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Nduto spared execution in Vietnam, sent to jail for life

Margaret Nduto has been on death row for two years following her arrest and conviction on drug trafficking charges in Hoh Chi Minh. Yesterday, Vietnam People's Supreme Court upheld her conviction, but commuted her death sentence to life imprisonment. Recent legal amendments in the country exempt drug traffickers from automatic death penalty. **SEE PAGE 2**



Controversy Some union leaders have alleged illegal deductions on the July payslips of tutors

Teachers shocker over pay increase

Teachers Service Commission acting CEO Eveleen Mitei when she appeared before MPs at Bunge Tower, Nairobi, on July 9. DENNIS ONSONGO | NATION



SAMPLE OF SALARY INCREMENT ACROSS DIFFERENT JOB GROUPS

Job group	Number of teachers	Current monthly salary	Salary by end of 2029	Monthly pay rise per year until 2029
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C2	39,501	36,621	41,420	1,199
C3	32,281	44,412	49,781	1,342
C4	56,813	52,308	58,585	1,569
C5	70,001	64,770	69,745	1,243
D1	43,243	78,625	80,984	589
D2	10,395	92,119	95,271	788
D3	491	105,182	109,224	1,010
D4	189	118,242	121,789	886
D5	76	131,380	135,321	985

* Minimum salaries for each job group based on TSC data
* Number of teachers based on 2023 data from SRC

Celebrations by teachers over a recently sealed Sh33 billion pay deal have been shortlived after it dawned on most that their take-home is a drop in the ocean — with some lamenting the increment is less than Sh1,000 per month. Disgruntled tutors are now accusing their unions and the government of hoodwinking them with a mouth-watering bargain only to be left holding the short end of the stick. **P.8**



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National News

Family distraught, but relieved their kin will not face death penalty

BY MARTIN MWAURA

The family of Margaret Nduta, who was jailed in Vietnam, says their kin's conviction has taken an anxious toll on them, even though they are relieved she was spared the death penalty.

Nduta was convicted after being found in possession of two kilogrammes of narcotics, a charge that previously carried a mandatory death sentence under Vietnam's penal code.

On Thursday, the Vietnamese People's Supreme Court tempered Nduta's punishment, instead sentencing her to life imprisonment.

Apply for clemency

She will have an option to apply for clemency to the country's President, something the Kenyan Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs said it will also be pursuing.

Nduta hails from Weithaga in Kiharu Constituency, Murang'a County.

Speaking to *Nation* yesterday, Ms Rosemary Macharia, Nduta's sister, said the family welcomed the court's decision even though her lifetime incarceration was very concerning.

Their mother, Ms Macharia revealed, had been hit the hardest by the harrowing saga and has had to be put on medication.

"She fell ill when the story of

my sister's arrest broke. She is not even aware of the new development and we would not like to comment on it," she said.

"As we speak, I have just come from hospital and talking to my mother about the issue will cause her more stress. We're waiting to find out what will be the next course of action as we try to save our sister," she added.

Nduta, who has a twin sister, is the last-born in a family of four siblings, all girls. She was born in October 1988.

Yesterday's ruling in Vietnam follows legal reforms in the Asian country that removed an automatic death penalty for certain crimes, including drug trafficking.

Arrested on arrival

The court's decision now allows Nduta to apply for clemency or a reduction of the sentence from the President of Vietnam, who has the constitutional power to grant leniency.

In past cases, those caught trafficking at least 100 grammes of narcotics faced an automatic death penalty.

Nduta was arrested on arrival in Vietnam in July 2023, after a connecting flight was delayed at Hoh Chi Minh Airport.

It is possible her sentence was informed by the amount of drugs she was found with when authorities arrested her.

Justice She was convicted for trafficking two kilos of narcotics in Vietnam

Nduta avoids hangman's noose, gets life in prison

When the first court sentenced her to death, Kenyan officials worked up the phones

BY AGGREY MUTAMBO

When Margaret Macharia Nduta, 37, was arrested in Hoh Chi Minh in July 2023, two possibilities may have crossed her mind—either she would go to the gallows, or she would be free the next day.

Two years later, she is facing life imprisonment in Vietnam, the result of trafficking two kilos of narcotics. Yesterday, the Vietnam People's Supreme Court found her guilty of trafficking narcotics, agreeing with an earlier court. But this was actually a lesser penalty because the lower court had sentenced her to death.

The story began on July 3, 2023 when she arrived in Vietnam in transit to Laos, a neighbouring Asian country.

Her family says she was travelling for the first time out of Kenya, but a *Nation* investigation has uncovered that she had actually lived in Ghana and the United Arab Emirates before this. The purpose of visits to these two countries remains unclear.

At the Hoh Chi Minh City Air-

port, as she waited for a transit flight, customs officials detected unusual cargo in her luggage. It is the content of this luggage that authorities used to nail her in court. On March 6, the Vietnam People's Court of First Instance (equivalent to a magistrate's court in Kenya) found her guilty of "illegal transportation" of drugs.

In Vietnam, trafficking more than 100 grammes of narcotics has often attracted the death penalty, although authorities there had been slowing down on fast execution of foreigners.

This policy offered Nduta a window of opportunity. Her situation was also helped by a public uproar back in Kenya after Nduta's photos were published by Vietnam's English-speaking media.

In court, she argued that she was a transit passenger to Laos. However, the purpose of the trip



Margaret Nduta, the 37-year-old woman from Murang'a County who was on March 6, 2025 condemned to hang in Vietnam for drug trafficking. PHOTO | POOL

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Number of years that those convicted of drug trafficking are imprisoned for in Vietnam under a new policy

WPP | SCANGROUP PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT CHANGE IN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



The Board of WPP Scangroup Plc wishes to inform the public of the resignation of Mr. Dominic Grainger as a Non-Executive Director with effect from 31st July 2025.

Mr. Grainger steps down from the Board following his retirement as Chief Executive Officer, WPP Specialist Communications (UK). He has served on the Board of the Company since 2018.

The Board extends its sincere appreciation to Mr. Grainger for his commitment and significant contributions, which have positively shaped the Company's growth and strategic direction throughout his tenure.

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to Laos was not made clear or was probably ignored in translation in court.

When the first court sentenced her to death, Kenya's Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs worked up the phones. Dr Korir Sing'oei, the Principal Secretary at the ministry, spoke to his diplomatic counterparts in Vietnam.

After a March 16 phone call with Vietnam's Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Nguyen Minh Hang to formally ask for a stay of execution, there was no forthcoming promise, other than for her to pursue appeal.

The Kenyan Embassy in Thailand, accredited to Vietnam, would then follow it up with more diplomatic back-channels. It still remained the Supreme Court to decide.

In Court yesterday, Nduta maintained the same arguments that she was a transit passenger. Normally, however, countries are duty bound to detect and stop trafficking of narcotics on their territory. The appellate court rejected this reasoning.

She also argued that she had no idea she had drugs in the luggage, suggesting that the narcotics were loaded without her knowledge.

She asked for a reduced sentence to a number of years, rather than an acquittal. The Supreme People's Court, sitting in Hoh Chi Minh City, handed her a heavier, but reduced penalty of life in jail.

Chance at clemency

The verdict yesterday, a final judicial decision, means she can spend the rest of her life in jail. However, she will have a chance at clemency whose powers are vested in the Vietnamese President.

The decision, however, comes as a reprieve for a woman and her anguished family in Kenya who had appealed to the Kenyan government to intervene.

