

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the promotion to glory of our Matriarch, Grace Njeri Kamau on 9th August, 2025.

She was the daughter of the late Mwangi and the late Waithera, and a sister of the late Kariuki Mwangi and Monicah Wanjiku Mugi.

She was the wife of the late Geoffrey Kamau Ng'ang'a (Miyako).

Co-wife of Peninah Wanjiru and Charity Wanjugu.

Grace was a loving mother of; George Wainaina (Eagle Academy), John Mwangi (Emkay Construction), Margaret Kinyanjui, Priscillah Waithera (Prikam), Alfred Njehia, James Wainaina (JimmyJam), Judy Njoroge, Paul Kinuthia (USA), Jayne Wakaimba, the late Mike Kamau, the late Malik Njehia, Winnie Kamau (Kenya High), the late Fred Githua, David Munyui (USA), Fred Githua (USA) and Margaret Magiri (USA).

She is survived by 50 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Mother in-law and aunty to many.

Family and friends are meeting daily at Safari Park Gardens-Gate B, off Mirema Road from 6:00pm.

**The funeral will be held on Wednesday 20th August 2025 at the All Saints Cathedral from 9.30am with a burial to follow at the Lang'ata Cemetery.**

**"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7 NIV**

**Celebrating Life Well Lived**



**Dr. Francis Ndenga Mugoma**  
05.08.1943 to 21.07.2025

It is with deep sorrow and humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing on of Dr. Francis Ndenga Mugoma, a loving husband, dad and grand dad, who left us to be with the Lord.

Loving husband of Lucy Njeri Mugoma. Dad of Godfred Ndenga Mugoma, Henry Kamau Mugoma, Adrian Ndenga Mugoma and Dr. Catherine Napo Mugoma. Father in law of Lilian Karimi Muthaura, Martin Mugambi Njeru, Pauline Okomba, Stela Okomba (Australia), Dorothy, Regina Odera, Emma Odera, Consolata Omondi, Janet Ademba.

Grand dad of Eliana Kinanu, Aziel Njeru, Paul Ndenga Mugoma, Catherine Njeri Mugoma, Raymond Mugambi Mugoma, Rose Shitandi, Ann Mugoma, Josephine Omondi, Febian Mugoma, Joan Kubasu. Son of the late Mzee Nicholas Mugoma and the late Mama Maria Anapo. Uncle and father of Benard Odera (former KCAA), Odino Odera, Sebastian Odera (NGO), Duncan, Peter, George, Barasa, Julius Ajuma, Fred Okomba (JKIA) Dr. Felix Okomba (Australia), Haryson Okwaro, William Okomba, Mumude Ongoma, Sylvester, Tom, Kelvin, Peter Atwara, Agostino Omuze and Gerald Odongo among many.

Grandfather of Davy Andrew Mugoma (JKIA), Peter and Paul Ndenga, Justus Mugoma, (South Sudan), Andrew and Bonny, Mathew Mugoma, Moses Mugoma, Nick Wafula (KISM), Erick Wafula (KEMRI), Jeff Shitandi, John Mugoma (PSC), Chris Oloo, Charles Navaka, Gilbert Kubasu, Gaetano Agenda among many.

Son in law of Mzee Henry Kamau Gathumbi and Mama Margaret Wangare Kamau. Brother in law of Grace, Gathumbi, Cecilia, Felistus, Chege, Ndiko, Stella, Wanjera, Njuguna, Regina and Ngige and the late Alice, Kabue, Mwaniki, Ngunjiri, Jimmy, Ken and Mark. Brother of many amongst them the (late) Adriano Odera Mugoma, (late) Ajuma Kanoti Mugoma and (late) Joyce Akoth Ademba, late Achieng Mugoma, Okomba Mugoma, Onani Mugoma and Okwaro Mugoma.

Meetings are being held daily at his home in Nairobi. Requiem Mass will be held at the Holy Family Basilica on Monday, 18th August, 2025 at 2.00pm. Dr. Francis Ndenga Mugoma will be laid to rest on Saturday, 23rd August 2025 at his Home in Busia, Marachi Bumwaya village.

**May His soul rest in eternal peace. We love you, but the Lord loved you more.**

### Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing on of Rtd. Mwalimu Samwel Orina Kinanga.



He was the son of the late Simon Kinanga and Marcella Nyang'ate. Beloved husband of Teresa Mong'ina. Loving father of Justus, Scholastica, Dominic, Fidelis and the late Vincent. Brother of the late Christopher Arori, Mary, Clecencia, late Kemuma and Sabina. Brother-in-law of Omete, Okello and Andama. Son-in-law of Peter and Priscah Nyakundi.

Brother-in-law of Charles, Christine and others. Nephew of Onduko, Mogondo and others. Cousin of Simon, Richard and others. Uncle of Gladys, George, Elizabeth, Chweya, Dennis and others. Sokoro of Teresa, Kerubo, Vincent, Emmanuel, Dan, Belden.

The cortege leaves Nyansiongo Funeral Home on 18th August 2025 for burial at his home in Ensoko Village, Eise Location, Borabu Sub county on 19th August 2025.

*"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." - 2 Timothy 4:7*

**Rtd. Mwalimu Samwel Orina Kinanga**

### Celebration of a Life Well Lived



**Eudias Wanjiku Karanja (Wakahindo)**  
Sunrise: 1915 ~ Sunset: 13/08/2025

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing of Eunice Eudias Wanjiku Karanja (Wakahindo).

Wife of the late Nelson Karanja Nyuthe.

Loving mum of Jackson Nyuthe Karanja and Violet Nyuthe, Esther Mbaire Karanja and Onesmus Kihara, Mary Wambui Karanja and the late George Githiacu, Benjamin Kahindo Karanja and Fridah Kahindo, Joyce Wangari Karanja and Stephen Ndirangu, Millicent Murugi Karanja and Robinson Kuria, the late Julius Njomo Karanja and Judy Njomo, Peter Maina Karanja (Prestige Management Valuers Ltd) and Anne W. M. Karanja.

Grandmother and great great grandmother to many.

The cortege leaves Montezuma Funeral Home Kabati on Wednesday, 20/08/2025 at 8:00AM for a church service at ACK St. Michael Church Gathuki-ini and thereafter burial at her home in Kahinga Village.

*Psalms 91:16 "With long life I will satisfy you and show you my salvation."*

### Death and Funeral Announcement

We regret to announce the demise of Leila Kemunto Manduku, which occurred on 17/7/2025 through a tragic road accident around Ngata, Nakuru.



**Leila Kemunto Manduku**  
Sunrise: 26<sup>th</sup> December 2015  
Sunset: 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025

She is second born child of Reuben Nyambane (EPZA, Nairobi) and Dinah Atambo (Langa Langa Sub - county Hospital, Nakuru).

She is sister of Lameck and Lorraine Manduku.

Granddaughter of the late Mzee Nyambane Nyabwera, Mama Pilace Nyambane, the late Mwangi Nyambane, late Mzee Mokaya, the late Onkoba, Mama Maria, Bonuke, Nyandukos, the late Thomas Atambo, the late Ebisiba Kemunto, Alfred Tumbo among others.

She is niece of Eng Nyambane, the late Geoffrey, Janet, Damaris, Judith, Ndege, Kwamboka, Joel, Auka, Mary, Patrick, William and Agatha Makabe (USA), Martha, Cecilia, Lydia, Carol, Josephine, Bonice, Agnes, Masiga, Stephen, Mellen, Okong'o, Evans, Lakhani, the late Maisiba, Barasa, Daniel and Florence (USA), Moses, George, Bernard, Ombogo, Truposa, Edinah, late Fridah, Norah, Esther among others.

She is cousin of Shawn, Emmanuel, Davies, Stacy, Courtney, James, Daniel, Mariera, Willima, Charles, Brian, the late Bob Makabe, John, Alexander, Franklin, Kevin, Abigael, Wycliffe, Ayukas, Stellah, Edwin, Eugene, Peter, Wayne, Ivy, Meliza and Melizedeck among many more.

The cortege leaves Umash Funeral Home - Nakuru on Sunday, 17th August, 2025, to Exodus SDA Church for a brief prayer service and later overnight stay at the family home in Ex-Margaret Area, Rongai Sub-county. The burial will take place on Monday, 18th August, 2025.

May her soul rest in eternal peace.

*Revelation 21:4 ~ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes and death shall be no more, neither shall be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.*



**KENYA PIPELINE COMPANY**

### Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with humble acceptance of God's will, and profound sadness that we announce the passing on of our beloved Jennifer Cherotich Chepkwony of Kenya Pipeline Company Ltd following a tragic accident that occurred at Morendat, Naivasha on 7 August 2025.



**Jennifer Cherotich Chepkwony**

A loving mother of Etan Kiprono of ACK St. Peters, Kesses. Last born daughter of the late Cheptoin Chepkwony and Elizabeth Chepkwony of Kamongil, Bomet County.

Sister of Stephen Bore, Rusi, Regina, late Ann, Linah, Edna, Joseph, and Robert. In-law of Mary Bore, Benaline, Mercy, Fredrick, Robert, Kitur, among others. Auntie of Ian, Emmanuel, Kevin, Kiprob (Germany), Charity, Gilbert, Hilary, Mathew, Mercy, Nicholas, Nathan, Karen, Vincent, Aron, Brian, Kimutai among others. Cousin to many.

A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held on Monday 18 August, 2025, at AGC Karen starting at 10:00 AM.

The cortege leaves Montezuma M Funeral Home Nairobi on Tuesday, 19 August 2025, at 9:00 AM to home for a night vigil. Jennifer will be laid to rest on Wednesday, 20 August 2025, at her home, Kamongil, Kaboson Location, Bomet County.

*"The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers Him out of them all. Psalms 34:18-19"*

### Death and Funeral Announcement

We regret to announce the death of Joyce Kwamboka Kimang'a which occurred on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025.

Wife of John Kimang'a Mokoro.

Daughter of the late Francis Atuke and the late Peninah Nyambaye.

Daughter-in-law of the late Mokoro Osano and Salome Kwamboka.

Mother of Wycliffe Mokoro (Kisii County-Ambulance), the late Cosmas Monari, Lilian Mwangi (Business lady, Molo), Agnes Kerubo (Pundo Primary), Irene Nyambeki (Mrima Health Centre), Justine Bichage (Murray Girls) and Eng. Geoffrey Gekonge (Nairobi).

Mother-in-law of Catherine, John, Monari, Rachael and Joseph. Sister of the late Atambo, the late Kerosi, the late Pacificah, the late Joel, the late Teresa, the late Mary, Thomas, Chanai, Daudi, Jomo and Salome.

Sister-in-law of the late Okindo, the late Sagwe, the late Makori, the late Martha, the late Agnes, the late Catherine, the late Ombaba, the late Osano Francis, the late Monari, the late Amima, Mosinya, Mosongo, Isabella, Nyaboke, Kemunto, Tabitha and Rachael.

Korera of Evans Isaboke, Henderson, Simion, Bwari and Henry. Niece of Clemencia, Bosibori and Onger. Aunt of Osanas, Mokoros, Bichanges, Gekonges, Ombabas, Orinas among others.

Grandmother of Sammy, Lennix, Veronica, Ivan, Mitchell, Emmanuel, Dickens, Faith, Ezra, Blessing, Hansel among others.

The cortege leaves Aga Khan Hospital Mortuary on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> August 2025. Burial will be held on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at Keroka home in Amabuko Sub-location, Nyaribari Masaba, Kisii County.



