

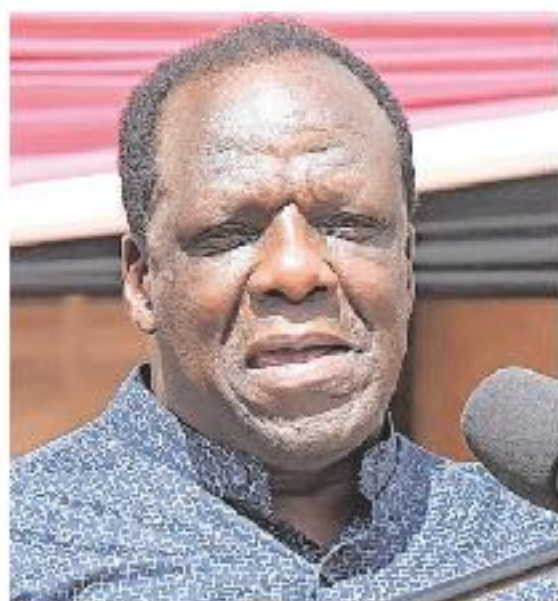
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National News

Dispute

University lecturers declare nationwide strike as talks collapse

BY LYNET IGADWAH AND NICHOLAS NJOROGE

A nationwide university strike is set to begin at midnight after talks between lecturers' unions and the government collapsed.

Both sides are blaming the Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC) for stalling resolution of the dispute.

The Universities Academic Staff Union (UASU) and the Kenya Universities Staff Union (KUSU) yesterday announced that lecturers will withdraw their services until three demands are met: release of Sh2.73 billion from Phase Two of the 2021-2025 collective bargaining agreement (CBA) due in July, payment of Sh7.9 billion arrears from the 2017-2021 CBA, and negotiation and registration of the 2025-2029 CBA.

UASU Secretary-General Constantine Wasonga criticised the SRC, saying it had ignored court orders requiring budgetary provision for the CBAs.

Dr Wasonga dismissed a negotiation meeting called by the Inter-Public Universities Councils Consultative Forum (IPUCCF) on Friday as a "PR stunt," accusing the forum of failing to present concrete proposals.

"Dons do not eat statements of intention. Dons do not eat promissory notes. At midnight to-

night, dons will down their tools until arrears are paid and the new CBA is negotiated," he declared.

Higher Education Principal Secretary Beatrice Inyangala, however, expressed optimism that progress had been made. She said funds would be released soon, though disagreements had arisen over whether payment should be made in instalments or as a lump sum.

On the 2025-2029 CBA, Ms Inyangala noted the matter involves several parties and that the SRC is yet to give direction.

KUSU Secretary-General Charles Mukhwaya backed UASU's stance, accusing the government of neglecting higher education. "We are still talking about the 2017-2021 agreement, eight years down the line. Where is the money? Kenyans are being taxed every day, but higher education is being ignored. If the government fails to act, we will withdraw our labour tomorrow," he said.

The looming strike comes days after universities reopened for the new academic year, raising fears of renewed disruption. Last year, lecturers paralysed operations during a two-week strike that ended only after intervention by the Ministry of Labour, the Federation of Kenya Employers, and university unions.

Allocation Only schools whose records have been verified have received funds

Day school funding drops to lowest level since Uhuru era

Cases of duplicate learner codes and suspiciously low enrolment numbers delayed payments

BY MERCY SIMIYU

Funds allocated per learner under the Free Day Secondary Education (FDSE) programme this year have dropped to Sh15,614, below the expected Sh22,244, an analysis of disbursements shows.

With schools set to close next month, this marks the lowest allocation since 2018, when the Uhuru Kenya administration raised the capitation.

The Ministry of Education has delayed Third Term payments as it audits enrolment data flagged by the Auditor-General for possible inflation.

Only schools whose records have been verified have received funds, but no circular has confirmed the actual amount or guidelines for its use.

Three tranches

Normally, funds are released in three tranches at a 50:30:20 ratio. Principals told *Nation* the current allocation falls short of the Sh4,448 they expected this term, leaving schools in debt and straining teaching and learning.

President William Ruto, speaking at State House Nairobi while hosting 10,000 teachers on Saturday, admitted delays stem from a mismatch between financial year



Form Four students take a selfie during their Prayer Day at Elburgon Secondary School in Nakuru County on September 5, 2025. JOHN NJOROGE | NATION

(July-June) and the academic calendar (January-December).

He directed the Cabinet Secretaries for Education and National Treasury to propose a permanent solution by December.

"There is a problem in the capitation release. Most of the time, there are delays, largely due to the mismatch between Kenya's

financial year and the academic calendar," said President Ruto.

"That disconnect must be fixed," he added.

Disparities in allocations have also emerged. A principal in Northern Kenya said his school received Sh3,324 per learner this term, a shortfall of Sh1,165, warning that the gap risks paralysing learning.

Another in Samburu reported the same figure, leaving a deficit of Sh6,629 per learner against the annual allocation.

Circulars show schools have received Sh15,614 per learner so far this year: Sh4,409 on February 13, another Sh4,409 on March 20, and Sh3,471 on May 28.

Cleared schools

"If the data we submitted is wrong, why can't the Ministry simply ask us to rectify it? We are running without power, and children cannot attend school as they should," another head teacher said.

The principal secretary for Basic Education, Prof Julius Bitok said some schools submitted false or duplicate enrolment data, complicating verification.

He confirmed more than Sh13 billion had already been released to cleared schools.

"Out of 32,000 schools, by last week 15,000 had been cleared, and today we expect 20,000. So far, we have disbursed over 60 per cent of the Sh23 billion allocation, and the process is ongoing," Prof Bitok said.

He added that internet disruptions slowed the audit over the weekend, but verification has resumed.

AT A GLANCE

Ruto calls for a permanent end to perennial delays

President William Ruto, speaking at State House Nairobi while hosting 10,000 teachers on Saturday, admitted delays stem from a mismatch between the financial year (July-June) and the academic calendar (January-December). He directed the Cabinet Secretaries for Education and National Treasury to propose a permanent solution by December.

Cases of duplicate learner codes and suspiciously low enrolment numbers had delayed payments, he said, but the exercise is necessary to clean up ministry data.

Prof Bitok assured schools that funds are being released continuously.

"We are working very hard to ensure every school receives their money. We hope that by the end of this week, all verified schools will have their capitation," he said.

The shortfall has raised concerns among principals, who warn the FDSE programme is losing credibility. Many schools face mounting debts as national exams approach, leaving learners exposed to the consequences of chronic underfunding.

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How sect was exposed Locals posing as NGO workers compiling a list of people in need of aid infiltrated the homestead

A frantic phone call from a stranger, who turned out to be the children's father, set off a chain of events in a village in Kilifi

BY STEVE OTIENO

It was a few minutes past noon in the sleepy hamlet of Kwa Bi Nzaro in Kilifi County when Kanze Kenga's quiet afternoon turned into a moment that would expose one of the darkest secrets hidden in the bushes of Chakama Ranch.

She had just finished lunch when a stranger knocked on her door. He was a tall, lean man dressed in a white shirt and black trousers, and he was clutching a machete.

He introduced himself as Jairus Otieno. And although he was a total stranger, the frantic phone call he was about to make using her mobile phone would set off a chain of events that peeled back the layers of the mystery surrounding the Bi Nzaro sect.

"He asked for a phone, saying he had lost a friend in the forest. He tried calling twice with no success. But the third call went through. He spoke rapidly in Luo, a language I didn't understand, but I could see he was deeply troubled," recalled Kenga.

The woman would later learn that Otieno's brief conversation was with his elder brother, James Oduor, back home in Siaya County.

Shortly after Otieno left, Oduor called back to warn that his sibling was in grave danger. He alleged that Otieno was being pursued by disciples of Paul Mackenzie — the preacher who is on trial over the Shakahola massacre, which claimed more than 400 lives.

Kenga said that in the seven-minute call made on July 18 between 12:25 and 12:32pm, Otieno revealed to Oduor that all his six children had died in the Bi Nzaro wilderness — echoing the horrors of Shakahola.

Kenga's husband, Gona Charo, was away at the time when the jarring phone calls were made. Upon his return, Kenga narrated to him what had transpired earlier.

Charo immediately called Safari Kenga, a respected village elder, and gave him Oduor's number. When he was contacted, Oduor repeated Otieno's claims.

"Otieno told his brother that his children were dead. To me, it felt like another Shakahola was unfolding right here in Bi Nzaro," Charo later told investigators.

Speaking to the *Nation* last week, Oduor described the desperation in his brother's voice during that frantic call.

"When I received my brother's phone call on July 18, I knew something was wrong," he said in a phone interview with the *Nation*.

"I am his elder brother and he knows that I am strict, so he feared me and did not fully open up. He just told me to help him leave Shakahola Forest, and that he was in trouble. I am glad he was found in Bi Nzaro before he died there," he said.

According to Oduor, his brother



Prime suspect Sharlyne Anindo Temba (right) and her co-accused at the Malindi Law Courts in Kilifi County on September 12. KEVIN ODIT | NATION

That was the first and last day of seeing Otieno. He was like a man running away from death. I do not know what will become of him, but I know his call helped the State know what was happening

Kanze Kenga



In 2023, the Shakahola deaths shocked the nation. Yet, two years later, Kwa Bi Nzaro — which is just next to Shakahola village — has witnessed similar horrors.

During a recent tour, the *Nation* team discovered that a combination of poverty, marginalisation and inadequate surveillance is largely responsible for the misuse of land in Kilifi County.

Large areas of land, such as Chakama Ranch, are sparsely policed, making them ideal locations for clandestine settlements. Religious regulation remains ineffective. This allows cult leaders to register organisations and operate unchecked until disaster strikes.

For locals like David Karisa, Kenga's nephew, the sect is not the only problem they face.

"We have lived here all our lives, but we hardly have food due to persistent drought. Elephants from Tsavo East invade our farms and destroy our crops. We want land titles, water, roads, and electricity. It is unfortunate that this area is known for cults and disappearances," he said.

His words cut to the heart of the matter: neglect and poverty make communities like Bi Nzaro ripe for manipulation and exploitation by charismatic preachers. Looking back at the events that unfolded at the Charo homestead on July 18, it now seems as if they were predestined.

Today, Otieno and his wife remain in police custody. Temba and her three aides are being interrogated at separate police stations in Kilifi.

Charo, Gona and Safari Kenga who helped bring the sect's chilling activities to light, were eventually released on free bond by the court on September 12, under strict conditions.

They must report to the Makongeni assistant chief's office twice weekly and to investigators biweekly.

For Kenga, the memory of the events of July 18 are still raw.

"That was the first and last day of me seeing Otieno. He was like a man running away from death. I do not know what will become of him, but I know his call helped the State know what was happening. As a result, many lives were saved. The government must not forget those who risked everything to help."

The story of Kwa Bi Nzaro may still be unfolding. But one thing is clear: it all began with a knock at the door and a borrowed phone.

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'Bro, all my 6 children are dead': Call that dropped Kwa Bi Nzaro bombshell

left their home in Siaya on March 30, 2025 with his wife, Lucy Akinyi, and their six children, who were aged between one and 15. None of the children survived.

"He told me that all his children died at Kwa Bi Nzaro and he doesn't even know where they were buried. We hope the DNA tests on the exhumed bodies will help us find them," Oduor explained.

"They were not small children — the eldest was 15, followed by a 13-year-old and then a 10-year-old. The rest were aged six, four and one. Two boys and four girls, all gone."

The family has been left restless by the grief of not knowing where the children were buried. In Luo culture, proper burial rites are essential for achieving closure.

SAD ENDING

Journey from Siaya that ended in death



James Oduor said that his brother, Jairus Otieno, left their home in Siaya County on March 30, 2025 with his wife, Lucy Akinyi, and their six children, aged between one and 15. None of the children survived.

"Our pain is doubled because we cannot perform the last rites. In our tradition, you cannot heal until you know where your child is buried. These children just vanished into the wilderness," Oduor said.

During the interview, Oduor recounted how he had filed a missing person report at Siaya Police Station in April. This was after he discovered that Otieno's house had been turned upside down, indicating that he had left home for good.

"When our mother heard that he had joined a cult at Kwa Bi Nzaro, it was devastating. We just want to find our children and bury them at home," he said.

The image of a father being forced to bury his own six children in shallow graves haunts Oduor.

"My brother told me that when the sixth child died, he felt his soul breaking apart. That is when he resolved to escape," Oduor said.

For Otieno, life at Kwa Bi Nzaro was suffocating. Investigations revealed that, by the time of his arrest, he had already been marginalised for failing to fully participate in the sect's teachings.

Otieno had told Kenga that he had slipped away from the sect's compound.

"He was like a man who had seen death and was running away from it," Kenga said.

On 18 July, members of the Charo household were shaken by Otieno's revelations. Charo, his relative Karisa Gona and an elder named Safari Kenga decided to take action. Disguised as NGO workers compiling food aid lists, they infiltrated the sect's homestead.

They met Akinyi, Otieno's wife, who claimed to be in charge. She showed

them her ID card, which Charo discreetly photographed. The police used this photo to identify her.

This act of courage was the turning point. Armed with proof, they alerted the chief, who alerted the police.

A sting operation then took place, causing many cult members to flee into the surrounding bushes. However, Otieno and his wife were caught when they attempted to escape.

Ironically, the three men who helped to expose the sect were also arrested. The authorities accused Gona, Karisa and Kenga of having links to the cult. Gona was arrested for allegedly showing prime suspect, Sharlyne Anindo Temba, a piece of land in the forest.

Investigations have now revealed that Temba was the mastermind behind the Kwa Bi Nzaro cult after Mackenzie's flock in Shakahola was scattered in 2023. She appeared devout, austere and humble to outsiders, but to insiders she was an absolute commander.

Investigators said that Temba's grip on the sect was reinforced by her three aides: Kahindi Kazungu Garama, Thomas Mukonwe and James Kazungu. The four played a key role in reviving radical teachings after fleeing the Shakahola Good News International Church, where at least 400 of Paul McKenzie's followers died from forced starvation.

Together, they created a system of fear and manipulation, crushing dissent, attracting new members to the sect and controlling resources. Temba's word was obeyed unquestioningly.

The persistence of cults in Kilifi has raised questions about the government's ability to curb the recurrence of such tragedies in the region.

National News

Succession race The DCP party leader's decision to vie has stirred both anticipation and uncertainty, particularly Gachagua 2027 candidacy sparks intrigue,

Gachagua declared his intentions earlier this month, framing his bid as part of a broader effort to fight for the interests of Mt Kenya and to challenge the Ruto administration

BY MOSES NYAMORI

Former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua's surprise bid for the presidency in 2027 has jolted the political scene, with allies insisting the move is a calculated opposition tactic to rally supporters ahead of the next election.

According to sources within the united opposition, the declaration is consistent with an agreed plan among key figures to signal their personal ambitions as a way of consolidating their regional support bases before coalescing behind a single flagbearer.

The move, however, has generated speculation that opposition leaders could fracture in pursuit of their ambitions, with comparisons being drawn to the failed Forum for the Restoration of Democracy (Ford) experiment of 1992 when competing interests denied the opposition victory against President Daniel arap Moi.

Those close to Mr Gachagua maintain that he is committed to the opposition's broader goal of unseating President William Ruto, but his declaration is also meant to reassure his supporters in Mt Kenya that he will not be sidelined in the unfolding political realignments.

The former deputy president has previously indicated his readiness to play the role of kingmaker by backing a strong joint opposition ticket, at one time appearing to favour a Kalonzo Musyoka-Fred Matiang'i pairing.

Yet his recent activities suggest a renewed determination to place himself at the centre of the contest. Speaking while addressing a crowd in Karatina last weekend, Mr Gachagua declared that 2027 would mark the beginning of a new Kenya.

Elective seats

"The year 2027 is the time; I am firmly in the presidential race for a better Kenya where every Kenyan will participate in governance for the country," he said.

He added that his first act as president would be to abolish the controversial housing levy, promising to hand over existing housing projects to county governments to manage and compensate Kenyans whose contributions had been deducted.

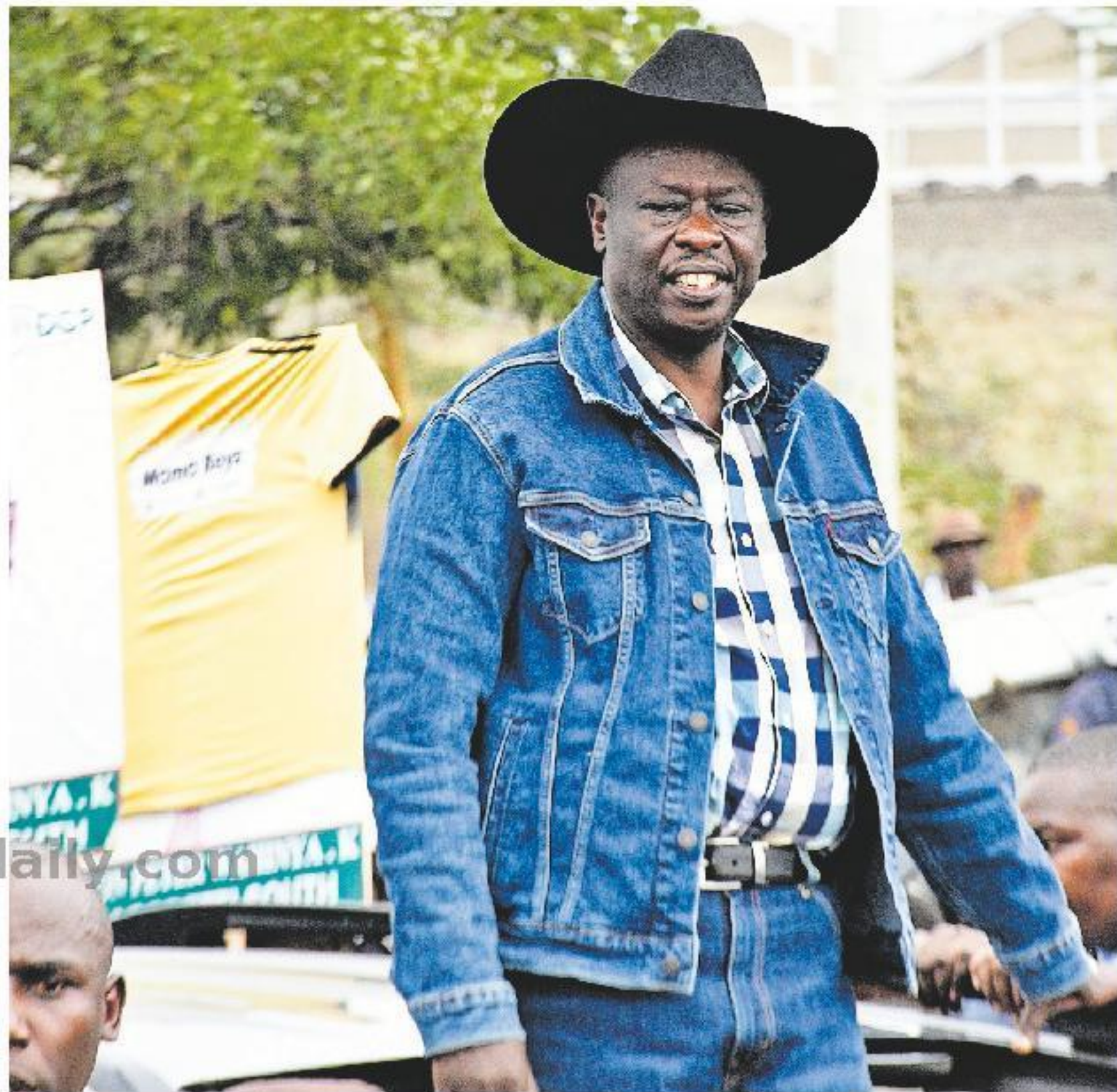
Insiders believe the declaration is also driven by pressure from his loyalists seeking elective seats. They see his candidacy as critical to boosting their own chances, particularly in Mt Kenya. Mr

ANALYSIS

No easy road for former deputy president in race for the top seat

Observers note that his entry into the race has created a fresh dynamic that could complicate the calculations of opposition leaders, including former Prime Minister Raila Odinga, Wiper leader Kalonzo Musyoka, and other figures positioning themselves for the 2027 contest.

At the same time, his candidacy is complicated by unresolved legal issues. The former Deputy President has challenged the legitimacy of his impeachment, which removed him from office after a bruising confrontation with President Ruto's allies in Parliament. The courts are expected to rule on aspects of his case in the coming months, a decision that could either clear the path for his presidential run or undermine his credibility. Beyond the courtroom, Mr Gachagua faces the challenge of building a coalition broad enough to secure victory.



Gachagua has made no secret of his ambition to build a dominant political vehicle in the region under his Democracy for the Citi-

zens Party (DCP), a platform he hopes will sweep a majority of seats in 2027. His strategists argue that such influence is only pos-

sible if he is himself on the presidential ballot. At a rally in Laikipia in January, Mr Gachagua invoked the example of Orange

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because he remains entangled in legal proceedings and political disputes following his impeachment as DP in 2024 reshaping battle to unseat President Ruto



Former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua is welcomed by supporters on his arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, Nairobi, from the United States on August 21, 2025. FILE | NATION

Democratic Movement (ODM) party Raila Odinga, noting that despite never clinching the presidency, Mr Odinga has remained politically relevant by marshalling loyal followers into Parliament.

"Like Odinga, I will only let in loyal flag bearers into the Mountain party that I will announce soon. This party will not have room for traitors. It will be available to those who will sign an agreement with our people that they will never betray us and our interests," he declared.

Mobilisation strategy

Supporters, such as Gatanga MP Edward Muriu, describe the move as part of a deliberate mobilisation strategy.

He said the opposition had agreed that each principal would return to their regions to rally grassroots support before engaging in negotiations on the presidential ticket.

"One of the ways of having people coalesce around you is by telling them your ambitions. People cannot follow you if you don't tell them your plans. He has to energise Mt Kenya by declaring his

presidential ambition," said Mr Muriu. He recalled that, in the run-up to the 2022 election, leaders such as Moses Wetang'ula and Musalia Mudavadi had declared interest in the presidency before joining a coalition ticket.

Kisii Senator Richard Onyonka echoed the sentiment, arguing that declarations of ambition are essential in politics.

"I don't see any contradictions in the pronouncement by Mr Gachagua. If you don't tell people that you are running, how do you expect them to follow you?" he posed.

Formidable contender

Yet the announcement has unsettled some camps, particularly allies of Wiper leader Kalonzo Musyoka, who fear that Mr Gachagua could emerge as a formidable contender if he consolidates the Mt Kenya vote. While they regard him as polarising and potentially a liability in regions beyond his backyard, they also acknowledge that his candidacy could complicate the coalition's path to unity.

Mr Musyoka, who has supported Raila Odinga's presidential bids in 2013, 2017 and 2022, has made it clear that he will not cede the field again. In past interviews, he has said that stepping aside would mean retiring from politics. "Giving up my presidential ambitions would actually mean going home. It is as simple as that. That means it is not an option," he told the Nation.

Nonetheless, Mr Musyoka's allies downplay tensions, insisting that the declarations are part of a coordinated strategy to consolidate regional bastions.

Machakos Deputy Governor Francis Mwangangi said the plan was to elevate regional kingpins before rallying behind one candidate. "What you are seeing is part of our strategy against Ruto. We want to create influential regional kingpins before we finally rally behind our presidential candi-

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Mr Rigathi Gachagua



date," he explained. Kitui Senator Enoch Wambua insisted that the opposition must present a united front.

"The principals in the opposition ranks know better than anyone else that this election will not be about egos or entitlements. It will be about winning for the millions of Kenyans who are frustrated and fed up with the atrocities of the Ruto regime," he said. He warned that Kenyans would not forgive leaders who put personal ambition ahead of collective interests.

"It is okay for Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua and any other qualified Kenyan to declare interest in the presidency. But when the time comes, and this will be soon, a collegiate decision will be made to pick the best suited person among all those who will have expressed interest in the seat," he said.

Observers see in Mr Gachagua's move both tactical manoeuvring and psychological warfare against the ruling camp. Prof David Monda, a US-based political analyst, argues that the declaration is meant to keep President Ruto guessing.

"I see his declaration of his ambitions to run as a bluff to the Ruto camp. To test the waters and keep Ruto guessing who will be the candidate running against him. As it stands, the opposition is giving Ruto nightmares because he has no way of knowing how to efficiently use his campaign war chest, because he does not know whom he will be facing," he said.

Widespread discontent

Analysts caution that multiple candidates could play into President Ruto's hands, citing the 1992 election when the opposition's failure to unite enabled Moi to retain power despite widespread discontent. Moi won with 1.9 million votes, while Kenneth Matiba, Mwai Kibaki and Jaramogi Oginga Odinga split the opposition vote, each commanding significant tallies that collectively surpassed Moi's numbers.

But others suggest the strategy could be to deny Dr Ruto a first-round victory, forcing a run-off where opposition unity could be leveraged.

"It could work out negatively for Ruto if the opposition vote is fractured, but the first round of voting is inconclusive. In this scenario, no candidate gets the majority of the vote or satisfies the 50 per cent plus one vote. If the anti-incumbent mood in the country persists till 2027, losing opposition candidates will feel better hedging their bets with the opposition than with a very unpopular incumbent," explained Prof Monda. He added that Dr Ruto's best option would be to lure one or two opposition principals into his camp to weaken the anti-in-

cumbent momentum.

Prof Macharia Munene, another political analyst, described the declaration as expected. "I think it is part of their game plan of mobilising their support bases. It is not a surprise but part of keeping the spirit of their supporters high. This is purely political posturing before they can unveil their candidate," he said.

Still, Mr Gachagua's candidacy faces significant legal and reputational hurdles. He carries the stigma of impeachment after becoming the first Deputy President to be removed from office under the 2010 Constitution.

Ethnic incitement

The Senate voted him out last October on charges of ethnic incitement, intimidation of judges, and abuse of office. His lawyers argue the process was politically motivated and stress that the matter is under judicial challenge.

They cite the Supreme Court's precedent in the Mike Sonko case, which held that disqualification from office only takes effect after all judicial avenues are exhausted.

Mr Gachagua's legal team sees

three possible paths: overturning the impeachment in court, securing temporary suspension orders until after the elections, or persuading judges to rule that the impeachment was a political witch-hunt that does not trigger disqualification.

Former Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Mithika Linturi, a close ally, said the impeachment does not bar him from contesting.

"There's no hurdle on Riggy G's path to contesting for presidency. The impeachment you refer to is already contested in court. And until such a matter is settled with the courts affirming it is when that argument can obtain, and if anything, we expect the courts to do justice to him," he argued.

But critics, including Jubilee Secretary-General Jeremiah Kiini, insist impeachment is a political death knell.

"Some civic education will help our people understand what being impeached under the 2010 Constitution actually means. When that happens, you'll not see some people running around saying they can run for elective seats. Once impeached, you are being told you cannot start gal-

vanising people behind you," said Mr Kiini. The paradox for Mr Gachagua is most evident in Mt Kenya, where he is admired as a combative voice against the government yet doubted by some as a potential national leader.

His supporters regard him as a fighter capable of protecting the region's interests, but his critics argue that his abrasive style could alienate potential allies and undermine the opposition's prospects nationally.

As the clock ticks towards 2027, the opposition continues to grapple with balancing personal ambitions against the overriding imperative of unity.

Mr Gachagua's declaration, while unsettling to some, may be a necessary phase in building the momentum required to take on a sitting president.

The question that remains is whether the opposition will ultimately transcend individual egos to forge a single ticket strong enough to dethrone Dr Ruto, or whether history will repeat itself with splintered ambitions delivering victory to the incumbent.

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Industrialisation Government keen on increasing number of industries adding value to local produce

Ruto: Economic zones to drive jobs growth

Investors in the Special Economic Zones are set to enjoy a number of incentives

BY ANTHONY KITIMO

The government is banking on Special Economic Zones (SEZs) to achieve its goals of industrialising counties and creating employment opportunities.

President William Ruto said his administration is keen to grow the number of industries adding value to local products, and this would be achieved through tax incentives, easier access to raw materials and strong investor protections.

The president was speaking at the groundbreaking ceremony of the Vipingo SEZ in Kilifi County yesterday. The project is expected to create jobs, boost farming and attract new industries to the Coast region. It aims to attract investments worth Sh390 billion.

"We are investing in special economic zones as engines of growth to fast-track industrialisa-



President William Ruto during the launch of the construction of the Vipingo Special Economic Zone in Kilifi County yesterday. PHOTO: PCS

tion, attract global investors, and create wealth for our people," the president said.

The project by Centum Investment Company and Arise IIP sits on 2,000 acres of land within a larger 10,000-acre property.

"This grand project will generate more than 35,000 direct jobs

and spark thousands more economic opportunities across industries," said the president.

He added that his government has enacted laws to attract more investors, such as exemption from excise and import duty, zero-rated VAT and exemption from stamp duty. Investors also

enjoy corporate tax incentives and will be offered preferential rates of 10 per cent for the first 10 years, 15 per cent for the next 10 years and 30 per cent in subsequent years.

Investors will also enjoy a 100 per cent allowance on capital expenditure, building and machin-

We are investing in special economic zones as engines of growth to fast-track industrialisation, attract global investors, and create wealth for our people

President William Ruto



ery, as well as exemption from local government fees such as advertisement and business service permits.

Other incentives include seamless port-rail-road-air connectivity, reliable utilities, plug-and-play industrial parcels, preferential market access under the African Continental Free Trade Area and a skilled, youthful workforce.

Located 42 kilometres from Mombasa, the Vipingo SEZ will offer direct access to major shipping routes, enhancing regional connectivity. The zone will focus on high-growth sectors such

as automotive, pharmaceuticals, and agro-processing.

Centum CEO James Mworira emphasised the transformative potential of the project. His Arise counterpart Gagan Gupta said the project is an expansion of the firm's industrial model into East Africa.

Prof Benedict Oramah, president and chairperson of Afreximbank, which is funding the project, said the initiative reflects Kenya's commitment to industrialisation, fostering economic growth and attracting large-scale investments.