Her appeal benefited from Vietnam's recent amendments to the Penal Code, exempting drug trafficking, among several other crimes, from automatic death penalty. These days, most traffickers get sentenced to 40 years in jail.

It is, however, possible, that the court that was presided over by Judge Tran Van Dat, was informed by the amount of drugs she was found with when authorities arrested her on transit at Hoh Chi Minh Airport.

Paternity row: Court orders DNA tests for Jonathan Moi's 19 children

BY SAM KIPLAGAT

The High Court has ordered for a DNA test to be conducted on the children of former President Daniel arap Moi's eldest son Jonathan in a raging legal dispute over their paternity.

Justice Eric Ogola directed the test be conducted on the 19 beneficiaries of the estate of Jonathan Moi, now deceased, and who was popularly known as JT Moi, following an application by some of the beneficiaries.

Jonathan died in April 2019 and was buried at his farm in Kabimoi, Eldama Ravine. His first wife Sylvia was granted a temporary order to administer the estate and for purposes of offsetting bills and preserving her husband's estate until the court made a final determination on the matter.

The family later agreed to pick administrators from each of his four houses, to be administrators of the estate.

The beneficiaries who asked for the paternity test had indicated that Moi had insisted in his will that only his bloodline should benefit from the share of his multi-billion estate.

The judge at the same time declined to quash a consent adopted in August 2023, recognising the 19 children as beneficiaries of the estate of the late rally driver. The court directed the matter to be mentioned on November 25 for directions.

Sylvia and her son Clint Kiprono Moi had asked the court to set aside a court order adopted in August 2023, recognising the 19 children as beneficiaries of the estate.

Moi died on February 4, 2020 aged 95 years and left behind 931 hectares (2,300 acres) of land and properties in Kabarak. In his Will, which was confirmed by the court on Tuesday, Moi gave 20 per cent stakes in each of the four properties and two bank accounts to his five sons — Jonathan, Raymond, Gideon, Philip and John Mark.

Also to be shared out among the five sons are two parcels of land in Moi's Bridge in Uasin Gishu County. There is also another parcel of land in Nairobi identified as L.R No. 209/14697.

Moi's instructions were that the ancestral land be shared equally among the sons who will later transfer ownership of their portions to their children.

As for his three daughters—Jennifer Chemutai, Doris Chepkorir and the late June Chebet, Moi bequeathed each one of them Sh100 million.

Second chances For ex-death row convict, sunrises and sunsets are pregnant with new meaning

Stevo: The turning of dusk to dawn

He left full of hope and clutching his passport. He returned with nothing but a change of clothes and memories of prison

BY DANIEL OGETTA

In so many ways, Stephen Muniyakhho, the Kenyan who had been on death row in Saudi Arabia for over a decade, is learning to live again—one day, one breath, one moment at a time. While he is glad to be back in Kenya with a second chance at life, home is no longer what he left. And neither is he.

Now, sunrises and sunsets are pregnant with new meaning. He'd left Kenya, full of hope and clutching his passport, destined for Jeddah. He returned with nothing but a change of clothes, memories of prison walls, and a mind still finding its way out of the darkness.

"I'm settling down," Muniyakhho, who is best known as Stevo, tells *Nation* in soft tones. "Just trying to acclimatise."

Already, he is under the weather and his voice is coarse. His body is still adjusting to the change of climate, the change of country, and more deeply, the change of life.

From a life where days blurred into each other in a rhythm of eating, sleeping and praying, he now finds himself thrown back into a world that moved on in his absence. The world is faster. Louder. Unfamiliar.

Back then, a single 10-minute phone call a week was everything.

"You had to pay for airtime. It was a pay booth," he says, that cost around Sh8,000 a month.

"For someone to stand with you since 2019 to date — giving you Sh8,000 every month for calls — it's not a mean thing. I don't take it for granted because it gave me hope and it gave them hope too."

It was during those calls that his mother would hear his voice and finally exhale.

"There were those days that they would lock the phones," he remembers. "No communication. So here you are, a son on death row, and your family is not hearing from you. They think the worst."

His maternal grandmother, he says, would spring up from her sickbed the moment she heard his voice. "She used to call me 'my brother' since I was named after her younger brother. She'd say, 'I've already jumped up. I'm in

In prison, more than half of us were on death row. In my first year alone, over 100 were taken out and never returned.

Stephen 'Stevo' Muniyakhho



Stephen Muniyakhho gestures during the interview while accompanied by his mother Dorothy Kweyu in Katani, Machakos County, yesterday. BONFACE BOGITA | NATION

the kitchen preparing this... Just minutes before, they'd told me she couldn't even move."

Those 10 minutes encompassed a family's lifeline. Stevo was convicted in a case involving the death of Abdulhalim Mujahid Makrad Saleh, a Yemeni national and, tragically, a close friend.

"My eldest daughter... I held her in my arms when she was a toddler," he says, his voice cracking. In 2012, he was sentenced to five years for manslaughter. Two years later, an appeal by the victim's family saw that overturned to a death sentence.

"I never had a chance to pass my condolences," Stevo says. "But I hope that through this media, I can send my belated condolences to the Mujahid family... and may the soul of my friend rest in peace. That happened is something very regrettable. I don't wish it on anybody."

The execution was stayed, not by luck but by law. The victim's children were too young to decide Stevo's fate under Sharia law. When the youngest came of age in 2018, blood money negotiations began. The family asked for Sh150 million.

For years, the Bring Back Stevo Committee knocked on every door. Then came an unexpected lifeline: the Muslim World League stepped in, paying Sh129 million. Kenyans had raised the other Sh20 million.

"In prison," Stevo recalls, "more than half of us were on death row. In my first year alone, over 100 were taken out and never returned."

They called it "kuamka kwa giza" translating literally to "waking up in darkness".

"It was traumatising," he says, referring to how his colleagues in jail would be taken for execution.

"You eat with someone, laugh with them... the next moment,

they're taken. And you just know they won't come back."

That was the ebb and flow of life of death row — silence, tension, then absence.

He witnessed no executions. "They never took us physically," he says. "No beatings. But they worked on us mentally. No books. No distractions. Just eating, sleep-

ing, praying. We used to say we were like chickens. Just being fed."

And yet, in that darkness, he found light. It was behind bars, in 2012, that he converted to Islam.

"I needed to understand Sharia law. One officer told me, 'Steve, even before you came out of your mother's womb, this imprisonment had been written for you.' So I started reading the Koran, to understand what was happening to me. That's what kept me sane."

Now free, he's unsure what the future holds.

He feels like a stranger in a city that once knew his name.

So for now, he says, "I want to first settle. Bond with my family. Then, when I reach that bridge — of how to enter society again — I'll start saying, okay... now I can do this, or that."

But one thing is certain: "It's a blessing that my family, the entire country of Kenya, stood with me. Because raising blood money... it's not child's play."

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National News

Justice Gospel artist seeks permission to initiate private proceedings against top officials over Gen Z killings

Kigame goes after Murkomen, police over Gen Z deaths

Musician claims State has failed to take legal action despite evidence

BY JOSEPH WANGUI AND RICHARD MUNGUTI

Gospel artist Reuben Kigame has filed a petition in court seeking leave to initiate private prosecution of the country's top security officials, including Interior Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen, over killing of civilians by police during 2024 and 2025 Gen Z protests.

Mr Kigame's intention is pegged on alleged failure by the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) Renson Ingonga to open criminal trial for law enforcement officers over the citizens' deaths "despite overwhelming evidence".

He says his move has been necessitated by the DPP's alleged refusal to prosecute perpetrators of police brutality, abductions, torture and killings.