**Joyce Kwamboka Kimang'a**  
Sunrise: 1960  
Sunset: 31.07.2025

### Death and Funeral Announcement



**Fred Odanga Odeyo**  
Sunrise: 1951 ~ Sunset: 2025

It is with profound sadness and humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing of **Fred Odanga Odeyo** on 31st July 2025.

Son of the late Boniface Odeyo Otaa, the late Mama Getrude Majiwa Odeyo, and the late Mama Angeline Odeyo Odeyo. Husband of Helidah Aieno Odanga. Son-in-law of the late Joseph Gogo Ochok and Loise Akeyo Gogo.

Father of July Odanga and Caren Atee Odanga. Father-in-law of Raphael Otieno Sungu.

Brother of Mzee Vitalis Ojwando, Mary Rajoro, the late John Owaga, Prisca Awino, the late Andrew Otaa, Jenipher Adhiambo Onyango, the late Maurice Otaa, Phillip Odeyo, Eunice Akoth Ouko, Samson Odeyo, Boniface Otaa, and the late Joseph Kai.

Uncle of Valentine Otieno, Lucy Odhiambo, Dr. John Patrick, Emmarensia Ochieng, Dr. Paul Ojwando, Maurice Otunga, the late Jacinta Atieno, Clementina Akinyi, Victor Otaa, James Otaa, Getrude Akinyi, Boniface Ochieng, Polycarp Onyango, Richard Rajoro, Boniface Rajoro, Huggines Atieno, Dennis Otieno, Willis Odhiambo, and Jessicah Akinyi.

Brother-in-law of the late Mary Onditi Ojwando, Edwina Akoth, Caren Otaa, Winter Odeyo, Lavender Otaa and Emily. Grandfather of Daphne Sungu and Romeo Sungu.

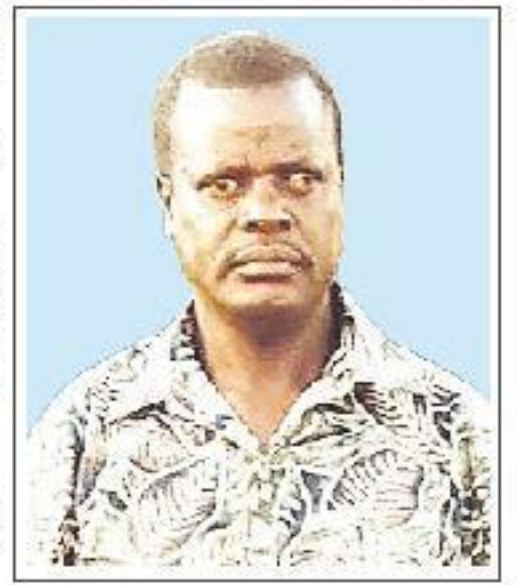
We invite you to join us for a fundraising on 17/08/2025 at our home in Buoyo at 3:00 pm, and on 18/08/2025 at 4:00 pm at Holy Family Basilica.

There will be a memorial service at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, Ongata Rongai, on 21/08/2025. The cortege will leave Umash Funeral Home, Nairobi, on 22/08/2025. Burial will be held on 23/08/2025 at Buoyo, Kolwa East Location.

Friends and family are meeting daily at his home in Ongata Rongai.

### Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with sadness that we announce the sudden demise of John Kibet Soo which occurred on 10th August 2025.



**Mwalimu John Roy Kibet Soo**  
Sunrise: 01/01/1950  
Sunset: 10/08/ 2025

Son of the late Ngaulo Tanui and late Sally Tanui.

Brother of the late Aron, the late Kipkoroi, Trizah, William, Dickson, the late Elvis, Charles, Tembul, Kiplamai, David, Thomas, the late Jennifer, John, Ruth, Renny, Jepwambok and late Aggrey.

Loving husband of Viola Cheloi Soo.

Loving father of the late Joram, Eddah, Florah, Collins, Elisha, Bethwel, Getrude, Tony, Tirop and Levi.

Father-in-law of Richard, Sammy, Purity, Lucy and Milcah.

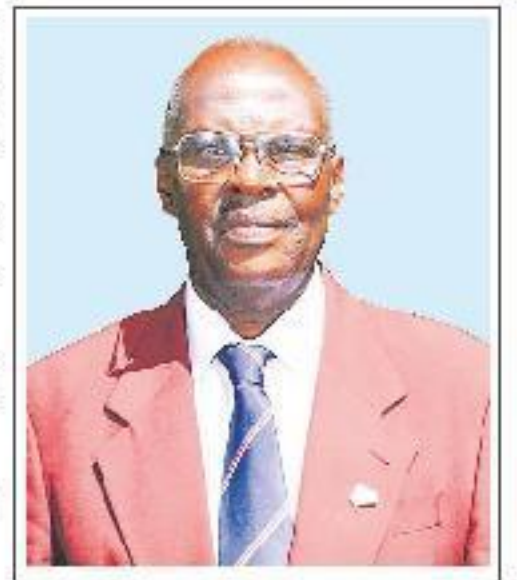
Grandfather of Abigael, Shem, Kevin, Gaiyus, Faith, Cheruto and many others. Uncle to many.

The cortege leaves Samaritan Funeral Home on Tuesday 19th August 2025 for overnight stay and burial will take place on Wednesday 20th August 2025 from 9:00am at His Kipngetket Residence, Nandi County.

*"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." - 2 Timothy 4:7*

### Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing on of Patrick Gitahi Change on 11th August 2025, after a short illness, bravely borne.



**Patrick Gitahi Change**

Son of the late Erastus Muchuriku and late Gladys Wairimu. Son in law of the late Lilian Muringi Muthoka.

Beloved husband of Rev. Anne Gitahi (PCEA Ngaini Parish, Tumutumum Presbytery).

He was father of Rose Wairimu, Lilian Muringi, and Angela Njeri.

Father in law of Musafiri Sebiziga.

Loving and present grandfather of Kyle Gitahi, Kito Maina, and Myla Sebiziga.

Brother of Change, Njeri, the late Wangeci, Nduhiu, the late Gathigia, Wanjiku, Muthoni, and Nyambura.

The cortege leaves Outspan Funeral Home, Nyeri on August 18, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. for a funeral service at PCEA Nyamachaki from 10:00 am. He will later be laid to rest at his home in Muruguru, Nyeri.

*"The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." — Job 1:21*

### Our Family Matriarch Has Rested



**Teresia Mukoiti Mung'athia "Mama"**  
Sunrise: 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1957 ~ Sunset: 8<sup>th</sup> August 2025

It is with profound sorrow and acceptance we announce demise of Mama Teresia Mukoiti Mung'athia retired teacher from Ntoto Village, Mucuuene, Tigania West Meru County, who went to be with the Lord on 8th August 2025.

Daughter of the late Virgilio M'nchebere and the late Johanna Kanja. Wife of Salesio Mung'athia Nkaricia. Mother of the late Patricia Kiritu, Caroline Gacheri (Eldoret Polytechnic) & Gilbert Kinyua (Kerio Valley Development Authority Lodwar), the late Duncan Kimathi, Kellen Murihi (Kaluli School) & Zablun Mburugu (Irindiro School) and Ronald Muriuki (Base Titanium) & Caroline Mutua (Kirinyaga County).

Sister of Francis Thiauru & Peninah Mweroo, Charles Thambau & the late Francesca Ncekei, Engineer Kananga Nchebere & Rael Kigea, Peter Gitonga & Emily Kathambi, Salome Kinya & John Gatumbo, Dr. George Mugambi & Lucy Njoki and Purity Kagwiria.

Grandmother of Mary Magdalene Kathomi, Mitchel Ntanyari, Alvin Mutuma, Shayne Briton Muriuki, Jayden Munene, Shania Amani Muriuki, Tiffany Kanana, Shady Alina Muriuki and Alvis Muriuki.

Daughter-in-law of the late Nkaricia Nairuti and the late Ciamubuka Nkaricia. Sister-in-law of the late M'mutia Nkaricia, Mbeti Minyori, the late Naamu Nkaricia, Kiuru Nuara and Kando Mutabuta. She was a cherished aunt, mentor, and friend to many. Friends and relatives are meeting daily at her home Ntoto village Mucuuene, for burial preparation and prayers.

The cortege leaves Cool Breeze Funeral Home on Tuesday, 19th August 2025 at 9:00 a.m. for a funeral service and burial at her home in Ntoto Village Mucuuene, Tigania West, Meru County.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. — Psalm 116:15.

**Death and Funeral Announcement**



**Lucy Njeri Chege**

**Sunrise: 27<sup>th</sup> February 1945 ~ Sunset: 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

It is with deep sorrow and humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the sudden passing of Lucy Njeri Chege on Friday 25th July 2025 in the United Kingdom.

She was the beloved wife of the late Sebastian Macharia Chege.

Devoted mother of Jane Nyambura, Mary Wambui, Sarah Wangari, Paul Chege (Slomo), Agnes Wairimu, Stellamaris Wanjiru Hill (Leicester, U.K) and Rose Njambi (London, U.K).

Loving mother-in-law of Susan Muendo Chege and Robin Hill.

Daughter of the late Stephen Mwaura Gichuhi and the late Mary Wambui Mwaura.

Sister of Agnes Wairimu Muchoki and Cecelia Njambi Kamau.

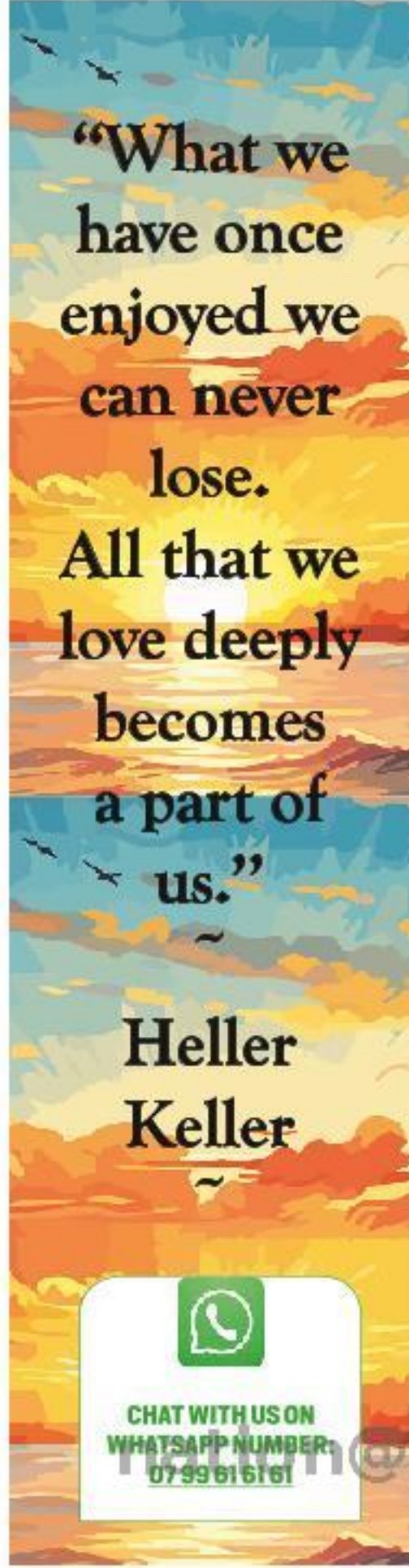
Cherished grandmother of Lucy Mbete, Nigel Makau, Naythan Macharia, Malcolm Musili, Ethan Macharia, Benjamin Muendo, Jesse Kamau and Isaac Macharia.