"The development will feature both industrial facilities and living spaces, ensuring a well-rounded environment for businesses and workers. Once the SEZs are developed, Kenya will be among those countries in Africa which will help in exporting raw materials and reduce importation of finished goods," said Prof Oramah.

SEZ Authority CEO Kenneth Chelule said Afreximbank will support the development of three SEZs—in Naivasha, Dongo Kundu and Vipingo.

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Delayed justice Ms Odhiambo says process of getting justice for victims of police brutality takes too long

BY ELVIS ONDIEKI

Much was given to her, and much was expected in return. Faith Odhiambo took over the helm of the Law Society of Kenya (LSK) in March 2024 with a lot on her plate. When the *Nation* contacted her and other LSK presidential hopefuls ahead of the election that she eventually won, she wrote something profound about her vision for the law society.

"I believe LSK must remain a politically neutral player, only standing for what is right. We are not mandated to fight the government. Our mandate is to advise it and where necessary, call it out for preservation of the rule of law. So, when the government needs and is willing to accept our input, we remain prepared to offer it. But where the government violates the Constitution or compromises the rule of law, we are ready, willing and able to stand up to power," she said.

Becoming the 51st president of the society and only the second woman to hold the position, she was hardly three months into her role when a wave of anti-government protests started. Keen to defend the voices of youth who were opposed to the Finance Bill 2024, she went all out to offer support, visiting police stations, defending suspects and being the first to reach where abducted youth had been released, among other acts of support.

"For over one year, I have known no peace. Since June 18, 2024, my phones have not stopped ringing with calls and messages from Kenyans in distress," she said in a speech recently during the swearing-in of the Panel of Experts on Compensation of Victims of Demonstrations and Public Protests.

"I have to respond to calls at 3.45am," she added. "I am called even on Sundays when I am in church. When they cannot reach me, they will call my husband, my mother or my colleagues in the [LSK] council. Even my friends and former schoolmates aren't spared."

A heroine she became. Many wanted her to join politics and vie for Kenya's top seat. Many praised her: "Wakili simba jike," a *Taifa Leo* headline once proclaimed. The International Commission of Jurists-Kenya named her the jurist of the year in 2024. She was named among the "Top 40 under 40" women by *Business Daily* in the same year. The Commonwealth Lawyers Association gave her the Commonwealth Law Conference Rule of Law Award 2025.

"Faith has become a beacon of hope and inspiration for many, notably during the 2024 Gen Z inspired anti-tax protests where she tirelessly advocated for the safety of protesters and demanded the release of those who were arrested and abducted. Her dedication to justice has earned her the admiration and respect of not just her peers but that of the public as well," said the association.

However, the much that was given to her meant she was continuously under scrutiny. She was not just the LSK president, but a woman many Kenyans looked up to. She won accolades in July 2024 when she turned down an offer by President William Ruto to join a task force to audit Kenya's debt, saying that was the job of the Auditor-General.

Faith: This is why I joined panel on victims of protests

LSK boss has been vilified by colleagues and other Kenyans after accepting appointment by President Ruto



And so, when she accepted her appointment to the Panel of Experts on Compensation of Victims of Demonstrations and Public Protests, as the vice-chairperson no less, tongues wagged.

"I have today chosen a bold but unpopular step, some of my colleagues in the legal profession may not like this move and for sure, thousands of Kenyans have voiced their reservations," she said on the day of the swearing-in of the team, led by Dr Ruto's adviser Makau Mutua.

The most pressing question, and which has been put in a case filed before court, is: Can't the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR) do that job? Another lingering question is: Isn't Ms Odhiambo speaking from both sides of her mouth by turning down one presidential appointment and accepting another?

In an interview with the *Nation* yesterday, Ms Odhiambo responded to those concerns.

Why did you decide to join the panel?

First of all, I grappled with it a lot because my concern was: what

Law Society of Kenya President Faith Odhiambo during the interview at Don Bosco Utume in Karen, Nairobi, yesterday. WILFRED NYANGARESII/NATION

would be our role? And is this just a PR stunt? And I grappled also with the question of what about the victims, the feelings of Kenyans and the scepticism that we all have about this government being able to deliver on any of its promises?

I did a lot of consultations with my seniors. I spoke to my colleagues in the civil society, just to get their opinions. I listened to quite a number, just trying to process their fears, their scepticism, and some even offering their support to say, 'You know, we'll work together, we'll try and push and analyse what is the government's commitment on this, and if we feel that it's not, we'll advise you this way.' And so, it's something that I've thought about with others, and what are the best ways, and how can we maximise to ensure that we actually see tangible change or propose actual policies and change to legislation.

Today, we have the Victim Protection Fund that has never been operationalised. So, even after going to the criminal justice system, the Victim Protection Fund should be up and running so that victims who have gone through that entire process can then seek that compensation.

Can't KNCHR do the job?

KNCHR has a number of limitations. I've worked closely with the commission. I support them whenever I can. I advocate that they should get more funding to do their work. I've seen situations where their cars are literally grounded. They cannot even go to the streets because sometimes we have worked with them to see the situation in protests.

We have gone around with them in police stations, we have gone around to hotspots to see what's happening, the mistreatment and how police are behaving against protesters. And [there is the] sheer frustration that institution goes through to just try and live its mandate. We work with the numbers that they [KNCHR] announce because we work jointly. And there's that realisation that they give the recommendations, but what happens next?

Is the LSK council backing your decision to join the panel?

This was a personal decision. The appointment was in my personal capacity. As a law society, we make decisions as a council and therefore we continue to work together in that direction. We agree through consensus on the work that we do. And so, there is nothing to create a fear that the law society is compromised or the law society has been taken over by the government. We make decisions as a council and the president is just the mouthpiece of the entire council.

For me, it was more about the victims than any other thing.

As a member of the panel, what reforms would you want to see?

I believe the compensation processes are too slow. We need to have strict timelines in terms of prosecution of cases of police brutality, the abduction cases, the killings. There needs to be timelines. Unless we have timelines, cases can go on and on forever. And we know how our system is; it allows for porousness.

People can get a hold of witnesses under witness protection. And imagine putting your life on hold in hiding for 10 years under witness protection. People even get tired because you're secluded from your family, your friends, your daily life. Your life totally changes because of a perpetrator. Life should not be difficult for victims, it should be difficult for the perpetrators.

And so, we need to change the system to make it more palatable for those who have been suffering. You should not be made to suffer more because of an individual who violated the law. They ought to be prosecuted timeously. Their case should be heard on a day-to-day basis so that victims can actually see justice.

You see, justice delayed is justice denied. If I have to wait for years and years, I'll get tired of waiting and move on with my life. And that is the frustration that a lot of people face in the justice system. I'm not blaming the Judiciary, but I'm saying more needs to be done.

Baby Pendo's case is an example. It is going to its 10th year, and plea-taking only happened this year after immense pressure. The Rex Masai case is still at the [inquest] stage, and you see the tampering of evidence. There's no bullet connecting that particular police officer to that gun.

We need to have strict timelines in terms of prosecution of cases of police brutality, the abduction cases, the killings

LSK President Faith Odhiambo



It took quite a long time to convince the witness who was with Rex to come out and say that they were there and they saw what happened. And it's because of the frustration that we continue to see.

There's no adequate victim protection funding to protect these victims. There is no adequate timeline in terms of how fast these cases go, and how much support is given even to the victim's family to go through the judicial system.

So, if you're telling someone you'll see justice in 10 years-plus... imagine Rex Masai 10 years from now. We'll be having [Generation] Alphas now who will be going to the streets, and no one will be remembering the story of Rex Masai. We'd have forgotten the names of these individuals.

You see, reparations is not just about cash. It's about acknowledgement. The government must acknowledge that these are the people who were killed by virtue that they fulfilled their responsibilities. Those names must be put in a hall of fame to remind us that these are the individuals who fell while fighting for the rights of their fellow citizens, fighting to protect the Constitution, fighting for what they believed in. There needs to be psychosocial support.

What happens now that the matter is in court?

I will abide by what the court decides on the team. We are officers of the court and when the court pronounces itself, we abide by the court orders. I submit myself in all humility to the jurisdiction of the court. So, the court will make its pronouncement and I will, as an officer of the court, abide by the court decision.

Are you worried about losing your job at LSK?

Regarding calls for my ouster from the LSK seat, there are people who have not been happy with the work that I've been doing. We have faced threats and we have faced much more. And even council members have gone through a lot this entire period since we started the work that we have been doing as the law society. But we are a member organisation and I'll always submit myself to my members.

I'm human, and I can [err], however, my true north is to serve the people as an institution and also serve the people of Kenya. I serve not to seek praise; I serve not to seek recognition. And I also serve not in fear. I serve in the faith that I have in God that will continue to guide me. It's never easy, it's never perfect, but I know my heavenly Father will continue to guide my steps.

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National News

Justice Family, friends and colleagues call for speedy investigations into lawyer's murder

Grief, anger at Mbobu's memorial

Cameras were banned and journalists expelled from the service at St John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Karen

BY NDUBI MOTURI AND RICHARD MUNGUTI

Slain city lawyer Kyalo Mbobu was yesterday mourned in a tightly-guarded memorial service that witnessed a mixture of grief and outrage.

The mass at St John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Karen, Nairobi was conducted under extraordinary security, with media cameras banned and journalists expelled.

The service became a spectacle of sorrow and simmering anger over the murder that has shocked the legal fraternity and the nation. Mr Mbobu was shot dead on Magadi Road, Lang'ata, on September 2.

The voice of his widow, Anne Kyalo Mwende, trembled as she traced their 33-year journey together—from an 18-year-old schoolgirl courted with patience and “two tropical sweets” to a marriage steeped in faith and discipline.

“Every day before work, he would kiss me goodbye and say, ‘Thank you honey, I appreciate



you,” she said.

But her grief turned to outrage as she recalled how she learned of his death.

“My son saw it on TV before I did. Social media told me my husband was gone. That was cruel,” she said, accusing online plat-

forms and some media houses of spreading misleading claims about her husband. “We don’t know anything about what people are saying out there. Please, just be sensitive.”

Mbobu’s elder sister, Elizabeth Ngau, said the family was deeply

Mourners arrive at St John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Karen, Nairobi, yesterday for the funeral service of lawyer Kyalo Mbobu. EVANS HABILI

tormented by the death, and declared: “For those who did this, let there be no peace.”

The memorial service drew high-profile figures including Chief Justice Martha Koome, retired Chief Justice David Maraga, First Lady Rachel Ruto, Law Society of Kenya President Faith Odhiambo, former Attorney-General Amos Wako and political leaders Eugene Wamalwa and Kalonzo Musyoka.

On behalf of the legal fraternity, Ms Odhiambo assured the family that lawyers would not relent until justice was delivered.

“We will keep on fighting for you as a family. The team of lawyers you see here is available to represent you and ensure that justice is served following this brutal murder,” she said.

CJ Koome called on security agencies to act swiftly to stem the rising trend of gangland-style killings in the country. She said the murder had shocked the nation and urged Inspector-General of Police Douglas Koome and the Directorate of Criminal Investigations “to pursue all leads and en-

sure that the perpetrators of the heinous murder are brought to justice”.

“The brutal murder of such a distinguished jurist and scholar is not only a personal tragedy for his family, but also a grievous assault on the values of justice, democracy and the rule of law that he so faithfully upheld,” Justice Koome said.

The CJ, who studied with Mbobu at both the University of Nairobi and the Kenya School of Law, described him as “a humble, generous and professional person in all his dealings as an advocate”.

Family spokesman and Mbobu’s brother James Maluki said the family was desperate to know the motive behind the killing.

Ms Ruto assured the family of government support in their pursuit of justice.

“We will walk with you as a family in this journey. We have been very close and we are here to support you in whatever you are going to do,” she said, pledging the support of President William Ruto.

Although politicians were barred from addressing mourners, Makeni Governor Mutula Kilonzo Junior—whom the family described as “close”—was the exception.

Mbobu will be interred at his home in Mua, Machakos County, today. The burial rites, including a two-hour mass, will be presided over by the Catholic Church.

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Supremacy battle NPSC and the police service also have differences over payroll management

Why IG Kanja, commission are fighting over police recruitment

The long-running dispute centres on the battle for control of the Sh379m recruitment budget

BY DAVID MWERE

A House committee has given the National Police Service and the National Police Service Commission (NPSC) two days to resolve the impasse over recruitment.

Yesterday, the National Assembly Constitution Implementation Oversight Committee gave the two sides until tomorrow to iron out their differences and announce the date when 10,000 constables will be hired.

The long-running dispute centres on the battle for control of the Sh379 million recruitment budget.

The committee chaired by Caroli Omondi (Suba South MP), directed NPSC chairman Amani Komora, the commission's chief executive officer Peter Leley, and Inspector-General of Police Douglas Kanja to work together for the good of the country.

The NPSC and police service are also having problems with the management of the payroll. The were directed to find an amicable solution and report back within 60 days.

"We have agreed that the commission and the service will meet on Thursday to iron out their issues. After Thursday, they will announce the date of the recruitment of the police officers," said Mr Omondi.

The committee rejected the commission's proposal for an online recruitment process. This is after the NPSC said that the regulations are not yet ready.

"You cannot anticipate law. The recruitment will be done as we direct," Mr Omondi said.

Last week, Mr Leley told the National Assembly Committee on Administration and Internal Security that the NPSC submitted a recurrent budget requirement of Sh379 million for the recruitment of police officers. He said that the exercise was supposed to have started on September 11. The new recruits were expected to report for training in November.

However, Mr Leley said that only Sh75 million had been allocated for recruitment and that the National Treasury had sent the money directly to the service's accounts, as referenced in a letter dated 10 June 2025.

"The budget for recruitment was directly allocated to the National Police Service," he said.



Police officers during a previous pass-out parade. FILE | NATION

Police officers are usually recruited by the service because the NPSC lacked the technical capacity to undertake the recruitment process itself.

However, Mr Leley told the House committee that this time round the NPSC is ready to undertake the exercise.

Apart from the millions involved in the recruitment, there is also the question of who will control the 10,000 positions that the NPSC and the police service are fighting over.

Police officers are normally recruited at the sub-county level. According to insiders, those overseeing the process decide on how the slots will be shared. But as a result of underhand deals, deserving candidates are not selected.

Those in positions of power, such as politicians and other influential individuals, are often favoured.

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Committee chairperson, Caroli Omondi



employed teachers and have their names published for Kenyans to see, it will cause a revolution," said the governor.

During police recruitments, tens of youths, among them university graduates, turn up to try their luck owing to the high unemployment rate. But many are disqualified for being too short, among other reasons. Some leaders have urged the government to revise this rule.

Mr Leley said that shorter people are disadvantaged in combat and are deemed incapable of fighting criminals.

Earlier on June 29, 2023, the

10,000

Officers that are expected to be recruited to the National Police Service.

NPSC explained to a Senate committee why it does not recruit short people after the chairperson of the National Cohesion, Equal Opportunity, and Regional Integration Committee Mohamed Chute (Marsabit) sought to know the reason for the exclusion.

"With all due respect to short people, and I am not saying that they cannot do the job. But taller people are seen as capable of executing an arrest. They are able to pin down a criminal. How do you expect a 1GB person to pin down a heavyweight?" Mr Leley asked then.

He went on; "Most criminals are strong such that they can even fight off citizen arrest as they are people who can put up a fight with a crowd. That is why we need heavily built officers."

Mr Leley noted that it is "for this reason that they also have set a minimum weight for youth seeking to join the service."

The minimum weight for men is 54.55 kilogrammes and women, 50.00 kilogrammes.

It is also a requirement that female candidates must not be pregnant at the time of recruitment and during the entire nine-month duration of training.

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COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KIAMBU

SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA ON THE KIAMBU COUNTY FINANCE BILL, 2025

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 196 (1) (b) and 210 (1) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, the Sectoral Committee on Finance and Economic Planning invites interested members of the public to submit any views they may have on the Kiambu County Finance Bill, 2025.

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No.	Date	Ward	Sub - County	Venue
1.	Wednesday 24 th September, 2025	Ng'enda	Gatundu South	Gatundu Educational Hall
2.	Wednesday 24 th September, 2025	Chania	Gatundu North	Sub- County Offices
3.	Wednesday 24 th September, 2025	Township	Thika	Thika Community Hall
4.	Wednesday 24 th September, 2025	Juja	Juja	Sub- County Offices
5.	Thursday 25 th September, 2025	Biashara	Ruiru	Ruiru CDF Social Hall, Ruiru
6.	Thursday 25 th September, 2025	Township	Kiambu	Kiambu Community Hall
7.	Thursday 25 th September, 2025	Githunguri	Githunguri	PCEA Ayub Kinyua Githunguri
8.	Thursday 25 th September, 2025	Karuri	Kiambaa	St. Martin De Pores Catholic Church Hall
9.	Friday 26 th September, 2025	Township	Kikuyu	ACK Emmanuel Church Hall
10.	Friday 26 th September, 2025	Limuru Central	Limuru	Sub - County Offices
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12.	Friday 26 th September, 2025	Lari/ Kirenga	Lari	AIC Magina Hall
13.	Friday 26 th September, 2025	Ndeiya	Ndeiya	Makutano Market

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National News

Graft Mr Ingonga dropped case against ex-governor when he was nominated to Cabinet

Court quashes DPP's decision to drop Oparanya corruption case

Judge says the DPP cannot use case review guidelines selectively or discriminately

BY SAM KIPLAGAT

The High Court has quashed the Director of Public Prosecutions' (DPP) decision to drop Sh57 million corruption charges against Cooperatives Cabinet Secretary Wycliffe Oparanya, terming the move unconstitutional.

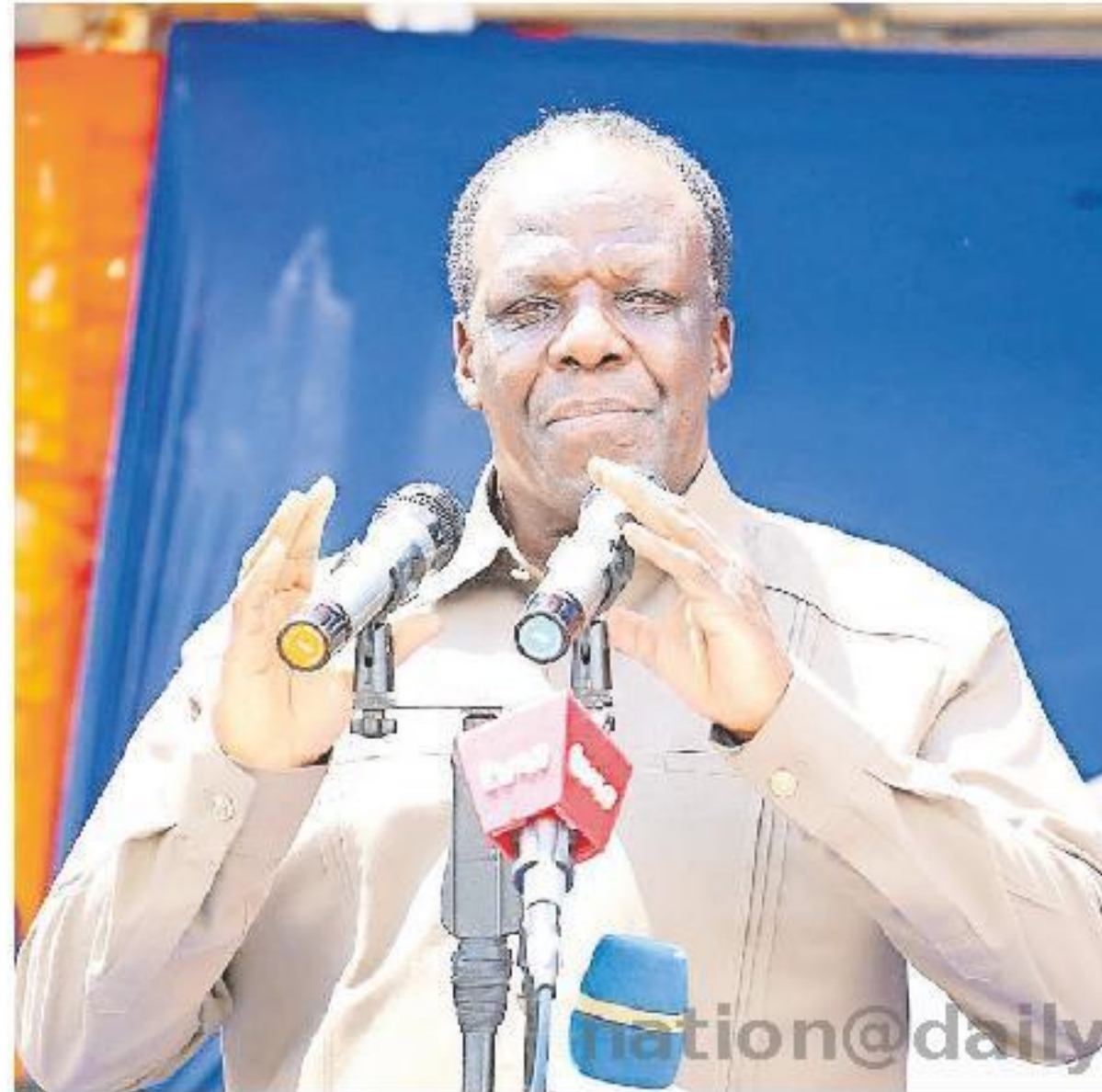
Justice Benson Musyoki ruled that DPP Renson Ingonga usurped the powers of the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) when it received fresh evidence on Mr Oparanya's case and unilaterally decided to review the charges against the CS.

"The first respondent's (DPP's) decision to review its decision to charge the 1st interested party (Mr Oparanya) did not take into consideration the interest of the public as it was not open, transparent and accountable. I do not hesitate to hold the process as unconstitutional," said the judge.

The commission had recommended charges of conflict of interest, abuse of office, money laundering and conspiracy to commit an offence of corruption charges against Mr Oparanya for irregularly receiving Sh56.7 million indirectly from the county government of Kakamega. It was alleged that the CS received the money from the directors of Sabema International Limited and Sela Resources Limited.

The DPP had initially concurred with EACC's recommendation but later dropped the plans of charging Mr Oparanya when he was nominated to the Cabinet in the broad-based government.

"A declaration is hereby issued that the first respondent's decision to review its decision to charge the 1st inter-



Co-operatives Cabinet Secretary Wycliffe Oparanya during Kakamega County ODM chairman Nabii Nabwera's homecoming party in Lugari on September 13. ISAAC WALE | NATION

ested party ... contained in its letter dated 8th of July 2024, is irregular and unconstitutional and therefore null and void," said the judge.

The judge said that while Article 157(11) of the Constitution shields the DPP from control by any person or authority, it does not mean that the office is immune to scrutiny of its processes and actions.

"Where an act or omission goes against the word and spirit of the Constitution, the actors cannot claim constitutional independence when they are called upon to account for their said actions or omissions," he said.

Justice Musyoki stated that the DPP has guidelines on how to exercise its powers to review decisions to charge,

and therefore the public had legitimate expectation that Mr Ingonga would be guided by the guidelines in reaching a decision of whether or not to charge or review his decisions. He added that the guidelines cannot be used selectively or discriminately.

If the DPP is found to be in violation of the guidelines, the judge said, the court cannot hesitate to find that the decision resulting from that violation was

Sh56.7m

Amount CS Wycliffe Oparanya is said to have received irregularly from Kakamega County

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Justice Benson Musyoki



irregular and against the constitutional principles of transparency and accountability.

"The powers donated to the 1st respondent by the Constitution belong to the people and the 1st respondent exercises those powers on behalf of the people of Kenya and in that case, it has a constitutional duty to explain to the people the reasons and justification for its actions. That is what the principle of accountability entails," said the judge.

Justice Musyoki, however, declined to quash Mr Oparanya's appointment as a CS, saying the process of his appointment followed the law.

Mr Fredrick Mulaa, the Kenya Human Rights Commission and other lobbies had challenged the DPP's decision, arguing that dropping the charges against Mr Oparanya was irrational and unconstitutional. They also stated that Mr Oparanya was not suitable to serve in the office because he was to be prosecuted before his nomination and appointment.

Mr Mulaa submitted that the decision to drop the charges was whimsical and meant to sanitise Mr Oparanya after his nomination to Cabinet.

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Agnes Wanjiru who was murdered in Nanyuki in 2012. FILE | NATION

Arrest warrant issued for UK soldier accused of murder

BY JOSEPH WANGUI

The High Court has issued a warrant of arrest against a British soldier accused of killing Agnes Wanjiru in Nanyuki, Laikipia County, in 2012, setting the stage for the extradition process.

The order was issued by Justice Alexander Muteti yesterday following an application by the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), who stated that the accused was in the United Kingdom (UK) and there was need for him to be extradited to Nairobi to face the trial. The DPP believes that there is sufficient evidence to link the soldier to the murder.

"The court is satisfied that the bundle presented before it has useful details concerning the incident and therefore there is probable cause to order the arrest of the accused and surrendered before this court for trial," said Justice Muteti.

The judge directed the media not to publish the suspect's name for now to safeguard the integrity of the court process. The soldier is accused of killing Wanjiru on the night of March 31 and April 1, 2012 at Lions Gate Hotel Nanyuki.

"The offence of murder in Kenya is an extraditable offence and the same is satisfied in the provisions of dual criminality under cap 77 of laws of Kenya. It is so ordered," said Justice Muteti.

According to the Extradition (Commonwealth Countries) Act, dual criminality is satisfied when the offense in the requesting Commonwealth country also constitutes an offense under Kenyan law, with similar penalties. Both the UK and Kenya are members of the Commonwealth.

The DPP stated that although some of the witnesses are based in the UK, they would be made available to the court during the hearing.

The warrant is the culmination of joint investigations by authorities in both countries. The process was triggered by findings of a November 2019 court-led inquiry that established that Wanjiru was murdered. The inquiry file was later forwarded to the Directorate of Criminal Investigations and the DPP to tighten the case. Kenyan investigators flew to UK and met witnesses.

The case is fixed for mention on October 21 for the prosecution to inform the court on the progress of the extradition process.

The UK government stated: "... we remain absolutely committed to helping them secure justice".

Wanjiru's family welcomed the news: "The reports that an arrest warrant has been issued against a UK citizen is a significant moment for us and is incredibly welcome. We hope this marks the beginning of justice being done for our beloved Agnes."

Woman fails to block equal division of Runda home with ex-husband

BY JOSEPH WANGUI

A woman's attempt to temporarily block the equal division of matrimonial property with her former husband has been rejected by the Court of Appeal, with judges saying she has the option to buy him out.

Ms CMM wanted the Court of Appeal to suspend the execution of a March High Court verdict that directed 50:50 distribution of a house in Runda, Nairobi, with her former husband Mr TL. The couple divorced in 2020 after 17 years of marriage.

She argued that she largely financed acquisition of the property at a cost of "Sh42 million, against Mr TL's Sh6 million". It was based on this claim that she contended it was unfair to share the property equally. Mr TL, a German national, refuted the claim and stated that he exclusively funded the purchase to a tune of Sh45 million.

The court did not independently verify the financial records submitted by either party.

While asking the Court of Appeal to temporarily stop the equal distribution pending her intended appeal, Ms CMM said the High Court judge failed to consider the circumstances in which the suit property was bought and the respective contributions of either party. She added that the trial court failed in law and fact to find that the respondent's contribution was only Sh6 million, which went to the improvement of the house and which she had reimbursed.

However, the Court of Appeal noted that the man was a registered joint owner, and it is evident that he had been removed from the house by an order of restriction through Ms CMM.

"Since 2021, the applicant is renting the property and utilising all the proceeds alone. Having rented out the property, there is no immediate threat

from the respondent. She is not residing in the property to be able to say that she will have nowhere to stay, if stay is not granted," said the bench of justices Gatembu Kairu, Fred Ochieng and Aggrey Muchelule.

"Further, she will have the option to buy out the respondent, when the property is made available after valuation. We do not think that, if stay is not granted, the applicant will be placed in greater hardship, compared to the respondent, as they wait for the resolution of the intended appeal."

Mr TL had also opposed the application, pointing out that he was suffering financial deprivation despite him being a co-owner of the suit property.

In the contested judgment of the High Court, Justice Caroline Kendagor ordered equal distribution after finding that given the unique circumstances of the case, the contributions of both parties could be fairly assessed as equal.



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Let's make environmental restoration a key priority

Environmental conservation has become one of the most urgent priorities of our time, as the world continues to grapple with the devastating effects of climate change, deforestation, biodiversity loss, and pollution. Globally, human impact on mangrove forests alone has shrunk mangrove cover by over 43% between 2000 and 2020, through conversion to aquaculture, oil palm plantations, and rice cultivation, with scientists warning that the loss of these ecosystems could contribute up to 10% of global carbon emissions if not urgently addressed. Global statistics show that mangroves store an average of 394 tonnes of carbon per hectare; 319 tonnes held in the soil, 54 tonnes above-ground biomass, and 21 tonnes in below-ground biomass.

In Africa, mangrove loss rates are estimated at 1.25% annually, undermining both coastal protection and blue carbon storage potential. In Kenya, forest cover remains below global standards, with only 8.83% of land under forest by 2021, against the target of 10%, while the country continues to lose huge chunks of hectares of forest each year to deforestation.

Left unchecked, these challenges threaten not only the country's natural heritage but also the livelihoods, health, and security of communities that depend on the environment for survival. It is against this backdrop that we, as Kenya Pipeline Company (KPC), have distinctively embedded 'Care for the environment' as one of the most fundamental environmental philosophies in our core values.

Kenya Pipeline Company has since inception, endeavoured to care, and protect the environment. By providing a safe, reliable, convenient, and cost-effective whole sale-like infrastructure conduit for transporting refined petroleum products from the coastal city of Mombasa into the hinterland, the company has significantly reduced the negative environmental and social impacts traditionally associated with road transport. This pipeline system protects the environment from oil spills and leaks that often occur when trucks are used, while also reducing carbon emissions by minimising reliance on fuel tankers.

It further enhances public safety by reducing the risks posed by oil trucks and preserves road infrastructure by

The zeal and tenacity with which the entire globe has coalesced to protect nature is evidence that the situation is serious



Joe Sang | Conservation

preventing the rapid deterioration caused by heavy fuel vehicles. In addition, the government benefits from substantial cost savings, as funds that would otherwise be spent on road repairs are redirected to other critical development projects.