Besides Mr Murkomen, Mr Kigame has targeted two other members of the powerful National Security Council—Inspec-

tor-General of Police Douglas Kanja, and National Intelligence Service Director-General Noordin Haji—as well as Directorate of Criminal Investigations boss Mohammed Amin and the National Police Service.

Mr Kigame wants to prosecute them for crimes against humanity committed during anti-government protests "being extra-judicial killings, abductions, torture, and subsequent deaths of civilians".

Part of the evidence he is using in seeking the private prosecution, is a report by the Kenya National Commission on Hu-

...perpetrators, including those who ordered, planned, or executed these acts, are individually criminally responsible under the Act.

Petition



man Rights of July 2024 showing that in the aftermath of last year's protests, at least 39 people were killed and 361 others were injured while 39 were abducted.

He claims during the nationwide Gen Z protests in the two years, crimes against humanity under the International Crimes Act were committed by state agents, leading to death of 91 people and enforced disappearances of many others.

"The Petitioner seeks leave of this court to institute private prosecution proceedings against the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Respondents for the crimes against humanity committed during the public protests between the year 2024 and 2025 contrary to section 6 (1) (b) and (2) as read together with section 6 (3) of the International Crimes Act," reads the 17-page petition drawn by Gitobu Imanyara & Co Advocates.

Mr Kigame believes the officials are responsible for extra-judicial killing, disappearances and abductions of civilians accused of participating in the anti-government protests.

He adds that the actions complained of constitute crimes against humanity falling squarely within the jurisdiction of the International Crimes Act.



Gospel artist and politician Reuben Kigame addresses journalists at ACK Guest House in Nairobi in February. He wants to sue security chiefs over Gen Z killings. BILLY OGADA | NATION

The petitioner wants to prosecute the named government officials for offences of crimes against humanity and conspiracy to commit a crime against humanity under the Act.

"The killings (murder) and the abductions followed by torture and murder (constituting other inhumane acts, torture, and potentially enforced disappearance) were committed as part of a widespread and systematic attack directed against a civilian population. The perpetrators,

including those who ordered, planned, or executed these acts, are individually criminally responsible under the Act," he says.

Related to conspiracy to commit a crime against humanity, the petitioner says senior government officials issued a command to the National Police Service (NPS) to shoot unarmed protesters. He recalls that President William Ruto also directed police to shoot protesters on the leg.

"The Cabinet Secretary for Interior (responsible for the NPS)

and the Inspector-General of Police, bear command responsibility for the crimes committed by forces under their effective command and control. They knew, or should have known, that these forces were committing such crimes and failed to take all necessary and reasonable measures to prevent or repress their commission or to submit them for investigation and prosecution," he says.

Mr Kigame's application for private prosecution is premised on claims that even though the alleged crimes were matters in public knowledge, the DPP failed to take action against the perpetrators.

Before filing the application, he says he formally requested the DPP in writing to prosecute the acts as crimes against humanity (murder, torture, abductions) under the International Crimes Act and Constitutional violations. He claims the DPP refused to act.

"The Petitioner notified the first respondent (DPP) of his inaction which constitutes a dereliction of duty and called upon him to exercise his independent mandate without fear, favour, prejudice, or political consideration under Article 157 of the Constitution and direct the investigation into the alleged offences with a view of prosecuting the offenders and bringing them to book under the International Crimes Act, but the first respondent has neither responded to the Petitioner's letter nor taken any action," reads the petition.

The DPP and other officials targeted by the proposed private prosecution are yet to file their responses to the application.

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Courts PSs and three businessmen were cleared last year before prima facie case was established against them

BY RICHARD MUNGUTI

The High Court has quashed the acquittal of two international businessmen and three former PSs cleared by a magistrate in January last year over the Sh3.5 billion Anglo Leasing scandal.

Anti-corruption court judge Benjamin Musyoki reversed the acquittal of former PSs Joseph Magari, Dave Mwangi and David Onyonka, and businessmen Deepak and Rashmi Kamani, together with their late father Rashi Chamanlal. He directed them to be put on their defence.

Allowing the appeal against the acquittal, Justice Musyoki said the DPP had established a *prima facie* that the project was executed by the PSs and former Interior CS Chris Murungaru when there was no budgetary allocation.

"I do hereby set aside the acquittal by the trial magistrate on January 19, 2024 and order the accused persons to be put on their defence on counts 2,3,4,6,7," the judge ordered.

The appellate court found that the evidence adduced by 37 witnesses in the graft case shows the security equipment that had been tendered for was not delivered by Sound Day Limited allegedly owned by the Kamanis.

He also observed that the user department was the National Police Service and the then Com-

Why court undid acquittal of Anglo Leasing suspects

Judge notes equipment tendered for were not delivered, and puts five on their defence



Mr Deepak Kamani



Mr Dave Mwangi



Mr Joseph Magari



Mr David Onyonka

missioner of Police Edwin Nyasenda, who were not called as witnesses to prove the security equipment tendered for was delivered.

The judge also blamed the Prosecution for failing to call Mr Murungaru to shed light as to whether the agreement he executed had been budget for.

The judge noted that Mr

Murungaru did not formulate rules and policies on how the contract would be executed after it received the approval from the then Attorney-General.

Meanwhile, Justice Musyoki

said an explanation is required from the Kamanis on why they received 1.2 million euros in the multimillion-shilling scandal.

The judge said for them to have received the money through an

account at Apex Finance Corporation, they must have known that the money was proceeds of crime.

The Kamanis had claimed that they had nothing to do with Apex Finance Corporation that was registered in Mauritius in January 8, 1998.

The two companies, Sound Day Corporation and Apex Finance Corporation, were at the centre of the Anglo Leasing scandal.

They are said to have been single sourced by the then government for the supply of security equipment to the Kenya Police laboratory.

Justice Musyoki observed that a key person of interest, Mr Brian Mills, who signed the multimillion contract on behalf of Sound Day Limited was removed from the proceedings.

He ordered the five accused persons to appear before the Milimani Anti-Corruption Chief Magistrates Court to defend themselves since the prosecution had established a *prima facie* case against them.

However, the judge acquitted them for the charge of conspiracy to defraud the government of 40 million euros (Sh3.5 billion)

He said no evidence was tendered by the prosecution to show that the five met and agreed to defraud the government the colossal sum.

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National News

By-elections Parliamentary seats up for grabs are Magarini, Mbeere North, Malava, Banissa, Ugunja and Kasipul

Nominations headache for opposition

DAP-K and DCP candidates have already begun campaigning in Malava

BY JUSTUS OCHIENG AND KEVIN CHERUIYOT

The opposition is exploring a 2002 Narc-like coalition for the 2027 elections, even as disputes over joint tickets ahead of the 23 by-elections begin to cause friction.

In the run-up to the last elections, opposition Azimio la Umoja One Kenya Coalition – which fronted ODM leader Raila Odinga for the presidency – failed to field joint candidates in many electoral units, leading to losses.

The “United Opposition”, led by former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua and Wiper leader Kalonzo Musyoka, has pledged to field joint candidates in the by-elections but infighting and parallel campaigns on the ground suggest a different story.

The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) announced the 23 positions, in-

cluding six in the National Assembly and one in the Senate.

The vacant parliamentary seats are Magarini, Banissa, Ugunja, Malava, Mbeere North, Kasipul and the Baringo Senate position.

Yesterday, opposition figures Musyoka, Ms Martha Karua (People's Liberation Party) and Mr Eugene Wamalwa (Democratic Action Party of Kenya) pledged unity.