Friends and family are meeting at All Saints Cathedral Nairobi at 5.30 pm on Tuesday 19th August 2025.

The requiem mass will be held at Consolata Shrine, Westlands, at 10.30am on Thursday 21st August. The cortege will then leave Montezuma Funeral Home Nairobi branch, on Friday 22nd August for funeral mass and burial at Nduryu Njeru, Kinangop.

*John 11:25*

*"I am the Resurrection and the Life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even though they die."*



**Death and Funeral Announcement**



**Dr. Peris Wangu Muraguri**

**Sunrise: January, 1963 ~ Sunset: August, 2025**

It is with great sadness that we announce the transition to glory of Dr. Peris Wangu Muraguri on 10<sup>th</sup> of August 2025.

She was the wife of David Muraguri Mureithi. She was the mother of Eric Mureithi Muraguri, Rose Wairimu Muraguri and Elizabeth Catherine Mirigo Muraguri.

She was the daughter of Gerald and the late Catherine Gichuhi. She was the daughter-in-law of the late Johnson Muriithi and Rose Muriithi. She was the sister of Muchiri and Wakarura, Joan Muthoni, Wanjiru Gichuhi, Muriithi and Nyambura, Wangui and Muriuki, Waruguru and Njoroge & Njoki and Kibethi.

She was the sister-in-law of John and Irene, Ruth and Wahome, Nderitu and Rosemary and Karia Muriithi. She was family and a friend to many.

A prayer meeting will be held at Lavington United Church on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> of August 2025 at 5.00PM. The memorial service will be at Lavington United Church on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> of August 2025 beginning at 10.00AM. The cortege will depart from Lee Funeral Home on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at 7.30AM and proceed to Ikonju, Tumutumu, Nyeri County. The funeral service will start at 11.00AM, followed by burial thereafter.

**John 14:27 - "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you."**

**Promotion to Glory**

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the promotion to glory of Hannah Wangui Muya on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

Wife of the late Nathan Muya Thomas.

She was the daughter of the late Nebert Maingi and the late Elizabeth Wangari of Githiga, Muranga and daughter in law of the late Thomas Kimani and the late Loise Wanjiru of Githiga Muranga.

Mother of Bishop Samuel Kamuri, Nebert Muya, Rev Priscilla K.J, Pastor Elizabeth Muya, the late Solomon Muya, the late Sammy Kimani (Masanduku), the late Stephen Njoroge, the late Esther Njambi, Pastor Hellen Kariuki, John Muya, the late Joseph Muya, Dorcas Muya, Isaac Muya and Robert Muya.

Sister of the late John Gathara, the late Njoki, the late Herina and the late Edith.

Sister-in-law of the late Efethi, the late Irungu, Ruth, the late Njoroge, Priscilla, Margaret, Munga and Waruino.

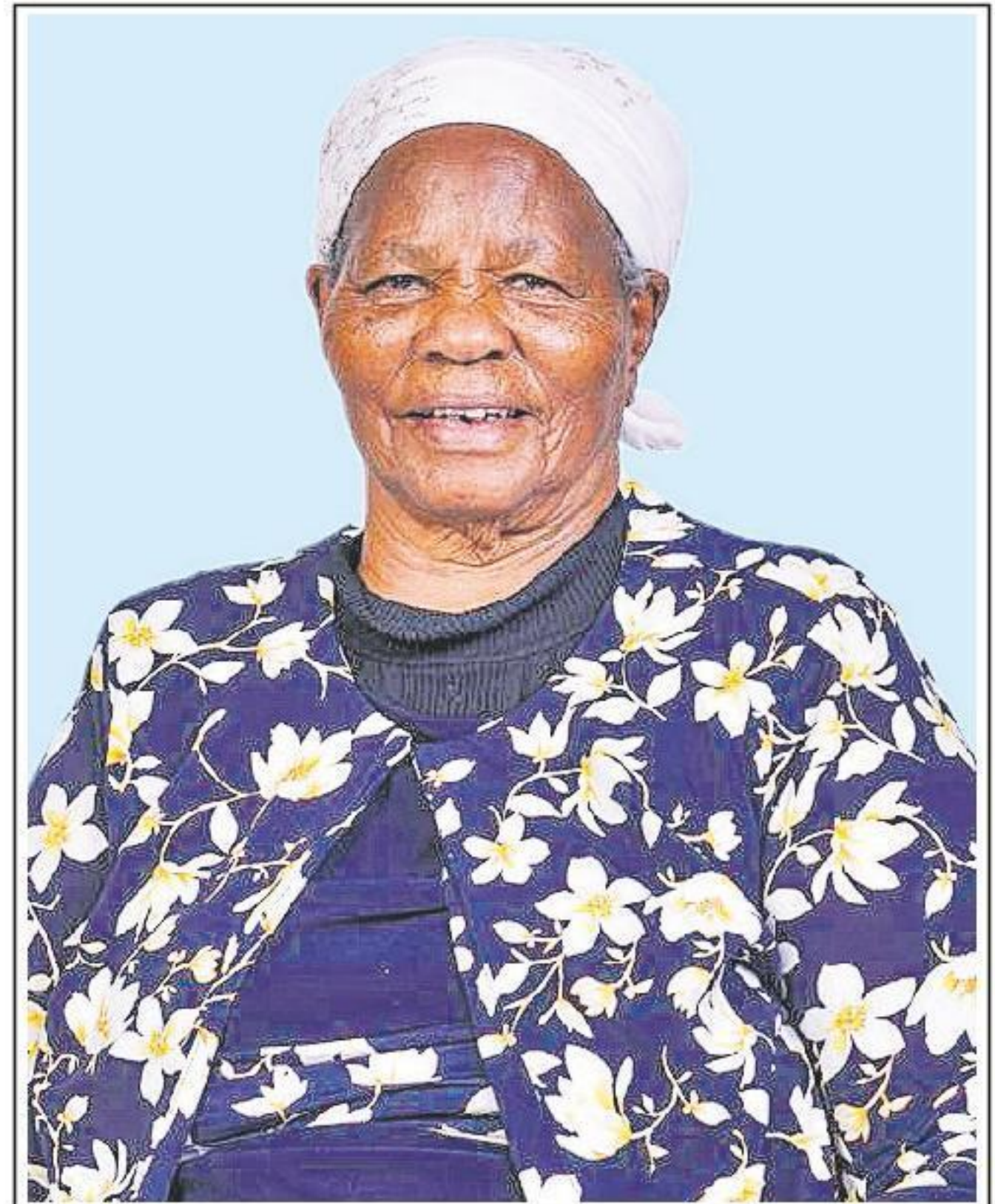
Mother-in-law of Esther Kamuri, Loice Njoki, K.J., the late Lucy, Catherine Wanja, the late Reuben, the late Kariuki, Judy, Alice and Loice Mwangi.

She leaves behind 44 grandchildren and 50 great grandchildren.

The cortege leaves Lee funeral home on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 7.00am for burial at her home in Marmanet Nyahururu from 10.00am.

Family and friends will meet on 14<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> Friday, and 18<sup>th</sup> Monday at All Saints Cathedral at 5.00pm.

**Psalms 91:16 "With long life I will satisfy you and show him my salvation."**



**Hannah Wangui Muya**

# Sport



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## Pro golfers head to Kipipiri for Equator Tour

BY LARRY NGALA

Local professional golfers head to Mt Kipipiri Golf Resort in Nyandarua for the third leg of Professional Golfers of Kenya (PGK) Equator Tour this weekend.

The first leg of the tour was held from July 3-6 at Ruiru Sports Club, where Nyali's Daniel Nduva triumphed. Muthaiga Club's Greg Snow won the second leg at Limuru Club on July 28. Snow leads the tour with a total of 1,330 points, followed by Njoroge Kibugu on 1,100, and Daniel Nduva on 1,000 points.

The third leg, which teed off yesterday with a prize purse of Sh1.5 million at stake, has attracted 43 players, including top amateurs Adel Balala of Nyali and Muthaiga's Taimur Malik.

The pro list also has senior pro Dismas Indiza who finished second behind Rwanda's Celestin Nsanuwera in the fourth leg of the Sunshine Development Tour East Africa. Also in Kipipiri will be lady pro Naomi Wafula who will be chasing her third pro cut.

Back in Nairobi, action will be at Karen Country Club today, where ICEA LION Group stages its third Corporate Golf Day. The tournament started in 2023, when ICEA Lion Group introduced the sponsorship of an exclusive Corporate Golf Day, a strategic addition to the Group's nationwide ICEA Lion King of the Course circuit whose grand finale comes in October.

Meanwhile the NCBA Golf Series continues this weekend with a stop at the Nyanza Club in Kisumu City tomorrow.

**East Africa Secondary School Games** President Ruto to preside over opening ceremony in Kakamega

## Kenyan teams in bright start

Vihiga Boys and Kisii School win in rugby as Kesogon Mixed and Kwanthanze prevail in volleyball matches



Edina Wanda (right) of Amus College School from Uganda tussles for the ball with Diana Anyango of Butere Girls High School of Kenya yesterday at Kakamega School during East Africa Secondary School Games. ISAAC WALE | NATION



Furaha Khadija (right) of Kobala Girls Secondary School from Kenya tussles for the ball with Christina Ngoye of Fountaine Gate Secondary School from Tanzania in girls' football at Kakamega High School grounds yesterday. ISAAC WALE | NATION

BY SHABAN MAKOKHA

Kenyan teams made a bright start as the 22nd edition of the Federation of East Africa Secondary Schools Sports Association (FEASSA) Games got underway at different venues in Kakamega yesterday.

Vihiga Boys High School, Kesogon Mixed Secondary, St Anthony's Boys High School and Tigoi Girls High School underlined their title intentions on the opening day of action.

In rugby 15s, national champions Vihiga Boys and Kisii School recorded victories in their respective matches at Bullring grounds. The two schools are making their debut at the annual championship.

Vihiga Boys held on to narrowly beat Uganda's Namulyango College 20-15. Vihiga coach Abubakar Abdalla admitted it was a tough game but was glad they

opened their campaign with a win.

"We made some errors that almost cost us victory but we are grateful for the victory. It's the perfect platform to build on as we aim to top the region to add on to our national title," said Abdalla. Vihiga led 10-8 at the break thanks to tries from Clinton Makau and Moses Wanyama, while the Ugandans rallied through a try and penalty conversion from Titus Nyonyintono.

Kenya's Upper Hill School came from behind to beat Uganda's Jinja Secondary 26-19.

"It was a tough game. The first game is always not easy. We are taking a game at a time. I expect equally tough games," said Victor Wangwe.

Kisii School made a dream debut, thrashing Uganda's Kings College 34-12.

In boys' football, Buddo Secondary upset compatriots and defending champions Amus College 1-0, while Bukedea Com-

prehensive shocked 14-time champions St Mary's Kitende 2-1.

Kenyan girls' football teams experienced slow starts. Madira Girls drew 0-0 with Uganda's Kawempe Muslim, Nasokol Girls held Alliance from Tanzania to a goalless draw, and Kobala Girls drew 1-1 with Tanzania's Fountain Gate. National champions Butere Girls also drew 0-0 with Amus College of Uganda.

"We were not prepared to play today because the fixture indicated this match was to be played on Friday. The change got us flat-footed because most of my girls have been playing for the national team and are fatigued," said Butere coach Edwin Sakwa.

Amus coach Anyao Frank said: "This match was balanced with both teams exhibiting a battle of skill, speed and pure confidence. But as I said, we are here to prove our worth."