Through this infrastructure, KPC safeguards the environment by reducing the risk of oil spills and leaks common with road transport. Shifting from fuel tankers to pipelines has also cut carbon emissions, supporting the fight against climate change. The system enhances public safety by protecting communities from hazards posed by recklessly driven or poorly parked oil trucks and spares the road network from damage caused by heavy fuel vehicles. This preservation of infrastructure saves the government significant maintenance costs, freeing resources for other critical development projects.

To illustrate this impact:

- Mombasa-Nairobi Pipeline (20-inch line)
- Flowrate: 1,200 m³/hour
- Daily Throughput: 28,800 m³
- Truck Equivalent: Each road tanker carries ~38 m³
- Impact: Without this pipeline, we would need 758 trucks every day—32 trucks every hour—on the Mombasa-Nairobi highway.
- Nairobi-Western Kenya Pipeline (14- & 8-inch lines)
- Combined Flowrate: 670 m³/hour (450 + 220)
- Daily Throughput: 16,080 m³
- Truck Equivalent: Requires 423 trucks per day if transported by road.

- Kisumu Oil Jetty (KOJ)
- Vessel Capacity: 4,500 m³ per trip = 118 truckloads
- Frequency: 3 trips per week
- Impact: Eliminates ~454 truck movements weekly on the Kisumu-Uganda corridor.
- Key Advantages of Pipeline Transport
- Efficiency & Capacity: Moves huge volumes continuously, 24/7.
- Safety: Fewer road tankers mean reduced accident risk and spillage.
- Environmental Benefits: Lower carbon emissions and road damage.
- Cost-Effectiveness: Lower transport and maintenance costs over time.
- Reliability: Weather-proof, congestion-free, and secure.

Admittedly, however, is the realism that environmental protection and conservation are monumental undertakings that sometimes require collaborative approaches to succeed. In this regard, Kenya Pipeline Company last year partnered with the Kenya Forestry Service to bolster the zeal to care for nature. With the signing of a compelling Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), the two government agencies have strengthened their resolve to fervently protect and conserve the environment for posterity and prosperity, and since then, several collaborative activities have been executed across the country.

The most significant milestone of this partnership has been the planting and sustenance of more than 750,000 mangrove trees across 100 hectares of the Jomvu Creek in Mombasa County. With a seedling survival rate of 99%, it is envisaged that the rehabilitated creek will provide the desired environmental restoration and conservation, besides providing the surrounding community with a sustainable means of eking out a living. This is because, perfectly integrated with the project, is a community-driven beekeeping bustle that will not only inspire the regeneration and sustainability of the trees, but also provide a decent livelihood to the surrounding community. Additional benefits of the initiative include increased fish stocks, water purification, besides provision of carbon sink.

As a government entity committed to the administration's ambitious effort to restore the environment by growing five billion trees by 2032, Kenya Pipeline commits to growing five million trees every year in the next 10 years.

The zeal and tenacity with which the entire globe has coalesced to protect nature is evidence that the situation is serious. 'Care for the environment' is doable, and collectively, we shall achieve the goal.

The writer is the managing director, Kenya Pipeline Company

Africa's food systems need its youth

Africa's food future is brimming with possibility—and at its heart are the continent's young people. Nearly 60% of Africa's population is under 25, bringing with them innovation, digital fluency, and an entrepreneurial spirit that can redefine how we grow, process, and consume food. Far from being "future leaders," they are already shaping agribusiness with new ideas and energy. By investing in their leadership and scaling their innovations, Africa can build food systems that are not only resilient to climate change but also engines of inclusive growth and food security.

At AECF, we have witnessed the transformative impact of investing in Africa's potential. With about \$500 million mobilised, we have supported over 576 enterprises, catalysed \$800 million in private capital, and improved the lives of more than 36 million people across 26 African countries, of whom an estimated 60% are youth. These are not just statistics; they represent real change: businesses pioneering climate-smart practices, strengthening supply chains, and expanding opportunities in some of the continent's most vulnerable communities. The lesson is clear: when capital and support are directed with purpose, they generate solutions that uplift millions.

To build on this momentum, four strategic shifts are essential.

First, dedicated investment for youth-led agribusiness. One of the most direct ways to unlock the potential of young people in agri-food systems is by creating dedicated funds that they can access. Too often, youth agripreneurs

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face steep barriers: they lack collateral, formal financial histories, or credible credit scores. Even when their business models are innovative and climate-smart, they are still perceived as "too risky." What we need are funds and facilities deliberately structured to absorb that risk—and to signal to the market that youth-led enterprises are investible.

Second, results-based mechanisms to incentivise the private sector. If we want the private sector to integrate youth-led agri-food innovations truly, then we must move beyond goodwill and CSR and start aligning incentives directly with measurable results. Results-based mechanisms do precisely this; they reward private sector actors for delivering food security and youth inclusion outcomes that can be independently verified. This shifts partnerships with young innovators from being seen as a social obligation to being treated as a core business strategy. The pri-

vate sector responds best when risk is minimised, and returns are tangible.

Third, the ecosystem approach to draw in partnerships. Scaling youth-led agri-food innovations requires an ecosystem approach—one that intentionally connects buyers, financiers, service providers, technical experts, and policymakers to remove friction and create predictable pathways from innovation to market. Too often, youth ventures operate in isolation. An ecosystem approach interlocks actors so that youth solutions become part of the broader value chain fabric, reducing their fragility and boosting their scalability. Shared facilities, mentorship programs, and procurement commitments create fertile ground for youth-led ventures to scale. When ecosystems work together, young innovators become integral to resilient food systems.

Fourth, embedding a youth lens in investment. Just as gender-lens investing has mobilised billions, youth-lens investing can channel capital to enterprises that are led by, employ, or serve young people. Standardised criteria and benchmarks will make youth outcomes measurable, investible, and mainstream in financial markets.

The opportunity before us is clear: Africa's youth are not waiting on the sidelines; they are already building the future of food. By 2030, actual progress will be reflected not only in the survival of youth-led businesses, but in the number of young people shaping decisions within Africa's agri-food systems.

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DAILY NATION

Why rising State House delegations are suspect

President William Ruto has been increasingly using the State House as a venue for political mobilisation. He is, of course, keen to clinch his second and final five-term in the 2027 General Election.

As the official residence of the president, State House should not be the location where partisan politics plays out. While the Executive would wish to project it as an avenue for the people to have a say in governance and solve grievances, its real intentions are suspect.

As millions of shillings are dished out to the delegates, it is increasingly looking like a thinly veiled, premature election campaign. This is happening two years before the elections. At least 10 delegations from various counties have been to State House since last month. At this rate, this key national residence is being turned into an election campaign podium.

Last Saturday, thousands of teachers queued to receive a Sh10,000 handout each. They were said to have gone to discuss challenges facing the education sector. But Deputy President Kithure Kindiki did not make any pretences as he led the teachers in chanting a slogan for his boss's re-election. Delegations have been there for meetings that tackle little to do with government and more about partisan politics.

Though no law bars the President from holding such gatherings at State House, what is worrying is the possible misuse of government funds to reimburse the delegates for travel and other expenses. Of particular concern is the apparent wastefulness at a time when the government says it is struggling to fund health, education and other public services.

But President Ruto has dismissed the criticism of the spending of millions on the huge delegations, insisting that he will continue his efforts to make the government people-centred.

The political engagements at State House are raising eyebrows because this residence, as the country's seat of power, should be a symbol of national unity and not a venue for divisive politics.

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Avert lecturers' strike

A major crisis is looming in the public universities, with lecturers set to down tools in a dispute over unpaid salary arrears. Learning will be paralysed from today following the government's failure to effect what was agreed upon last year with the lecturers' union.

The Universities Academic Staff Union (Uasu) has resolved to have its members withhold services over Sh11.5 billion in the unpaid salary arrears after the government took no action since it issued a seven-day strike notice.

The arrears should have been paid in the implementation of the collective bargaining agreements (CBA) between the universities and the unions covering the period from 2017 to this year. In the stalled 2021-2025 CBA, the government was to pay the university dons in phases what was agreed upon in their return-to-work formula signed last year. Apart from the pay arrears, Uasu also wants negotiations and registration of the 2025-2029 CBA to begin.

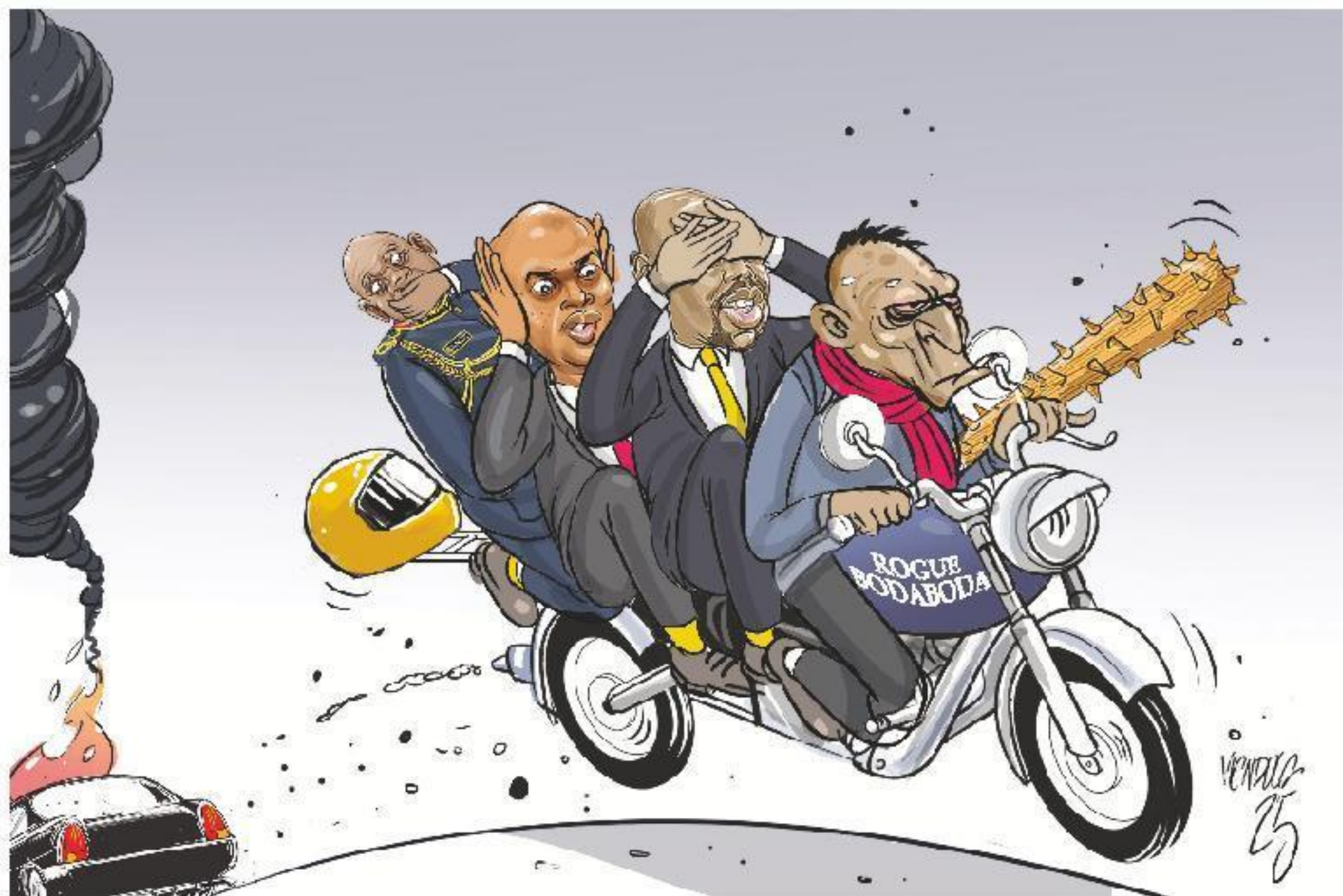
The union says the promised improvements in working conditions and the compensation of workers have not happened. The lecturers also want salary and allowance increases and an expansion of retirement and death benefits.

The latest standoff comes just days after the universities reopened for the new academic year, and has sparked fears of disruption of learning.

Last year, a two-week lecturers' strike was only called off after a day-long meeting at the Ministry of Labour involving the public universities' representatives and the university unions.

The universities are also grappling with a student funding challenge that threatens the future of higher education. The government has admitted that it cannot shoulder the high cost of higher education. A new funding model introduced over two years ago that categorised applicants into various groups according to their economic status has spectacularly flopped.

The Education ministry, the universities and the union must do everything possible to resolve the standoff.



Protection of health data crucial

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In every single room I have walked into as a doctor, there is one thing that has always been sacred – privacy. We ask patients to open up about their fears, their symptoms and the details they often do not even tell their closest friends or partners and patients share with us, knowing in confidence that this information will be kept between us. It is our moral and professional duty to not break that trust. It is also enshrined in law.

These are the two prisms through which we are observing with growing concern Kenya's established Social Health Authority (SHA). Presented as a reform designed to ensure Kenyans' right to health, the SHA instead threatens to erode the very basis of healthcare provision: confidentiality. In centralising the health records, contributions and treatment histories of millions of Kenyans, SHA now has an extraordinary level of control over Kenyans' health data.

The imposition of biometric IDs and the lingering questions about fraudulent payments and lost data have understandably sowed fear among patients and health care providers alike. Consent processes have been reduced to fine print and patients are routinely not informed about how their data may be shared, who will access it, or how long it will be stored. In the absence of any clarity, the SHA has moved ahead as though health data was simply another administrative asset at their disposal.

That is not only careless; it is unconstitutional. If the system continues to overreach in its data requirements, without providing adequate transparency or assurances about who can access and how that data will be used, the very trust on which effective health care depends will begin to erode. At stake is the dignity of the citizen, the patient-provider relationship. At stake is the dignity of the citizen, the patient-provider relationship.

When privacy is violated, lives are affected

Data privacy seems like an abstract or overly technical subject. In health, it may be easy to see its breach as theoretical. In a landmark case of *KELIN v Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Health*, the High Court found a government directive for schools to collect and report the HIV status of their pupils to be unconstitutional. The directive, the court found, violated the children's

SHA has moved ahead as though health data was simply another administrative asset at their disposal



Stellah Bosire | Health

right to privacy (under Article 31 of the Constitution) as well as their dignity and welfare.

In another recent case, the HIV and AIDS Tribunal ordered a man to pay Sh650,000 in damages for 'recklessly' revealing the HIV status of a woman he was having an affair with to a WhatsApp group he belonged to, without her consent. The Tribunal found the stigma, in this case, was greater because it was digital, therefore carries weight under the law. Most recently, the High Court ruled against WorldCoin after biometric data was collected from Kenyans without informed consent or a data protection impact assessment. These cases make it clear: mishandling data is not simply an ethical oversight, it is a legal offence, and a direct violation of our constitutional rights.

What the law demands

The law mandates that such data must be processed lawfully, fairly, and transparently, with clear, explicit, and legitimate purposes. Collection should be limited to necessary, accurate, and current information, with robust safeguards against misuse or unauthorized transfer. Article 31 of the Constitution of Kenya states that every person has the right to privacy. Our Data Protection Act of 2019 goes even further in upholding the importance of protecting people's data, stating in section 11 that information relating to a person's health is considered sensitive personal data and must, therefore, be accorded the highest level of care when it is processed.

The Health Act, 2017 authorised the Ministry of Health to develop specific regulations around e-health, m-health and telemedicine platforms to be underpinned by strong data-privacy protections. The Office of the Data Protection Commissioner has even issued a guidance note on the processing of health data. Practice, though, is another matter. Many of these prot

A global standard of medical ethics

Patient confidentiality isn't just a best practice in medicine, it's an international professional standard. The World Medical Association, which represents physicians worldwide, has a clear position on this. It is stated in its code of medical ethics that doctors should protect the privacy of a patient even after death, and disclose personal information only with consent or when a compelling and unavoidable ethical reason arises. Even in the latter case, information should only be shared with those who have a legitimate need to know and only to the degree that is strictly necessary. This is true whether the setting is traditional care, telemedicine, digital health records, or banks of genetic data. In all of these situations, patients must be given an opportunity to know how their information will be used, and their consent must be sought.

We can get it right

Kenya can still get this right. Going forward, the Ministry of Health, in consultation with the Data Protection Commissioner, needs to issue enforceable regulations for SHA that clearly specify the processes for how consent will be obtained, how much data is truly needed, and how violations will be reported.

SHA needs to appoint an independent Data Protection Officer and be subject to regular audits. Patients need to be empowered to know their rights in plain language and to give or withhold consent in a meaningful way. Healthcare is more than hospitals, drugs and insurance cards. It is about human dignity. When patients share their deepest vulnerabilities, they are not simply availing themselves of services; they are entrusting us with their lives. To betray their data is to betray that trust.

Dr Bosire is a medical doctor and lawyer

Letters

THE CUTTING EDGE THE WATCHMAN

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By-elections • With President William Ruto's UDA and Raila Odinga's ODM agreeing to jointly field candidates in the November by-elections, they will be "able to sweep all the seats to the chagrin of the divided opposition", says David Yator. His unsolicited advice to the opposition is: "Don't field candidates, but start to prepare well for the 2027 General Election." His email address is davidyator@gmail.com.

Handouts • To transform the country into a developed nation, we need more than just building infrastructure, says Churchill Amatha. "We must put money into the pockets of Kenyans so that they can afford goods and services and shun handouts. If they supply and work in manufacturing plants, they will raise children's school fees and pay for food and shelter." His contact is c.amatha@hotmail.com.

Dangerous • There is a need to crack down on the flouting of traffic rules by all the different modes of transport, says Diana D'souza. "Boda boda riders, tuk tuks and cyclists should be taken off the roads if they don't obey the rules. I almost hit a boda boda rider who flew past me at a roundabout. They are dangerous to motorists but traffic police overlook this." Her contact is dsouzadiana754@gmail.com.

Proud • While Kenya may be out of contention for a place in the 2026 FIFA World Cup in the Americas, Jotham Ndung'u says he is still proud that the national soccer team, Harambee Stars, gave Seychelles a 5-0 football lesson after a disappointing 3-0 loss to Gambia. "I hope South African coach Benni McCarthy's team soars and twinkles brighter." His contact is ndungu.jotham@gmail.com.

Long wait • Following Frenchman Jimmy Gressier's stunning victory in the 10,000 metres race in the World Athletics Championships in Tokyo on Saturday, the long wait for Kenya, which has not won it since Charles Kamathi did 24 years ago, continues, Jediel Muthuri laments. "And we will wait for a long time as the dynamics of the event have gone beyond our scope." His contact is jmuthuri@gmail.com. Have a competitive day, won't you!

LETTERS

Attachment becoming a waste of time

Industrial attachment is meant to bridge the gap between theory and practice, allowing students to gain hands-on experience in preparation for employment. However, it has become little more than a ritual that wastes students' time and money. Instead of acquiring skills, many spend months making photocopies, serving tea, or filing papers. Others sit idle because supervisors are too busy or unwilling to involve them in meaningful tasks. The financial burden makes matters worse. Reforms must be urgently undertaken to ensure proper supervision, meaningful tasks and financial support. Students deserve training that builds their confidence and competence, not a wasted season of drudgery.

Nduku Nzuma, Kibabii University

Avert dons' strike to spare students pain

It's barely a month since students in public universities across the nation started a new academic year and lecturers have already issued a strike notice. This is after the government failed to honour their agreement. A drawn out lecturers' strike in the previous academic year brought learning to a halt. The government should set its priorities right by intervening early enough to avoid the same situation. This will bring relief to all involved, including the students whose learning will not be disrupted.

Lorine Akinyi, MMUST

Ruto dishing out houses unlawful

When President William Ruto recently purportedly said that teachers will be allocated 20 per cent of the houses built under the Affordable Housing Programme, did he argue that the project is his baby and so he can unilaterally make such a decision, indicating that teachers are more important than everyone else? I guess the Housing Cabinet Secretary Alice Wahome, a trained Advocate of the High Court, dare not say a word against the unwritten promise because she wants to retain her plum job. She relinquished her MP's job to take the CS position and so she has to move carefully.

Githuku Mungai, Nairobi

Promote health check-ups to curb deaths

Many people are losing their lives due to health complications that can be managed medically if detected early. As the Ministry of Health struggles with the social health insurance issues, there is need to intensify awareness among Kenyans, especially in rural areas, on the need for medical check-ups. Such screenings would catch health conditions like pre-diabetes and hypertension in time. These are silent killer health complications claiming many lives. The healthcare of the citizens remains a primary responsibility of the government and a healthy population contributes to economic development.

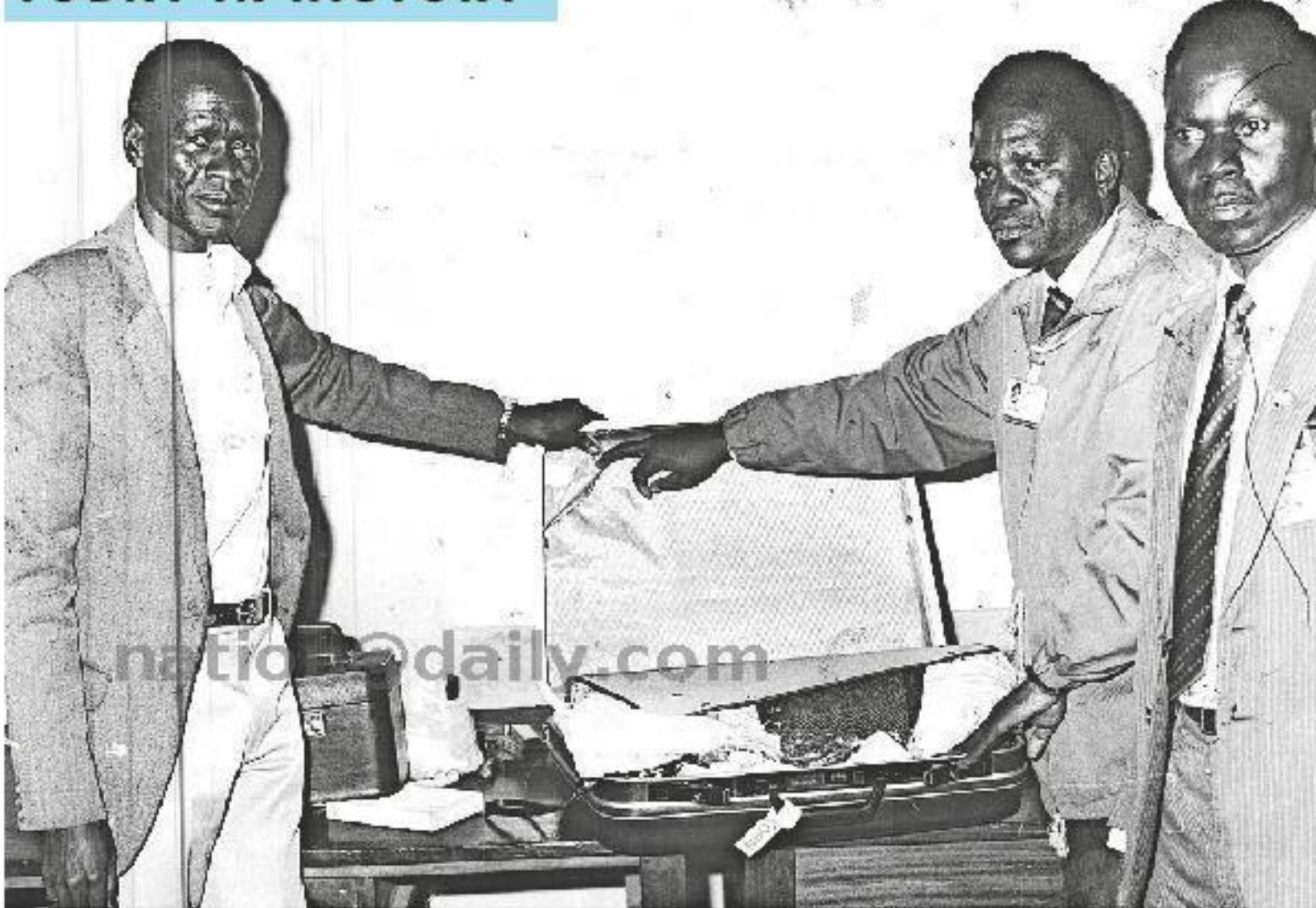
Mathias Masinde, Bungoma

We should learn from Nepali Gen Z demos

After deadly anti-corruption protests ousted the Nepal government, former Chief Justice Sushila Koiri was sworn in as prime minister to lead the nation. We need intelligent leaders who are able to avoid such a situation, where more than 50 people were killed in clashes. It is my hope that Kenyan politicians who lack intelligence learn from this situation and work to avoid chaos in our country as happened during Gen-Z protests. The resolution of the crisis is also a lesson to those who want change.

Kimani Njuguna, Kiambu

TODAY IN HISTORY



September 17, 1989:

A 16-year-old high school girl with 2.5 kilograms of heroin stashed in the false bottom of a suitcase is arrested at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. The girl had just landed from Bombay, India. Senior prevention officer of customs J.M. Ogalo (centre) and customs officer Michael Malago (left) discovered the heroin. The girl said she was given the suitcase by a man whose identity she did not reveal. COMPILED BY ANNIEL NJOKA

LETTER OF THE DAY

Stadiums wasting much-needed resources

It began as a noble idea—rotating national events such as Mashujaa Day among the counties, allowing citizens to feel included. Moving events from Nairobi to other regions meant that new stadiums had to be built in some cases. Kitui County is the latest beneficiary, with a new stadium under construction for this year's Mashujaa Day.

The model has been repeated across the country. From Kirigiti in Kiambu during the Uhuru Kenyatta era, to Homa Bay and even North Eastern, national days have given rise to new stadiums.

On the day itself, the events are splendidly staged and counties enjoy their moment in the spotlight. The problem begins afterwards.

Once the dignitaries depart and the festivities end, most of these stadiums fall into disuse. None has hosted a second national event, and many remain idle for much of the year.

The exception is Machakos Stadium, which regularly stages football matches, and the Safaricom Stadium in Thika, which supports youth sport. In contrast, Kirigiti International Stadium lies largely dormant. Before its ele-

vation, it served as an agricultural showground; now, despite its modern facilities, it is slowly drifting into disuse.

This pattern repeats across Kenya: hurried construction, a colourful event and then silence. For ordinary Kenyans, it feels like a colossal waste of public resources. Billions of shillings go into these projects, yet they generate little value afterwards. Meanwhile, health, education and other critical sectors remain underfunded.

The suspicion is that politically connected contractors benefit most. Stadiums, like many public projects, risk becoming avenues

for rent-seeking rather than genuine investments in county development. The result: gleaming white elephants that symbolise waste rather than progress.

Devolution was meant to bring services closer to the people, but it has also become expensive. To make it work, both national and county governments must prioritise projects that offer lasting returns. Constructing stadiums that sit idle undermines the very promise of devolution. Kenya cannot afford to keep pouring scarce resources into monuments of neglect.

David M. Kigo



County News

Trans Nzoia

Children share holding cells with adults amid lack of juvenile centre

BY EVANS JAOLA

Children in conflict with the law in Trans Nzoia are being detained alongside adult suspects in police cells and transported more than 70 kilometres to Eldoret for remand, as the county lacks a juvenile holding facility.

Rights groups warn the practice exposes minors to abuse, delay, and trauma in violation of constitutional and international child protection laws. The issue came to light on July 7, when six minors charged alongside adults in a Kapenguria cannibalism case appeared before the Kitale Law Court. Chief Magistrate Samuel Mokua ordered age assessments, underscoring the lack of proper facilities for juveniles.

An officer from Kitale Police Station admitted there are no custody units for minors. "Holding children with adults is unlawful. A dedicated facility must be established," said Wilfred Ogutu, a human rights advocate.

Basic necessities

Paralegal officer Boniface Wanyoike of the Justice and Peace Centre said civil society documents at least two minor-related criminal cases and four protection cases weekly at Kitale Law Courts.

"Almost every station detains children with adults. Transporting them to Eldoret often leads to missed court sessions due to logistical challenges," he noted.

Conditions at Kitale Police Station leave minors without basic necessities, heightening stigma and psychological trauma. Rights defenders say many cases go unreported, eroding justice for vulnerable children.

Pastor John Wanjala of Living Faith Ministries urged the government to allocate land for a juvenile facility in Kitale. "We must support these children and hold negligent parents accountable," he said.

The Department of Children Services has also raised concern over a rise in street children in Kitale, driven by poverty and neglect.

Kenya's Constitution and the 2022 Children Act guarantee special protections for minors, yet gaps remain in enforcement, with critics questioning the justice system's ability to safeguard children's rights.

BRIEFLY

NAKURU

Farmhand seized over murder of retired couple

Police in Molo, Nakuru County, are holding a farmhand accused of killing a retired couple and dumping their bodies in a manhole at Taragonik village. Area police boss Timon Odingo said DCI detectives have taken over the case. The victims were identified as Pastor Pius Machogu Nyantika, 72, a retired accountant and SDA preacher, and his wife, Jerusha Kwamboka Machogu, 70, a retired teacher. Their daughter said her mother's body was found Sunday night and her father's on Monday, bearing deep cuts. Neighbours grew suspicious after livestock were left unattended. The farmhand, found inside the compound, allegedly claimed the couple had travelled. The bodies were taken to Elburgon Sub-County Hospital mortuary as investigations continue.

John Njoroge

NAIROBI

NGO boosts relief efforts amid economic woes

The Mukuru Promotion Centre (MPC), a faith-based NGO, has stepped up support for vulnerable families. Its latest newsletter cites more than 2,300 relief interventions, including food aid, rent support, and business start-ups. Learner absenteeism dropped 62 per cent, with 520 pupils supported through uniforms, sanitary towels, and referrals. The Mary Immaculate Clinic treated 2,474 patients in June, conducted 1,339 lab tests, and immunised 136 children.