“We will field joint candidates and will whip this government from Banissa in Mandera to Malava in Kakamega,” Mr Wamalwa said during a press briefing at the PLP headquarters in Nairobi.

Even as he talked of joint candidacy, the DAP-K and Mr Gachagua's Democracy for the Citizens Party (DCP) were locking horns in Malava.

Kakamega County is the turf of DCP Deputy Leader Cleophas Malala.

DCP is fronting Mr Edgar Busiega while DAP-K favours former Kenya National Union of Nurses Secretary-General Seth Panyako.

“Our party leader and the National Executive Council have committed resources to ensure DCP wins more than 50 per cent of the available seats in the



People's Liberation Party boss Martha Karua reads a joint opposition statement in Nairobi yesterday. LUCY WANJIRU | NATION

by-elections,” Mr Malala said during the unveiling of the candidates in Nairobi.

Another constituency on focus is Mbeere North. The position fell vacant following the appointment of Mr Geoffrey Ruku as Public Service Cabinet Secretary. He replaced Mr Justin Muturi who had been dropped by President William Ruto.

With Mr Ruku having been elected on a Democratic Party (DP) ticket in 2022, the outfit – now steered by Mr Muturi – insists it should be given the oppor-

tunity to retain the parliamentary seat.

However, DCP, Jubilee of former president Uhuru Kenyatta and PLP – all with roots in Mt Kenya – want to field candidates in Mbeere North.

“We shall field a candidate in Mbeere North and have no intention of ceding ground for DCP or any other party. We have been in talks with Mr Musyoka and Mr Wamalwa and they agree with us,” DP Secretary-General Jacob Haji said on Tuesday.

Sources close to the coali-

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Jacob Haji, Democratic Party Secretary-General



tion-building efforts reveal unease among hopefuls and party operatives over the selection of candidates.

The tension stems from concerns that popular grassroots contenders may be sacrificed at the altar of political bargaining.

The situation mirrors Azimio's troubled attempt to conduct joint nominations in 2022. The plan led to defections, independent bids and rows that weakened the final line-up of the alliance.

“If not handled transparently, it could fracture the unity even before it fully takes root,” a member of the opposition team said.

The opposition chiefs yesterday

talked of working jointly to counter President Ruto's influence.

They promised to work together in the by-elections and ensure candidates sponsored by the President's party lose.

The leaders said they expect the electoral agency to issue a by-elections roadmap without delay.

“If you want to know Kenya Kwanza is a one-term administration, wait for the results of the by-elections,” Mr Wamalwa said.

He added that the opposition is preparing for the 2027 General Election, saying the presidential flagbearer of the alliance would be named next year.

A member of the opposition said a technical team is pushing ahead with 2027 plans.

“Already, possible names of the alliance have been submitted to the Office of the Registrar of Political Parties for consideration,” the official said.

“Our team is working on a plan to field candidates from the president to the ward level across the country. We'll have a people-centred and reform-driven manifesto.”

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The Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (ICPAK) is the statutory body of accountants with the mandate to develop and regulate the accountancy profession in Kenya.

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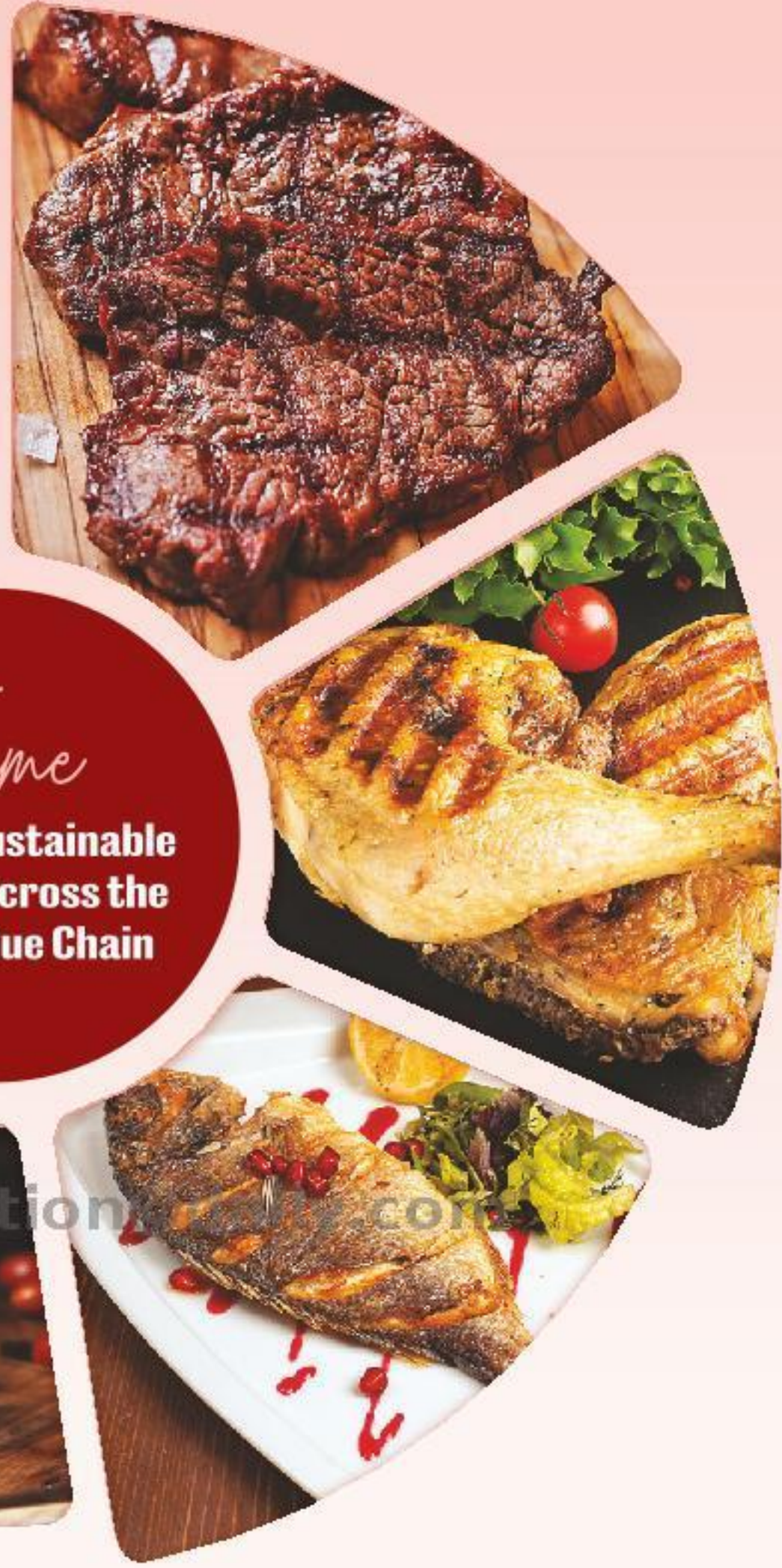
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National News

Shocker Some are circulating payslips online showing salary increases as low as Sh360 for some senior teachers

Teachers protest meager pay rise in Sh33bn payout

Tutors say the much-touted salary hike is barely noticeable in their July payslips

BY MERCY SIMIYU

The reality of the Sh33.8 billion 2021-2025 Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) signed by teachers' unions and the Teachers Service Commission has ended in disappointment for thousands of teachers after they received their July payslips.

While the figure for salary enhancements appears impressive, some teachers say the much-touted increments are barely noticeable. Others question the transparency and fairness of the implementation process, especially when juxtaposed with the rising cost of living. They accuse the unions of signing a deal that falls short of their expectations.