In girls' hockey, debutants Ng'iya Girls held champions St Joseph's Kitale to a goalless draw, while Tigoi Girls thrashed Uganda's Bweranyangi 9-0, with Lavender Philly and Diana Namachanja scoring four goals each. Mwiki Girls beat Uganda's Namungu 4-2.

In boys' hockey, St Anthony's Kitale beat MPesa Foundation Academy 2-1, while Kakungulu Memorial upset champions Musingu School 1-0. St Charles Lwanga edged Mbarara High 2-1. In girls' basketball, holders St Noa Girls beat Kenya's Kaya Tiwi 68-55, while Butere Girls defeated Rwanda's Gahini Girls 68-49. In boys' action, Dr Aggrey humbled Seeta H.S 64-41, and Lukenya Academy beat St Cyprion 54-49. In volleyball, Kesogon Mixed and Kwanthanze won their opening matches, while boys' champions St Luc beat Mwaluphamba 3-1. In netball, St Mary's Kitende edged Kenya's Oyugi Ogango 39-34.

## Jubilee Insurance forks out Sh20m for Grand Nairobi Bike Race

BY AYUMBA AYODI

More than 3,500 cyclists from over 20 nationalities will battle out in Jubilee Insurance Grand Nairobi Bike Race on October 5 at the Nyayo National Stadium.

Jubilee Insurance forked out Sh20 million towards the fourth edition of the race yesterday during the launch at the company's headquarters in Nairobi, bringing the total investment by the company in the race to more than Sh100 million, both in cash and

in kind, since the inception of the race in 2022.

Last year, Charles Kagimu and Monica Chelimo were crowned champions in the men's and women's categories respectively in the third edition of the that attracted 2,000 cyclists from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Europe and from the United States of America.

The race, christened "Jubilee Live Free Race" has grown significantly, providing a competitive platform for cyclists and serving as a powerful ad-

vocacy platform for physical activity, holistic well-being and environmental conservation. Yesterday, Jubilee Insurance Group's Head of Marketing and Corporate Communications, Caroline Ndung'u, said that this year's event will focus on promoting physical mobility for children and protecting the environment.

"Over the last three years, we have seen the Jubilee Live Free Race grow in scale, diversity and impact, touching lives both on and off track," Ms Ndung'u observed.



Head of Marketing and Corporate Communications at Jubilee Insurance Caroline Ndung'u (right) is joined by James Kiragu (left) of Grand Nairobi Biker Race, and cyclist Kelvin Kagiri. FRANCIS NDERITU | NATION



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**Atlas Lions roar at Nyayo in Nairobi as they maul Zambia in crucial Group 'A' tie**

Morocco's Abdelhak Assal (left) vies for the ball with Zambia's Kelvin Kampamba during their African Nations Championship Group "A" match at Nyayo National Stadium in Nairobi yesterday. Morocco's Atlas Lions won 3-1 to climb to second on the group table.

CHRIS OMOLLO | NATION

**BRIEFLY**

**Satisfied Mauritania can only wait for their quarters fate**

Group "B" had been anything but easy. Four games against seasoned opponents tested Mauritania's resolve. Yet, their record tells a story of progress. "Mauritania's journey in the tournament so far has been good. We have won two matches, drawn one, and lost one against the host country. These are very good results in a difficult group that includes well-known teams," said striker El Mami Tetah, awarded Man of the Match in their 1-0 win against Burkina Faso on Wednesday that put them second in the group on seven points after four matches, two behind leaders Tanzania and two more than Madagascar and Burkina Faso, who all have a final preliminary match to play.

"Now I think we have achieved what we needed to, and we will wait for the final matches in the group, which we hope will officially announce our qualification to the quarter-finals of the tournament," said Tetah. CAF Online

**Swim or sink Niger must win at Namboole this evening or kiss tournament goodbye**

BY VICTOR OTIENO

Algeria face Guinea while South Africa clash with Niger as the fight for Group "C" leadership intensifies today.

Both matches will be held at the 45,000-seater Mandela National Stadium in Namboole, Kampala.

Algeria will lock horns with Guinea from 5pm before South Africa take on Niger tonight from 8pm.

Co-hosts Uganda top the group with six points from three matches followed by favourites Algeria and then South Africa on four points each from two matches.

Guinea lie fourth on the table with three points from three matches.

Niger lie bottom with no point from two matches. Wins for both Algeria and South Africa will see them leapfrog Uganda to go top of the table.

The top two teams in the group will advance to the quarter-finals.

The 2022 Chan losing finalists Algeria are ranked 35th in the world by Fifa and will be looking to exhibit their top status on the

**Favourites Algeria, South Africa eye Group 'C' top spot**

**2022**

African Nations Championship that Algeria reached the final, losing to Senegal on post-match penalties

**Desert Foxes face Guinea while Bafana Bafana take on Niger in Kampala today**

continent.

Playing in their third Chan finals, the Desert Foxes started their campaign by blanking Uganda 3-0, before battling to a 1-1 draw with South Africa last Friday.

The north African side, coached by former international defender Madjid Bougherra, boasts an impressive defensive record in Chan's group matches.

Before drawing 1-1 with South

Africa, Algeria had not conceded a goal in over 450 minutes of play.

The team also boast several top players, including forwards Abderrahmane Meziane and Aimen Mahious.

Mahious was the top scorer in the 2022 Chan with five goals in six matches.

Meziane scooped the Player of the Match award in their opening match against Uganda which they won, illustrating that he has

not lost his form.

Guinea will be keen to bounce back from their 2-1 Monday loss to South Africa.

The Syli Nationale defeated Niger 1-0 before losing 3-0 to Uganda. Ranked 82nd globally, the West Africans are making their fourth Chan appearance. Forward Mohamed Bangoura, midfielder Ibrahim Sory Sankhom and Moussa Camara are some of the player to watch in the Guinea side. Bangoura is a versatile forward with speed and exceptional finishing ability. He was instrumental in Guinea's qualification, scoring in both legs against Guinea-Bissau.

Sankhom has vast experience from professional stints with clubs such as Sint-Truiden and RWD Molenbeek in Belgium.

Camara scored Guinea's consolation goal against South Africa.

While South Africa will be aiming for their second win, Niger will be looking for their first victory of the tournament that will keep their rather slim chance of advancing to the next round alive.

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**FIXTURES**

**Yesterday's results:**

**Group 'A'**

Morocco 3 Zambia 1

**Played later yesterday:** Angola v DR Congo

**Playing today:**

**Group 'C'**

(At Mandela Stadium) Guinea v Algeria 5pm

Niger v South Africa 8pm

**Playing tomorrow:**

**Group 'B'**

(At Amaan Stadium) Burkina Faso v Madagascar 8pm

(At Benjamin Mkapa Stadium) CAR v Tanzania 8pm

**2024 CHAN TABLES**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Group 'A'</b>								
1 Kenya	3	2	1	0	3	1	2	7
2 Morocco	3	2	0	1	5	2	3	6
3 Angola	3	1	1	1	3	4	-1	4
4 DR Congo	2	1	0	1	2	1	1	3
5 Zambia	3	0	0	3	2	7	-5	0

**Group 'B'**

1 Tanzania	3	3	0	0	5	1	4	9
3 Mauritania	4	2	1	1	2	1	1	7
2 Madagascar	3	1	1	1	3	2	1	4
4 Burk.Faso	3	1	0	2	4	5	-1	4
5 CAR	3	0	0	3	2	7	-5	0

**Group 'C'**

1 Uganda	3	2	0	1	5	3	2	6
2 Algeria	2	1	1	0	4	1	3	4
3 S. Africa	2	1	1	0	2	2	0	4
4 Guinea	3	1	0	1	1	3	-2	3
5 Niger	2	0	0	2	0	3	-3	0

**Group 'D'**

1 Sudan	2	1	1	0	5	1	4	4
2 Senegal	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	4
3 Congo	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	2
4 Nigeria	2	0	0	2	0	5	-5	0

\*Tables before Angola v DR Congo game

**CHAN NOTEBOOK**  
By Toto Arege

**No food allowed in stadium leaves fans with tough choice**

Stadium security has strictly enforced a no food from outside rule, unsettling many fans. Upon arrival at Nyayo Stadium or MISC fans quickly discover that any snacks or beverages they had brought with them is subject to confiscation at the gate.

Alternatively, security personnel allow the fans to quickly consume the food before being allowed into the stadium. And prices inside the stadium are not exactly friendly. For instance, a 500ml bottle of soda that would retail for Sh100 is being sold at a steep Sh190. It is choice of your stomach or your wallet.

**Some smoky Kenyan habits permeate the stadium stands**

The act of smoking cannabis, referred to as "ndukulu" or "kishash" in the streets of Nairobi, is seemingly normal in Kenyan football amongst a certain section of fans. Now, that act has spilled over to the continental African Nations Championships. During the sold out Kenya versus Morocco game at Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani last Sunday, if you are not a partaker of the holy weed there are some sections you would not have survived a minute. Yours truly was a reluctant, temporarily, secondary smoker before fleeing the scene for the sake of her health.

**Better late than never for the match is a recipe for chaos**

To ensure a seamless and enjoyable experience it is highly recommended that fans arrive at the stadium early. Arriving early allows ample time to navigate the chaotic crowds, get through the security barriers, locate designated seating areas, and familiarize oneself with the stadium amenities. But, peculiar to Kenyans, they have been arriving at matches minutes to kick off and causing incidents as they fight to get through...now! It happened during the Kenya versus Morocco match leading to security breaches as anxious fans breached security barriers. Please come to the stadium early.



## School Games

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# Race against time to set up fan zones

BY VICTOR OTIENO

The government and Kenya's Local Organising Committee (LOC) for the 2024 African Nations Championship (Chan) were yesterday racing against time to set up six fan zones across Nairobi ahead of Harambee Stars' final Group 'A' match of the tournament.

Harambee Stars play Zambia on Sunday at the 48,000-seater Moi International Sports Centre (MISC) Kasarani from 3pm. Confederation of African Football (CAF) has reduced the stadium's capacity to 27,000 due to security breaches during Kenya's matches against the Democratic Republic of Congo, Angola, and Morocco.

The fan zones are aimed at catering for ticketless fans, and to prevent overcrowding at match venues, particularly when Harambee Stars are playing. They will be set up at Uhuru Park in Nairobi's CBD, at Lucky Summer-Ngomongo area in the space behind MISC Kasarani Stadium, at Dandora Stadium, Utalii (Stima Club), at the Jacaranda Grounds, and at

Kibera DC Grounds.

Kenya's LOC chairman, Nicholas Musonye, yesterday told Nation Sport that the Ministry of Sports had begun the process of procuring the items needed to set up the fan zones, among them giant screens.

He said that all the six fan zones should be operational by tomorrow evening.

"We must have them ready and functioning by Saturday evening," Musonye said. He assured fans of adequate security at the fan zones.

"We want to make them comfortable as well. Security will be provided because we must also ensure safety of the equipment there," Musonye added.

The government has come under scrutiny over failure to provide funds for the LOC to set up the fan zones at the beginning of the tournament as planned. Appearing before the National Assembly's Committee on Sports and Culture on July 24, LOC Chief Executive Officer Mike Rabar said lack of adequate funds forced his team to shelve plans to set up 60

The 2024 African Nations Championship Local Organising Committee Chairman Nicholas Musonye, his deputy Hussein Mohammed, who is also Football Kenya Federation President, and CEO Mike Rabar address the press at Nyayo National Stadium on August 12. CHRIS OMOLLO INATION



fan zones across the country. Instead, the LOC resorted to having only one fan zone at Uhuru Park, but that also was not set up due to financial constraints.