Sammy Kimatu

Kirinyaga Governor Waiguru unveiled the Mountain Cities Blueprint in 2018



A walkway along a street in Kerugoya town, Kirinyaga County. JOSEPH KANYI | NATION

Boost for local towns in urbanisation drive

Cabro-paving turned once-flooded centres into well-organised and investor-friendly towns

BY GITONGA MARETE AND GEORGE MUNENE

A decade ago, towns such as Sagana, Kagio, Kutus, Kerugoya, Kianyaga, Kagumo and Ngurubani in Kirinyaga County were little more than muddy shopping centres with poor infrastructure and few amenities.

"During the rainy season, it was all mud, and people carried gumboots to town. In the dry season, it was so dusty women had to cover their hair. Investors avoided us," recalls Kagumo resident Geoffrey Murage.

Today, the transformation is striking. Over the past seven years, the centres have become

thriving business hubs, with major banks opening branches in Sagana, Kerugoya, Kagio and Kutus.

Mr Murage credits the change to Governor Anne Waiguru's administration, which in 2017 introduced the Mountain Cities Blueprint under the county's Vision 2032 development plan.

The county was divided into four zones—Ndia, Mwea, Gichugu and Kirinyaga Central—each with a flagship city: Kirinyaga Central as the Health City, Gichugu as the Resort City, Mwea as the Agri-Green City, and Ndia as the Organic-Industrial City.

Launching the blueprint in 2018, Ms Waiguru said Sagana was earmarked for industrial projects due to its strategic location along the highway linking Kirinyaga, Murang'a and Nyeri counties to Nairobi.

A cabro-paving programme covering 66,000 square metres turned once-flooded centres into orderly, investor-friendly

towns. Street lighting extended business hours, while the Kenol-Marua dual carriageway boosted Sagana's profile as an industrial hub.

County records show own-source revenue rose sharply: Sh373 million in 2021/2022, Sh651 million the following year, and Sh850 million in 2024/2025. New technical colleges and Kirinyaga University have spurred housing demand, attracting private investors.

Local residents say the changes are personal. "Kutus was dirty and disorganised. Now it is clean, and our businesses are thriving,"

Sh850m

Amount of revenue collected by Kirinyaga County on own-source revenue partly due to rapid urbanisation under the administration's Mountain Cities Blueprint programme.

said shopkeeper Naomi Wangai. Boda boda rider John Chomba noted that cabro paving eased flooding and cut motorcycle maintenance costs, while fruit vendor Grace Chomba in Kerugoya said sales improved as customers shop more comfortably.

Ngurubani has seen banks, flour mills, supermarkets, hotels and rice mills set up, while Mwea and Ngurubani towns now thrive on 24-hour economies, catering to travellers along the Nairobi-Embu-Meru highway.

"We are confident to grow right here," said Julius Njiru, CEO of Nice Millers, during the launch of his maize mill in Ngurubani.

Still, residents cite lapses in garbage collection. "Some towns, like Kimbimbi and Togonye, have uncollected waste despite available equipment," said Mary Wanjiku, a local resident.

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Homa Bay

Merciless killers snuff out father's hope of seeing son graduate

BY GEORGE ODIWUOR

The family of Enosh Otieno had been looking forward to his son Felix's graduation in December, a milestone they believed would transform their lives.

Enosh, a farmer in East Gem, had worked tirelessly to fund Felix's studies at Mount Kenya University and had started saving to

hire transport for the big day. But three months to the ceremony, his dream was shattered. On September 5, 2025, Enosh's body was found dumped by the roadside in Kotieno Location, bearing fresh wounds and what appeared to be burns from a corrosive chemical.

His mother, Hellen Anyango, said he had left home the previous day for his usual chores and

was preparing to attend a funeral in a nearby village. "We are not sure where he was headed when he died," she said.

Riders who spotted the body alerted residents, who later accused police of dragging their feet in investigations. "Officers only came to collect the body. They have never returned," said his uncle, Clement Odundo.

Tensions rose after villagers overheard children claiming Enosh had been tortured at a homestead. Enraged residents stormed the compound and set houses ablaze, though no one was inside. Enosh is survived by five children. Felix, the eldest, will graduate with a degree in Biotechnology, while three siblings are in secondary school.

"He always said I would change the face of the family. It is painful he died before witnessing this," Felix said.

Yesterday, villagers protested at Omoche trading centre. Rangwe police boss Magdalene Chebet said the case had been referred to the Directorate of Criminal Investigations and assured residents that justice would be served.

International

Malawi votes amid economic downturn

BLANTYRE, TUESDAY

Malawi started voting on Tuesday in an election pitting President Lazarus Chakwera against his predecessor Peter Mutharika, with sky-high inflation and food prices at the top of voters' minds.

Another 15 candidates, including former president Joyce Banda, are also contesting the presidency, but analysts expect a two-horse race between Chakwera, 70, and Mutharika, 85. If no one secures over 50 per cent of the vote, there will be a second round.

"I have voted for the candidate that I am confident will solve the hunger problem. I am struggling to feed my children," said Alindiine Bellison Kazembe, a 32-year-old mother of four working as a maid in the commercial capital, Blantyre, who was among the early voters lined up on Tuesday morning. Malawi has faced economic stagnation since former pastor Chakwera was elected in 2020, with a devastating cyclone and a regional drought wiping out crops and worsening hardship. Inflation has been over 20 per cent for more than three years.

"My worst experience has to do with prices of goods that keep rising. I have voted in the hope that the next president will do something about our economy," said Mazaza Msiska, a 50-year-old man in the Ndirande township, who said he lost his job during the Covid-19 pandemic and hasn't found work since. Polls opened at 6am local time (0400 GMT), with delays at some stations due to problems with the biometric fingerprint readers.

"We had to revert to manual identification, as the machines couldn't pick up identities."

"So we were switching to and from, but now it has stabilised and voting is proceeding smoothly," said Wezi Winnesi, an election monitor for the opposition United Democratic Front party. (Reuters)

Probe It cites political statements and conduct by Israeli forces as evidence of genocidal intent

Israel committing genocide in Gaza, UN inquiry decrees

Four of the five genocidal acts defined under international law have been carried out, it says

BY DAVID GRITTEN

A United Nations commission of inquiry says Israel has committed genocide against Palestinians in Gaza. A new report says there are reasonable grounds to conclude that four of the five genocidal acts defined under international law have been carried out since the start of the war with Hamas in 2023: killing members of a group, causing them serious bodily and mental harm, deliberately inflicting conditions calculated to destroy the group, and preventing births.

It cites statements by Israeli leaders, and the pattern of conduct by Israeli forces, as evidence of genocidal intent.

Israel's foreign ministry said it categorically rejected the report, denouncing it as "distorted and false". It accused the three experts on the commission of serving as "Hamas proxies" and relying "entirely on Hamas falsehoods, laundered and repeated by others" that had "already been thoroughly debunked".

"In stark contrast to the lies in the report, Hamas is the party that attempted genocide in Israel — murdering 1,200 people, raping women, burning families alive, and openly declaring its goal of killing every Jew," the ministry added. An Israeli military official dismissed the report as "baseless", saying: "No other country has operated in these conditions and done so much to prevent harm to civilians on the battlefield."

The Israeli military launched a campaign in Gaza in response to the unprecedented Hamas-led at-



Displaced Palestinians flee northern Gaza following an Israeli military operation yesterday. They were moving south after Israeli forces ordered Gaza City residents to evacuate. PHOTO | REUTERS

tack on southern Israel on October 7, 2023, in which about 1,200 people were killed and 251 were taken hostage. At least 64,964 people have been killed in Israeli attacks in Gaza since then, according to the territory's Hamas-run health ministry, whose figures are seen as reliable by the UN.

Most of the population has also been repeatedly displaced; more than 90 per cent of homes are estimated to be damaged or destroyed; the healthcare, water, sanitation and hygiene systems have collapsed; and UN-backed food security experts have declared a famine in Gaza City.

The Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory was established by the UN Human Rights Council in 2021 to investi-

gate all alleged violations of international humanitarian and human rights law.

The three-member expert panel is chaired by Navi Pillay, a South African former UN human rights chief who was president of the international tribunal on Rwanda's genocide. The two other members are Chris Sidoti, an Australian human rights lawyer, and Miloon Kothari, an Indian expert on housing and land rights.

The commission has previously concluded that Hamas and other Palestinian armed groups committed war crimes and other grave violations of international law on October 7, 2023, and that Israeli security forces have committed crimes against humanity and war crimes in Gaza.

The commission said its lat-

est report was "the strongest and most authoritative UN finding to date" on the war. However, it does not officially speak for the UN.

The 72-page document alleges that Israeli authorities and Israeli security forces have committed and are continuing to commit four of the five acts of genocide defined under the 1948 Genocide Convention against a national, ethnic, racial or religious group.

To fulfil the legal definition of genocide under the Genocide Convention, it must also be established that the perpetrator committed any one of those acts with specific intent to destroy the group in whole or in part.

The commission says it analysed statements made by Israeli leaders and alleges that President Isaac Herzog, Prime Minister Ben-

AT A GLANCE

Four grounds for declaring Israel's actions genocidal

- Killing members of the group through attacks on protected objects; targeting civilians and other protected persons; and the deliberate infliction of conditions causing deaths.
- Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group through direct attacks on civilians and protected objects; severe mistreatment of detainees; forced displacement; and environmental destruction.
- Deliberately inflicting conditions of life calculated to bring about the destruction of the group in whole or in part through destruction of structures and land essential to Palestinians; destruction and denial of access to medical services; forced displacement; blocking essential aid, water, electricity and fuel from reaching Palestinians; reproductive violence; and specific conditions impacting children.
- Imposing measures intended to prevent births through the December 2023 attack on Gaza's largest fertility clinic, reportedly destroying around 4,000 embryos and 1,000 sperm samples and unfertilised eggs.

jamin Netanyahu and former Defence Minister Yoav Gallant have "incited the commission of genocide".

It also states that "genocidal intent was the only reasonable inference" that could be concluded from the pattern of conduct of Israeli authorities and security forces in Gaza. (BBC)

Report details 'systematic looting' in S. Sudan as citizens suffer

NAIROBI, TUESDAY

UN investigators on Tuesday accused South Sudanese authorities of plundering their country's wealth, including by paying \$1.7 billion to companies affiliated with Vice President Benjamin Bol Mel for road construction work that was never done.

The payments from 2021 to 2024 were just one example of "grand corruption" in the impover-

ished nation, according to the report by the UN Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan, where average gross domestic product per capita is now a quarter of what it was at independence in 2011.

"The country has been captured by a predatory elite that has institutionalised the systematic looting of the nation's wealth for private gain," said the commission, which was created in

2016 by the UN Human Rights Council. The report cites an annual budget allocation to the president's medical unit that exceeded health spending across the entire country.

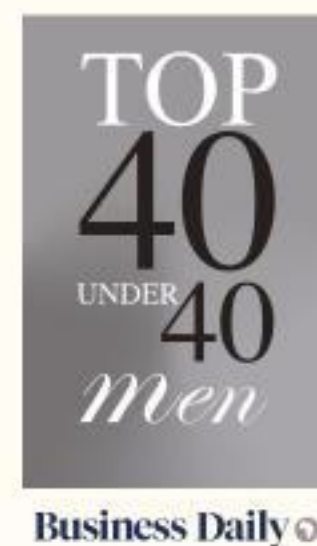
In an official written response sent to the UN commission, Justice Minister Joseph Geng said the report was based on figures that do not match the government's own data and attributed South Sudan's economic prob-

lems to conflict, climate change and falling sales of its chief export, crude oil. A spokesperson for Bol Mel declined to comment. Since 2011, South Sudan has endured repeated bouts of armed conflict, including a 2013-2018 civil war in which an estimated 400,000 people died.

Last week, the government charged First Vice President Riek Machar — whose forces opposed soldiers loyal to President Sal-

va Kiir in the civil war — with crimes against humanity, escalating a feud that has fuelled fighting in recent months. South Sudan is also contending with steep cuts to the foreign humanitarian aid it receives each year.

But the report said corruption best explains its sustained economic and humanitarian woes, with nearly two-thirds of its 12 million people facing crisis levels of hunger or worse. (Reuters)



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Business 150bn

Annual target in shillings that banks set for MSME lending

Swiss firm pockets Sh233m for marking of fuel

BY PETER MBURU

A Swiss multinational pocketed Sh233 million for fuel-marking over the year to June, revealing the heavy cost the State continues to incur in efforts to curb adulteration.

The spend on fuel-marking comes at a time when the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (Epra) has intensified crackdowns on filling stations dealing in adulterated products, shutting down some of them.

New details from the Controller of Budget (CoB) now show that between July 2024 and June 2025, the State Department for Petroleum spent Sh233 million out of the Sh234 million it received to pay the company hired to conduct fuel marking.

The government contracted Sicpa SA in 2022 under controversial circumstances that saw cheaper suppliers blocked from the contract.

The spending brought to Sh484 million, the total amount put into a programme started in June 2015, underlining the heavy cost of ensuring the quality of fuel sold in the country is as should be.

This comes as there have been concerns over the quality of fuel sold in some stations, including in February when Epra, the Kenya Bureau of Standards (Kebs) and the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) had to issue a joint statement following claims that some stations were marketing normal fuel as premium product.

"In light of the recent reports and videos circulating on social media, we have conducted extensive confirmatory tests on fuel samples from various petroleum stations, including those specifically mentioned in the reports.

"We are pleased to report that the results of these tests confirm that the fuel at all sampled stations meet the recommended research octane number ratings as stipulated by Kenyan standards," the institutions said.

Investment forum in Kilifi enters second day



Delegates on the second day of the ARISE-Kenya Investment Forum 2025 in Kilifi, attended by President William Ruto yesterday.
KEVIN ODITI
NATION

Liability Court agrees with appeals board that the company must pay duty

KRA gets Sh24bn boom in tax fight with tobacco firm

Tribunal finds that the firm's operations constitute intermediate manufacturing

BY DOMINIC OMONDI

Alliance One Tobacco Kenya Limited (AOTKL), a local affiliate of a US-based tobacco company, will pay the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) Sh23.746 billion after the High Court dismissed its appeal and affirmed that the firm's tobacco-leaf processing amounts to manufacturing and therefore attracts excise duty.

Justice Francis Rayola Olel upheld the Tax Appeals Tribunal's (TAT) finding that the firm's operations constitute intermediate manufacturing, making the company liable for excise on products it had treated as non-excisable.

The tax liability is nearly the same as total revenue earned by the Nairobi Securities Ex-

change-listed BAT Kenya, which made Sh25.716 billion, next to excise duty and the 16 percent value-added tax (VAT) for the year 2024.

At the heart of the dispute was the nature of AOTKL's work. The company told the court it buys raw tobacco from farmers in Kenya and Uganda and undertakes limited steps—stemming, threshing, and re-drying—to deliver what it calls "pre-manufactured" tobacco to Alliance One International, a US parent and primary customer for AOTKL.

Alliance One then sells to licensed cigarette makers, including BAT, Mastermind Tobacco, and Estobac Kenya.

Because the output is not ready for consumption and is only an input for downstream factories that will eventually

THE NUMBER

25.7bn

Total revenue in shillings that the Nairobi Securities Exchange-listed BAT Kenya earned

both the production of excisable goods and "any intermediate or incomplete process" in their production.

The KRA also cited variances between sales declared in the firm's CIT and VAT returns for January 2016 to December 2021, and said it had not provided evidence of exports, supporting the position that VAT was due on local sales in addition to excise.

In dismissing the appeal, Justice Olel adopted the tribunal's factual findings and set out the step-by-step processing undertaken by the company.

The court noted that stemming to remove thick stalks, grading to eliminate undesirable leaf, "loose leaf butting" to trim ends, mechanical or manual stripping, re-drying to customer-specified moisture of about 13 percent, and final packaging, amounted to value-addition.

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BRIEFLY

AGRICULTURE

Siaya County and Kakuzi in avocado, macadamia deal

Siaya County and Kakuzi have partnered to boost avocado and macadamia farming through training, seedlings, and extension support. The initiative is seen as a pathway to poverty fight, leveraging Kenya's strong avocado export position. "The delegation from Siaya is impressed at the transformative social-economic, professional crop husbandry practices and environmental conservation efforts employed by Kakuzi and which we will seek to emulate back home," said Governor James Orengo.

Linnet Owoko

CREDIT

Banks lend Sh153bn to small firms, exceed annual target

Commercial banks have defied an adverse credit risk environment to disburse Sh153.0 billion to micro, small and medium-sized businesses (MSMEs) so far in 2025. This exceeded the annual target of Sh150 billion by two percent, disclosures by the Kenya Bankers Association show. Bankers have attributed this performance to departure from traditional approaches to lending to MSMEs.

Julians Amboko

COURT

Bid to question ex-Microsoft boss over breach flops

A judge has rejected an application seeking to question a former Microsoft East Africa Limited Country manager over an affidavit filed in court, as sought by a Kenyan firm that has sued the giant tech and its affiliates. High Court judge Peter Mulwa said he was not satisfied that Technoservice Limited had demonstrated sufficient grounds to justify the cross-examination of the ex-Microsoft official Kendi Nderitu.

Sam Kiplagat

NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE

Last 12 Mths	Security	Prices		
High	Low	Yesterday	Previous	Shares

AGRICULTURAL

23.00	10.00	Eaagadis Ord 1.25	20.65	20.80	1.538
440.00	240.00	Kakuzi Plc Ord. 5.00	395.50	395.50	77
350.00	81.00	Kapchoruar Tea Kenya Plc Ord	327.00	326.75	700
430.00	320.00	The Limuru Tea Co. Ord 20.00	310.00	310.00	10
32.60	13.60	Sasini Ltd Ord 1.00	19.00	18.55	68.796
289.00	120.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Plc Ord 500	240.50	241.75	2.761

AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES

49.00	18.50	Car & General (K) Ord 5.00	36.70	38.85	901
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BANKING

23.75	10.00	ABSA Bank Ord 0.50	23.30	23.00	629.910
42.00	26.50	BK Group Ord 0.80	37.10	38.00	320
109.25	43.05	Diamond Trust Bank Ord 4.00	105.00	105.00	24.845
57.00	33.70	Equity Group Holdings Ord 0.50	54.00	54.00	4.205.808
11.30	2.80	HF Group Plc Ord 5.00	10.90	11.00	116.799
44.80	15.80	I&M Group Ord 1.00	43.55	43.55	66.379
55.00	15.00	KCB Group Ord 1.00	53.00	53.00	4.727.022
75.00	28.50	NCBA Group Ord 5.00	74.75	73.00	196.987
190.00	90.00	Stanbic Holdings Ord. 5.00	180.25	181.00	86.227
347.50	134.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ord. 5.00	291.25	306.25	144.129
21.55	10.10	The Co-op Bank of Kenya Ord 1.00	20.30	20.80	737.029

COMMERCIAL & SERVICES

0.45	0.45	Deacons (East Africa) Ord 2.50		0.45	
1.88	0.59	Eveready EA Ord 1.00	1.36	1.32	258.042
10.00	2.70	Express Kenya Ord 5.00	7.94	8.02	5.747
4.66	4.66	Homeboyz Entertainment Plc Ord 0.50		4.66	
9.18	3.65	Kenya Airways Ord 1.00	4.23	4.29	394.015
3.46	2.00	Longhorn Publishers Ord 1.00	2.82	2.94	43.682
5.00	1.58	Nairobi Business Ventures Ord 1.00	1.67	1.65	53.813
22.40	10.60	Nation Media Group Plc Ord. 2.50	13.80	14.00	1.020
17.00	1.80	Sameer Africa Plc Ord. 5.00	14.15	14.95	18.629
10.80	4.50	Standard Group Ord 5.00	6.00	6.00	31
18.70	10.85	TPS Eastern Africa Ord 1.00	17.20	17.50	1.585
0.41	0.16	Uchumi Supermarket Ord 5.00	0.35	0.33	603.537
3.95	1.80	WPP ScanGroup PLC Ord. 1.00	2.72	2.83	42.138

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	
52.75	29.00	Crown Paints Kenya Ord 0.50	49.40	50.75	1.255
3.27	0.72	E. A. Cables Ord 0.50		1.71	
64.25	4.38	E.A. Portland Cement Ord 5.00	58.50	56.00	608

ENERGY & PETROLEUM

10.40	1.94	KenGen Ord 2.50	9.62	9.92	2.283.357
14.90	1.30	KP & LC Co Plc Ord. 250	14.45	14.50	1.037.747
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	
39.90	14.55	TotalEnergies Marketing Kenya Ord 5.00	37.10	38.00	3.271
24.75	6.30	Umeme Ltd Ord 0.50	8.62	8.98	465.075

INSURANCE

9.28	4.01	Britam Holdings Ord 0.10	8.88	8.80	96.449
5.50	1.60	CIC Insurance Group Ord. 1.00	5.18	5.28	102.497
320.00	142.00	Jubilee Holdings Ord 5.00	320.00	320.00	23.295
3.77	1.05	Kenya Re Insurance Ord 2.50	3.36	3.40	2.217.134
12.20	3.30	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ord 1.00	11.00	11.00	4.515
11.00	4.00	Sanlam Kenya Ord 5.00	9.46	9.14	11.856

INVESTMENT

16.50	7.60	Centum Investment Co Ord 0.50	13.90	13.95	27.172
1.36	0.27	Home Afrika Ltd Ord. 1.00	1.51	1.66	1.019.807
1,500	1,500	Kurwitu Ventures Ltd Ord. 100.00		1,500.00	
7.12	1.91	Olympia Capital Holdings Ltd Ord. 5.00	5.08	5.08	31.320
1.78	0.29	Trans-Century Plc Ord. 0.50		1.12	

INVESTMENT SERVICES

16.50	5.22	Nairobi Securities Exchange. Ord 4.00	14.75	14.95	28.861
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MANUFACTURING & ALLIED

130.00	65.00	B.O.C Kenya Group Co. Ord 5.00	122.75	127.75	6.927
495.00	325.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Ord 10.00	432.50	429.00	3.671
27.05	11.00	Carbacid Investments Ord 1.00	25.30	24.60	25.067
244.00	100.00	East African Breweries Ord 1.00	220.00	223.50	31.733
2.33	0.86	Flame Tree Group Holdings Ord 0.825	1.73	1.79	250.048
80.00	10.40	Africa Mega Agricorp Ord 5.00	72.00	72.00	6
0.27	0.27	Mumias Sugar Co. Ord 2.00		0.27	
31.00	12.00	Unga Group Co. Ord 5.00	22.05	21.70	1.138
8.56	5.90	Shri Krishana Overseas. Plc 0.20	8.18	7.92	873

TELECOMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY

31.00	11.50	Safaricom Ltd Ord. 0.05	29.30	29.40	2.695.910
20.00	20.00	Lap trust I-Reit Co. Ord 20 .00		20.00	
3330.00	1880.00	Absa New Gold ETF		4390.00,	
761.00	761.00	Satrix MSCI World Feeder ETF	828.00	828.00	107

NSE ALL SHARE INDEX.01st Jan 2008 -100 Dwn 0.965pts - 178.06 NSE 20-Dwn 22.00 pts -3005.44 01st sep 2015=4101.67 Dwn 11.84pts 4628.26NSE 20-S I -30 Aug 2023=1000 Dwn 8.88pts -1773.76

COMMERCIAL BANK RATES

		Euro	\$	£	C\$	SF	IR	JY	ZR
ABC	buy	151.92	129.00	175.63	93.61	162.39	1.46	87.70	7.40
	sell	152.77	129.50	176.57	93.98	163.22	1.46	88.10	7.47
Absa	buy	151.33	129.10	175.00	93.23	161.91	1.46	87.51	7.43
	sell	151.83	129.30	175.53	93.51	162.56	1.46	87.76	7.45
Co-op	buy	149.32	128.50	173.40	91.81	160.38	1.42	86.85	6.50
	sell	154.51	129.80	177.87	95.86	165.16	1.59	90.08	8.37
Equity	buy	151.08	129.00	174.69	93.17	161.63	-	87.23	7.42
	sell	151.58	129.40	175.29	93.48	162.24	-	87.53	7.44
NBK	buy	152.07	129.00	175.78	93.74	162.59	1.46	87.79	7.44
	sell	152.28	129.40	176.04	93.91	162.95	1.46	87.96	7.45
KCB	buy	150.29	129.03	173.36	93.38	160.17	1.48	87.00	7.27
	sell	150.79	129.43	173.95	93.68	160.74	1.48	87.00	7.29
NCBA	buy	151.93	128.96	175.68	93.65	162.52	1.46	87.76	7.44
	sell	152.41	129.36	176.29	93.97	163.11	1.46	88.06	7.46
Stanbic	buy	151.87	129.00	175.56	93.73	162.63	1.46	87.76	7.44
	sell	152.36	129.40	176.10	94.02	163.14	1.47	88.08	7.54
Prime	buy	152.50	129.00	176.10	93.90	163.35	1.45	87.80	7.40
	sell	153.00	129.50	176.60	94.40	163.85	1.46	88.40	7.50

CBK RATES

	Exchange Rate	Swiss Franc	162.8528
US Dollar	129.2400	100 Japanese Yen	87.9333
1 Sterling Pound	176.0120	1 Swedish Kroner	13.8432
1 Euro	152.2189	1 Norwegian Kroner	13.1152
South African Rand	7.4544	1 Danish Kroner	20.3086
Ksh/USH	27.1201	1 Indian Rupee	1.4643
Ksh/TSH	19.1117	1 Hongkong Dollar	16.6221
Ksh/RWF	11.2194	1 Singapore Dollar	100.8309
Ksh/BIF	23.0911	1 Saudi Riyal	34.4548
1 UAE Dirham	35.1865	1 Chinese Yuan	18.1629
1 Canadian Dollar	93.3984	1 Australian Dollar	86.1255

UNIT TRUSTS

		Daily Yield	Annual Rate
African Alliance Kenya Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.21%	7.46%
African Alliance Kenya Enhanced Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.75%	8.04%
Britam Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.00%	10.55%
Britam Money Market Fund	USD	4.51%	4.61%
Absa Shilling MMF	Kenya Shilling	8.73%	9.09%
Absa Dollar Fund MMF	USD	3.75%	3.82%
Gulfcap Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.55%	12.18%
Gulfcap Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.91%	12.59%
Gulfcap Shari'ah Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	6.93%	7.15%
Old Mutual Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.33%	10.83%
Old Mutual Dollar Money Market Fund	USD	4.96%	5.07%
Etica Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.41%	12.09%
Etica Money Market Fund	USD	5.87%	6.04%
CPF Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.70%	9.09%
Co-op Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.87%	9.27%
Co-op Bond Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.02%	10.54%
Arvocap Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.65%	12.30%
Arvocap Alimasi Fund	Kenya Shilling	1.34	1.35
Mayfair Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.09%	8.43%
Mayfair Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	15.71	15.71
Enwealth Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.65%	11.18%
CIC Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.22%	8.53%
CIC Wealth Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.00%	7.00%
CIC Dollar Fund	USD	4.61%	4.71%
Equity Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	5.04%	5.15%
Kuza Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.81%	11.42%
Kuza Money Market Fund	USD	5.61%	5.77%
Madison Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.20%	10.73%
Madison Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.51%	12.20%
Orient Kasha Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.35%	11.96%
Jubilee Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.08%	10.54%
Jubilee Money Market Fund	USD	5.08%	5.20%
Lofty-Corban Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.44%	12.14%
Lofty-Corban Bond Fund	Kenya Shilling	12.07%	12.76%
Lofty-Corban Money Market Fund	USD	5.00%	5.11%
Cytonn Money Market	Kenya Shilling	12.17%	12.94%
NCBA Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.79%	8.08%
NCBA Dollar Fixed Income Fund	USD	4.46%	4.55%
ICEA LION Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.71%	9.10%
ICEA LION Dollar Fixed Income Fund	USD	106.97	106.97
ICEA LION Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	124.63	124.63
Britam Special Fixed Income Fund (3 months)	Kenya Shilling	10.12%	10.60%
Britam Special Fixed Income Fund (6 months)	Kenya Shilling	10.14%	10.63%
Britam Special Fixed Income Fund (12 months)	Kenya Shilling	10.32%	10.82%
Sanlam Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.10%	9.53%
Sanlam US Dollar Fund	USD	4.95%	5.07%
Apollo Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.67%	10.15%
Genghis Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.64%	9.03%
GenAfrica Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.26%	10.75%
KCB Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.94%	9.31%
KCB Money Market Fund	USD	4.94%	5.05%
Nabo Africa Fixed Income Fund	USD	6.64%	6.87%
Nabo Africa Money Market Fund	USD	5.39%	5.54%
Nabo Africa Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	12.00%	12.74%
Nabo Africa Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.84%	12.57%
Dry Associates Money Market Fund	USD	5.07%	5.19%
Dry Associates Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.46%	9.89%
Dry Associates Special High Yield Fund	Kenya Shilling	12.04%	13.21%
Faulu Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.23%	9.63%
Britam Bond Plus Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.70%	11.29%
Zimele Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	12.47%	13.21%
Kuza Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.48%	12.16%
Orient Hifadhi Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.07%	9.45%
NCBA Equity Fund	Kenya Shilling	214.72	214.72
Nabo Africa Equity Fund	USD	57.89	59.06
ICEA LION Equity Fund	Kenya Shilling	149.20	149.20
ICEA LION Balanced Fund	Kenya Shilling	142.94	142.94
Equity Balanced Fund	Kenya Shilling	162.78	164.16
Zimele Balanced Fund	Kenya Shilling	16.63	16.14
Apollo Balanced Fund	Kenya Shilling	161.29	154.84



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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under Instructions received from our principals the charges in the exercise of statutory power to sell we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned properties together with all Improvements erected thereon:-

PRIME COMMERCIAL PROPERTY AT GITHURAI AREA- IN RUIRU - KIAMBU COUNTY-ON FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2025- AT OUR OFFICES TOM MBOYA GATAKAINI 2 HOUSE 2ND FLOOR ROOM 213- AT 11.00 AM.

All that piece of land known as **TITLE. NO. RUIRU KIU BLOCK 5/2619** Registered in the name of **TERESIA NYAMBURA GITU P.O. BOX 1219-00229 LIMURU**, measuring 0.0194Ha approximately. The property is situated off Mwhoko road within Githurai Area in Kiambu County, accessed via Naivas supermarket Githurai to Kona Rail stage and approximately 670 Meters up to **Poggie Matatu stage** and 820 Meters to the left and about 110 Meters to the right about 150 meters. **GPS** coordinates are **-1.208995, 36.933908**. Developed with single storey building blocks and an ablution block. Mains water and electricity are connected to the property, foul drainage is into a pit latrine. Tenure of the property is on freehold interest.