According to the new CBA, teachers in the highest job group (D5) are set to earn up to

Sh167,415, marking a five per cent increase in their salaries, while the lowest-paid teachers (Grade B5) will see their pay rise from approximately Sh23,000 to roughly Sh29,000.

Teachers will receive four equal annual increments to their monthly salaries under the new CBA. For example, the lowest-paid teachers in Job Group C1, who previously earned a basic salary of Sh28,491 per month, will see their pay increase to Sh35,336 by 2029 – a monthly raise of Sh1,711 each year.

Teachers in Job Group C5, previously earning Sh64,770 monthly, will reach Sh69,745, receiving an additional Sh1,243 to their monthly pay every year. For D1 level teachers, formerly at Sh78,625 monthly, their salary will grow to Sh80,984 by the end of the agreement, with a yearly in-



Kenya Union of Post-Primary Education Teachers Gender Secretary, Nakuru Branch, Nancy Chelangat (centre), addresses the media regarding new deductions in teachers' payslips in Nakuru yesterday. BONIFACE MWANGI | NATION

crease of Sh589 to their monthly pay.

"We were pushing for the lowest-paid teachers, those earning around Sh25,000, to receive a 100 per cent increase. On the other hand, the highest-paid teachers would get a 50 per cent raise. This structure ensures that the

pay gap between the lowest and highest earners is significantly narrowed, promoting equity and boosting morale," said Moses Nthurima, the Deputy Secretary-General of the Kenya Union of Post-Primary Education Teachers (Kuppet).

However, teachers from various

parts of the country have voiced outrage after their July payslips reflected only minimal salary increases, despite the recent signing of the CBA, which had raised hopes for significantly better pay.

"It's unfortunate that people think teachers received billions, yet in reality, it's almost nothing. I only got a Sh1,000 increment, and after deductions, I was left with just Sh600. In this economy, what can Sh600 even do? It doesn't make sense. Honestly, it feels like the signing of the CBA was influenced by under-the-table dealings or something. How is it possible for Sh33 billion to be allocated, yet teachers are receiving less than Sh1,000 in increments?" said a teacher from Kakamega.

Teachers expressed frustration over what they perceive as the skewed implementation of the CBA. Many allege that those in administrative roles saw significant salary bumps, while classroom teachers were left behind.

"I am in job group C3. My increment was Sh1,787. Of course, PAYE, SHIF, housing levy and pension took some of it, which I understand. My problem is my union (Kuppet). They made a double deduction on my payslip – Sh1,063 and Sh456. I want to believe the Sh456 is meant for CBA negotiations, but why should we pay them again when we already pay monthly? This is oppression," said another teacher.

Educators are circulating payslips online showing salary increases as low as Sh360 for some senior teachers.

"Honestly, where is the much-publicised teachers' pay rise? How can a teacher receive an increment of just Sh256, yet we were told we would be smiling all the way to the bank? Over four years, that amounts to barely Sh1,000. The only ones benefiting from this embarrassment are the unions," said a teacher from Nairobi.

In a press statement, the Kuppet Vihiga County branch raised the alarm over what it termed "illegal deductions" appearing on teachers' July 2025 payslips. In a letter addressed to the Secretary-General, Akelo Misoro, the Vihiga branch demanded immediate explanations regarding a controversial deduction coded as Kuppet - Union SwaL, which they claim was imposed without members' consent.

"After the much-hyped CBA 2025-2029, our members received with great shock this illegal deduction in the form of a loan to the Kuppet national office. The 'loan deduction', which is coded as Kuppet - Union SwaL, and which is expected to run for six months as per our estimates, has left many of our members with negative salary increases for July," said Sabala Inyeni, the branch secretary.



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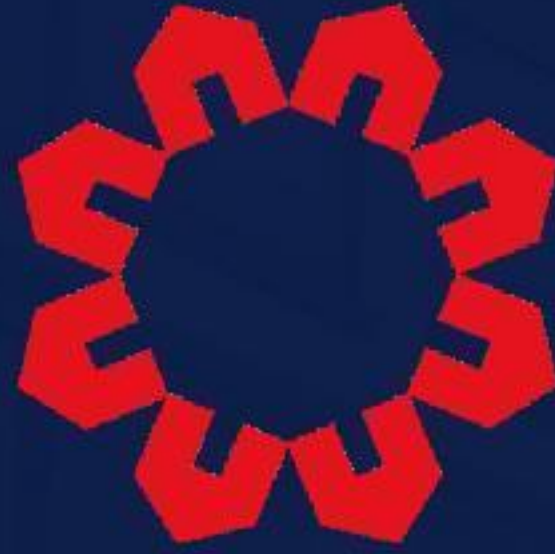
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Changes Directive, which takes effect from September 1, 2025, will apply to both first-year and continuing students

Huge reprieve for parents as State reduces university fees

Revised fees come after widespread public concern and consultations

BY WINNIE ATIENO

University students have received a major reprieve after the government announced a reduction in fees, just as thousands of first-year students begin reporting to institutions of higher learning.

In a letter dated July 30, 2025 addressed to the vice-chancellors of public universities and principals of constituent colleges, Higher Education Principal Secretary Beatrice Inyangala announced the revision of fees payable across all academic programmes.

The directive, which takes effect from September 1, 2025, will apply to both first-year and continuing students.

"All public universities are further directed to update their admissions and finance portals to reflect the revised fees of academic programmes," said Dr Inyangala. The revised fees come after widespread public concern and consultations involving students, parents, and education stakeholders.

Dr Inyangala said the move aligns with the government's new Student-Centred Funding Model, which combines tuition fees, scholarships, and loans based on individual students' financial needs.

The Principal Secretary defended the ongoing reforms in university education funding, terming them bold and necessary to ensure quality, affordability, and sustainability in the sector.

"The government remains steadfast in its vision to transform higher education as a cornerstone of national development," said Dr Inyangala. She added that the government had significantly reduced the cost of various university programmes.

The cost of studying medicine, previously among the most expensive courses in university, was slashed by half. For instance, in cluster 1 (a) medicine –pre clinical, the new fees for the semester is between Sh12,960 to a maximum of Sh51,840.

Cluster 1 (b) medicine-clinical has been pegged to a minimum of Sh22,371 to a maximum of Sh75,000 whereas cluster 2 (a) dentistry –pre-clinical Sh12,960 up to Sh51,840.

On July 3, President William Ruto reaffirmed the government's resolve to fixing systemic failures in education, further revealing to