"We are also putting up a fan zone at Uhuru Park so those who are unable to get to Kasarani Stadium, or to Nyayo will watch the matches for free at Uhuru Park from day one to the last," Rabar National Assembly's Committee

on Sports and Culture on July 24. The plan was to go across the country but due to budget constraints, we have now pushed that to 2027 Afcon. We intend to have 60 fan zones across the country, that was the plan," he added.

It was only after scores of fans breached security ahead of Kenya's highly-anticipated match against Morocco on Sunday at MISC Kasarani that the govern-

ment finally agreed to construct fan zones.

CAF has fined Football Kenya Federation a total of Sh 12.8 million due to security breaches by fans in five matches that have taken place in Nairobi.

Thanks to the chaos witnessed at MISC on Sunday, CAF has also reduced the capacity of the venue to 27,000 for all Kenya's matches.

CAF has warned that failure to implement the new measures will lead to more serious sanction, including finding alternative venues for Harambee Stars to play their home matches.

On Wednesday, Sports CS Salim Mvurya admitted the government's failure to prevent the crisis.

"We have had gaps, and some have led to sanctions. We have assured CAF we will support FKF to close those gaps," he said.

Fan zones are synonymous with big sports events. For instance, the 2022 Fifa World Cup in Qatar had several fan zones. The Fifa Fan Festival at Al Bidda Park attracted around 70,000 daily visitors.

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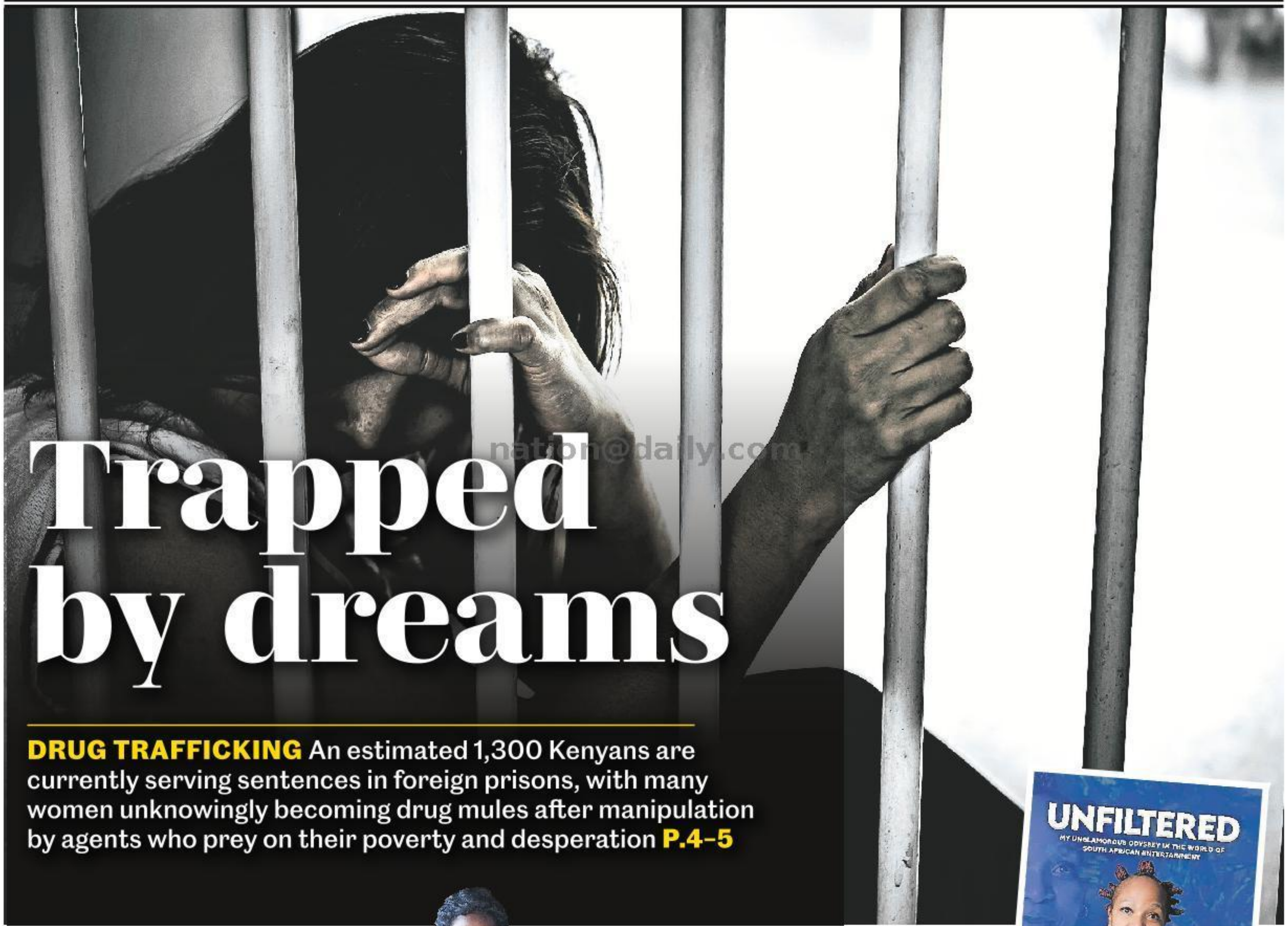
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EDITOR'S NOTE

# What if all you believed about single mothers was wrong?

In a recent conversation with colleagues, we discussed why male sports stars worldwide so often dedicate victories to their mothers. A colleague grinned: "Mothers would never let them hear the end of it if forgotten. Fathers? They're just happy their sons won." Many of these athletes were raised in single-parent homes. They only know 'mama.' Consider Barack Obama, raised by his mother after his father

left—he became President. Single mothers raise decent human beings too.

Yet, we've allowed tired narratives to define all single mothers. The Kenya Demographic Health Survey shows women-headed households in urban areas rose from 27 per cent in 2014 to 31 per cent in 2022. Behind every percentage lies a woman with a story defying our comfortable stereotypes. A 2013 study reveals 60 per cent of Kenyan women will experience single motherhood by age 45—among Africa's highest rates. Recent 2024 research shows single mothers experience elevated stress not from poverty alone, but because they receive substantially less support from fathers.

These aren't statistics born from moral failure. They represent women navigating varied circumstances: the graduate whose partner disappeared upon learning of pregnancy, the widow left with three children, the teenager who survived defilement, the professional who chose motherhood independently, and the divorcee who escaped abuse.

Yet we've branded them all: "Husband snatcher. Failed woman. Burden to society." These labels shape how we see women in boardrooms, churches, schools, and neighbourhoods. We've become so invested in stereotypes that we've blinded ourselves to the truth: single mothers aren't a monolithic group stumbling through poor choices. I think about sin-



DORCAS MUGA-ODUMBE

I'm not advocating single parenthood, nor dismissing stable family structures... I suggest we examine our reflexive judgments



What troubles me most is how our collective judgment affects entire communities. When we ostracise single mothers, we deprive societies of their full potential. This stress ripples through families, affecting children's academic performance, emotional development, and future relationships.

In counties where women head majority households, single mothers aren't anomalies—they're foundational to community survival. They're running businesses, teaching children, leading development projects, and innovating local solutions. When we stigmatise these women, we undermine the people holding communities together.

The paths to single motherhood are as complex as the women walking them. Sometimes it's tragedy—death, abandonment, abuse. Sometimes it's choice—women refusing relationships that diminish them. Each story deserves recognition without judgment.

I'm not advocating single parenthood, nor dismissing stable family structures' importance. But I suggest we examine our reflexive judgments: what purpose do they serve? When we brand a single mother as failure, we're not protecting family values—we're perpetuating a culture punishing women for circumstances often beyond their control.

Perhaps it's time to reframe conversations. Instead of asking what's wrong with these women, we might ask what's wrong with a society that judges rather than supports. Our humanity's measure isn't found in casting stones, but in seeing strength where others see shame—recognising that sometimes, the most courageous thing a woman can do is raise a child alone.

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WHAT'S UP AFRICA?

**SOUTH AFRICA**  
President urges gender equality across policies

President Cyril Ramaphosa has called for gender equality to be part of all policies and decisions, with Women's Month underway. In his weekly newsletter on Monday, he urged women to take centre stage in the National Dialogue to be launched today, stressing their key role in shaping the nation's future. The National Dialogue aims to bring together individuals and organisations to find common ground and new solutions to the country's challenges. "Women are affected by every political, social and economic issue. Likewise, every crisis... affects women equally and, in some instances, more than men," he said.

**GHANA**  
Government committed to social protection systems

The Minister of Gender, Children and Social Protection, Dr Agnes Naa Momo Lartey, has reiterated government's unwavering commitment to strengthening social protection systems for the most vulnerable groups. During a monitoring visit on Tuesday to assess the pilot implementation of mobile money payments under the Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty Programme, she emphasised that the initiative marked a major shift in modernising social protection delivery. The programme is a government's cash transfer initiative launched in 2008.

**NIGERIA**  
Niger groups trained in HIV/Aids gender sensitivity

The Federation of Muslim Women Associations in Nigeria, Niger State Chapter, in partnership with the Development Research and Projects Centre, under their NGO Support Initiative, supported by Ford Foundation, has successfully concluded a one-day training on HIV/Aids Gender Sensitivity and Intersectionality for Ward Development Committee members in the state. The event, held on August 6 at the Dogon Koli Hotel in Minna, aimed to empower community leaders to curb HIV and reduce stigma by fostering inclusive and gender-responsive health practices.

Women suffer harshest impacts of crises due to pre-existing inequalities



Devastation etched on her face, a woman stares at the burnt wreckage of her iron-sheet home following Tuesday's fire outbreak in Grogon, Huruma—a loss that will particularly burden her as women typically bear responsibility for rebuilding family homes in informal settlements. PHOTO | REUTERS

ON THE RADAR

Compiled by Wanja Mbutia

Catherine Musakali



Catherine Musakali recently received an accolade for being among the top 50 most influential women in Kenya, 2025. The awards were by Africapitol, an organisation celebrating Africa, an esteemed award reserved for a select few. Catherine is the founder and chairperson of the Women on Boards Network Kenya. She is also the founder of Dorion Associates, a law firm that specialises in regulatory, commercial and business law. She has also served as the company secretary and head of legal affairs at Kenya Shell, now Vivo Energy Kenya. Until May 2014, she chaired the Institute of Certified Public Secretaries of Kenya and has led the company's education and professional development committee and the legislation and corporate governance committee.

Aissata M.B. Camara



For the first time, an African woman will lead the New York City Mayor's Office for International Affairs. NYC Mayor Eric Adams announced the appointment of Aissata M.B. Camara, a seasoned public servant with nearly 10 years of leadership in the Mayor's Office for International Affairs, as the next commissioner of the office. Originally from the Republic of Guinea and now living in New York City, Aissata is currently deputy commissioner for policy and strategic initiatives and chief of staff. She advises the city on international policy while managing diplomatic incidents.

Zipporah Nderitu



Zipporah Nderitu, a senior superintendent of police and adviser to the International Peace Support Training Centre, was recently recognised as a distinguished leader in the All Means All World Awards. She is a leader renowned for her unwavering commitment to protecting women and children from violence. She has played a pivotal role in the Policare initiative, a groundbreaking programme designed to provide holistic and survivor-centred support for victims of gender-based violence.