VACANT AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY AT TIGITHI MATANYA MALE AREA - LAIKIPIA COUNTY-ON FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2025- OUSIDE MURANGA POST OFFICE- MURANA TOWN AT 11.30 AM.

All that pieces of land known as **L.R NO. LAIKIPIA/TIGITHI/MATANYA BLOCK 3/1605**, Registered in the name of **JULIUS NGUMU MWANGI OF P.O. BOX 330-10106 OTHAYA**, measuring 1.280Ha or 3.162949 Acres approximately. The property is in Male Area of Tigithi, Laikipia Sub County. It is situated about 5.5 Kilometers off and to the right of Narumoru-Lamuria road deviating at the right hand road junction approximately 4.3 Kilometers North West of **Jaganaz resort Narumoru** and about 1.7 Kilometers South West of Male Primary School. **GPS** coordinates are **-0.1154170, 36.9659440**. The property is vacant. Mains water and electricity are readily available for connections from the immediate neighborhood. Tenure of the property is on freehold interest, foul drainage would be a pit latrine.

PRIME RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY AT DAGORETTI ROAD KARAI AREA- IN - KIAMBU COUNTY - ON FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2025- AT OUR OFFICES TOM MBOYA GATAKAINI 2 HOUSE 2ND FLOOR ROOM 213- AT 11.00 AM.

Leisure

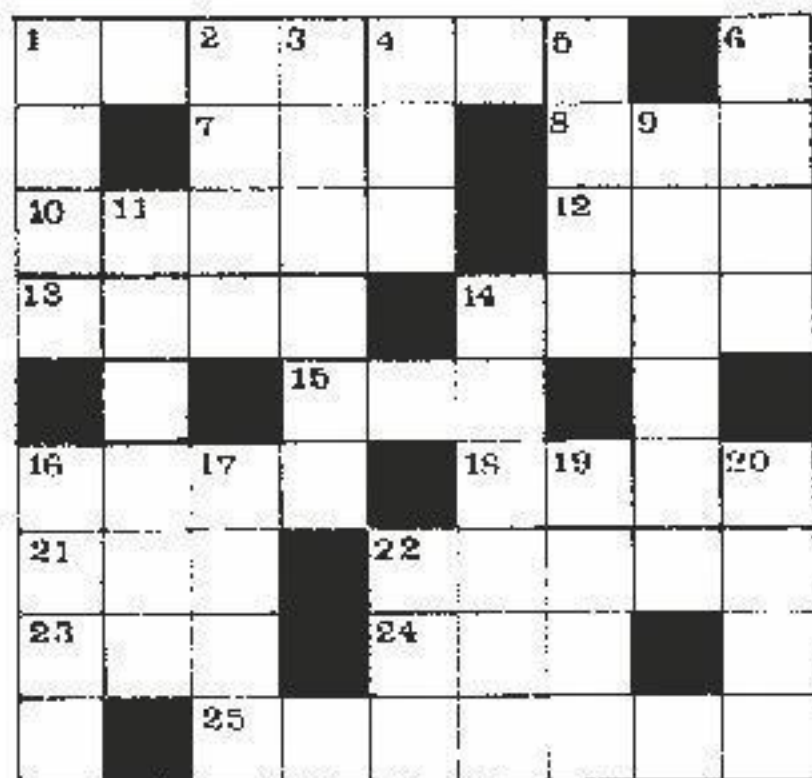
SIMPLE CROSSWORD

ACROSS:

1. Not covered or hidden; visible
7. The United Democratic Alliance (abbreviation)
8. Everybody or everything
10. Christened
12. The 19th letter of the Greek alphabet
13. Great enthusiasm, energy, style and confidence
14. Microbe
15. Title given to knighted males in England
16. Fencing sword
18. Jacob's twin brother in the Bible
21. Mimic mockingly
22. Provide food and drink for an event
23. The basic unit of money of Peru
24. Employ
25. Church spire

DOWN:

1. The sea eagle
2. Large wild cat of North and South America
3. The 3rd largest city in Denmark
4. Sorrowful
5. Desert fruit used -



during Ramadhan
6. Red fruit; a highly desirable job
9. Immature insects
11. Syrian city
14. Lubricate
16. The orient
17. Slippery fish
19. Pace
20. Exhort

22. A long rod for striking the ball in pool, snooker or billiards

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

- 1 Lethargic
7 Rue
8 Lea
10 Enemy
12 Lariat
13 Era
14 Ate
16 Emblem
18 There
20 PLO
21 One
22 Penetrate
DOWN:
1 Lille
2 Tiara
3 Area
4 Runt
5 Gee
6 Coy
9 Earth
11 Motel
14 Alpha
15 Emote
16 Erne
17 Meet
18 Tip
19 Eon

SUDOKU

Enjoy the Sudoku Game 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

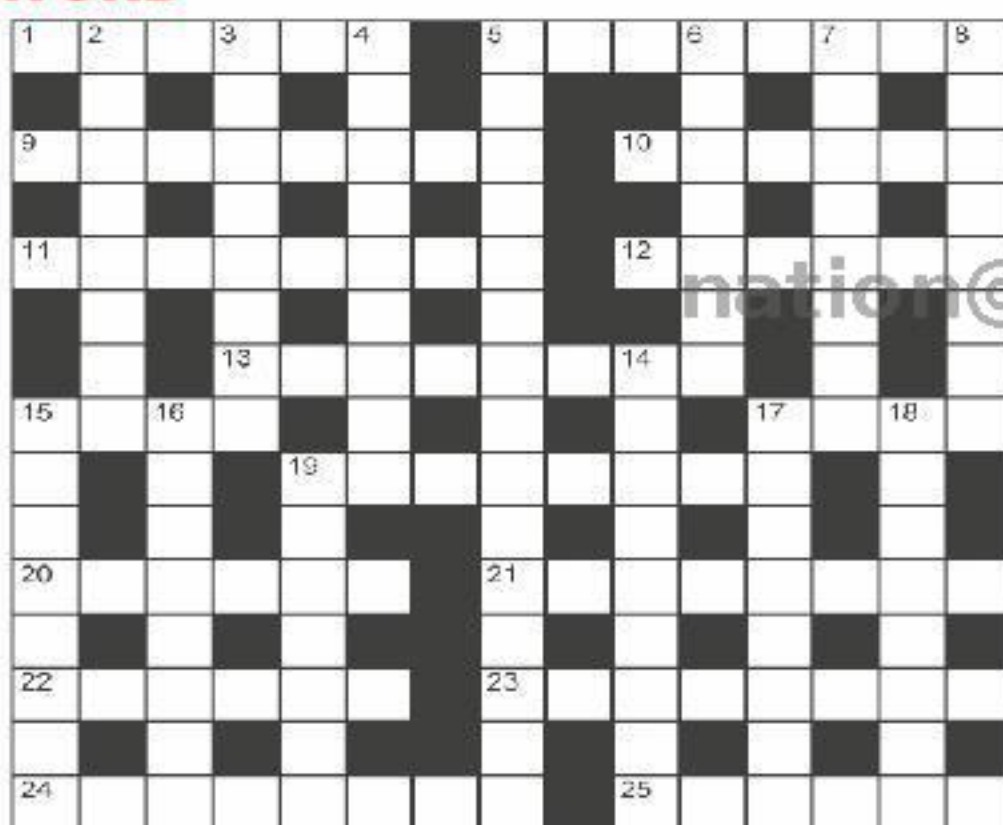
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6	5	9	2	8	4	3	7	1
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COMPLEX CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Ace coach Newcastle and England both ultimately mistreated (6)
 - 5 Maybe Edinburgh Fringe's iron lav - it's backed up (8)
 - 9 Small meteor explodes going over southern county (8)
 - 10 A national treasure, casual runner not old but advanced! (6)
 - 11 Tiddles's tiddle very tiresome, in the end a sore point (3,5)
 - 12 Province that is pursued by Romeo? (6)
 - 13 Painter's main view? (8)
 - 15 Tea time conversation (4)
 - 17 Husband abandoning Wharton? Correct (4)
 - 19 Woo Betsey, oddly lacking politesse (8)
 - 20 Free from former partner, almost completely drained (6)
 - 21 A star, Liz regularly has food sent back home to Mozart (8)
 - 22 Boris - boundless spirit in the beginning (6)
 - 23 Spooner's eaten small rodent in chaotic place (8)
 - 24 For example, Grand Hotel each day beginning to screen quiz show (8)
 - 25 Lab possibly admitting offence administering drug (6)
- DOWN
- 2 Like one of the lads, blow kiss as Connery says (8)



3 Most inclined, dearest (8)
4 Reckless individual adjusting road speed (9)
5 As if Mrs Thatcher turned into a bearer of gifts! (6,9)
6 Defame upper-class Conservative entering commerce (7)
7 Up in Llandudno, bag a V8 Rover (8)
8* Is that Sondheim? It's Cyril, Dicky (8)
14 Cuddle rep when tipsy?

That's not permitted (9)
15 Cabbage stuffed with cooked hake in mouth (4,4)
16 Changing key on end of Walküre, epic work by Wagner (8)
17 Reportedly, I look at various internet sites for items often raised (8)
18 Put in jail? No sir, Prime Minister, I got totally set up! (8)
19 An island in the Med, Crete, evacuated in a whim (7)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS

- 1 Coddles
 - 5 Cast-off
 - 9 Uncover
 - 10 Pungent
 - 11 Standards
 - 12 Tease
 - 13 Sweet
 - 15 Schooners
 - 17 Surrender
 - 19 Snead
 - 22 Topic
 - 23 Stillness
 - 25 Imitate
 - 26 Amateur
 - 27 Greater
 - 28 Ejected
- DOWN:
- 1 Cruises
 - 2 Declare
 - 3 Livid
 - 4 Surprised
 - 5 Capes
 - 6 Sanctions
 - 7 Operate
 - 8 Fathers
 - 14 Trenchant
 - 16 Hurricane
 - 17 Sitting
 - 18 Reptile
 - 20 Everest
 - 21 Desired
 - 23 Swear
 - 24 Leave

CODEWORD

Each number in our Codeword grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. For example, today 24 represents F, every time the figure 24 appears 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.

		2		3		2		4		2		5		14
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23			20	9	12	12	21		24	9	9	16	8	21
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9	7	8	21	23		10	16	15	19	19	6	26	13	23
3		11		9		15		7		6		15	11	24
15	20	9	17	9	19	11		10	16	15	24	24	12	25
12		8		7		7		9		15		25	13	26
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

YOUR STARS

AQUARIUS | JAN 21 - FEB 19

It isn't always pleasant to have to question oneself, Aquarius, but this is the main objective of today's planetary energies - to launch you into new adventures. So take advantage of the configuration to look inside and find the source of some of your setbacks. This isn't an easy exercise, to be sure, but it will do you an enormous amount of good.

PISCES | FEB 20 - MAR 20

A rather disconcerting rumour about your job could reach your ears, Pisces. Perhaps you'll hear that the company is being sold or undergoing a shakeup in the hierarchy. Before jumping to any conclusions, phone someone who knows what's going on and find out the truth.

ARIES | MAR 21 - APR 20

A number of great ideas either for new creative projects or enhancing on-going ones could pop into your head during the day, Aries.

If you don't write them down immediately, they could just as easily pop right out again, never to return! With all your responsibilities, you could have a rather frantic day as your mind constantly shifts from one focus to another.

TAURUS | APR 21 - MAY 20

A person with whom you work, probably a woman, could leave suddenly without notice or stated reason, Taurus. This could be confusing, and you might find yourself wondering if there are changes within the company that you know nothing about.

GEMINI | MAY 21 - JUNE 21

Someone you've wanted to hear from for a long time, perhaps an old friend who lives far away, could ring you up today while you're out, Gemini. You'll be happy to get the message, but it could result in a frustrating game of phone tag throughout the day. Don't get so irritated you give up. Keep trying.

CANCER | JUN 22 - JULY 22

When you wake up and focus on the real world, it could seem as bizarre as to not be worthy of serious consideration. After some time has passed, go over the symbols and see what they suggest to you. The dream is trying to tell you something about a specific situation in your life, albeit in a weird way!

LEO | JULY 23 - AUG 22

A colleague or possibly a good partner could be in a rather touchy mood today, Leo. Therefore, you might find this person difficult to deal with. You could get a bit irritated and wonder if this person is worth the aggravation he or she is causing you. Don't do anything foolish. This mood will pass.

VIRGO | AUG 23 - SEP 23

You tend to be very intuitive, Virgo, but today you could find your psychic abilities short-circuit. If you give readings, don't schedule any for today. This isn't to say your abilities

are blocked, but they aren't as dependable as they usually are. Likewise, your imagination isn't as reliable either. Don't worry. This is just typical writer's or artist's block.

LIBRA | SEP 24 - OCT 23

Some rather upsetting news about a friend could come to you today, Libra, probably over the phone. This could be the truth, but more likely the facts have been distorted in the retelling. In fact, what you're hearing may actually be nothing more than gossip. Phone someone who might know what's really going on, preferably the friend you heard about.

SCORPIO | OCT 24 - NOV 22

Today you could receive a lucky career break of some kind that brings some extra money your way. The downside is that you might have to put in many extra hours. Your good fortune could cause temporary problems in your personal life. Your significant other and family members could be disgruntled.

SAGITTARIUS | NOV 23 - DEC 21

An unexpected visit from someone who lives far away is likely to throw your schedule off kilter, Sagittarius. Even though you'll be glad to see your friend, the visit could require a lot of calls to break appointments and postpone meetings.

CAPRICORN | DEC 22 - JAN 20

A financial setback could have you reeling. Perhaps an emergency, such as a car breakdown, requires a substantial expenditure that you hadn't planned for. You may have resources to draw upon. Go over your finances and you could be pleasantly surprised.

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P. O Box 38968-00100, NAIROBI**PUBLIC AUCTION**Duly instructed by our Principals, the **CHARGEES**, we shall sell by Public Auction the properties described herein.**1. ON 25TH SEPTEMBER, 2025 AT 11.00AM OUTSIDE KCB BANK GILGIL****ii) RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY IN MAWANGA AREA, BAHATI NAKURU COUNTY.**

Residential property known as **BAHATI/KABATINI BLOCK 1/13596 I.N.O. FRANCIS MUGI MWANGI, T/A NEW MID-RIFT CAR DEALERS, P.O. BOX 4185-20100, NAKURU**. The property is in Mawanga Area, Bahati Sub County, Nakuru County. It is situated off and to the right of Nakuru-Nyahururu Road deviating at Kenya Industrial Training Institute - KITT Nakuru Campus onto KITI-Mawanga Road for almost 2.8 kilometres slightly past Kwa Wambura Centre. **Co-ordinates** -0.261480, 36.129505 **Development**: two (2No.) rental residential blocks. **Tenure**: Freehold interest. **Size**: 0.042Ha or 0.103784 acres appx. Water and Electricity are connected to the property.

iii) AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY WITHIN SUBUKU AREA, IN SHAMATA WARD NDARAGWA NYANDARUA COUNTY.

Agricultural piece of land known as **NYANDARUA/NDARAGWA/841 I.N.O. FRANCIS MUGI MWANGI, T/A NEW MID-RIFT CAR DEALERS P.O. BOX 4185-20100, NAKURU**. The property is situated in Subuku area, Shamata ward Ndaragwa Constituency, Nyandarua North Sub-County, Nyandarua County. It is situated approximately 200 metres after Ndaragwa Girls High school within Kanyagia area, Nyandarua County. **Co-ordinates**: 0°05'21.7"S, 36°28'21.1" E. **Development**: Vacant. **Tenure**: Freehold interest. **Size**: 1.943 Ha or 4.80 acres appx. Water and Electricity are not connected to the property. Foul Drainage will be to either a pit latrine or a septic tank. The immediate access road is earth surfaced though the tarmacked road is a few kilometres away.

2. ON 14TH OCTOBER, 2025 AT 11.00 AM AT DEVAN PLAZA, 7TH FLOOR, WESTLANDS NAIROBI**TWO BEDROOMS, ALL ENSUITE WITH A DSQ SITUATED IN CASAMIA APARTMENTS 2ND FLOOR, NGONG ROAD**

Residential property known as **APARTMENT NO. A2-2 ERECTED ON L.R. NO. 209/22201 I.N.O. JEPKEMOI STELLAH P.O. BOX 36-30403, MARIGAT**. The property is located within Casamia Apartments, Ngong Road, Dagoretti North Sub County, Nairobi County. The gated community fronts Ngong Road Appx 8metres from CityOil Petrol Station and appx 5.2kms from CBD. **Co-ordinates** 1°17'59.78"S 36°47'40.38"E. **Development**: The plot is developed with 96 apartments. Apartment No. A2-2 is located on the 2nd floor. **Tenure**: Lease Hold Interest. **Size**: The plot on which the apartment is erected on measures 0.1656Ha or 0.4092 Acres. Electricity and water supply are connected to the subject property, with water being supplied by the Nairobi Water and Sewerage Company. Foul drainage is connected to a sewer system. The immediate access to the property is via a murram road. The entrance to the gated community is secured by a sliding metallic sheet gate. The gated community offers several amenities, including a private swimming pool, designated car parks, a borehole, a generator, and an intercom system.

3. ON 30TH OCTOBER, 2025 AT 11.00AM. AT OUR OFFICE DEVAN PLAZA, 7TH FLOOR WESTLANDS NAIROBI**A THREE STOREY BLOCK OF APARTMENTS IN PLAINSVILLE ESTATE PHASE 6, JUJA KIAMBU COUNTY**

All that residential piece and parcel of land known as **L.R. NO. 17564/1075, PLAINSVILLE ESTATE, PHASE 6, JUJA KIAMBU COUNTY I.N.O. CHRIS MARTIN KIRIMI**. The property is located within phase 6 of Plainville Estate in Juja, Kiambu County. It is situated along Amani Street adjacent Amani Shop and hardware and in the neighborhood of Archangels Catholic Church. **Coordinates**: 1°6'34.67"S 37°2'3.77"E. **Development**: Three storey block of apartments. **Size**: 0.0290Ha or 0.0716 Acre. **Tenure**: leasehold interest. **Main services**: Electricity and water supplies are connected to the property. Water is also connected by an onsite borehole. Foul drainage would be to the septic tank and soak pits. The immediate access road is an improved earth type.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- All interested Purchasers are required to view the property and verify the details as these are not warranted by the Auctioneers or the Principals, viewing is on appointment.
- A deposit of at least **25% for Item No. 1, I & II and 10% for Item Nos. 2 & 3** of the bid amount must be paid in **BANKERS CHEQUE** or **RTGS** at the close of business and the balance to be paid within 90 days to the Chargee's failure to which the deposit shall be forfeited.
- Sale subject to reserve price. The conditions of sale may be obtained from our offices.
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Under instructions received from our principals the chargees, and acting upon the statutory powers of sale conferred upon the chargee, we shall sell by public auction the under-mentioned properties with all improvements therein

1. ON 25TH SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 10.30 A.M. AT OUR ABOVE-MENTIONED OFFICES

L.R. NO. 330/1326 APARTMENT NO GFB DELIGHT APARTMENTS KILIMANI, NAIROBI COUNTY- ino Patrick Lumumba Kore and Jennifer Odhiambo Oluoch. A leasehold interest for a term of 99 years (wef 01/03/2010) on Block D of the development. Situated at the junction of Ole Dume Road and Diani Road. Measuring approx. 1,930ft². It's a 3bedroom all ensuite unit and attached ensuite Dsq. All main services are connected (-1.295639,36.773972)

2. ON 3RD OCTOBER 2025 AT 10.30 A.M. AT OUR ABOVE-MENTIONED OFFICES

L.R. NO. NAIROBI/BLOCK 202/1668(OLD L.R.NO.DAGORETTI/WAITHAKA/1668 WAITHAKA AREA NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ino Barnabas Githuku Njau. A freehold interest measuring 0.088Ha. Situated about 60 meter off kikuyu road at a turn off a few meters to Nembu primary school within Waithaka area. Developed With several semi-permanent structures. Mains electricity, water and sewer are connected to the subject property. [-1.281056,36.721750]

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NAIROBI & UPCOUNTRY**PERSONAL NOTICES****A109 Lost**

LOSS of Apt D1 on LR No 1/357

LOSS of Original Lease Title No. IR 132640/1

LOSS of Original title deed no 59724/I. LR 209/11092/31. Mohamed Jhaq/ Deceased/ Mohamed Jabeen Kauser of postal Address Box 62522-00200 Nairobi.

LOSS of title deed: Indenture Of Conveyance LR NO. 1008/126/ (Orig.1008/41/8) owner Dr. Maggwa Athuman Baker Ndugga in trustee of Joweria Nambi Ndugga

LOSS of title deed no. L.R NO Gaturu/Nembure/15715 of Nicholas Ngari Nyaga

LOSS of title deed no. LR NO. Gaturu/ Nembure/17056 of Mfundi M Lucy & Nicholas Ngari nyaga

LOSS of title Kisa/Mundobelwa/722

LOSS of title Kisa/Mushiangubu/575

LOSS of title L.R. 4894/179

LOSS of title Nairobi block 79/40

LOST Malindi/ Langobaya/ Makobeni/ 847

LOST T/Deed: North Sakwa/Kadera Lwala/ 809 of Walter Onyango Okeyo

LOST title Chembe/ Kibabamshe/ 2099

LOST Title Deed Dumberi/Riabai/ T.30

LOST title deed Gaturu/Weru/6293 Of Lawrence Kinyua Njiru

LOST title deed Malindi/ Marafa /232

LOST title deed Nthawa/Riandu/6914

LOST Title E.Bukusu/N.Kanduyi/3636

LOST title Euaso Nyiro/Suguroi Block IV/187 for Ishmael John Kamugi

LOST Title E/Wanga/Mung'ang'a/ 1622

LOST title Githi/Kiharo/375 of Kibira Munga (Deceased)

LOST title Magarini/Baricho Dakacha/1022

LOST title Ngomeni/Squatter Settlement Scheme/ 1298

LOST Title No. 209/4401/637 belonging to David Mawathe Kitabi P.O.Box 52769-00200 Nairobi

LOST title No. Nairobi/ Block 32/1029

LOST Title No. Wamunyu/Kyangulumi/300 belonging to David Mawathe Kitabi P.O.Box 52769-00200 Nairobi

LOST title Nyeri/Narumoru/1353 Wachira Waithaka(Deceased)

LOST Title Tetu/Kabage/922

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IN THE ENVIRONMENT AND LAND
COURT OF KENYA AT KWALE
ELCLC/E083/2024**

Ibrahim Tsumo Hamisi as the ad litem
Administrator of the Estate of the late Kadiri Hamisi Tsumo Plaintiff

VERSUS

Mwakidziru Tsumo Maingu 1st Defendant
Kwale County Land Registrar 2nd Defendant
Owor Steven Milton 3rd Defendant
Moewe Baobab Bliss Plc 4th Defendant
Honourable Attorney General 5th Defendant

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TO: OWOR STEVEN MILTON
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J.P. Ngoya & Austine Advocates LLP
Advocates for the Plaintiff
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Physical & Land Use Planning Act No. 13 of 2019

NOTIFICATION OF EXTENSION OF USE

The Registered Trustees of the Plot No. Nyandarua/South kinangop/6747 Located in Kamae, Kinangop sub county, Nyandarua county propose to **Extend its use Church to include Hospital use**. Subject to approval by County Government of Nyandarua. Any Objection and comment to write within 14 days of this notice:

**THE CECM LANDS, HOUSING,
PHYSICAL PLANNING
NYANDARUA COUNTY
GOVERNMENT
P.O BOX 701 - 20303 OLKALOU.**

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

Physical & Land Use Planning Act No. 13 of 2019

**NOTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSED
CHANGE OF USER FROM AGRICULTURAL
TO INDUSTRIAL (PETROL SERVICE STATION)**

The registered owner of Plot Title No. TURBO EAST/ LESERU BLOCK 7(LESERU)/39 proposes to Change its Use from Agricultural to Industrial (Petrol Service Station) subject to approval by the County Government of Uasin Gishu. Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. with comments and or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to: **The CECM - Lands, Physical Planning, Housing & Urban Development, Uasin Gishu County, P.O. Box 40-30100 Eldoret. Name of Registered Planner: Augustine Mulinge Mutuku Reg No. 0298**

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

EXTENSION OF USER:

The Owner of Commercial plot LR.NO. 23345/Makindu located in Makindu Town, Kibwezi West Sub County, in Makueni County and along Nairobi- Mombasa highway proposes to extend its commercial user to include a **light industrial Use (petrol service station)** subject to approval by County Government of Makueni. Individuals, institutions or organizations etc. with objections or comments to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:

**CECM- Lands, Urban Planning and Development,
Environment and Climate Change, County Government
of Makueni, P.O Box 78-90300, Wote-Makueni.
Plan. Onesimus Musyoki(R.PP 0229)**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Physical & Land Use Planning Act No. 13 of 2019

CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner of land Reference No.12648/149 located off Mombasa road, Lukenya Area, Mavoko sub county proposes to Change it's use from **Agricultural use to Industrial use** subject to approval by County Government of Machakos. Any individual, institutions/ organization with objection are required to forward in writing within 14 days to:

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



PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT NO.13 OF 2019

EXTENSION OF USE

The Registered owner (s) of **LR No.209/136/276**, is proposing to **Extend** use of the Property to include a **Telecommunication (GSM Base Station)** subject to approval by the **Nairobi City County**. 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 BUILT ENVIRONMENT & URBAN PLANNING,
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P.O. BOX 30075-00100, NAIROBI.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT NO. 13 OF 2019

CHANGE OF USE

The registered owner(s) of **KISUMU/KASULE/10005** off Nairobi road, Nyamasaria, wishes to Change the use from **agricultural to multi dwelling use (Flats)**. Subject to approval of County Government of Kisumu. Individuals with comments or objections to forward them within **fourteen days (14)**. Citing grounds of objection: **The CECM Lands Physical Planning & Urban Development**
P.O. Box 2378-4010 Kisumu.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Physical & Land Use Planning Act No. 13 of 2019

CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner of Land Parcel No. **Mavoko Town Block 2/9870** located Off Katani road, Katani Area, Mavoko sub county proposes to Change its use from **Agricultural use to Commercial cum residential multi-dwelling use** subject to approval by County Government of Machakos. Any individual, institutions/ organization with objection are required to forward in writing within **14 days** to: **The CECM, Energy, Lands, Housing & Urban Development**
County Government of Machakos
P.O. Box 1996-90100 Machakos.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Physical and Land Use Planning Act (Cap 303) Department Of Physical Planning

NOTIFICATION FOR CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner of parcel number **Embu/Kithunthiri/3766** located in Mavura Ward, intends to change its use from **Agricultural to Industrial (Petrol Filling Station)** subject to approval from Embu County Government. Any individuals/ organizations with objections or comments to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within **14 days** of publication of this notice to: **The CEC-M Lands, Mining, Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Development,**
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THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No. 13 of 2019)

CHANGE OF USE

The registered owner of plot **L.R. NUMBER 21/364[Orig.No.27/29/2]**, within the jurisdiction, off Kiambu Road, off Ridgeway Road, within the jurisdiction of Nairobi City County, intend to change the use of the parcel from **residential single dwelling to commercial development(SHOPS)** subject to approval by the Nairobi Metropolitan Services. Individuals, Institutions and Organizations with comments/objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen(14) days from the publication of this notice to
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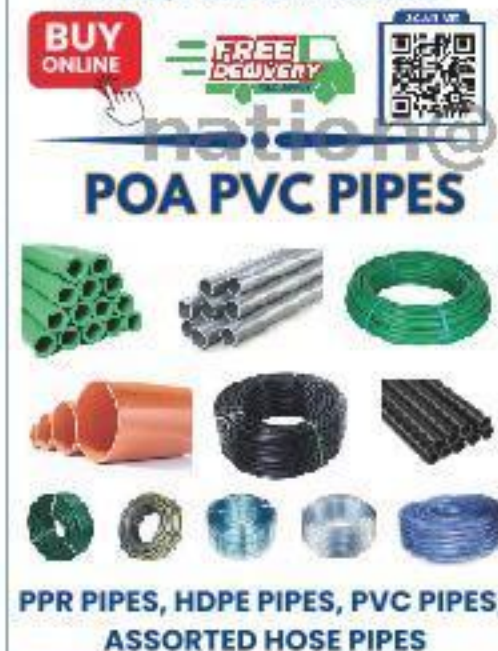
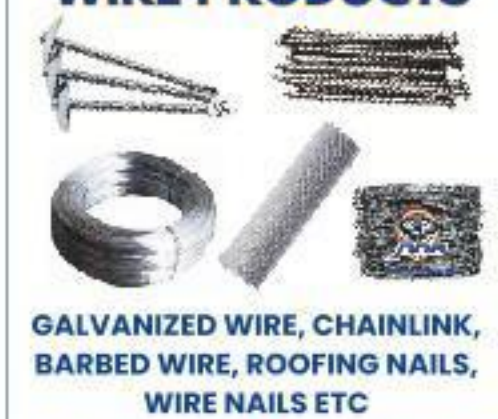
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Promotion To Glory

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the promotion to glory of our beloved **Ryan Munywoki Munyao** of Edith Cowan University Perth, Australia, that occurred on Monday, 18th August 2025.

He was a loving son of Isaac Munyao and Hildah Munyao of Eldoret, Uasin Gishu county.

A loving brother of Leandsy Munyao and Tracy Munyao.

Ryan was grandson of the late Munywoki Muingi and late Annah Mbeneka of Mithumo Village, and late Jacob Muruli and Alividza Muruli of Mwamba Village, Lugari.

He was a loving nephew of Mueni, Geoffrey, Roy, Manuel, Miriam, Pauline, Jane, Risper, Jacinta, Margaret, Harry, Florence, Jemima, Herbert, Mbithi, Reynold, Dawson, and Gloria.