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					New Fee Per Semester	
					Min Fee	Max Fee
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Ib	Cluster 1 (b)	Medicine - Clinical	720,000	447,429	22,371	75,000
Ila	Cluster 2 (a)	Dentistry - Pre-Clinical	360,000	259,200	12,960	51,840
Ilb	Cluster 2 (b)	Dentistry- Clinical	720,000	447,429	22,371	75,000
IIla	Cluster 3 (a)	Veterinary Medicine - Pre-Clinical	324,000	246,857	12,343	49,371
IIlb	Cluster 3 (b)	Veterinary Medicine - Clinical	564,000	410,914	20,546	75,000
IVa	Cluster 4 (a)	Pharmacy- Pre-Clinical	324,000	246,857	12,343	49,371
IVb	Cluster 4 (b)	Pharmacy - Clinical	504,000	383,040	19,152	75,000
Va	Cluster 5	Architectural Studies - Architecture Part 1	360,000	259,200	12,960	51,840
Vb	Cluster 5 (b)	Architecture - Professional (Part II)	432,000	289,440	14,472	57,888
VI	Cluster 6	Engineering, Surveying	396,000	285,120	14,256	57,024
VII	Cluster 7	The Built Environment and Design - Construction, Real Estate, Urban and Regional Planning, Landscape Architecture, Design, Computing	360,000	259,200	12,960	51,840
VIIIa	Cluster 8(a)	Health Sciences, Nursing, Clinical Medicine (BSc.), Medical Laboratory Science and Technology	324,000	288,000	14,400	57,600
VIIIb	Cluster 8(b)	Animal Science, Radiography, Sport Science, Medical Psychology, Physical therapy, Public Health, Environmental Health, Community Health and Development,	288,000	261,630	13,082	52,326
VIIIc	Cluster 8(c)	Food Sciences, Food Science and Technology, Food and Nutrition,	264,000	228,015	11,401	45,603
VIIId	Cluster 8(d)	Agriculture, Natural Resource Management and the Natural Environment, Wildlife Science and Management	324,000	194,400	9,720	38,880
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X	Cluster 10	Basic Sciences - Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Geography (B.Sc.)	264,000	213,180	10,659	42,636
XI	Cluster 11	Applied Social Sciences and the Arts (Professional) Hospitality, Media and Communication Studies, Library and Information Studies, Business Information Technology, Sport Science and Management, Fashion Design, Interior Design, Music (B.Mus.), Civil Aviation Management, Maritime Management, Agribusiness Management, Theatre and Film Studies, Fine Art, Food Service and Management, Law	240,000	193,800	9,690	38,760
XII	Cluster 12	Business, Education (Arts), Economics		150,503	7,525	30,101
XIII	Cluster 13	Applied Humanities and Social Sciences – Geography (B.A.), Public Administration, Psychology, Music (B.A.), Peace and Security Studies, Disaster Management, Anthropology, Languages, BA with Education, Language and Communication, International Relations and Diplomacy, Social Work and Development Studies	180,000	139,636	6,982	27,927
XIV	Cluster 14	Basic Humanities and Social Sciences – Economics, Geography (B.A.), History, Philosophy, Religion, Sociology, Literature, Political Science, Linguistics	144,000	116,280	5,814	23,256

Kenyan how his Kenya Kwanza administration is restructuring the New Funding Model.

Speaking during a diaspora town hall in London, the Head of State had pointed out that, as soon as he was elected, he

formed the Presidential Working Party on Education Reforms, which was chaired by Prof Raphael Munavu, to look into the challenges bedeviling the sector and recommending solutions.

The Head of State said Ken-

ya was grappling with massive challenges in the education sector, right from basic to higher education, including a shortage of teachers and lack of infrastructure. He said the old university funding model had affected the

institutions of higher learning, with 23 universities technically bankrupt.

President Ruto mentioned Egerton University among many others that were paying their lecturers half salaries.

The Head of State said his administration had decided to make the funding model more student-centred in a bid to ensure equity and fairness in accessing university education.

He said the model has so far ensured that students from poor families get up to 90 per cent government scholarship.

"Because we must make sure every child gets an equal chance to education and in life," President Ruto emphasised.

He noted, however, that when he began implementing the model, there was "a lot of noise". Dr Ruto assured Kenyans in the diaspora that the model has since been stabilized.

"There was a lot of noise in the beginning," said Dr Ruto. "But we couldn't continue with the old model. We simply could not afford to pay for every child in a university."

The new model, introduced in May 2023 and implemented from September of the same year, targeted first-year students. It was aimed at correcting years of financial strain that left public universities grappling with over Sh60 billion in debts.

President Ruto revealed that, under the previous regime, students were uniformly granted scholarships regardless of their financial background, which was unsustainable. The new model introduced a needs-based approach, classifying students into five funding bands using the Means Testing Instrument (MTI).

The MTI determines how much government support each student receives, with a mix of non-repayable scholarships through the Universities Fund and loans from the Higher Education Loans Board.

Dr Ruto recounted a visit to the Cooperative University of Kenya, where the vice-chancellor, Prof Kamau Ngamau, praised the model for improving cash flow, enabling the institution to pay staff, suppliers, and taxes on time.

At the same time, the President admitted that the MTI tool has had its shortcomings.

"Prof Ngamau told me there are cases where students are wrongly placed in the funding bands. We are working to improve the accuracy of the MTI so that no student is disadvantaged," Dr Ruto stated.

The President further noted that data collection is ongoing to enhance the reliability of the placement process and ensure fairness in how students are categorised and funded.

President Ruto emphasised the need for fiscal discipline and urged parents to understand the shift: "If you can pay Sh200,000 a term for private school, then Sh50,000 a year for university shouldn't be a problem."

The reforms, he said, are designed to safeguard the sustainability of higher education and ensure that students from needy backgrounds are not locked out due to lack of funds.



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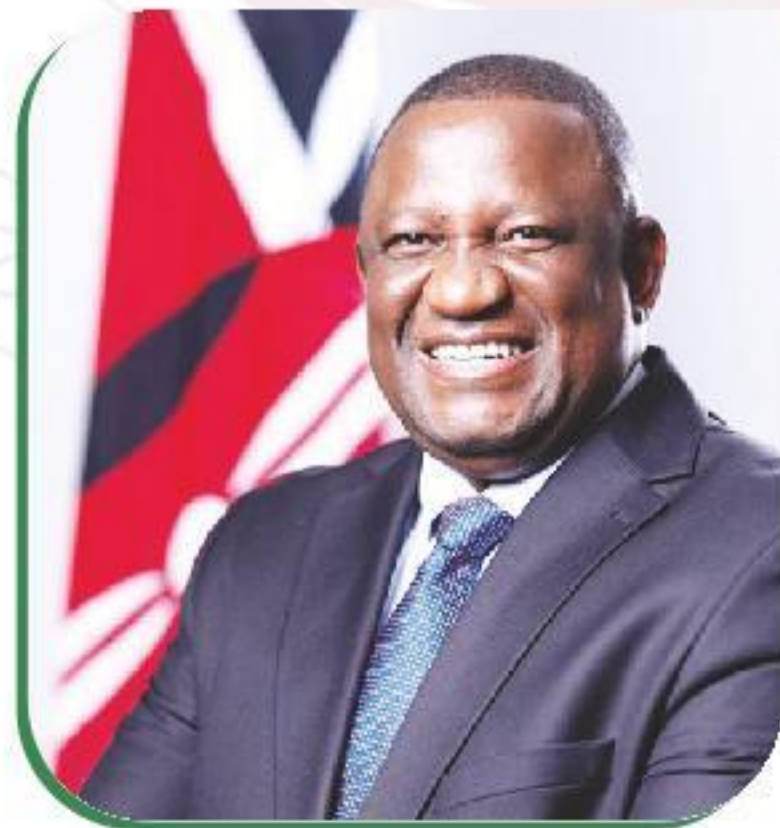
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Protests over duty-free rice import plan

Mwea farmers say State's bid will hurt them, vow to resist the move

BY GEORGE MUNENE

Rice farmers in Mwea, Kirinyaga County, have rejected a government plan to import 500,000 metric tonnes of the grain.

In a gazette notice, the Cabinet Secretary for National Treasury John Mbadi ordered the importation of the commodity, duty free, before December. Mr Mbadi's directive followed recommendations by his Agriculture counter-

part Mutahi Kagwe.

The farmers said if implemented, the directive will hurt them as they still have rice stocks in their stores but lack market.