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**Daisy's World** Grief reveals life's fragility, urging us to love deeply and offer steadfast presence



## What friendship looks like in the face of loss

Last week, in a group chat with my two lifelong friends, Debra invited us to an event this month. I excitedly declared my availability – followed by a couple more messages discussing possible dress code ideas. The journalist in me could also not resist the urge to



Daisy Okoti

ask several questions, to understand the event better. The third member of the group (Josie) was not online, but I was excited and sure of her availability.

When Josie's message came half an hour later, it was to first say how excited she was about the event, but also to apologise because she will not make it. "Unfortunately, I cannot be there. The day is my mum's first anniversary," the message said. For a moment, neither Debra nor I said anything. I was quiet because I could not think of how to adequately respond to the message. It was unbelievable that a year has gone by since my friend's mum passed on because I still have fresh memories of that week, like it was yesterday.

That fateful Thursday a year ago, Josie sent a text to inform me that her mother had been rushed to an intensive care unit. After a few exchanges that night, with me reassuring her that I was praying for her mum, I asked her if I could call. She told me to wait. I eventually fell asleep without speaking to her. Early the following morning (Friday), she sent a text informing me that her mother had passed on. Something inside me broke. I was not sure what to say to her after that – words became painfully inadequate. The rest of that day became a blur, as I waited to see my friend and say sorry to her in person.

The passing of Josie's mother is the biggest shocker our tight friendship of three has had to deal with, thus far in our lives. Nothing could have prepared us for that level of grief. I do not even remember who, between Debra and I, called the other to make plans of how to support Josie. But I know we spoke and made plans.

Debra and I travelled together to be

with Josie. But even while making arrangements for the trip, we avoided directly mentioning the reason for the trip because we were not ready for that kind of finality. It felt as if not saying it would buy us some time. We also spent a huge chunk of the seven-hour road trip

talking about the past because we knew speaking about the present would lead us to the pain we were struggling to make sense of.

That season turned out to be a test of friendship, which evolved over the last 12 months to become a teacher in at least two ways. Firstly, it was a reminder of just how fickle life can be – how quickly time comes and goes. Whenever we can, let us love wholly and deeply, be really present in the moment, because as they say, tomorrow is not promised.

During that period, I asked Josie several times what her last conversation with her mother was. I was glad that my friend was left holding onto love and meaning. Secondly, the loss was a lesson on gentleness. What do you say to your friend after the loss of her mother? What can you possibly even say? Debra and I had no clear guide because obviously our 'friendship manual' had not contemplated such a significant loss. Instinctively though, we both knew that we needed to be there for her. Even if it was the only thing we'd end up doing, that was enough.

It has been a year of watching Josie navigate life with her dad and brothers. Watching her evolve to become more mature – she has always been the mature one of the three of us, but her mother's loss accelerated her maturity before our eyes. I have no way of estimating the magnitude of losing a mother. However, being there for my friend these past 12 months has shown me that it is not possible to quantify that kind of loss.

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**VoiceMale** Predators gain trust, isolate victims, and normalise abuse, making detection and prosecution seriously challenging

## Danger in familiar faces: How sexual grooming thrives in trusted spaces

The recent exposé of sexual exploitation and abuse of past and current students by a teacher in one of Kenya's most famous girls' schools brought to the fore the expression "sexual grooming". To groom ordinarily means to cultivate, nurture or socialise one into a prescribed set of behaviours deemed desirable. To be well-groomed is also used to refer to neat appearance.

Sexual grooming is a process in which a perpetrator systematically and over a period of time manipulatively prepares the target for sexual exploitation and abuse by gaining their trust. It is done in a subtle way that can easily be mistaken for benevolence to disguise the intention. The target and people around him or her does not, therefore, feel threatened or alarmed.

The target is often young, naïve, trusting and dependent on the perpetrator. This explains why the list of perpetrators features close relatives (such as uncles), teachers, clergy, family friends, patrons, matrons, classmates, co-workers, caretakers, transporters and supervisors – people who enjoy close proximity and frequent contact with the would-be victim, as well as their and other people's trust and confidence.

An excellent example in contemporary Kenya is that of girls entrusted to specific public service motorbike operators to take to and from school daily. Many a parent have been shocked to learn of their daughters' pregnancies, infections and even elopements from the transporters who have systematically groomed the girls by using simple gifts, treatment to meals and acts of generosity, relying on the ample



Dr Okumba Miruka

time on the way to and from school.

The scheme is usually to get the target into total control through show of love and attention that when the perpetrator strikes, the target is easily subdued and does not see anything wrong with the attack. In fact, the victim could even take the abuse as a just reward for the perpetrator's past and continuing generosity.

Literature on the subject shows that grooming follows certain steps. First is the earmarking of and access to a targeted victim. The groomer often observes the target and identifies the vulnerabilities to take advantage of. These could be related to easy physical access, psychological malleability, deference to authority and lack. Second is isolation of the victim.

The perpetrator gives more attention to the earmarked individual often through preferential treatment to develop a tight relationship of dependency. This may be analogised to the way a pride of lions identifies one animal from a pack and drives it out of the crowd so it cannot be protected by its kind. Then they close in and subdue it. In this manner, grooming is almost always guaranteed to succeed.

Third is de-sensitising the victim. The target is psychologically sedated,

does not recognise the ignoble intentions and entertains the attention given as normal because of regular exposure to it. For instance, the perpetrator introduces the target to sexual content and behaviour in small doses to get the latter's addiction and belief that he/she is being graduated into a select club. The target thus fails to see the trap.

From this point onwards, the perpetrator solidifies the abuse while avoiding detection. The abuse is sustained through frequent encounters reinforced with even more alluring attention and rewards. The abused is now virtually a prisoner who will do whatever the perpetrator wants. Control is maintained through continued manipulation, emotional and other forms of blackmail, coercion and even physical violence.

As it were, grooming can be physical or virtual and can occur in any space where there is frequent interaction between the groomer and the target. It could be at home, school, church, workplace, boarding camp and the internet. The consequences of grooming are divergent and can be mild to severe. They include pregnancy, exposure to infections, trafficking, emotional trauma, dependency, sexual deviance and addiction. Obviously, public knowledge about sexual grooming is extremely important in detecting signs and preventing and responding to it.

Kenyan laws cover this menace as a criminal offence. Section 12 of the Sexual Offences Act criminalises acts that facilitate sexual offences involving children, such as persuasion, enticement and coercion. Section 15 focuses on introduction of children to prostitution, while Section 16 prohibits the use of minors in pornographic endeavours. Section 23 broadly covers grooming under sexual harassment, while Section 24 deals with abuse of positions of trust, power and authority. The Children's Act also criminalises grooming, including its modern-day forms such as online abuse.

While existence of these laws means that sexual grooming is justiciable, the difficulty lies in producing adequate and incontrovertible evidence to secure a conviction, given the subtle nature of the behaviour. The public must thus be waiting to see what eventually happens to the publicised case.

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**Exploitation** Drug cartels are systematically targeting desperate women with false job promises abroad, using them

# Trapped by dreams: Stories of Kenyan women caught in international drug trafficking

**Driven by poverty and deception, these women fall victim to international drug trafficking, facing severe foreign sentences without adequate legal defence or support**

BY NYABOGA KIAGE

The suitcase looked perfectly ordinary—sleek, stylish, exactly the kind of luggage a successful woman might carry on an international business trip. But hidden within its lining lay 2kg of cocaine that would transform Margaret Nduta Macharia from a hopeful jobseeker into a woman facing death row, 8,000 kilometres from home.

It was July 2023 when the 37-year-old from Murang'a County clutched that fateful bag, unaware that her dreams of escaping poverty would lead her straight into the hands of Vietnamese authorities. Today, she sits behind bars, her death sentence recently commuted to life imprisonment—a small mercy that has done little to ease her family's devastation.

Nduta's story begins in the rolling hills of Weithaga, Kiharu Constituency, where life had become increasingly difficult.

"Life within Weithaga was not easy, securing a job had become more difficult and the only option for Nduta was to seek a job abroad," recalls her journey. When an agent based in Ethiopia promised her work in Vietnam, it seemed like the answer to her prayers.

The trap was expertly laid. After travelling from Kenya to Addis Ababa, the agent handed her a replacement bag, claiming her own luggage wasn't "classy enough" for the trip to Vietnam. Little did she know that this seemingly innocent gesture would seal her fate.

## A family's silent anguish

Back in Murang'a, the news of Nduta's arrest and subsequent death sentence in March 2025 sent shockwaves through her family. Her mother, overwhelmed by the devastating news, was admitted to hospital. The family's matriarch remains unaware of the recent development that saw her daughter's sentence reduced from death to life imprisonment.

"She fell ill when the story of my sister



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Age of Margaret Nduta, who was arrested for possessing 2kg of cocaine that would transform her from a hopeful jobseeker into a woman facing death row.

**2018**

Year when Rose Achieng'Ojala was arrested and sentenced to death by a Malaysian court after being found in possession of methamphetamine she was attempting to smuggle.

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Cash in Kenya shillings held by Kenya Women Micro-Finance Bank as Jasiri Fund, which has been set up to support women.

broke. She is not even aware of the new development and we would not like to comment on it," says Rosemary Macharia, Nduta's sister, who now cares for their ailing mother. The family has made the painful decision to shield their matriarch from any updates, fearing it would worsen her medical condition.

Nduta's case initially proceeded without legal representation, and she was prosecuted in a court in Ho Chi Minh City that decided she would face death by lethal injection. However, intervention by the Kenyan government helped spare her life.

"She is safe and negotiations are still ongoing. The quick move to see the matter settled in another way saw her life spared early this year," Foreign Affairs Principal Secretary Korir Sing'oei told the Nation.

## A pattern of desperation

Nduta's story, whilst recent and particularly harrowing, is far from unique. Kenyan women have increasingly found themselves ensnared in international drug trafficking networks, often as unwitting pawns in a dangerous game orchestrated by more powerful players.

The numbers paint a sobering picture. Although there are no official confirmed statistics, the government estimates that 1,300 Kenyans are currently serving jail terms abroad, including women traffickers. In 2020, Monica Juma, who was serving as Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs, revealed that 76 Kenyans were jailed in China—the last time Kenya publicly addressed such figures.

Many Kenyan nationals incarcerated abroad remain unidentified, with some believed to use fake documents due to the na-

ture of their work or failing to register with embassies. The arrests have exposed Kenya as both a marketplace and transit hub for drug trafficking.

## The rise and fall of Pesh Lema

Perhaps no case better illustrates the seductive yet destructive nature of this world than that of Penninah Lema Muniyithya, better known as Pesh Lema. During her heyday, she became a social media sensation, famous for sharing provocative photos and living a flashy lifestyle that any socialite would admire.

"For years before she was nabbed in 2015, Pesh had become famous for sharing her photos," the story of her rise recalls. Within months of gaining online notoriety, she was rubbing shoulders with top celebrities and announcing glamorous trips abroad.

Her downfall came swiftly. After announcing a holiday trip to Dubai, she travelled to West Africa to meet her partner for the first time. From there, she was meant to head to South Africa, but those plans never materialised. Instead, she was arrested in Ghana and sentenced to ten years in prison in Kumasi.

Released in February 2023, Pesh has kept a remarkably low profile since returning to Kenya. These days, her social media posts speak of God and prayers—a dramatic transformation from her former life.

## Deadly consequences

The stakes in this dangerous game couldn't be higher, as Rose Achieng'Ojala discovered in August 2018. She was arrested and sentenced to death by a Malaysian court after being found in possession of methamphetamine that she was attempting to smuggle into the country.