Ryan was cousin of Mansoor, Mutuku, Asha, Anita, Sydney, Arnold, Kate, Dave, Page, Denis, Fay, Esha, Mamu, Faith, Christine, Mwangangi, Mboya Mwanaisha, Barbara, Maryanne, Jacob, Rovincer, Patience, Mandi, Ashale, Shantel, Marceline, Cyril, Vienna, Paul, Augustine, Japheth, Yakub, Cajetan, Bay, Deborah and a friend to many.

Church members, neighbours, friends, and relatives are meeting for prayers and funeral arrangements at their home Kahoya, Eldoret from 5.00 daily.

The cortege leaves Eldoret Hospital Mortuary on Saturday 20th September 2025 at 8:00 a.m for the burial service at Nancy George Primary School, Likuyani Village, Kakamega County on the same day.

Ryan we loved you and God loved you more. Shine on your way and forever in our hearts.

"Philippians 1 vs 21"



Ryan Munywoki Munyao

Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing on of **Francis Kimani Kibiro**, formerly of the Teachers Service Commission (TSC), on 11th September 2025 at The Kenyatta National Hospital.

He was the beloved first-born son of the late Jeremiah Kibiro Kimani and the late Ruth Mugere Kibiro, and son-in-law of the late Joseph Mwangi Kabugi and Prisca Wangu Mwangi.

Loving husband of Josephine Njeri Kimani, Father of Antony Mwangi, Michael Kibiro, David Kariuki, and John Maina.

Brother of Rachael Nyambura Njuguna, Naomi Wanjiku Kibiro, Jesse Kariuki Kibiro, the late Josephine Mukami Kibiro, Charles Gathungu Kibiro, the late Geoffrey Mugo Kibiro, Margaret Wanjiru Kibiro, Monica Wagikuyu Kibiro, and Jane Wambui Kibiro.

He was a devoted grandfather to many.

The cortege will leave Umash Funeral Home, Mbagathi, on Friday, 19th September 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

A funeral service will be held at ACK St. John's Church, Kangawa, followed by the burial at his home in Ngong, Ololua Ward, Olepolos, Kangawa.

May His Soul Rest in Peace!



Francis Kimani Kibiro

(absa) Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing on of **Stanley Misigo Asamuka** of Absa Bank, Busia, which occurred on 7th September 2025 after a short illness.

He was a beloved son of Levi Asamuka and Priscilla Mmbone, A loving husband of Lilian Nandeya of Faridi Sacco, Busia, and a devoted father of Griffin Muloma, Alvin Asamuka, Allan Gift Avedi, and Adrian Jesse Buliva. He was a dear brother of Stephen Ungala, Susan Kageha, Kennedy Keverenge, Rose Ekominya, Joyce Kavita, and Damaris Kagonga.

Nephew of Mum Jane Opayo, Harun Keverenge, the late Herman and Charles Keverenge, Cousin of Francis Chajira, Bonny Karani, Kevin Kisia, Christopher Simidi, among others. A loving uncle of Sharon, Gilbert, Irene, Mercy, Feliz, Ramsey, Kidiga, Rheinhard, Alex, Emmanuel, Rachel, Darwin, Eunice, among others. Son-in-law of Nathan Ayodi and Anne Nafula. Brother-in-law of David Chumza, Peter Ayodi, Collins Ayodi, Mercy Vihenda, Mourine Ayodi, among others.

Family and friends are meeting daily at his home in Busia. For directions and contributions, kindly contact: 0716186412.

The cortege leaves St. Francis Mortuary, Busia, on Thursday, 18/09/2025, to Vihiga County, Mbale, Iduku village for a night vigil. The body will then be transferred back to his home in Busia on Friday, 19/09/2025. The funeral service will be held on Saturday, 20/09/2025, at Bugeng'i Primary School along Busia—Mumias highway, followed by burial at his home in Luwero at 2:00 pm.

In God's hands you rest, in our hearts you remain forever.

Till we meet again. Amen.

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We celebrate the beautiful life you shared with us and remain profoundly grateful to God for the blessing of your presence. In His eternal care you rest, yet you live on in the cherished moments and lasting impact you left behind.

Forever loved and deeply missed by your devoted wife, Mrs Lucy Gachigo; your children – Caroline, Kinoti, Kiogora, and Annette; your grandchildren – Martin, Amira, George, and Mark; and by your siblings, extended family, friends, and colleagues.

May your soul continue resting in peace until we meet again



**Martin Mutwiri
Murwithania**

1952 ~
17-September-2023

To A Great Man

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Jason Kioko Nzioka, who left us far too soon on September 7, 2025, at the age of 23.

Born on December 10, 2002, Jason was a beloved son, brother, cousin and friend. He will be remembered for his warmth, kindness, and the light he brought into the lives of those who knew him.

Jason attended Westland's primary school and Kathonizweni AIC boarding primary school, Mukaa Boys High School, graduating in 2020, and later joined the Kenya Medical Training College (KMTTC) to pursue Biomedical Engineering. He was dedicated to his studies and inspired by a dream to improve lives through science and innovation.

Beyond academics, Jason was a young man of many talents and interests. He had a passion for art, often expressing himself creatively, and a deep love for history, which he enjoyed discussing with friends and family. His curiosity, creativity, and bright spirit left an impact on everyone around him.

Jason is survived by his loving father, Mike Kioko, his brother Jesse Shaban and is preceded in death by his mother, the late Emmaculate Ndambuki. He will also be lovingly remembered by his extended family and many friends who will forever cherish the moments they shared with him.

A funeral service to honour Jason's life will be held on September 20th 2025 at Makueni county, Ngetha location, Kitandi village along Emali - Wote road near Matiliku secondary School. Family and friends are invited to gather, celebrate his life, and share in remembering the joy and love he brought into the world.

Though his journey ended far too soon, Jason's spirit will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.



Jason Kioko Nzioka
December 10, 2002 –
September 7, 2025

Celebration of a Life Well Lived

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the demise of our beloved Mwaitu Rael Kalelye Maweu, of Mwasang'ombe Village, Kilome Sub-location, Mukaa location in Makueni County, which occurred on Sunday 14th September 2025 after a long illness bravely borne.

Daughter of the late Itumo Murhuka and Mwelu. Wife of the late Peter Maweu Kiindu Ngila, co-wife of Anna Maweu, and cherished sister of Wayua, Mbeleete and John Itumo.

Mother of Peter Kiindu, Julius Makau, Janet Mwelu, Muli, Sabina, the late Ngila, Mbula & Mouo. Stepmother of the late Mueni, Musyoka, Mumbi, Mbuvu, Muthoka & Musembi.

She was a beloved Mother in-law of Mary, Juliana, Assumpta Muli, Assumpta Ngila, Leah, Pst Lucy, Mildred, Debby and Maggie.

Grandmother of the late Fred, Ndoti, Nduku, David, Jennifer, Ndunge, Daniel, Nthenya, Nyenze, Ben, Josephine, Viona, Tonny, Frida, Ndanu, Nzilani, Grace, Damaris, Princess, Alfred, Charles, Steve, Munene, Plus, Dr. Redempta and Jimmy among others. Great grandmother and great-great grandmother to many.

Sister-in-law of the late Kilonzo, the late Sila, the late Ngui, and David Maundu Kiindu. Aunt of Peter Kimeu, Margaret, Lawrence, Michael, Kivuva and others.

Friends and relatives are meeting daily at her home Mwasang'ombe Village, Kilome.

The cortege will leave Montezuma Monalisa Funeral Home - Machakos on 20th September 2025 for a requiem service at Kilome Salvation Army at 10:00 am, and thereafter interment at her home.

2nd Timothy 4:7 "I have fought a good fight;
I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."



**Mwaitu Rael
Kalelye Maweu**
(1931 - 2025)

Death and Funeral Announcement



CORPORAL TIMOTHY MUCHENA LUMIRI
SERVICE NO.87242

PARKLANDS POLICE STATION.

Sunrise: 5th August 1982 ~ Sunset: 10th September 2025

We regret to announce the passing on of our beloved Corporal Timothy Muchena Lumiri of the Kenya Police Service, Parklands Police Station, who hails from Kilindo Village, Kigucwa ward, Michimikuru Location, Meru County.

He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Julius Lumiri M'Anyuki. He was the husband of Rita Kananu. He was the father of Celestine Gakii (Form Two, Kaaga Girls), Caren Kathambi (Form Two, Kaaga Girls), Redempta Makena, Rehema Kinya, and Neema Gatwiri. He was brother of Commissioner of Police Rem Mutabari (Commandant APLSC Meru), Agatha (Isiolo Hospital), Thurairi (Isiolo Hospital), Purity, Mercy, Eric, Lore, Sgt. Joseph (APS) Flora, Alice (Nairobi Women's Hospital), PC Kirimi (KPS) Lucy, Kinya, Kiburi. He was brother-in-law of Velma (TSC), Irene (IPOA), Kinya, Joanina, Sebastian, Kimathi (TSC), Flora, Muthie, Charles, and APS Joel (APS). He was son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mwenda. He was brother-in-law of Rose Bernard, Nkirote Joel, Gitonga (TSC), Harriet Tony, Marius (TSC), Onesmus Mwenda (KDF), and Consolata Thomas. He was cousin of SSP Emanuel Maingi (GSU), principal Karithi (TSC), Kiandua Kabarak University, Christine (KTDA), Nancy (Nairobi), Principal Peter (TSC), and many others.

Family and friends are meeting daily at his home in Kilindo Village from 3:00 PM for prayers and burial arrangements. The cortege will be leave Cool Breeze Funeral Home Meru Town on Saturday 20-9-2025. The funeral mass will be conducted at Kamithea Catholic Parish, followed by the final rites at his home in Kilindo Village.

He fought a good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith.
May his soul rest in eternal peace in Christ.

Death and Funeral Announcement



Annie (Nungari) Thuiya Wa Thairu

We announce the death of Anne (Nungari) Thuiya Wa Thairu.

Daughter of the late Paul Thairu Njurang'a and the late Patricia Kabura Thairu of Kahingaini Village, Lower Kabete.

Beloved mother of Janice Wambui Thairu.

Sister of the late Francis Ngugi, Stephen Gichana, the late Leonard Nganga and Humphery Mbugua Thairu.

Sister in law of Anne Wairimu Ngugi, Jane Wanjiru Gichana, Edith Nganga and Pastor Agnes Thairu. Auntie of Anthony Thairu among others.

Friends and family are meeting daily at Kahingaini village at 4.00pm and at ACK St Mark's Church, Westlands on Wednesday and Thursday at 5.30pm.

There will a Service on Sunday, 21st September Kahingaini Village at 3.00pm.

Funeral Service will be on Tuesday 23rd September 2025 at ACK St Mark's Church, Westlands at 10.30 am followed by interment thereafter at Langata Cemetery.

"She fought a good fight, She has finished her race"
2nd Timothy 4 vs 7

Promotion to Glory

It is with humble acceptance of Gods will that we announce the death of Elder (Rtd) Julius Wamanji Kariuki (JUWAKA) of PCEA Nairobi West Parish, Milimani South Presbytery. He hailed from Kigio Village, Gatanga Location, Murang'a County.

Son of the late Joshua Kariuki Wamanji and the late Loise Njeri Kariuki.

Devoted husband of Bilha Wahito Wamanji.

Loving father of Joshua Kariuki Wamanji, James Munyoro Wamanji and Jonathan Njuguna Wamanji. Brother of Mary Nungari, the late Christopher Njuguna (Warrant Officer I), Ambassador Kariuki Mugwe, Phillip K. Kariuki (formerly of CBK), Rachel Wambui, Harrison Wamburi, Geoffrey Waithumbi (Wage Auto Garage), Janet Nyambura, the late Amos Ng'ang'a, Martha Wanjiku (Seattle, USA), Bettie Kariuki and Margaret Kariuki. Father-in-law of Edith Kariuki, and Rebecca Mwaniki.

Son-in-law of the late James Munyoro and the late Ruth Muthoni.

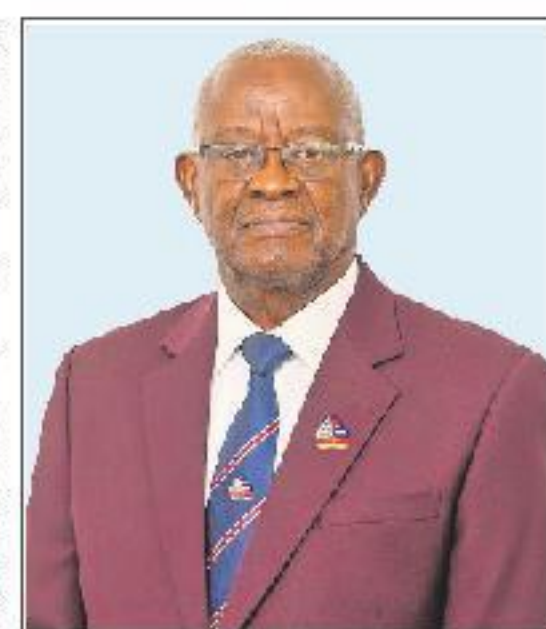
Brother-in-law of Grace and Mr. Kiai, Juliet Wangu and the late Dickson Gicharu, the late Lilian Wambui and Vincent Muma, Margaret Gathoni and Muriuki, the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Muriithi, Simon Kahiu, Mary Wanjiku, Elder Nancy Wamaitha, Nancy Gathoni, Bishop Stephen K. Karubara, Mercy Wambui, Ann Wambui, Daniel Njoroge, Lydia Njoki, Pastor Peter Gatata (Seattle, USA), Alex Mwanza and the late James Muya.

Grandfather of Jude Wamanji, Nicole Wahito, Ivy Wahito and Jayson Wamanji.

Nephew, cousin and uncle to many.

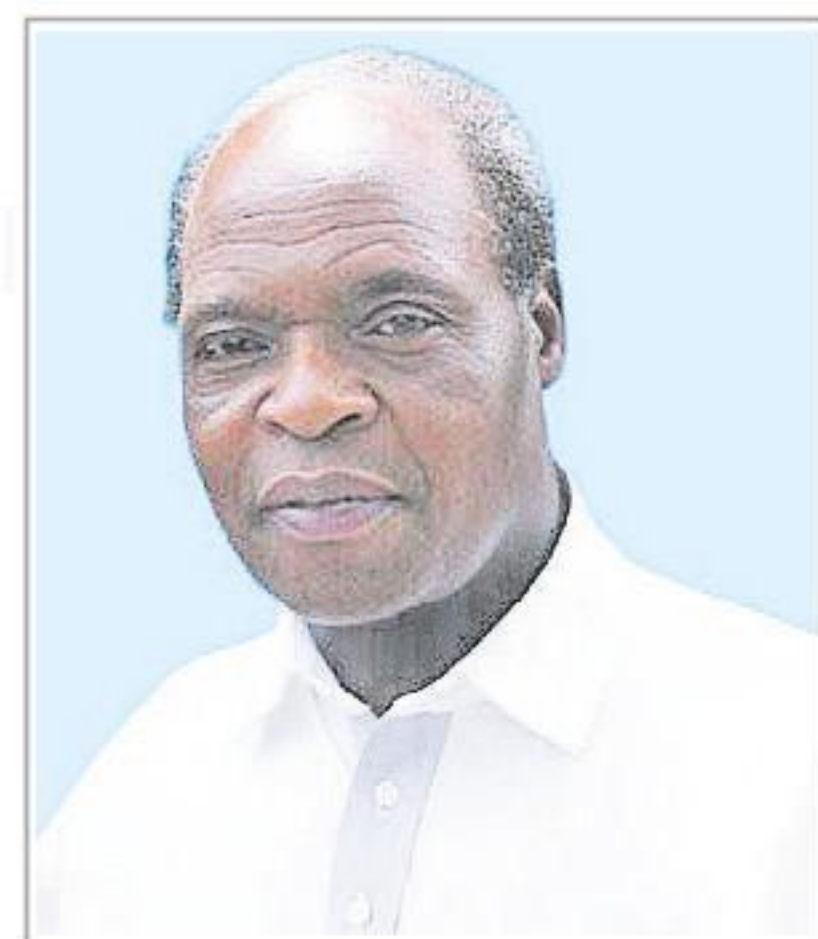
Family and Friends are meeting daily at PCEA Nairobi West Church from Monday 15th September 2025 to Friday 19th September 2025 at 5:30PM. There will be a Memorial Service at PCEA Nairobi West Church on Sunday 21st September 2025 at 3:00PM.

The burial will be on 23rd September 2025 at his home in Ndoroto (kwa White) Village, Maraigushu, Naivasha Sub County, Nakuru County.



**Elder (Rtd) Julius
Wamanji Kariuki
(JUWAKA)**

In Loving Memory



JAMES GACHAI NDUHIU

Twenty years ago, our world was shattered in an instant. Your loss left us heartbroken and devastated. Yet, through the storm, every trial and tear, the Lord has remained faithful, and today, we stand together much stronger.

The lessons you taught us have shaped us profoundly throughout the years. Your life was truly a blessing to us all, and we are deeply grateful to the Almighty God for the years we got to spend with you.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to our family and friends for your unwavering prayers and support, which has carried us this far. May the Lord bless you all abundantly.

We shall have a memorial mass at Ichuga Farm, Nanyuki from 10.00 am on Saturday 20th September 2025.

Loved and remembered all the time.
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KIAGUTHU BOYS SCHOOL

Death and Funeral Announcement

With a heavy heart, we announce the death of Brian Musyoki Mwatha a teacher of Biology and Chemistry at Kiaguthu Boys' in Murang'a County, Kahuro Sub County after a short illness. He was a committed teacher and will be greatly missed by his students, teaching and non teaching staff as well as the entire KIGGZ family. Memorial Service will be held today, Wednesday 17th Sep, 2025 in the sch starting at 2.00pm. He did his Bachelors of Education at Machakos university between 2015 to 2019. He was the son of Stephen Kariuki and Regina Mwatha. Cherished cousin of Mercy, Jayson, Jennifer, and Mary Nyambura. The cortege leaves Montezuma - Kabati on Saturday 20th September at 9.00am to his father's home in Murang'a County, Gaturi - Kiambu village, opposite new Chief's office.

Arrival: 23rd July 1996.
Exit: 12th September 2025.

JOHN 5. 28,29... for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice.
WE HOPE TO MEET HIM AT RESURRECTION.



Brian Musyoki Mwatha

Death Announcement

We are sad to announce the demise of Mr. Charles Barake Gesora of Nyansongo Settlement (Kieni) and a former employee of Kenya Postal Corporation.

Son of the late Methuselah Gesora, Priscah Moraa and Josephine Kerubo. Husband of the late Margaret Barake and Rose Barake. Son in-law of the late Magaki Okao, Barongo Okao, the late Herodion Mobisa and Leah Mobisa. Father of Mary Nyakerario, Evalyne, the late Sagwe, Asanida, the late Ann, Grace, Samson, Mary, Nemuel, Susan and Osoro. Brother of Geke, Ocharo, the late Hellen, the late Bethsua, Mary, Lucy, Grace, Zipporah, Kefa, the late Janet Christopher and Ruth; George, Nyanchama, Marita, Okero, Josia, Atemba, Kegicha, Happy and Peter. Beloved uncle and grandpa to many.

Meetings and funeral arrangement are ongoing at Korompoi, Kitemgela home, Embu and Kisil. Main fundraising will be held on 28th September 2025 at his residence at Korompoi Kitemgela. Burial date will be announced later.

May his soul Rest in Peace.



Charles Barake Gesora
Year: 1954 ~ 2025

Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with profound sadness that we announce the sudden demise of our beloved Eng. Christopher Nyarotso Mucheni on 10th September 2025.

He was loving husband of Ruth Nyarotso, loving father of Stanslaus Atakos, Ethan Mucheni, Karlmax Wakofula and Ava Anyango.

Christopher was the firstborn son of Maurice Mucheni and the late Gaudencia Anyango and step-son of Beatrice Nanjala. Brother of Patrick Mucheni, Robert Mucheni, Alphonse Wesonga and Sylvia Mucheni. Brother-in-law of Rehema Nekesa, Sharon Kubasu, Jane Jemutai and Sympa Kambale.

The cortege will leave Umash Funeral Home on Thursday 18th September 2025 for a requiem mass at Nkoroi Catholic Church in Ongata Rongai at 3:00pm, thereafter for his home. The burial will be on Saturday 20th September 2025 at his home in Maliki, Kitale.

Forever in our Hearts.



Eng. Christopher Nyarotso Mucheni

Celebration of a Selfless Life

It is with deep sorrow and heavy heart that we announce the passing on of Francis P.X. Yara (Akapulco Mexico), who touched on so many people's hearts and transformed lives. He was the son of the late Alexius Yara Obondo and Mama Clementine Adwar Yara. Step-son of Christina and Teresia among others. Husband of the late Apolina Ajwang Yara and Rachel Akelo Yara.

Cherished Father of Gospel Singer Mary Adieno of Buruburu Girls, Johnny (Washington D.C U.S.A) the late Jackline, Ted (Nyauchi & Company Advocates), Rita (Chief Principal St. Barnabas Girls), Olga (Jehova Jireh Sec), Allan Fischer (North Carolina U.S.A), Sam, Joe Yara (Oyugi Ogango Girls), Felly (Playstreet School), Patrick (Busara School), Clementine (Bidli Health Centre), Tom, Rose (Valley Bridge ECD), Emily, Betty, Susan (Advocate), George (Lifesprings Ltd), Edwin (Kenya Police Treasury Office) Ruth, Maureen (Ministry of Health), Denis (Ministry of Education).

He was brother of Lucas Muya, Ciprina Kong'ele, Aloice, the late John, the late Robby, the late Christopher and the late Odhambo.

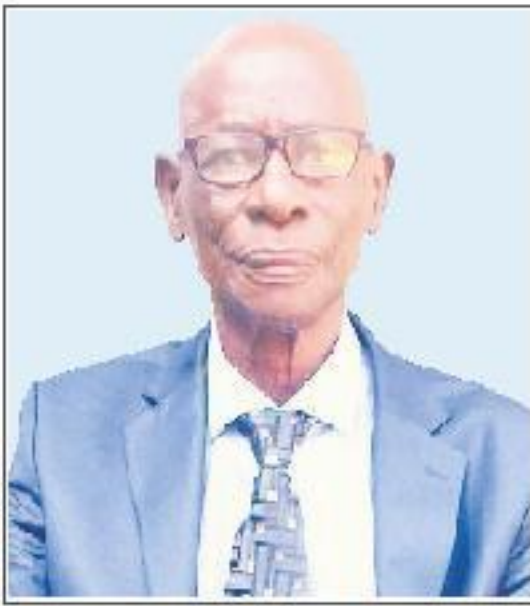
Brother-in-law of Consolata Ogweno, Leonora, Ludfina, Alice, Rhoda, the late Lewkrisia. Son-in-law of the late Paul Owuor Miguna and Leonora Miguna of Gwass Rasira, and the late James Okado and Rhoda Okado of Kano Kabonyo. Father-in-law of Alex, Malachi, Tom, Cyprian, Jack, Milly, Linet, Kate, Katherine, Margaret, Lydia, Everlyne, Emily, Alice, Emma. Grandfather of Melody, Harmony, Precious, Glen, Nina, Verah, Lauryn, Stephanie, Rodney, Eugene, Carl, Frank, Fidel, Ronny, Tracy, Bradley, Genealle, Rachel, Nahashon, Mitchell, Nicole, Tamika, Angel, Ashley, Arriana, Blessing, Jayden, Kayden, Jewel, Teekay, Tyrel, Tevin, Tyrone, Quentin, Suraya, Zahira, Frank, Imani, Taji, Ahadi, Ginel, Jayson, Andy, Calvin, Britney, Tiffany, Stacy, Jeremy, Dwayne. Great grandchildren: Maya, Liam, Gianna Babe, Alvin, Ayden, Carl, Sasha and Tamara.

Family and friends are meeting daily for burial preparation at Misa (Woodland Court) and his home in Gunga Karungu. There will be a fundraising on Wednesday 17th September 2025 at Professional Centre (Nrb) from 5.00pm.

Friends and relatives will gather at Umash Funeral Home on - 25th September 2025 at 3.00am. Thereafter a Requiem Mass at Kiranda Catholic Parish- Karungu at 2.00pm on the same day. The cortege will leave for his home in Gunga Karungu for night vigil and thereafter burial on 26th September 2025, Gunga Village.

You left too soon, touched so many hearts and lives and impacted on so many people. Your legacy will live forever.

Fare thee well until the Resurrection day.



Francis P.X. Yara (Akapulco Mexico)



Celebration of Life Well Lived



Theophilus Kea Nzoka

19/08/1970 - 04/09/2025

It is with humble acceptance of God's Will that we announce the passing on of Theophilus Kea Nzoka which occurred on 4th September 2025. Until his demise, he was Branch Manager - NCBA Nakuru Branch.

Theo was son of the late Mzee Nzoka Sumbi and Mama Joyce Kitondo of Mwingi Subcounty, Kitui County. Beloved husband of Violet Kisengo of the County Government of Kisumu. Father of Newson Kea, Brandy Mukalama and Samson Lisisia. Brother of Monica, Mawia, Joseph, Simon, Muniyoki and the late Muange, Brother-in-law of Wanza, Charles, Christine, Perpetual and Rose.

The caring uncle of Grace, Moffat, Ben, Steven, Sasha, Joyce, Mathew, Joshua, Carol, Frida, Faith and the late Eric.

The cortege leaves Avenue Funeral Home - Kisumu on 19th September 2025 at 10.00 am for a funeral service at The Friends Church-Kisumu, thereafter an overnight travel to his home in Mwingi for interment on the 20th September 2025.

In God's hands you rest, in our hearts you will forever remain.

Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Grace Njeri Gichuhi of Ngababa Village, which occurred on 13th September 2025.

She was the daughter of the late Johana Kihuha (Munyoroku) and the late Sarah Wanjiru.

She was sister of the late Jane Wanyua, Francis Githegi, and Esther Wagio.

She was step sister of Mary Njeri, Simon Kanyutu, Nancy Muthoni, Alice Njau, Godfrey Kairu, John Njoroge, the late Edward Mburu, Peter Waweru, Jane Wanyua, Margaret Wambui, and Grace Huini.

She was mother of Judy Wanjiru, Godfrey Kihuha, Moses Muiru, Jennifer Muthoni, Jane Wanyua, the late Eddah Wanjiku and John Muguiyi.

She was grandmother of Gichuhi Wanjiru, Gichuhi Kihuha, Njeri Muiru, Gichuhi Muthoni, Gichuhi Eddah, Njeri Muguiyi, Gichuhi Wanyua, and many others.

Relatives and friends are meeting daily at her Ngababa home, near Kibiku Primary School, from 3:00 p.m. for prayers and funeral arrangements.

The cortege leaves Lee Funeral Home, Nairobi, on 19th September 2025 at 8:30 a.m. Prayers will be held at Emmanuel Church, Kibiku, starting from 11:00 a.m.

Thereafter, burial will take place at her farm in Ngababa, next to Kirangari bridge.



Grace Njeri Gichuhi

Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with deep sorrow and profound shock that we announce the sudden passing of Maurice Mutwol Kibet, who went to be with the Lord on Sunday, 7th September 2025, after a short illness.

Son of the late William Kibet Chemobo and Margret Kabon Kibet of Kemeloi Village, Kasoiyo, Kinyo Sub-Location, Kapropita Location, Baringo Central Sub-County, Baringo County.

He was a loving husband of Lilian Mutwol, and together, they were blessed with wonderful children, namely Godfrey, Faith, Mercy Millie, Noela, Jepchumba Mariam and Judy.

He was a beloved brother of Hon. Jennifer Kiptoo, the late Samuel, Enock Argut Kibet of KDF (31 MIB Lokichoggio) Amos, Sylvia, Patriciah, Pastor Susan Kiptum, the late Ruth, Michael, Dr. Kenneth Kibet, Dorcas, Victor, Monica, Rael, and Stanley.

The cortege leaves Eldoret Hospital Mortuary on Thursday 18th September 2025 by 6:00am thereafter funeral service and burial will take place on the same day at his home at Kasoiyo (Kemeloi village), Baringo County. From 9.00am.

We kindly request your prayers, presence, and support as we lay our beloved Maurice to rest.

"In God's hands you rest, in our hearts you live forever." 2 Timothy 4:7



Maurice Mutwol Kibet



Death and Funeral Announcement

The Board and the Management of Social Health Authority (SHA) together with the family of Erick Bett, regret to announce the death of Erick Kiplangat Bett which occurred on 07/09/2025 following a long illness while undergoing treatment at MTRH (Eldoret).

He was son of Ezekiel Kilel and Bornes Kilel of Ndarawetta, Bomet Central in Bomet County.

A loving husband of Daisy Chelangat and father of Brian Kipngetch, Allan Kimutai, Faridah Chepkorir, Harriet Chepkorir and Sheren Chebet.

He was brother of Kenneth, Peter, Walter, Bernard, Japhet, Collins, Zedy, Joyce, Caroline, Rose and Daisy.

He was step son of the late Sofia Kilel of Sibaiyan village and step brother of Ronald, Weldon, Betsy, Edna, Liner, Dr. Beatrice, Rose and Karen.

He was son in-law of Samwel Koech and Rael Koech of Kapkesosio Village. He was brother-in-law of Bishop Ngerechi, Kerich, Rotich, Judy, Peter, Rebecca, Faith, Eli, Sigel, Norah, Alice, Doris, Scandy, Mathew, Joyce, David, Sosthen, Isack, Nelson, Walter, Jescah, Judy, Beatrice and the late Joice.

Friends, family and church members are meeting daily at his home Chepngaina village and Ndaraweta village in Bomet Central for prayers and funeral arrangements.

The cortege will leave AGC Tenwek Hospital on 17/9/2025 at 9am for funeral service and burial on 18/09/2025 at Ndaraweta home.

2nd Timothy 4.7 ~ "I have fought a good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith"



Erick Kiplangat Bett
Sunrise: 10/02/1974
Sunset: 7/09/2025



Death and Funeral Announcement

The Board and the Management of Social Health Authority (SHA) together with the family of Raymond Owuor, regret to announce the death of Mr. Raymond Olende Owuor which occurred on 23/08/2025 following a long illness while undergoing treatment at Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH).

Before his demise, the late Raymond was serving in our Narok Branch office.