"Already, we have over 50,000 bags of rice in Mwea Rice Growers



Mwea Rice Growers Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society chairman Ndege Muriuki addresses the press over unsold 50,000 bags of rice belonging to farmers from Mwea Irrigation Scheme. GEORGE MUNENE | NATION

THE INSURANCE ACT (CAP. 487, LAWS OF KENYA)

INTENTION TO APPLY FOR AMALGAMATION OF GENERAL INSURANCE BUSINESS

SANLAM GENERAL INSURANCE LIMITED and JUBILEE ALLIANZ GENERAL INSURANCE (K) LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Sections 114 and 118 of the Insurance Act (Cap 487, Laws of Kenya) of the intention of **Sanlam General Insurance Limited**, a private limited liability company incorporated under the laws of the Republic of Kenya with reg. no. C.24129 and whose address for the purposes hereof is Sanlam Tower, Off Waiyaki Way, P.O BOX 60656-00200 Nairobi, Kenya (the **Vendor**) and **Jubilee Allianz General Insurance (K) Limited**, a private limited liability company incorporated under the laws of the Republic of Kenya with reg. no. PVT-8LUYEXV and whose address for the purposes hereof is Sanlam Tower, Off Waiyaki Way, P.O. Box 66257-00800 Nairobi, Kenya (the **Purchaser**) to apply to the Insurance Regulatory Authority (the **Authority**) for its approval, pursuant to Section 113 of the Insurance Act (Cap 487, Laws of Kenya), to the transfer by the Vendor to the Purchaser with effect from 31 December 2023, of all those insurance policies issued by the Vendor in relation to its general insurance business of all classes, and for the Purchaser to accept those insurance policies issued by the Vendor in relation to its general insurance business and amalgamate the same with the Purchaser's general business (the **Portfolio Transfer**).

Copies of a statement setting out particulars of the Portfolio Transfer and a copy of the draft business transfer agreement relating to the Portfolio Transfer, are available for inspection at the following locations for a period of not less than thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this Notice.

- Sanlam General Insurance Limited head office located at 12th Floor, Sanlam Tower, off Waiyaki Way, Westlands, Nairobi, P. O. Box 60656-00200, Nairobi, Kenya.
- Sanlam General Insurance Limited's website at <https://sanlam.co.ke>
- Jubilee Allianz General Insurance (K) Limited's website at <https://jubilee-allianz.com>
- Branches:
 - Nairobi:** Sanlam General Insurance, Sanlam House, 2nd Floor, Kenyatta Avenue
 - Thika:** Sanlam General Insurance, Thika Arcade, 1st Floor, Kenyatta Street
 - Nakuru:** Sanlam General Insurance, Posta Tower, 2nd Floor, Moi Road
 - Mombasa:** Sanlam General Insurance, Sanlam House, Ground Floor, Off Mikindani Road
 - Kisumu:** Jubilee Allianz General Insurance (K) Limited, Jubilee House, Ground Floor, Ang'awa Street.
- The offices of the Insurance Regulatory Authority located at Zep-Re Place, 2nd Floor, Upper Hill, Nairobi, Kenya; and
- The Insurance Regulatory Authority's website at <https://www.ira.go.ke>
- The Legal Advisers Anjarwalla & Khanna LLP located at ALN House, Eldama Ravine Close, Off Eldama Ravine Road, Westlands

In connection with the Portfolio Transfer, Sanlam General Insurance Limited and Jubilee Allianz General Insurance (K) Limited will ensure that all personal data is handled in accordance with the Data Protection Act, (Cap 411C, Laws of Kenya) and all applicable data protection laws and regulations, and appropriate safeguards will be implemented to protect the rights and privacy of data subjects.

Any person (including an employee, director, shareholder or policy holder) who has reasonable grounds for believing that he/she/it will be adversely affected by the carrying out of the Portfolio Transfer is invited to, within thirty (30) days of the publication of this Notice, write to the Authority through email: commins@ira.go.ke or make oral representations through Toll Free number 0800724499, stating the grounds on which he/she/it believes he/she/it will be adversely affected by the carrying out of the Portfolio Transfer.

Dated: 1 August 2025

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Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society's stores in Ngurubani town due. We lack of market for the produce," one of the farmers, Pius Njogu, said.

The farmers said they will suffer irreparable losses should the cheap rice be allowed into the Kenyan market.

"Why import when the locally produced rice has not been sold?" said Mr Njogu.

The farmers accused the government of being mean to them as they vowed to resist any attempt to flood the local market with cheap rice imports.

Kirinyaga Senator Kamau Murango lashed out at the government, saying the rice imports directive was misguided.

"Farmers are struggling to get markets for their produce yet the government is planning to import the produce. The government does not care about the farmers. We're against cheap rice imports," said Mr Murango.

"It's sad the government has not fulfilled its promise of purchasing rice from the farmers."

"The government promised to buy all the 50,000 bags of rice from the local farmers which is currently going to waste. This is unacceptable," said Mr Murango.

He said farmers play a vital role in nation building and the government should assist them to secure markets for their produce.

"Instead of helping them, President William Ruto's administration is busy issuing oppressive directives. This should stop," said Mr Murango, and called on Mr Mbadi to withdraw his directive until all the farmers' rice is sold.

Farmers who grow rice in the giant Mwea Irrigation Scheme produce about 80 per cent of rice consumed in Kenya.

However, Director General of Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA) Bruno Linyiru justified plans to import rice.

He explained that Kenya con-

264,000

Metric tonnes of rice that local farmers produce annually against a demand of 1.3 million metric tonnes.

sumes 1.3 million metric tonnes of rice annually yet local production is only 264,000 metric tonnes, barely 20 per cent of national demand with the balance traditionally being bridged through imports.

"Importation will not disrupt the local market or disadvantage Kenyan farmers. Before this decision was reached, the government, through the Kenya National Trading Corporation (KNTC), actively procured and continues to secure rice directly from paddy as it is milled. KNTC remains committed to supporting local rice farmers by providing a guaranteed market throughout the milling process," said Dr Bruno in a statement.

The AFA agency boss said they had put in place further measures to protect quality and ensure consumer safety, including decreeing that only Grade 1 milled white rice that meets strict Kenyan and international standards will be permitted; and that all imports must be approved by the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS).

"The duty-free window is strictly time-bound, requiring all consignments to arrive on or before 31st December 2025 under close regulatory oversight," Dr Bruno said in his statement.

He added: "It is important to note that this is not the first time Kenya has resorted to rice importation to supplement local production. This will continue into the foreseeable future only until we attain self-sufficiency."

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KALAHARI CEMENT LIMITED
INCORPORATED IN THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA ON 27 MAY 2025 UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT CHAPTER 486, LAWS OF KENYA
(COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER PVT-PQ158DVM)

THE CAPITAL MARKETS ACT
(CHAPTER 485A, LAWS OF KENYA)

REGULATION 4(3) OF
THE CAPITAL MARKETS (TAKE-OVERS & MERGERS) REGULATIONS, 2002

NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENTION BY KALAHARI CEMENT LIMITED (KALAHARI OR THE OFFEROR) TO ACQUIRE: 1) 13,144,442 ORDINARY SHARES IN EAST AFRICAN PORTLAND CEMENT PLC (EAPC OR THE OFFEREE) FROM ASSOCIATED INTERNATIONAL CEMENT LIMITED, AND 2) 13,180,442 ORDINARY SHARES IN EAPC FROM CEMENTIA HOLDING AG

1 Introduction

1.1 Pursuant to regulation 4(3) of the Capital Markets (Take-overs & Mergers) Regulations, 2002 (the "Take-over Regulations"), Kalahari hereby announces that on 31 July 2025, it served a notice on EAPC, the Capital Markets Authority ("CMA"), the Nairobi Securities Exchange ("NSE") and the Competition Authority of Kenya ("CAK") to acquire:

1.1.1 13,144,442 ordinary shares (the "AIC Sale Shares") in the issued share capital of EAPC from Associated International Cement Limited (AIC), a company registered in accordance with the laws of England with registration number 00470173, and whose registered office is at Bardon Hill, Bardon Road, Coalville, Leicestershire, England, LE67 1TL (AIC) (the "Proposed AIC Acquisition"); and

1.1.2 13,180,442 ordinary shares (the "Cementia Sale Shares") in the issued share capital of EAPC from Cementia Holding AG, a company registered in accordance with the laws of Switzerland with registration number CHE-107.867.696 and whose registered office is at Grafenauweg 10, 6300 Zug, Switzerland (Cementia) (the "Proposed Cementia Acquisition").