Rose had concealed three capsules of the drug in her underwear and ingested another 68 capsules, totalling 400 grams. Airport staff at Kuala Lumpur noticed her suspicious behaviour during a routine search, which led to the discovery of more than 20 grams of methamphetamine in her underwear.

Rose claimed it was her boyfriend who had stashed the drugs in her underwear be-

fore she travelled, denying knowledge that she was in possession of the substances. Her court appearances were particularly tragic—she was sickly, fainted whilst in court, and attended all her sessions in a wheelchair.

## Understanding the phenomenon

What drives women into such perilous circumstances? According to experts, the answer lies in a complex web of poverty, desperation, and manipulation.

"It is not abnormal—one's engagement in crime is mostly dependent on the environment, gender notwithstanding," explains Gad Aguko, an advocate in Kenya. He adds that those involved in drug trafficking are most likely tricked by men, with some even faking their nationalities.

Duncan Okatch, also an advocate of the High Court, provides further insight into this exploitation, arguing that the women in prison are there for being used by the real drug traffickers. He explains that since most of the established traffickers have criminal records, they prefer using people who are less known and, if they are well known, are not linked to any criminal activities.

"Since the drug traffickers do understand their past records, they take advantage of people who tend to appear innocent," says Duncan.

Margaret Ruto, a US-based human rights activist and current head of Voices for Justice, a community-based organisation in Kericho, identifies poverty as the primary driver. She points to Kenya's worrying employment rate, with many graduates unable to find work.

"It is easier to arrest a Kenyan woman who is in possession of drugs because such

## as unwitting mules to ferry drugs across borders

business is taboo. The values instilled in Kenyan women, plus religious teachings, makes it harder for one to succeed in drug trafficking as they cannot keep calm body language when being scrutinised, as they grow knowing that it is wrong," Margaret observes.

She argues that the current Kenyan economy, where putting food on the table is increasingly difficult, creates conditions ripe for exploitation. Social media exacerbates the problem, with women following celebrities and influencers living lavish lifestyles whilst lacking opportunities to apply their own skills.

### The gender dimension

A report titled Understanding the role of women in organised crime reveals that females are present in organised crime in significant numbers.

"According to available arrest data concerning criminal activities associated with organised crime, women are involved across all organised crime markets, with a notable presence in economic crimes and participation in human trafficking crimes," the report notes.

"Female traits and gender roles contribute to women largely being seen as victims of crime, rather than as active members of organised criminal groups. Evidence shows, however, that women can and do play a variety of active roles in such groups," it adds.

Data from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, published as part of the 2022 World Drug Report, shows interesting patterns in drug use between men and women. For cocaine, just 27 per cent of users are estimated to be women. However, for other drug types, the gap appears to be narrowing, with drugs such as amphetamines and recreational sedatives showing an almost 50-50 split between men and women.

### Vulnerability and exploitation

Jackline Mwangi, a gender specialist who works with Loreto Neema—an organisation addressing challenges women face in Kenyan slums including Mathare, Kariobangi, and Kibra—identifies poverty and vulnerability as the main reasons women engage in such risky endeavours.

"Poverty levels are very high, and in most cases, women feel vulnerable as they want to feed their families. The difficulties they

face make them end up engaging in risky business," she explains.

She wonders why, despite extensive news coverage showing how women end up behind bars due to such activities, many females continue to engage in drug trafficking. The responsibilities that come when a woman realises she is the sole breadwinner, she notes, are overwhelming.

### The legal trap

In most cases where Kenyan women are arrested in foreign countries, they lack proper legal representation because they cannot afford it. This typically works against them, as they lack advocates who can enlighten them about the law in those countries, resulting in harsh sentences.

However, the Kenyan government sometimes intervenes in these cases. Nduta's case exemplifies this, where her sentencing was reduced from death to life imprisonment after the Ministry of Foreign Affairs held conversations with Vietnam's government.

### Breaking the cycle

Despite the concerning trend, experts emphasise the need for prevention strategies. Margaret Ruto stresses the importance of community sensitisation and education about the consequences of engaging in such business, ensuring people understand both local and international laws.

She also highlights a critical gap in support systems: "Imagine if a woman leaves prison after finishing their jail terms—if they won't seek help at a personal level and engage with psychiatrists, then getting back to their former selves is hard."

Jackline echoes this concern, noting that women leaving prison struggle to reintegrate into society as people tend to view them differently. "Currently, I don't know of any organisation that assists women when they leave prisons. With such facilities, the women can be assisted to stand back on their feet," she says.

### Seeds of hope

However, there are initiatives working to address the root causes. The Centre for Rights Education and Awareness (Creaw) leads a consortium that includes the Collaborative Centre for Gender and Development and Groots Kenya. Together, they have established the Jasiri Fund (Swahili for bold), a women's fund designed to support women. "The overall objective is to support access to finance for 1,000 survivors of gender-based violence as a means to strengthen survivors' recovery and resilience in a sustainable manner," Creaw states.

The Jasiri Fund is a Sh45.2 million (\$350,000) guarantee fund held by Kenya Women Micro-Finance Bank, being implemented in ten counties across Kenya: Kakamega, Kiambu, Kilifi, Tana River, Nairobi, Mombasa, Kwale, Manderu, and Busia.

The fund supports women, youth, and people with disabilities who are survivors of GBV by building their socioeconomic resilience against economic shocks.

### The road ahead

As authorities grapple with this rising trend, calls for increased awareness and stricter border controls persist. The women caught in these networks often start as victims of circumstance—driven by poverty, deceived by promises of legitimate work, and manipulated by criminal organisations that exploit their desperation.

Margaret's prescription is clear: "The Kenyan government needs to get alternatives and ensure that there is an increase in job opportunities to help these women who are being used in trafficking drugs."

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## BEHIND BARS: Kenyan women caught in international drug networks

The statistics are stark, but behind each number lies a human story. These 13 cases represent just a fraction of the estimated 1,300 Kenyans currently serving sentences abroad, yet they paint a devastating picture of how international drug cartels exploit vulnerable women from all walks of life. From former air hostesses to desperate mothers, socialites to small business owners, the reach of these criminal networks knows no bounds. Each case reveals a different facet of this crisis—some women were unwitting mules, others willing participants, and many fell somewhere in between. Their stories span over two decades and stretch across continents, from the methamphetamine labs of Mexico to the prisons of Malaysia, from the courts of Ghana to the maximum security facilities of China.

### THE CASES

#### 1. Priscilla Chemutai Kolongei (2002-15)

The former air hostess was convicted and jailed in 2002 for drug trafficking after being found in possession of 27kg of heroin. She was sentenced to 18 years in prison and fined Sh10 million, with the alternative of serving an additional year if unable to pay. Imprisoned at Lang'ata Women's Maximum Prison, she was released in July 2015—five years early for good conduct.

#### 2. Penninah Lema Muniyitha (Pesh Lema) (2015-23)

The social media sensation was arrested in Kumasi, Ghana, in 2015 with a significant drug haul. She was part of a cartel trafficking drugs between Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, and other countries. After serving ten years in prison, she was released in February 2023.

#### 3. Rose Achieng' Ojala (2018)

The mother of three was sentenced to death in Malaysia in August 2018 after being found in possession of methamphetamine.

#### 4. Mary Mukami Mwangi (2018)

In 2018, she was sentenced to 20 years in prison after being found guilty of drug trafficking. The specific details of her case and location of imprisonment were not disclosed in available records.

#### 5. Nancy Kizungu (alias Mathe wa Ngara) (2023-24)

Held at Lang'ata Women's Prison after being denied bond. In August 2023, police raided her business premises and

seized cannabis worth Sh18.3 million and cash amounting to Sh13,474,520. In August 2024, she faced additional charges alongside David Ochieng Okoth and Christopher Odipo Ochieng for possessing 189,300gm of cannabis with a street value of Sh5.6 million. The case is ongoing and she is entitled to the presumption of innocence pending conclusion of the trial.

#### 6. Mary Mweke (2024)

She was arrested in New Delhi, India, in 2024 with 2.5kg of heroin. Investigations revealed she was part of an extensive cartel that had smuggled over 120kg of heroin into India using various methods including drug mules and concealment in carry bags.

#### 7. Mariam Mweke (2024)

Also arrested in New Delhi, India, in 2024 with 2.5kg of heroin. She confessed to being part of the same cartel as Mary Mweke, which had smuggled over 120kg of heroin into India using capsules hidden in carry bags and through drug mules.

#### 8. Betty Mukami Micheni (2024)

Arrested in September 2024 in connection with a makeshift large-scale methamphetamine production laboratory located in Namanga, near the Tanzanian border. US authorities allege the laboratory was linked to the Cartel de Jalisco Nueva Generación (CJNG), one of Mexico's most notorious drug cartels.

#### 9. Caroline Wambui Muchira (2024)

Also arrested in September 2024 for her connection to the same makeshift methamphetamine production laboratory in Namanga near the Tanzanian border. Like Betty Mukami Micheni, US authorities allege her involvement with the CJNG.

#### 10. Joyce Akinyi Ochieng' (2025)

After years of investigation into drug trafficking allegations, she was sentenced to 25 years in prison in January. Her conviction was linked to heroin trafficking that had been under scrutiny by authorities for an extended period.

#### 11. Deborah Donda (2006)

Deborah was arrested in Malaysia on allegations of marijuana trafficking. She was apprehended alongside Emily Gathoni with 4kg of marijuana in their possession. Unlike many others on this list, she was subsequently released and set free.



TWO DECADES OF INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ARRESTS: 2006-2025

NAME	AGE	ARREST DATE	AIRPORT
Nyatumba Lilian Jenipher Akoth	Unknown	2019	Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (Nairobi)
Grace Wanjiru	Unknown	2015	Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (Nairobi)
Hildah Wanjiku	Unknown	2017	Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (Nairobi)
Caroline Wanjiku Mwangi	25	2025	Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (Nairobi)
Wendy Mbeke Muli	26	2025	Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (Nairobi)
Macharia, Margaret Nduta	37	2023	Tan Son Nhat International Airport, Vietnam
Floviance Owino	28	2013	Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, China
Oliviah Singaniabe Munoko	26	2006	Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, China
Esther Muthoni	Unknown	2020	Singapore Changi Airport
Cynthia Wairimu	Unknown	2017	Hong Kong International Airport
Faith Omollo Oloo		2016	Kuala Lumpur International Airport, Malaysia
Florence Indangasi	43	2025	Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, India
Mary Nyaguthie	Unknown	2018	Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA)
Scola Namuryu Imbiti	Unknown	2010	Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) Cargo Centre
Mary Muita	Unknown	2018	Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA)
Emily Kanini Rodha	43	2025	Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, India
Margaret Nduta	37	2023	Tan Son Nhat International Airport, Vietnam

**Market ties** Julia Kumbel works three days in politics, four days selling vegetables at Kabartonjo trading centre

# Meet the Baringo MCA who still runs her 'mama mboga' stall in her free time

**Despite political success, Julia refuses to abandon her grocery business, instead valuing her community ties above prestige**

BY FLORAH KOECH

In a world where political success often means leaving your past behind, Julia Kumbel has chosen a different path. She is that rare politician who still gets her hands dirty – literally – in the trade that made her who she is.

"I started as a trader and that is where my blessing came from. I don't want to leave my previous venture just because I got the nomination," she declares with the conviction of someone who knows exactly where she belongs.

## The king maker's awakening

Long before she dreamed of holding office herself, Kumbel was the power behind the throne at Kabartonjo market. Her political instincts were so sharp that she earned election as chairlady for women traders – a position that put her at the heart of regional politics.