The late Raymond was husband of Seraphine Mwende Olende, Father of Mary Abigail Akinyi of Asumbi Girls, Raymond Owuor (Junior) and May Redemptor Adhiambo of harmony preparatory school Narok. He was son of Hon. Joseph Owuor Council member Nyamira National Polytechnic (NNP) and Mary Sebensia Owuor of Rongo University. He was a brother of Emily Akinyi among others.

The late Raymond was cousin of Vincent Kongo of KEFRI, David Kongo of Siala T.T.I, Stephen Omondi of Germany, Mercy Ooko, Winnie Ooko, Kennedy Atieno among others.

He was son in-law of Mr. Michael Ngila and Redempta Ngila of Tala, Machakos County.

the late Olende was brother in-law of Constance Ngila - Greta University, Charity Ngila and Ruth Ngila.

The late Raymond was nephew of the late Chrispin Kongo, the late Charles Ooko, Lucas Abich Otieno - Water Resources Authority (WRA), Austin Oyugi Otieno - Rongo University, John Ngare Olende of Kusa, Cornelious Olende, Japheth Okoth Olende among others.

Aunts of the late Raymond; Hellen Auma - Gwaci south, Helida Aoko - Ministry of Education among others.

There will be a memorial service on Thursday-18/09/2025 at St. Joseph's HBVM Catholic Narok, from 9:30am -12:30pm.

Burial will be held on Friday-19/09/2025 at his home in Dede Division West Sakwa Location Awendo Sub County, Migori County from 10:00. - 4:00 p.m.

If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. Romans 14:8



Raymond Owuor

Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson-



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Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with deep sorrow and humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing on to glory of Nelly Murugi Gitari on August 31, 2025.

Nelly Murugi Gitari was the devoted mother of Samara and AJ of Nairobi, a cherished daughter of Albert Gitari and Flora Gitari and a loving sister of Joan Gitari.

She was a cousin to many, an aunt to many, a family friend to many and genuine friend to many many others.

A Memorial Service will be held in her honour at 10:00AM, Parklands Baptist Church, Westlands, Nairobi on Thursday, September 18, 2025 followed by the burial at 2:00PM, Langata Cemetery.

'In God's hands you rest. In our hearts, you will always stay, loved, and remembered every day. Your legacy lives on in the love and values you instilled in us.'



Nelly M Gitari

Celebrating the Life of our Patriarch

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the death of Walter Otieno Adede, formerly of Kenya Airways who passed away on 29th August, 2025 at Homa Bay Referral Hospital.

He was a loving husband of the late Grace Amollo Sabaya of Alego-Mariwa. He was the son of the late Zablon Adede and Damaris Rweya.

He was a doting father of Monicah Adhiambo Colecraft. Brother of Rusanael, Grace, Esther, Pamela, Fredrick Adede, the late Gladys, Festus, Samwel and Dennish. His sisters-in-law are Jane, Roseline Adede, late Sophie and Judith.

Uncle of Jack, Erick, Judith, Dorcus, Victor, Laureen, Robert, Hellen amongst others.

Father-in-law of Henry Colecraft of Ghana. Cousin of Abel, Prof Ngweni, late Dr. Were, Ker Riaga and Omoti Ogallo. Brother-in-law of John Oketch, Paul Sabaya, the late Joel Sabaya. Grandfather of Kwame, Kojo Colecraft among others.

The cortege leaves Kirindo Mortuary on Thursday 18th September 2025 and burial will take place on 19th September 2025 at his home in Koderia Village, Kasipul-Homa Bay County

Rest Well Walter, Till We Meet Again

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



George Walter Otieno Adede

Sunrise: 1939

Sunset: 29th August 2025

"What we have once enjoyed we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us."

Heller Keller



Death and Funeral Announcement



Jenifer Ndunge Mangu

With deep sorrow and humble acceptance of God's will, we announce the passing on of Jenifer Ndunge Mangu.

Jenifer was a distinguished leader whose service spanned several respected institutions. She held key leadership roles within the African Inland Church, where she was known for her passion for child evangelism and generosity for the vulnerable, a leader within Child Evangelism Fellowship, the Rotary Club of Machakos and many others.

Jenifer was an industrious and accomplished businesswoman, being the visionary behind **Makamithi Enterprises Ltd**, a respected business headquartered in Machakos.

A mother of many, her legacy of leadership, faith, and entrepreneurship remains an enduring inspiration.

Mum departed peacefully, surrounded by family, at her home in Machakos early on Saturday September 13, 2025.

She was the beloved daughter of the late Jonathan Muia Kaatine and Rhoda Kaveni Kaatine and the cherished wife of Gideon Mangu. Mother of Crispus Mangu, Nikolas Thitu, Titus Kaatine Mangu, and Peter Milo Mangu.

Loving sister of the late Richard, the late Mary, the late Shadrack, Joyce, John, Elizabeth, Helen, Ann, and Jane.

She was honored as mother-in-law of Merana, Marie, and Miša, and as dear grandmother of Amina, Nora, Mirabehn "Behni", Claudia and Jacob.

Jenifer was a treasured sister-in-law, aunt, niece, cousin, friend, and confidant to many.

Family and friends are gathering daily for prayers and condolences at her home in Upper Kiandani, Machakos, every day from 4 p.m. and at T-Tot Hotel (Wednesday and Friday only) at from 5.30 p.m to 7.30 p.m

The cortege will leave Lee Funeral Home on **Wednesday, September 24, 2025** at 8:00 a.m. A memorial service will be held at the **Machakos Golf Club**, followed by final rites at her home in Kiandani. Burial will be conducted privately by the immediate family.

Proverbs 31: 25-26 "She's clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom and faithful instruction is on her tongue"

Death and Funeral Announcement

Hon. Dr. Dalmas Maurice Otieno Anyango, EGH, EBS

Honoring a Visionary Statesman.

With heavy hearts and humble acceptance of God's will, we announce the sudden and peaceful passing on of our Patriarch Hon. Dr. Dalmas Maurice Otieno Anyango that occurred on 7th September, 2025.

Hon. Dalmas Otieno served with excellence in various local, national & regional capacities including: Former MP for Rongo Constituency, Cabinet Minister for Industry, Manpower, Planning & Development, Transport and Communication and Public Service. Chairman of African Ministers of Transport and Communication, Chairman Conference of African Ministers for Public Service, Chairman Multisectoral Constitutional Review Committee, Vice Chair Salaries & Remuneration Commission (SRC), Executive Chairman Thabiti Finance & Insurance Brokers LTD, Member Parliamentary Committee on Administration and National Security and Kenya's Special Envoy to South Sudan Peace Talks.

He was son of the late Petro Anyango Okongó and the late Gaudencia Opiyo Anyango. Husband to Patricia Atieno Otieno, the late Jane Agola Otieno, and Hon. Dorothy Atieno Otieno.

Brother of Maurice Ariyo Anyango, Susana Oroko, and the late John Khoja and Anthony Mwango. Son-in-law of the late Valentinus and Julliana Ogada, late Elkana and Sylvia Othieno and Elizabeth Okello.

Father of Fred, Lillian, Eddie, Lucas, William, Peter, Kevin, the late (Eflyne, Joan and Isaiah), Sylvia, Dalmus Junior, Price, Ramogi & Rayier Otieno.

Grandfather of Dalmas Jr, Candy, Michael, Melissa, Jessica, Cindy, Patricia (Paju), Zoe, Trevor, Eddie Jr, Tamara, Amani, Robert, Mathew, Amor, Nenkei, Leshan, Tina, Nicole, John Jr, Raya, Preita, Zawadi, Rio, Milka, Jason, Aiden, Amanda.

Father-in-law of Joan Onyango, Rose Detho, Otieno Nyangweso, the late Victoria Aloo, Priscillah Koigi, Pamela Chesire and Simaloi Dajom.

Uncle of Valentino Khoja, Maureen Khoja-Owade, Felix Khoja, Peter & Naphtali Mwango, Elizabeth Were, Florence Nyaribo, Susan Adhiambo, Rachel Akinyi, Collins Ariyo and the Ariyo family, Cavince Owidi and the Owidi family and many more.

Brother-in-law of Lucy Khoja, General Maurice Ndar, Colletta Osodo, Polycarp Ogada, Ben Ogola and Senator Beatrice Ogola, Winfred Okello, Celine Okello, Peter Ombija, Maurice and Justus Nyamunga among others.

Family and friends are meeting daily at Nairobi Club from 5.00pm.

There will be a fundraiser on Wednesday 17th September at Nairobi Club and on 24th September at All Saints Cathedral both at 5pm.

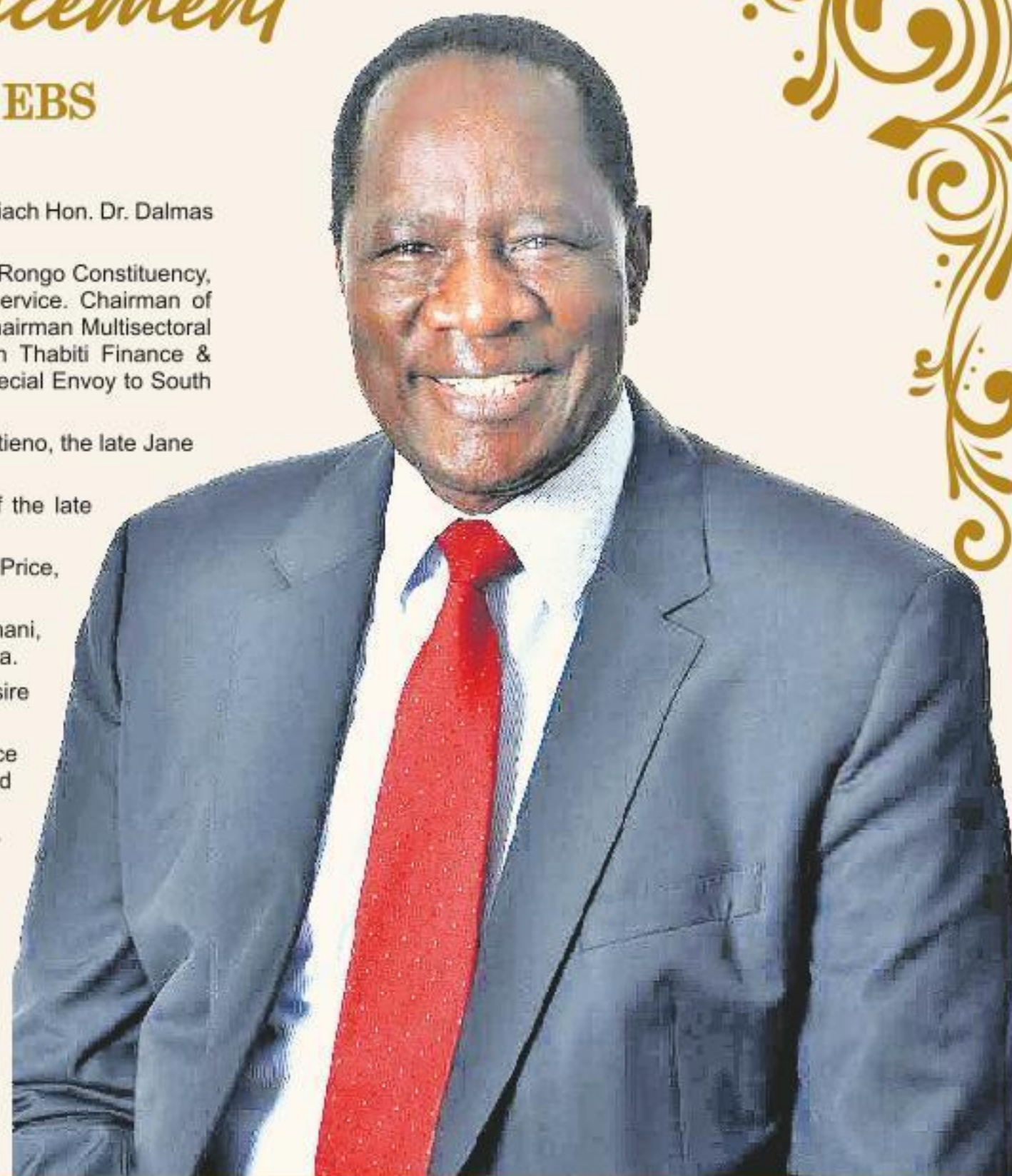
The Requiem Mass will be held on Tuesday 30th September at Don Bosco Catholic Church Upper Hill, Nairobi at 9:00am.

The cortege leaves Wilson Airport on 1st October for Lichota Airstrip, Migori County.

Hon. Dr. Dalmas Otieno Anyango will be laid to rest on 2nd October 2025 at his home in Kangeso Village, Kamagambo Location, Rongo Constituency, Migori County.

John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.

I do not give you as the world gives. Do not let your heart be troubled and do not be afraid."



Sunrise: 1945 - Sunset 2025

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Kenyan Cherotich heads into the biggest race of her life as she faces world and Olympic champion ◀ **P.27**

World Championships Kipyegon destroys the field for fourth 1,500m gold medal **P.28**



George Ooro, of KCB Rugby, during their Dala Sevens match at Jomo Kenyatta Stadium in Kisumu on Sunday. ALEX ODHAMBO | NATION

How KCB battled to sevens history

BY AYUMBA AYODI

KCB Rugby made sevens history on two fronts on Sunday in Kisumu where their coach, the 2016 Singapore Seven winning captain Andrew Amonde, started his career over two decades ago.

The bankers became the first team to win Sport-Pesa National Sevens Circuit title five times and the first team to reach the finals of all the six legs in the circuit, winning four of them.

KCB beat Kabras Sugar 12-5 in the Dala Sevens final at Jomo Kenyatta stadium in Kisumu on Sunday to recapture both Dala Sevens and the national titles with a total of 126 points.

Only KCB and Strathmore University Leos were in contention for the circuit's title heading into Dala, the last leg of the series, but as fate would have it, the two teams met in the quarter-finals. KCB assured themselves of the title after they knocked out Strathmore Leos 15-14.

The bankers had last won the National Sevens Circuit in 2023, after previous victories in 2013, 2014 and 2019. Impala have won the national title four times (1999 to 2001 and 2004), same as Mwamba (2007, 2008, 2010, 2011). Amonde, who started his career in Kisumu in 2004, attributed their success to good pre-season training, motivation from sponsors, KCB Bank, and hard work from both the players and technical bench.

From the 36 matches they played in the circuit that started with Driftwood Sevens in Mombasa, KCB won 34, losing against Leos in the finals at Prinsloo Sevens (24-7) and Embu Sevens (31-21).

Four of KCB players won the most valuable players accolades in four finals; Floyd Wabwire (Driftwood Sevens, Prinsloo Sevens), Bob Muhati (Kabeberi Sevens) and Vincent Onyala (Dala Sevens).

KCB started their build up three months before the start of the circuit in Mombasa on July 26-27 with strength and conditioning training.

"We then sunk into our game plan and blueprint four weeks before the series," said Amonde, stating they started with 30 players before scaling down to 22 for sevens series. Among those who made it to KCB's sevens team were two new signings, Kenya Sevens co-captain George Ooro and Stephen "Zola" Osumba, from Strathmore Leos.

"The new players' transition was seamless as they blended with the rest nicely," said Amonde, adding: "We also started preparation early."

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FOOTBALL Bullets secure Cecafta tourney's third place

Kenya Police Bullets secured third place in the 2025 Caf Women's Champions League Cecafta qualifiers, defeating Kampala Queens 1-0 at Kasarani yesterday. Margaret Kuni-hira scored the decisive goal with a free-kick in the 28th minute. Jeshi la Kujenga Taifa (JKT) of Tanzania won the tournament, edging Rayon Sport Women of Rwanda 1-0 in the final at the same venue, with Winfrida Gerald scoring in the 5th minute. JKT swept the awards, claiming the fair play award, with Najiati Id-rissa winning the Golden Glove (three clean sheets) and Asha Mlangwa the Golden Boot with five goals. Donisia Danile Ninja was named best player of the tournament. JKT, coached by Azishi Kondo, will represent the Cecafta Zone in the Champions League in Egypt this November, making their second appearance. (Toto Arege)

GOLF FMA Charity event to be held annually

The Fund Managers Association (FMA) Charity golf tournament held at Karen Country Club last year, will from now on be organised annually. FMA CEO Fred Mburu said last year's event, which raised Sh3 million, played a key role in supporting needy female students undertaking financial studies. "We have realised that with the support of our members and other partners, FMA can play an important role in enabling young Kenyan female students finish their studies," said Mburu who spoke during the launch of this year's event at Karen Country Club. He said they are targeting to raise Sh7 million this year. FMA received Sh5.1 million (\$40,000) from Trade and Development Bank. "Today isn't just about golf—it's about purpose. It's about coming together to make a difference in the lives of others," he said. (Larry Ngala)

Athletics Since 1974, the race has had a history of new records

Kenyan stars set for Berlin race

Kenya's Wanjiru hopes to win gold after finishing second in the last edition



Japheth Kimutai, Director of Complete Sports Athletics Training Centre in Kaptagat, Uasin Gishu County, with athletics officials and teachers from various schools yesterday during the launch of the inaugural Cheptigit-German Cross Country Challenge, set for Saturday in Cheptigit, Kaptagat. JARED NYATAYA | NATION

BY BERNARD ROTICH

The 2022 Berlin Marathon silver medallist Rosemary Wanjiru is among the top athletes expected to fight for top honours in this year's edition on Sunday.

Some 40 elite athletes – 20 men and 20 women – will be in the German capital for the annual race, organisers said.

Wanjiru, who has expressed her determination to do better when she returns to Berlin, will lead her compatriots in their bid to snatch the title currently held by Tigist Ketema of Ethiopia.

Other Kenyan women in the race are Sharon Chelimo, the 2025 Barcelona Marathon champion, who won in two hours, 19 minutes and 33 seconds, Viola Cheptoo, the 2021 New York Marathon silver medallist (2:22:44), and Betty Chepkwony, who is the 2023 Rome Marathon champion (2:23:02), among others. Wanjiru is the fastest in the field with a personal best of 2:16:14.

Wanjiru said she is well prepared. "My training was good and I am looking forward to a good race on Sunday," she said.

"We have a task, and I know everyone is ready. We are all eyeing the prize. I am eyeing better results," said Wanjiru.

The Kenyan men's team has Sebastian Sawe, the fastest in the field, with a personal

best of 2:02:05 from the Valencia Marathon in 2024. He will be heading to Berlin for a third time, buoyed by his London Marathon victory in April, where he clocked 2:02:27. He will be joined by compatriots Daniel Mateiko (2:04:24), Samwel Mailu (2:05:08), Ezra Tanui (2:07:28), Bernard Kimani (2:07:28) and Robert Ngeno (2:07:35).

Ethiopian Milkesa Mengesha is the defending men's champion. Other men in the race are Gabriel Geay (Tanzania, 2:03:00), and Ethiopians Milkesa Mengesha (2:03:17), Haymanot Alew (2:03:31) and Guye Adola (2:03:46), among others.

The women's marathon also has Ethiopians Degitu Azimeraw (2:17:58), Dera Dida (2:18:32), Mestawut Fikir (2:18:48), Tigist Girma (2:18:52), as well as Japan's Honami Maeda (2:18:59), among others.

The race has one of the fastest courses in the world, where several world records have been clocked. Kenyan men have broken the world record six times, while Tella Lorupe is the only Kenyan woman to have broken the record in 1999 when she clocked 2:20:43.

Since the inception of the race in 1974, Kenyan men have won the race 18 times, and women six times. Paul Tergat was the first Kenyan to break the world

record, in 2003, when he clocked 2:04:55 before Haile Gebrselassie lowered his record in 2007, timing 2:04:26.

Haile would lower his own record to 2:03:59 in 2008 before Kenya's Patrick Makau's new world record in 2011, when he clocked 2:03:38. The record stayed for two years before Wilson Kipsang demolished it with 2:03:23.

Meanwhile, the German Embassy in Kenya will sponsor a race for school children ahead of the Berlin Marathon viewer party in Eldoret on Sunday.

Over 300 children will take part in the inaugural Cheptigit-German Cross Country Challenge. The winner will get their one-year school fees paid, the first runner-up will get school fees for two terms, while the third finisher will get one-term of school fees. The race will be aired live on NTV Kenya.

"We are glad that some of our friends from Germany will be supporting a junior cross-country race ahead of the viewership party, and we shall have several children competing here as part of nurturing talent and supporting education," said Japheth Kimutai, the Complete Sports Training Centre.

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Raring to go Kenyan-born Kazakhstani Jeruto will also be looking for top honours

Cherotich heads into biggest race of her life against Yavi

Kenyan youngster has vowed to give Bahrain athlete, who is the reigning Olympics and world champion, a run for her money in the final of women's 3,000 metres steeple chase today

“We are going to run no matter the hot weather here. It's only a race, after all.”

That was Faith Cherotich's statement at a press conference on Monday soon after winning her semi-final heat of women's 3,000 metres steeplechase at the ongoing 2025 World Athletics Championships in Tokyo, Japan.

The 21-year-old runner won her semi-final heat in 9 minutes and 13.95 seconds to qualify for today's final. Among others, she will face Kenyan-born Kazakhstani Norah Jeruto (9:14.25) and Great Britain's Elise Thorner (9:14.69), who finished in second and third places respectively.

Cherotich got the moniker “Last Born” two years ago due to her diminutive nature. She was also the youngest member of the team.

And today at 3.50pm (Kenyan time), Cherotich will face what



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will be perhaps the biggest race of her career when she comes up against reigning Olympics and world champion, Winfred Yavi of Bahrain, in the final at Tokyo Na-

tional Stadium.

Cherotich has played bridesmaid to the Kenyan-born Bahraini in championship races, but the Kenyan runner has also had her day in the sun, particularly in Diamond League races.

At the 2023 World Championship in Budapest, Yavi clocked 8 minutes, 54.29 seconds to win the gold medal ahead of world record holder Beatrice Chepkoech of Kenya, who registered 8:58:98, and Cherotich (9:00:69).

At the 2024 Olympic Games, Yavi again won gold in 8:52.76 ahead of 2022 world champion Peruth Chemutai from Uganda

Kenya's Faith Cherotich (second right) crosses the line to win her heat in the women's 3000m Steeplechase Round at Japan National Stadium. PHOTO: REUTERS

who clocked 8:53.34, and third-placed Cherotich (8:55.15).

Cherotich has dominated this season's Diamond League races, winning in Doha (9:05.08), Oslo (9:02.60), Paris (8:53.37), and in the final staged in Zurich on August 27 and 28 in a time of 8:57.24.

Yavi triumphed in Prefontaine Classic Diamond League in Oregon on July 5 in a blistering time of 8:45.24.

But Cherotich hit back by winning the final of the Diamond League staged in Zurich on August 27 and 28 in a time of 8:57.24.

Although Cherotich has dominated this season's Diamond League races, it is not a reliable pointer to how today's race could go because unlike championship races that have preliminary rounds before the final race, Diamond League races are a one-off final of sorts.

On Tuesday, Cherotich sought to downplay her rivalry with Yavi.

“It is only a game. It will not be easy, but I will do my best,” she said.

Although all eyes will be on Cherotich and Yavi, the other athlete to watch will be 2022 world champion Chemutai. Kenya's Doris Lemngole will also be in action.

The other athletes who have qualified for the final are Frenchman Flavie Renouard who timed 9:14.69 in the semis, American Lexy Halladay (9:15.06), and German Olivier Gurth (9:15.28).

TODAY'S PROGRAMME

Day 5 17/09	
Afternoon Session	
1.05pm	Men's Triple Jump Qualification
1.10pm	Men's Javelin Throw Qualification - Group A (Julius Yego)
1.30pm	Women's 200m Heats
2.10pm	Women's Pole Vault Final
2.15pm	Men's 200m Heats
2.45pm	Men's Javelin Throw Qualification - Group B
2.49pm	Men's Long Jump Final
3.03pm	Women's 400m Hurdles Semi-Final
3.30pm	Men's 400m Hurdles Semi-Final
3.57pm	Women's 3000m Steeplechase Final (Faith Cherotich, Doris Lemngole)
4.20pm	Men's 1500m Final (Timothy Cheruiyot, Reynold Cheruiyot)

MEDAL TABLE

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1. United States	6	0	2	8
2. Kenya	3	1	1	5
3. Canada	3	0	0	3
4. New Zealand	2	0	0	2
5. Jamaica	1	3	1	5
6. Sweden	1	0	1	2
7. Switzerland	1	0	0	1
7. Spain	1	0	0	1
7. France	1	0	0	1
7. Tanzania	1	0	0	1
11. Germany	0	3	0	3
12. Italy	0	2	2	4
13. Ethiopia	0	2	1	3
14. Netherlands	0	2	0	2
15. Pr Of China	0	1	1	2
16. Morocco	0	1	0	1
16. Korea	0	1	0	1
16. Nigeria	0	1	0	1
16. Greece	0	1	0	1
16. Mexico	0	1	0	1
16. Brazil	0	1	0	1
22. Australia	0	0	2	2
23. Czechia	0	0	1	1
23. Ecuador	0	0	1	1
23. Belgium	0	0	1	1
23. Cuba	0	0	1	1
23. Hungary	0	0	1	1
23. Japan	0	0	1	1
23. Uruguay	0	0	1	1
23. Colombia	0	0	1	1
23. Saint Lucia	0	0	1	1

BRIEFLY

American Olympic 1500m champion disqualified

Olympic 1,500 metres champion Cole Hocker of the US was disqualified from the event at the world championships on Monday after he barged his way through a crowd on the home straight of his semi-final to earn a qualifying slot. Hocker was boxed in on the inside with nowhere to go - just as he had been in the Olympic final a year ago. He saw a sliver of a gap open and charged through between two rivals, even turning slightly sideways to go through shoulder-first, and then broke clear to finish second. “It was tight, I was looking for any kind of gap I could find,” Hocker said after the race. “I tried my best to get through there as cleanly as possible, but I knew everybody was going to be coming from behind really fast. I got a little bit trapped in there. I have been in that position a few times before and I just tried to stay calm. I trust my instincts and just try to move through as well as I can.” Dutchman Niels Laros was the fastest qualifier for today's final. (Reuters)

Serem: It's the start of good things to come

BY JAMES MWAMBA IN TOKYO

Kenyan steeplechase runner Edmund Serem is only 17, but he cuts the image of one who has been around the track longer.

After winning bronze in men's 3,000 metres steeplechase on Monday in Tokyo, Serem fielded questions from global media with the calmness and poise of a regular campaigner on the global stage, yet he was only competing in his first major championship.

New Zealand runner Geordie Beamish won the race in 8 minutes, 33.8 seconds ahead of two-time world champion Soufiane El Bakkali from Morocco (8:33.95). Serem clocked 8:34.56 for third place. For a third consecutive time, Kenya has claimed bronze medal in the race at the world championships after Abraham Kibiwott (2023 in Budapest) and Conseslus Kipruto (2022 in Eugene, Oregon).

Serem, who has promised his fans better performances, told of how he fought to avoid being boxed in the inner lane as he chased the reigning Olympics champion Bakkali and five others down the finish line.

Tucked in the inner lane with just two laps to go, and with at least 10 pairs of legs jostling for space in front and beside him, the teenager looked trapped, outmanoeuvred, and outfoxed. He was running out of time, space and distance, and the hope of wrestling back the title from Bakkali was fast fading. Behind him, compatriot Abraham Kibiwott was fighting to stay with the leading group.

Serem summoned courage and relaunched his own title challenge from the back. He cut through the forest of legs onto the third lane, and hauled himself back into contention again.

“It was tough. There was pushing and shoving. I had prepared for the race, but not for the shoving. In the final two laps, everybody was fighting to position himself at the front. I

got to the outer lane, and to prepare for a final dash,” Serem, who won his semi-final heat on Sunday, said.

“The other day, I won my heat in the semi-finals, and I promised to fight for a medal. I have delivered bronze medal. I wanted gold so badly, but I got bronze, which I am proud of. I know my family back at home are happy, and so are Kenyans,” Serem said.

“I promise my Kenyan fans that I will work hard in the next championship to win the gold medal,” Serem, who is younger brother to Kenyan athlete Amos Serem, said. Amos, who is also a steeplechaser, won bronze at the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

Sport Athletics

It's all systems go as stars line up for the 51 edition of Berlin Marathon slated for Sunday. P.26



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American Grant's long reign as world champion ends

REUTERS

Olympic gold medallist Grant Holloway failed to get through the semi-finals of the 110 metres hurdles at the world championships yesterday, guaranteeing a new champion in the event in Tokyo.

The 27-year-old American won the last three world titles over six years but only finished sixth in 13.52 seconds in a highly competitive third semi won by Jamaican Tyler Mason.

Mason's 13.12 was the top time of the three semi-finals ahead of world leader Cordell Tinch of the

United States (13.16) and Japan's Rachid Muratake (13.17), whose performance drew a rapturous cheer from the crowd at the National Stadium.

American Ja'Kobe Tharp (13.19) and French young gun Just Kwaou-Mathey (13.22) went through to the final later on Tuesday as the two "fastest losers", the latter by two thousandths of a second from Jamaica's Demario Prince.

Meanwhile, Canada's Ethan Katzberg claimed a third global hammer title in three years on Tuesday when he launched his second attempt a massive 84.70 metres for a championship record that made him the fifth-longest thrower in history.

The 23-year-old was over 81 metres with all six throws and finished with an 83.73 for fun with the gold medal already assured. He is now a double world champion either side of his Olympic triumph last year and his win made it a hammer double for Canada in Tokyo after Camryn Rogers completed the same global hat-trick on Monday.



Grant Holloway of US during the semi-final of the men's 110m hurdles race in Tokyo. PHOTO | REUTERS

Glorious duo Jubilation as Kenyans in a 1-2 finish at Tokyo games

Kipyegon makes history with fourth world title

Star athlete destroys 1,500m field for big step towards attaining athletics immortality



James Mwamba
In Tokyo

Multiple Olympics and world 1,500 metres champion Faith Kipyegon has taken a big step towards achieving athletics immortality by winning a fourth world title yesterday at the 2025 World Athletics Championships in Tokyo.