"I was kind of a king maker because I campaigned for various political leaders in the region, including the late retired President Daniel Moi and even the late Baringo Senator William Cheptumo, who also served as our MP for three terms, among others," she recalls.

"It is whilst at the campaigns that the thought of being a politician crossed my mind."

But wanting something and achieving it are two different battles entirely.

## When dreams meet reality

The transformation from king maker to candidate began with inspiration from an unlikely source: Elizabeth Chesang' from Kabartonjo, a former councillor who had shown that women like them could claim political space.

"I usually encouraged myself that one day, despite my humble beginnings, I would be like former councillor Chesang'," Ms Kumbel remembers.

In 2017, armed with nothing but belief and a friend's encouragement, she took the plunge. Despite being a school dropout, she applied for nomination under the Jubilee party.

"Despite my humble background, I developed interest in politics and I really wanted to be nominated as a civic leader at the time. In 2017, a friend advised me to give it a shot by applying for the position, which I did.

"Despite being a Standard Eight dropout, I had the belief that I could make a good leader if given a chance," she explains.

What followed was a political thriller worthy of any campaign drama. She was shortlisted twice, each time moving closer to her dream. Then came the crushing blow.

"I applied for the nomination in 2017 under the Jubilee party and I was shortlisted twice, but unfortunately, my name was



Baringo nominated MCA Julia Kumbel at her grocery in Kabartonjo on July 24. PHOTOS | FLORAH KOECH

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missing in the third and final list. I was so demoralised because at the time, I had given my all in campaigning for leaders in this region," says the MCA.

The irony was bitter: the woman who had helped others achieve political success watched her own aspirations slip away at the final hurdle.

## The bottom-up revolution

Five years later, President William Ruto's campaign brought a message that seemed tailored for someone exactly like Kumbel. When he spoke about the bottom-up agenda, she heard her own story in his words.

"When President Ruto was campaigning in 2022, he spoke about the bottom-up agenda and that he would uplift the lives of people, including boda boda riders and even mama mboga," she tells the Voice.



This time, the stars aligned differently. She applied for nomination at the county assembly under the United Democratic Alliance party (UDA), driven by a simple but powerful logic.

"I encouraged myself that I was among the category the President was targeting – a mama mboga – and if his statements were really true, then I should be considered in his government.

"I gave another shot and applied for the nomination at the county assembly for the second time under the UDA party. I was

Julia serves her customer in Kabartonjo on July 24.

convinced that if Ruto wins the presidency, then I should also serve at the county assembly," she explains.

## Victory tastes sweeter the second time

When the final list of nominees was published in the local dailies, Kumbel's name appeared among the 18 nominated MCAs at the Baringo County Assembly under the women category. The vindication was complete.

"I was so elated that my dream of serving at the county assembly came true, and that the bottom-up agenda campaigned by the President of uplifting the mama mboga also materialised, as I am a true testimony of the same – a mama mboga at Kabartonjo market being nominated as an MCA," she beams.

Her friends and villagers celebrated, but not everyone was convinced. Some wondered how "a mere trader with little educational background" had secured such a position. For Kumbel, their doubts only reinforced her determination to prove them wrong.

## The revolutionary choice

Here's where Kumbel's story takes an unexpected turn. Instead of abandoning her trading life for the prestige of full-time politics, she chose both.

She works at the assembly on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, spending the remaining days at her grocery, assisting her employees and maintaining the relationships that shaped her.

"I don't want to lose friends in the name of 'I have climbed the ladder'. I don't want to lose touch with the people because, when I want to seek votes in the next elections for instance, how will you approach them if you are in another class and unapproachable?" she asks, cutting straight to the heart of political authenticity.

During the interview, the assembly is on a 10-day recess and she's fully back at her grocery. "It is also an opportune time to have time with my fellow women at the market and the village as well, and be an example that we should always be humble no matter how the situation changes."

## Still the woman they knew

Kumbel remains chairlady of a group composed of more than 150 women. When she's selling at the market, she takes tea with her counterparts, listens to their problems – including challenges of school fees – and shares what little she has with them.

"I am still the mama mboga they knew and we still sell with them. I am also still the chairlady of our women group dubbed Vision Group," she states with pride.

Her greatest wish remains beautifully simple: "My prayer is just to meet the President one on one and thank him for giving me, a mama mboga, the chance to serve as a ward representative.

"I have also overheard a section of Kenyans complaining that he didn't fulfil the promises he made. I am a true testimony of his promises."

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**Legal Eye** You can include pets in your will, but legal safeguards require appointing a caretaker or trustee

## Help! Besides my four children, I want to leave my assets to my dogs

**Dear Vivian,**  
What qualifies me to draft a will? I own two pet dogs who have been my companion since I lost my husband. Since I have various properties, can I include them in my will alongside my four adult children? Who will be responsible to ensure my wishes are followed?  
**Priscah Akoth, Nairobi**

**Dear Priscah,**

In Kenya, a will is a legal document that outlines how you want your assets to be distributed after your death. Without a will, the law dictates how your assets will be divided. Therefore, by drafting a will, you can ensure that your loved ones are taken care of and that your assets are distributed according to your wishes.

To qualify to draft a will in Kenya, you must be at least 18



**Vivian Mwende**

years old and of sound mind. The will must also be in writing, signed in the presence of two witnesses and in your presence. Notably, the witnesses must not be beneficiaries in the will. They must also be independent and trustworthy. You should also not be coerced or threatened when drafting a will as the will drafted under these circumstances will be considered void.

Additionally, you may want to appoint an executor. An executor is the individual or institution appointed in your will to manage and distribute your estate after your death. The executor's role is to ensure that your estate is administered in accordance with your will and Kenyan law, which may involve settling debts, paying taxes and distributing assets to beneficiaries.

Due to the significant control the executor has over your estate, it is crucial you choose someone who is honest, reliable, and has a track record of acting with integrity. This person should be someone you trust to follow your instructions without bias or personal gain.

On bequeathing a pet, Section 5 of the Law of Succession Act provides for testamentary freedom, which allows every adult of sound mind to dispose of any of their free property as they please.

Therefore, you can leave a part of your estate to the two pets. Despite this position, this section of the will could easily be contested in court. The will could be con-



sidered anomalous or of imperfect obligation in the sense that

pets lack the capacity to enforce or decline bequests. In other ju-

risdictions, however, there are wider-encompassing laws in this regard.

Since ensuring the care and well-being of your pets is important to you, I propose you seek guidance from a succession lawyer who will guide you through appointing a pet caretaker or a trustee to manage your pet's care and welfare.

Finally, you should keep the original will in a safe place, and copies of the document should be given to the executor, lawyer, and any other relevant person or organisation. Keeping your will updated after every significant change in your life is also a good idea.

**Vivian**

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**Good Read** Actress's career, marred by harassment, exposes the underbelly of South Africa's entertainment industry

## From radio glory to exile: Vatiswa Ndara's unrelenting battle for justice

By the mid-1990s, Vatiswa Ndara was on a steep career rise. Born and raised in the historic town of Mthatha, she began her professional journey as a telephonic receptionist at First National Bank, later working across several departments.

Her articulate and eloquent voice earned her a certificate of recognition from the Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth) head office for telephone etiquette and professionalism. This accolade opened the door to an opportunity at Radio Transkei, where she became a newsreader on the English desk at the Transkei Broadcasting Corporation. It marked the beginning of an inspiring sequence of achievements.

In 1998, aged 26, she secured a position at Johannesburg's well-known radio station Kaya FM. She subsequently arranged a meeting with Romeo Kumalo, the new station manager at Metro FM, who appointed her as a news presenter. The role doubled her monthly income from 4,000 rand (\$225) to 8,000 rand (\$450).

Metro FM was owned by South Africa's largest commercial broadcaster, the SABC, which also operated the national television stations SABC One, Two and Three, as well as the predominantly white-audience station 5FM.

Vatiswa sought a news-reading opportunity at SABC Three and arranged a meeting with the corporation's Head of News, Them-



**Jeff Anthony**



**VATISWA VIOLA NDARA**

ba Mthembu. Themba inappropriately requested an invitation to her home for dinner and coffee in exchange for the job. Outraged by his sexual harassment and moral misconduct, Vatiswa reported him to the Media Workers' Association of South Africa.

She also disclosed the offence to the Broadcasting, Electronic, Media and Allied Workers' Union, but no action was taken. Not long afterwards, she narrowly survived an attempt on her life, being shot twice—one bullet lodged in her hip, and another missing her spinal cord by mere inches. It was clear she had ruffled powerful feathers in her pursuit of justice.

She came to view Themba as a destroyer of dreams, believing that her rejection of his advances had sabotaged her career at the SABC. By then, she had accepted a position at the newly established SABC Africa, earning an additional 12,000 rand (\$675) as a presenter.

The hostility from sections of the media industry soon became overwhelming. On one occasion, Peter Sephuma, who worked for Big Brother Africa's production company Endemol, went on a drunken tirade, declaring that men had the right to touch women however they pleased, before assaulting her by groping her breasts.

Not long afterwards, she arrived at the SABC Africa offices to find a notice barring her from entering the premises. Her refusal to

### AT A GLANCE

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submit to Themba's advances ultimately led to her dismissal, plunging her into financial hardship. She found weekend work at 5FM while reading news during the week at 94.7 Highveld Stereo at Primedia Place in Sandton.

In 2003, she successfully auditioned for the role of Mamfundisi (Priestess) in SABC One's popular drama Generations, on a three-month contract paying a meagre 750 rand (\$42) per day.

When the contract ended in 2004, she began to sink into depression. At her lowest point, she attempted suicide one weekend while her son, Sivatho, was visiting her brother, Siphso. She drank a mixture of Jik bleach, Jeyes Fluid, Handy Andy cleaner, and prescription pills.

She survived, only to endure another trauma: she was raped by her supposed friend and advocate, Vuyo Kahla. Despite her pain, she appeared in the SABC One drama, Home Affairs. In 2005, after film-

ing nine episodes in five calls, she earned just over 9,000 rand (\$506) for the entire first season. She later worked on the sitcom Nomzamo, played an alcoholic mother in the acclaimed Xhosa series Tsha Tsha, and appeared in the eTV drama Shooting Stars and Mzansi Magic's iGazi. But, as with her previous roles, none offered job security.

Poor pay prompted Vatiswa to pen an open letter to South Africa's Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture, Nathi Mthethwa, pleading for reforms to address the industry's repressive compensation and entrenched exploitation. The letter sparked a fierce backlash. She was blacklisted and barred from further employment.

In December 2022, she gave a five-hour interview to podcaster David "Mashabels" Mashaba about her forthcoming memoir. By the time *Unfiltered: My Unglamorous Odyssey in the World of South African Entertainment* was released, anticipation was high. Yet local bookshops were hesitant to stock it, allegedly because of political pressure. Media houses that obtained copies from her online store and Amazon.com were blocked by their editors from covering it.

Rumours soon spread that some individuals named in the book had hired hitmen to kill her. Under extreme stress, she developed alopecia. Fearing for her life, she decided to flee to Ireland, which allowed visa-free entry for South African passport holders. On December 9, 2023, she boarded a flight from Johannesburg's OR Tambo International Airport, landing in Dublin the following day.

Her reception in Ireland was hostile. Immigration officials confiscated her phone and subjected her to racial slurs upon learning she intended to claim asylum. She was accused repeatedly of carrying a forged passport, was arrested and detained in the airport's holding cell before being taken away as an inadmissible traveller.

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