Yesterday, Kipyegon clocked 3 minutes, 52.15 seconds to lead Dorcas Ewoi to a 1-2 finish for Kenya in Tokyo. Ewoi finished in 3:52.92, followed by Jessica Hull from Australia in 3:55.15. Another



Kenya's Faith Kipyegon after winning the women's 1500 metres gold medal at Japan National Stadium in Tokyo yesterday. PHOTO | REUTERS

er Kenyan Nelly Chepchirchir finished fourth in 3:55.25.

Kipyegon's latest victory comes in the wake of success in 2017 World Athletics Championships in London, as well as in 2022 and 2023 editions of the championship held in Oregon and Budapest respectively.

The Kenyan star, who improved her own world record of 3:49.04 she had set at the Paris Diamond League on July 7 last year to 3:48.68 in July at Prefontaine Classic Diamond league Meeting in Oregon, also holds three Olympic titles. She went into yesterday's race as the only woman to have won three Olympics 1,500m titles, having triumphed in 2016 Games in Rio de Janeiro, at the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo, and at the 2024 Games in Paris. Kipyegon's also holds the world 5,000m title.

Yesterday, she spoke of her immense joy in winning a fourth world title.

"I thank God for enabling me to win a fourth title in 1,500m here. Crossing the finish line to see that I had won it is really a special moment for me," Kipyegon,

31, said.

Kipyegon, who won her third Olympics title in Tokyo in the delayed 2020 Games held in 2021 behind closed doors, was happy to see a capacity crowd at Tokyo National Stadium on her return to the Japanese capital city.

"Last time I competed here, there were no crowds. It was exciting to see the stadium full of fans, it was a good atmosphere," she said. The athlete also paid tribute to her team mate Ewoi, saying it warmed her heart to see the US-based runner sharing the podium with her.

"To see my team mate on the podium feels special. The three of us were capable of doing magic because anything is possible in a championship," she added.

On Friday, Kipyegon will take the first step towards winning a second gold medal in Tokyo when she competes in the semi-final heats of women's 5,000m race. She will come up against freshly-minted world 10,000m champion Beatrice Chebet who is also the Olympics champion in the distance.

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#2 PARENTING

ChatGPT is my co-parent: Kenyan parents tap AI for advice



BY TEBBY OTIENO

When Dennis Mbau, 34, got his first-born three years ago, he was thrilled to be a new dad. Eager to do his best for his daughter but with little knowledge of parenting, he turned to technology as his guide.

At the time, he was pursuing his Master's degree at the University of Nairobi, and he felt his tech skills could help him navigate fatherhood.

"As a new parent, I always try to understand the milestones of my children every month. I am the parent, but AI (Artificial Intelligence) to me is like a person who knows a lot. Instead of calling someone to ask, I prompt it with different scenarios, 'What if this happens', then I compare."

Through AI, Mbau says he accesses information that helps him plan for his child efficiently, instead of relying on trial and error.

"AI gives me a whole year's worth of developmental milestones of my baby, like when the teeth were going to grow. It helped me know what kind of things to start doing, like talking to the child."

Last year, when his daughter reached play-group age, he was anxious about letting her go for the first time. Once again, he consulted his "search engine," AI.

"I asked AI, 'What kind of questions should I ask the teachers?' 'How should I ensure that she is well taken care of?' AI then gave me all the information I needed, and it helped us prepare for the big day."

As he accompanied her to school in the morning, he felt confident, and it made things easier for his daughter, too. Later, as he went to work, he was able to concentrate and focus on work because he felt he had covered all the bases with his daughter's first day at school.

When Mbau's second baby came along, he was well acquainted with AI. One time, the baby fell sick, and as they headed to the hospital, he checked in with AI to understand what was happening and what to expect at the doctor's office.

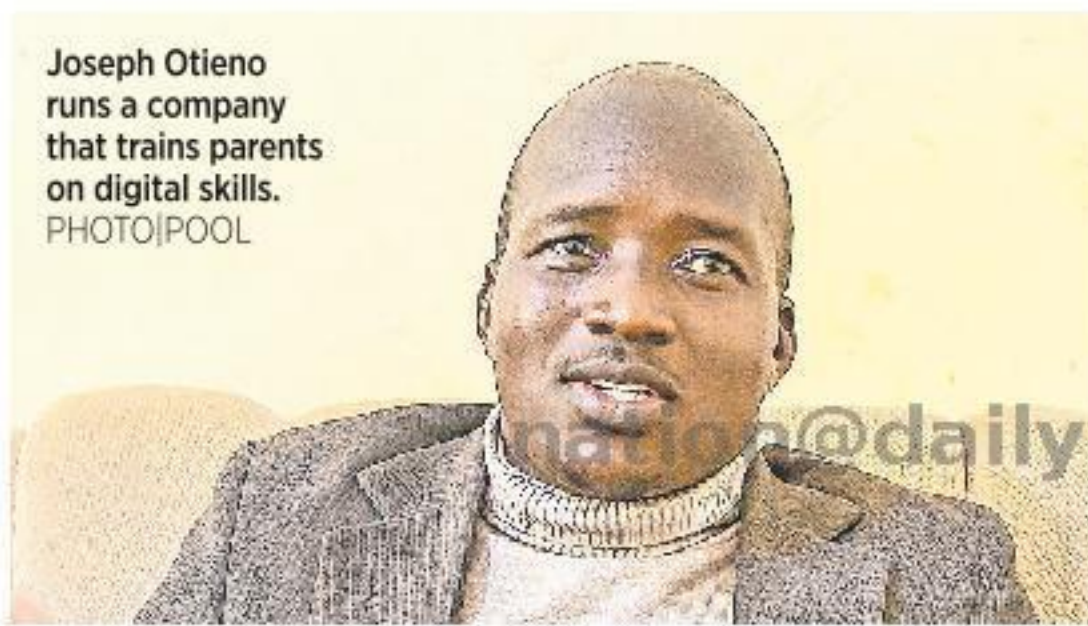
"For example, when my baby had a swelling, I tried Google, but it gave me so many different trends, which upset me. But with AI, I was able to give more details—like she had just had a vitamin A vaccination, no fever, then suddenly swelling. The response I got was more exact, and when I went to the hospital, it concurred with what AI had told me," he explains.

Better understanding

Elsewhere in Nairobi, another parent, Terry Musyoki, also relies on AI in her parenting journey. A mother of four, she says AI helps her better understand her children.

"I am using AI because I have children of all

Joseph Otieno runs a company that trains parents on digital skills. PHOTO/POOL



Yes, AI can help in parenting but it should not replace you.

Joseph Otieno



AI is just a place of research, it's not always accurate.

Terry Musyoki



Terry Musyoki is a mother of three teenagers aged 17, 16, and 13 and an adult who is 26. PHOTO/POOL

ages. My son has a disability, and AI helps me learn how to communicate effectively with him. Ours is a blended family, and I get tips on how to integrate the children in a Godly way."

However, Terry is cautious with the information she gets from AI. She has raised children both before and after the AI boom and believes technology only enhances, not replaces, parenting.

"I have one son whom I raised without AI. He is 26 years old now, and it is not AI that helped me parent him into the young man he is today. So, to me, AI has just come to enhance my parenting because this generation we are in uses technology. But I don't use it 100 per cent."

Like Mbau, she prompts AI on specific par-



I used AI to track my babies' milestones.

Dennis Mbau



enting questions.

"How do I speak to a child who has a disability without offending them? If I want to talk to a child who has been diagnosed with a certain condition, how do I say it?"

She describes AI as a "place of research" that fills her gaps as a parent. She is already passing these skills to her children and other parents in an organisation where she volunteers.

"I have shown my children how to prompt AI when they are studying, but I still have to check their work. I have noticed that AI is not always accurate with information in the Bible."

While these parents have found AI to be useful, some, like Alfred Kamula, have reservations. Alfred, a father of four, became concerned when his 19-year-old son admitted that AI was making his school-work easier by making him think less.

"I think AI will make most children not reason and instead have a low thinking capacity and be too lazy because everything they want, they go to AI and get it there," he says.

Although curious, Kamula has never used AI himself.

"There is no school for parenting, and every

parent has their way of raising their children. As much as you may use AI for other things, sometimes you just need to use your wisdom, and I don't think that wisdom is in AI."

He mentioned areas where he struggles as a parent, and we prompted his questions to AI on WhatsApp. Within seconds, AI offered 10 parenting skills, starting with active listening.

Upon reading the feedback, Kamula got curious and asked more questions.

"AI, why is it difficult to correct Gen Z children?"

The AI response explained that factors such as digital nativity, entitlement, emotional sensitivity, independence, and constant feedback all play a role. It advised him to use positive language, empathy, clear communication, set boundaries, and encourage self-reflection.

After a few minutes exploring the tool, Kamula noted, "I see that AI has specific and somehow accurate answers."

Assistant, not replacement

Counselling psychologist Pauline Kariru says that being a mother of teenagers forced her to learn AI from her tech-savvy children. She finds much of the feedback, like that which AI gave to Kamula, psychologically sound.

"If I were concerned, I would ask for evidence behind this data. AI is a new phenomenon, and in psychology, we say answers have to be research-based," she explains.

Joseph Otieno, director of Talanta Digital Solutions, says his company now trains parents monthly on AI use.

"AI can help parents as far as educational support is concerned, whereby parents guide their children on homework and make learning more personalised. AI can also help with time management, screen monitoring, and age-appropriate content," he says.

But Otieno cautions parents not to depend fully on technology.

"There still has to be a balance. AI can help in parenting, but it should not be entirely a replacement. It does not have human emotions. In some responses that are not culturally sensitive, AI cannot help you."

He adds that parents should double-check the answers they receive and weigh the soundness of the feedback.

"Over-reliance on AI is not good. Parenting cannot be outsourced. Emotional presence and human wisdom cannot be replaced because AI does not have that. It is also important to realise that some of the responses AI tools give are biased, meaning they are not always the right answer."

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Parenting



How to navigate toddler tantrums

BY ESTHER INTABO

Children's tantrums can test the patience of even the calmest parent, but according to parenting coach Anthony Nene, they're not just about bad behaviour. They're a crucial part of growing up, and how you handle them can make all the difference.

"When a child's speech is still developing, they may not know how to express themselves in words. Out of frustration, they throw tantrums to get attention. For older children, even teenagers, it can be a way of testing boundaries, rebelling, or asserting independence."

According to Nene, tantrums can, in some cases, be a sign of poor parenting.

"For toddlers, it's often the only way they know how to express hunger, tiredness, or discomfort. But if parents give in to demands every time, older children quickly learn that tantrums are a shortcut to getting their way. If boundaries are not respected and there are no consequences, the behaviour will persist."

The 'terrible twos'

Contrary to the name, the 'terrible twos' are not confined to age two. The stage can last until around age three.

"At this age, toddlers learn so much so quickly. They climb, break things, and experiment with everything. They know what they want and they can be stubborn, but they can also go from very angry to very happy in a heartbeat."

Nene says you can't fully prepare for the terrible twos but you can minimise the chaos.

"Creating routines and allowing them small choices like picking what to wear can also give them a sense of control. Consistency is key."

"Keep your promises, whether it's delivering a treat you promised or sticking to a 'no' on sweets. Children know which parent is softer. That's why parents need to have a united front, agree on what's a no, what rewards to give, and what consequences apply for broken rules."

Nene encourages parents to allow their children to express themselves. "Continuous punishment makes a child grow timid. However, if you raise them with patience, they will be

self-assured, imaginative, and emotionally resilient.

When to worry

According to child psychologist Mercy Wayamba, tantrums may point to underlying issues such as anxiety, developmental delays, or disorders like ADHD or autism.

"If a child is having more than five tantrums in a single day, on multiple days within a month, that's unusual," she explains. "So is aggression or self-harming behaviour."

Tantrums that persist beyond the age of five, or those that occur without an obvious trigger, are also red flags.

For parents, knowing how to respond is half the battle. "The key is to stay calm," Mercy says. "Model the behaviour you want to see, because children learn a lot by observing. Create a safe space, validate their feelings, and use gentle communication."

The bigger picture is helping children develop emotional regulation skills. Mercy suggests simple but powerful strategies.

"Acknowledge your child's feelings instead of dismissing them, offer choices to give them a sense of control, and stick to predictable routines around meals, sleep, and playtime," she says.

For parents who often feel overwhelmed in the middle of a meltdown, Mercy offers some reassurance.

"Tantrums healthy because they teach children how to deal with strong feelings. Our job is to remain calm, keep the child safe, and remember that this phase doesn't last forever."

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Mental health

What to do when your child is in a suicidal crisis

BY HELLEN MISEDIA

To his family in Nairobi's Umoja estate, Mark was a bright, promising second-year student at a local university—a beacon of their hopes. He was a dedicated member of his church's drama club, often captivating congregations with performances that masked a pain no one saw.

His mother, Mrs. Leah Atieno, remembers the last time she saw her son alive.

"He said he was tired and went to his room," she recalls, her voice heavy with a grief now compounded by a haunting question: "What did we miss?" Later that day, they found him. He had locked his bedroom door and taken his own life.

Elsewhere, Mary Wamuyu, a middle-aged journalist from Nairobi, was left speechless when her 11-year-old Grade Six daughter, Angel, made a chilling ultimatum: "I will kill myself if you take me to boarding."

At Angel's school, all Grade Seven students are expected to board as a rule. But after this stark confession, Mary will have to transfer her daughter to another school with a day option next year.

"I was so shocked, and the message sank deep. Since boarding is mandatory and with her deadly warning, I will have to transfer her to a new school."

The stories of Mark and Angel represent every parent's deepest fear, a path no family expects to walk, yet one that demands courage, compassion, and clarity to navigate.

Indeed, when a child ends their life, a torrent of guilt floods the minds of those left behind. Parents are left grappling with agonising questions: "Did I fail this child? Did I miss their cries for help? Was there something—anything—we could have done to save them? What clues might have lingered in their social media posts, silently pleading for attention?" These relentless thoughts form the emotional whirlpool that follows when a child does the unthinkable.

The digital cry for help

Suicide is a pressing public health crisis in Kenya. According to data from the Ministry of Health, four people die by suicide in the country every day, reflecting a global toll of one life lost every 40 seconds.

World Health Organisation data states that suicide is a leading



cause of death among Kenyans aged 15 to 29. Compounding this tragedy is a critical lack of access to care; an alarming 75 per cent of Kenyans cannot obtain mental health services.

Integrating these services into primary healthcare is a vital solution, projected to save 190 lives every year according to the Ministry of Health. This integration forms a key action area of Kenya's national suicide prevention strategy, with its implementation detailed in the Kenya Mental Health Action Plan 2021-2025.

Nation Lifestyle spoke to mental health experts on how to navigate the heart-stopping moment a child says, "I want to die."

To truly understand how to respond, it is critical to understand the context in which such profound distress occurs. Suicide is rarely the result of a single cause, but rather emerges from a blend of different factors that can overwhelm a young person's ability to cope.

Dr Linnet Onger, a psychiatrist and mental health researcher in Kenya, writing in *The Conversation*, describes suicide as a complex issue. "It results from the interplay of various factors, including genetic, biological, psychological, socio-economic, and cultural influences. There is a strong link between suicide and mental health disorders."

However, Dr Onger notes that many suicides occur impulsively during moments of crisis or in response to significant life challenges—often involving the denial of basic human rights and access to resources. "They could also be brought on by stressful events like loss of livelihood, academic or work-related pressures, relationship breakdowns, and other life crises," she adds.

Dr Kabii Thuo, an author and social researcher, observes that children's tendency to amplify life

events can contribute significantly to suicidal thoughts. In their minds, stressors may feel too overwhelming to overcome, making death seem like the only escape.

This gap in perception is often where the tragedy begins. According to Dr Thuo, one common misconception is that parents may underrate a child's feelings, especially when they believe they have provided sufficiently for material needs, not realising that emotional and psychological needs extend far beyond these provisions.

"This frustrates the child immensely, but the parent may easily brush it off as a small matter," says Dr Thuo.

Dr Onger further highlights a damaging complication: stigmatising views frequently mischaracterise suicide as a sign of weakness or failure, rather than a potential consequence of profound emotional distress or mental health challenges.

"This stigma often manifests as judgment, shame, or social exclusion," she explains, "making it difficult for people to openly discuss their struggles or seek help. This societal stigma isolates individuals, creates barriers to accessing mental health support, and ultimately compounds the risk of suicide."

Against this troubling backdrop, what are the warning signs that parents should be aware of that may indicate a child is contemplating suicide?

Dr Thuo observes that the signs of a child's distress are seldom as direct as a spoken cry for help. More often, they are concealed in the digital spaces.

"We need to move beyond looking for classic signs of sadness," Dr Thuo advises. "Parents must learn to decode the digital language of distress."

These subtle signals may include a sudden shift from sharing cheerful images to posting cryptic, bleak, or despairing quotes and memes; giving away valued vir-

tual possessions, such as gaming skins or digital currency; extreme changes in social media behaviour—either withdrawing completely or posting excessively; or pulling back from family group chats while staying active in other online circles.

Above all, Dr Thuo emphasises that in these moments, a parent's response must be grounded in a calm, compassionate presence. Demonstrating understanding, sympathy, and empathy is not just supportive—it can itself be a source of healing.

He offers practical, step-by-step guidance for navigating these profoundly difficult circumstances:

First, listen, don't lecture: Create a safe space. Use phrases like, "It sounds like you're carrying a really heavy weight. I'm here with you." Reassuring your child of your love and support helps build trust during vulnerable moments.

Ask directly: Asking, "Are you thinking about hurting yourself?" does not plant the idea. It shows you're willing to face difficult things together and can actually bring relief. World Health Organisation suicide prevention guidelines recommend asking directly.

Ensure immediate safety: If there is an immediate risk, do not leave them alone. Calmly remove any means of self-harm you are aware of.

Seek professional help for guidance and support. It's important to have the child see a therapist who can walk with them using the right tools and skills.

"When mental health symptoms appear, parents need to understand that the issue has been incubating for some time. You can deal with the flowers and the fruits, but remember, the roots took time to grow. Success lies in addressing what's beneath."

For the overwhelmed parent feeling terrified, guilty, and lost, the counsellor offers a message of hope:

"Your fear is a testament to your love. Mental health challenges are complex, shaped by biology, brain chemistry, environment, and many factors beyond a parent's control."

In their book, *The Whole-Brain Child* Dr Daniel Siegel and Dr Tina Payne Bryson, reassure parents that the goal is not perfection but connection. It's about using everyday moments to lovingly guide a child's developing mind.

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Identity A deed poll formally records a person's decision to change their name and adopt a new one

I have kept my ex's name for 18 years. Is it too late to drop it?

By Eric,
I got married young and took up my ex-husband's last name. I changed my ID to reflect this. I have kept his name for the last 18 years since we parted ways. I recently met someone and I am considering getting married to him. I feel it is time I dropped my ex's name from my ID. Is it too late to change my name? What steps should I take even as I prepare to start a new chapter in life?

Hi,
Your question highlights the desire for a personalised identity that distinguishes you from your former spouse. It's important to understand that while the tradition of marriage often involves the practice of women adopting their husbands' last names, it is not obligatory.

The true meaning of marriage is found not in titles or names, but in the legal commitment established by the Marriage Act of 2014 and the Marriage Customary Rules of 2017. These laws allow for the registration of all types of unions, whether polygamous

or monogamous. Additionally, the legal landscape in this area is changing rapidly, leading to more progressive discussions about gender roles. For instance, in the Supreme Court of South Africa case of Jordaan and Others v. Minister of Home Affairs and Another (CCT 296/24), it was ruled that husbands can also take on their wives' last names. This change indicates that civil registration in some countries may soon see significant transformations in how individuals choose to identify themselves, particularly within marriages.

To begin with, you were registered as currently identified by the powers granted to the Registrar of Persons under Section 5 of the Registration of Persons Act. This section mandates that the Registrar of Persons must register individuals with specific details, including their name, race, tribe, date of birth, occupation, and place of residence, among other information. Section 16 of the same Act states that a Cabinet Secretary may establish rules allowing registered individuals to change their name, place of residence,



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or postal address.

This could be necessary for various reasons, such as the death of a spouse, moving from Kenya to another jurisdiction, or other reasonable circumstances determined by the registrar.

Since a person's registration begins at birth, as stated in the Births and Deaths Registration Act, it's essential to refer to Section 14 when rewriting your identity.

This section notes that if the birth of a child is registered before the child has received a name, or if the name on the registration is changed, the parent

or guardian can, within two years of the registration, apply to register the name given to the child. This requires payment of a prescribed fee and providing any evidence the registrar deems necessary.

To amend your name according to the Registration of Documents Act, you will need a deed poll. A deed poll is a legal document that formally records a person's decision to change their name, allowing them to officially adopt a new one.

The document must be signed by the individual wanting the name change and then registered

by the Registrar of Documents. Following this, the name change is published in the Kenya Gazette to inform the public. If there are no objections to the name change within the specified timeframe, the individual can apply for a new identification card by following the procedures outlined in Sections 5 and 6 of the Registration of Persons Act.

Additionally, it is important to ensure that all other official documents are updated with the new name.

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Why did she change her mind about marrying me?

Hi Benjamin,
I feel confused. Why would someone walk out on me just before marriage, and why do people do that anyway? Why bring us so far only to leave me stranded? This is precisely what my fiancée did to me. We were supposed to marry next month, but after dowry payments and pre-wedding arrangements, she has changed her mind.

Dear reader,
Getting married is often a first-time experience for most people. They start with love and excitement, but when the formal process begins, they're shocked at the extent of commitment they're getting into.

The sheer sight of the meetings, the number of people coming to the events, and how serious everything is—these are enough to make someone panic. It tests someone's commitment, and if they are not confident in themselves, they can run.

Low self-esteem and lack of confidence can also make people flee. They get afraid that they won't measure up to their partner's expectations.

Other people realise they weren't really up for the challenge of a lifelong journey. They overcommitted. They realise they're losing their freedom to seek out other lovers, and they aren't particularly prepared for that. They wanted you, but didn't know what it meant to get married.

Others run away because they have secrets that haunt them. They haven't told you the whole story of their life and the messes they created. They fear that some-



one will tell you, or the solemnity of these occasions will make them to either come clean or flee the scene.

However, it's unfair for someone to walk out on you after all this publicity. But you know what? This is a better point for them to quit than waiting until you're married and then dragging you through an ugly divorce.

You did the right thing to take the wedding route. Hopefully, you maintained sexual boundaries and there are no lingering emotional attachments or even a child between you. This will make detaching a hundred times easier than if you had crossed those lines.

So, how do you deal with the shock and the shame?

Treat this as a failed project. Projects do fail—in business, in construction, in social life, and in personal life. It never means the person is a failure. It just means that some things were not right, and the collapse allows one to learn and do better next time.

There's no social shame; you're not to blame when people walk out on you. If you sneaked into marriage, you'd be stuck with a quitter. Many people are in that position, and even if they try to shame you, pity them. Marrying through a ceremony is the most fool-proof way to test seriousness and honesty.

What about the sense of loss and the confusion of not knowing where to start? Put yourself under psychological care, the same way you would if you incurred a heavy busi-

ness loss.

Healing after such a painful experience is not instant, and you shouldn't expect to get over it in a snap. But with the proper measures, you will be on your feet again.

You don't drown away stress through drinking or partying. You dig it up in therapy and inner work. This will also help you avoid bitterness or self-doubt in future relationships. This was not a rejection of your worth; it was a reflection of the other person's fear and ungreediness.

If you need to move to a different town or neighbourhood to start afresh, or to start new social media handles to ward off prying eyes, do it. Give yourself the chance to launch your life again and still find the love you seek.

Grieving the loss of your time and the thing you thought would work is healthy and understandable. That's why you should not be afraid to share with your close relatives and friends. They will give you warm emotional support to help you navigate the healing journey.

Remember that marriage is a partnership with the right person at the right time, and it can be difficult when one party is not in it fully.

This painful ending is not your end or identity; it is simply a closed chapter. Your life's story still holds brighter pages yet to unfold. Others have found their soulmates after the runner left them at the aisle. You will, too. Good luck!

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Parenting



Co-parenting works if you put children first

"If you love your child more than you dislike your ex, you can solve most co-parenting problems." This quote is often used to help calm strong emotions when it comes to parenting after divorce or separation. At the core of co-parenting lies an uncomfortable truth: children do not choose their parents, but parents do choose how they behave after separation or divorce.

The pain of a breakup can be raw and overwhelming, especially when betrayal or abuse is involved. Arguments circle in your mind, old wounds itch, and even seeing your ex can raise your blood pressure. But when children are involved, the focus must shift from proving who is right to protecting who is innocent.

Co-parenting is not about rekindling friendship or forcing affection where none remains, but about prioritising the well-being of the child above the wreckage of the relationship. Loving your child 'more' than you dislike your ex means you are willing to rise above pettiness, delay that sarcastic text, and show up at school events without turning it into a silent war. It means your children see two adults who may not live together anymore, but who still stand united in one mission: raising healthy, confident, and secure human beings.

When parents lead with love for their children, they shift from adversaries to allies. That shift does not erase the pain of the past, but it softens the edge of conflict and builds a stable bridge for the child to walk across, between two homes, two lives, and often, two very different parenting styles.

Co-parenting is a progressive journey of growth for parents. At first, it feels like enrolling in



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Co-parenting

a class you never applied for. There is no syllabus, no manual, and the exam is daily. It is definitely a strange arrangement for children, too, who now have to pack their toothbrushes and math homework like mini-nomads moving between Mom's house and Dad's.

At first, it is chaotic, sometimes even traumatic. Kids are exchanged in supermarket parking lots, no words, no eye contact, just a swift hand-off of backpacks and water bottles. Neutral ground becomes sacred: gas stations, playgrounds, or church parking lots. And yet, beneath the awkward choreography lies the slow realisation that this, too, can work, if everyone is willing to grow up, laugh a little, and put the kids first.

Lilian Njoroge, a Marriage and Family Therapist, observes that children are the silent victims of divorce and urges parents to practice responsible co-parenting. "Nearly 95 per cent of my young clients come from separated or divorced families. This pattern is not unique to my practice; global research consistently shows that marital dissolution has a significant impact on children's emotional, behavioural, and social development. Unfortunately, many parents become so absorbed in their own pain, anger, or

sense of betrayal during separation that they lose sight of how their conflict affects their children's well-being."

You see, a co-parenting arrangement is not on anyone's vision board, bucket list or wedding planning agenda. Yet, life happens, marriages unravel, and suddenly you are dealing with phrases like PRA – Parental Responsibility Agreement – custody and co-parenting. In time, you learn that co-parenting is less about rules and more about resilience and compromise. Parenting, by itself, is a challenging undertaking. When we compound the pain of separation, divorce, betrayal, and the blame game, we leave the children extremely confused and vulnerable. Few divorced couples achieve civility, and to protect the children, there are government agencies that also get involved. Newton Adidi, a Children's Officer, adds that the Social Protection office supports co-parenting by providing mediation and counselling through discussions between parents to encourage cooperation in raising their children. "We also educate on positive parenting, emphasising the importance of both parents' involvement in their child's life."

Linus Oyugi, an advocate of the High Court, says, "Custody battles often strain co-parenting by fuelling mistrust, conflict and competition instead of cooperation for the child's well-being. The court plays a critical role in setting out custody and access rights and responsibilities to ensure fairness, to assist the parents to focus on the child's best interests."

You want to ace this and turn out as stars at co-parenting? Love your child more than you dislike their other parent.

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Should you monitor your child's phone?



Way back then, one of the main ways of communication was through letters. However, most families did not have mailboxes. We received mail "care of" - that is c/o - our churches, workplaces, or through friends or relatives.

My dad, aka Japuonj, was a church teacher who believed with every fibre of his being that all secular music was satanic. But me? I loved music. All genres of music.

When I was around 11 years old, I became the conductor of our church's Sunday School choir. I even won the trophy for the best overall conductor - beating youth and senior choirs - in our annual church's choir competition in Dala Hela Cathedral, Kisumu.

I was a sponge for anything musical. Come high school, and I soaked up other musical influences, mostly reggae.

In the early '90s, I entered a music talent search. I used my dad's workplace address, and I gave the talent organisation my dad's address. I would receive communication from them c/o him. That was my hope.

Snoop Dad

Man, I waited ages for a reply to that once-in-a-lifetime letter — I might as well have gotten pregnant and given birth... twice!

Until one day, I got this missive from Snoop Dad (Japuonj): "I received the reply to the letter you sent to that music talent competition. I tore up that letter. No child of mine is going to be a musician." Talk about hopes being dashed.

I felt my privacy was violated. Not to mention that dreams



Just A Man
Josaya Wasonga

were flushed down the drain. But that was then. Parents were allowed to invade their children's privacy. And we would do nothing about it.

Jane Kariuki, a devout Christian, Psychologist, and founder of ParenTeen Kenya, authored an exceptional training manual used in her teens' workshop and parenting classes.

"If you want to monitor your teen's phone without appearing intrusive, be honest about why you want to do it. Discuss it with them beforehand and tell them you plan on frequently checking their online activity," Jane counsels.

"Give the reasons behind your decision and offer examples of how unhealthy phone use and online habits can compromise a teenager's life. Clarify that the ultimate responsibility lies with them, and you'll reduce the frequency of monitoring when they model responsible phone usage."

Jane adds that parents should let their children know that their phone accessibility will be tightened if a parent finds

suspicious activities and unhealthy phone usage, such as posting revealing images, bullying, frequently conversing with questionable people and beliefs, spending more than the agreed-upon hours on the phone, and postponing school and home responsibilities due to phone usage.

Monitoring spirit

Now that I am older and I am walking in Japuonj's shoes, I can cut my old man some slack. He was just doing what he knew best. Straight after education in the sticks, he took a train to the capital city, with all his country values in tow, to start a new life.

All his children were born and raised in the city. He didn't have a degree in parenting. But he had good intentions. Still, from where we were standing, we often didn't see good intentions but a spoilsport.

Times have changed. We may have Uncle Google and a slew of other parenting resources, but, by and large, most of us are flying on a wing and a prayer.

With all that is going on, it is hard to resist peeking at my daughter's social media platforms to see what she is up to. I have to hold myself back from perusing the watch history of my nephew, who usually hogs my phone when on holiday.

"What would Japuonj do if he was parenting in the age of social media?" my nephew once asked me.

"He would be a monitoring spirit!"

"What?"

"Just kidding, nephew. Just kidding."

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