The AIC Sale shares and the Cementia Sale Shares together are referred to as the "Sale Shares".

AIC and Cementia together are referred to as the "Sellers".

The Proposed AIC Acquisition and the Proposed Cementia Acquisition together are referred to as the "Proposed Transaction".

2 The Offeror

2.2 The Offeror is an investment vehicle that has specifically been incorporated for the purpose of making the Offer. The Offeror is registered in the Republic of Kenya with registration number PVT-PQ158DVM under the Companies Act, Chapter 486, Laws of Kenya whose registered office is at ALN House, Eldama Ravine Close, Off Eldama Ravine Road, Westlands, P.O. Box 764 - 00606, Nairobi, Kenya.

2.3 The Offeror is a subsidiary of Pacific Cement Limited (Company number 219881) which holds 90% of the paid-up shares in the Offeror and Comercio Et Consiel Limited (Company number 221514) which holds 10% of the paid-up shares in the Offeror.

2.4 The following are companies related to and associated with the Offeror:

Name	Country of Incorporation	Shareholder and Percentage Shareholding	Principal Activities
Pacific Cement Limited	Mauritius	Edhah Abdallah Munif - 100%	Investment holding company
Comercio Et Consiel Limited	Mauritius	Edhah Abdallah Munif - 100%	Investment holding company
Bamburi Cement PLC	Kenya	Amsons Industries (K) Ltd: 100%	Manufacturing of cement
Amsons Industries (K) Ltd	Kenya	i. Amsons Industries (T) Ltd - 90% ii. Edhah Abdallah Munif - 10%	Investment holding company
Camel Oil (T) Ltd	Tanzania	i. Abdallah Munif Nahdi - 50% ii. Amsons Group Trading DMCC - 40% iii. Edhah Abdallah Munif - 10%	Wholesale of solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related products.
Amsons Industries (T) Ltd.	Tanzania	i. Edhah Abdallah Munif - 80% ii. Hassan Abdallah Nahdi - 10% iii. Yasser Abdallah Nahdi - 10%	Manufacturing of cement, lime plaster and of gain mill products.
East Africa Warehousing (T) Limited	Tanzania	i. Edhah Abdallah Munif - 80% ii. Hassan Abdallah Nahdi - 10% iii. Yasser Abdallah Nahdi - 10%	Freight transport by road.
Camel Oil Limitada -Mozambique	Mozambique	i. Abdallah Munif Nahdi - 70% ii. Edhah Abdallah Munif - 10% iii. Hassan Abdallah Nahdi - 10% iv. Yasser Abdallah Nahdi - 10%	Wholesale of solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related products - Main Activity.
Kalahari Trans Zambia Limited	Zambia	i. Camel Oil (T) Ltd - 90% ii. Edhah Abdallah Munif - 10%	Freight transport by road and cargo handling.

3 The Offeree

3.1 EAPC (registration number: C15/54) is a public limited liability company incorporated in Kenya in 1933, and whose registered office is situated at LR No. 337/113/1, Namanga Road, off Mombasa Road, P.O. Box 40101-00100, Nairobi, Kenya.

3.2 EAPC is listed on the Nairobi Securities Exchange and trades under the ticker symbol "PORT".

3.3 EAPC owns an integrated cement plant located on the outskirts of Kenya's capital, Nairobi. Its brands include Blue Triangle Cement, its longest-standing brand in the market, and Green Triangle Cement, an innovative product designed with less clinker and lower energy consumption, providing a sustainable alternative that meets the growing demands of environmentally-conscious customers in the construction sector. Other brands in its product portfolio include Falcon Cabro, Olympia Cabro, Tri-Hex Cabro, Cosmic Cabro and Brick (Quad) Cabro.

3.4 EAPC has a long history of working with the local communities in the areas in which it operates via its corporate social responsibility (CSR) activities. EAPC's CSR initiatives focus on three key pillars: education, environmental stewardship, and water provision. It has identified three primary communities where its operations have the most impact: Kibini Hill and Bissil in Kajiado County, and Athi River in Machakos County. Additionally, EAPC responds to urgent philanthropic requests and unforeseen natural disasters, such as floods and famines, as part of its broader community engagement efforts.

3.5 EAPC owns 100% of East African Portland Cement Uganda Limited.

3.6 As set out in EAPC's annual report for the year ended 30th June 2024, the details of EAPC's current top 5 shareholders as at 30th June 2024 are set out below:

S/N	Name of Shareholder	Percentage of shares held
1.	Bamburi Cement Plc	12.5%
2.	Associated International Cement Limited	14.6%
3.	Cementia Holding AG	14.6%
4.	The National Treasury	25.3%

5.	National Social Security Fund	27%
Total for the Top Five Shareholders		94%
Other Shareholders		6%
Total		100%

4 The Sellers

4.1 AIC is presently the owner of the AIC Sale Shares that are the subject of the Proposed AIC Acquisition and the AIC Sale Shares amount to approximately 14.60% of the total issued share capital of EAPC.

4.2 Cementia is presently the owner of the Cementia Sale Shares that are subject of the Proposed Cementia Acquisition and the Cementia Sale Shares amount to approximately 14.60% of the total issued share capital of EAPC.

5 Current shareholding by Kalahari and related parties in EAPC

20 The Offeror does not hold any shares directly in EAPC.

5.1 Bamburi Cement Plc (a related company to the Offeror) holds approximately 12.5% of ordinary shares in EAPC. Mr. Edhah Abdallah Munif indirectly holds shares in Bamburi Cement Plc through Amsons Industries (K) Ltd.

5.2 None of the directors of the Offeror hold directorships in EAPC.

6 Share Purchase Agreement

6.1 Kalahari entered into a share purchase agreement with the Sellers on 31 July 2025 pursuant to which each of the Sellers have accepted Kalahari's offer to purchase the Sale Shares and agreed to sell the Sale Shares to Kalahari, the ("SPA") subject to the terms and conditions contained therein.

6.2 Completion of the Proposed Transaction will be subject to all the conditions set out in paragraph 11 below having been satisfied or (to the extent legally capable of waiver) waived and the SPA completed in accordance with its terms. The conditions of the SPA are outlined in paragraph 11 below.

7 Completion

7.1 Pursuant to the SPA, closing shall take place five (5) business days following the first business day on or by which all the conditions in the SPA as more particularly set out in paragraph 11 below have been fulfilled (or waived to the extent legally capable of waiver).

8 Consideration

8.1 The consideration for the Sale Shares is KES 27.30 per Sale Share, payable in USD as determined in accordance with the SPA.

9 Application for exemption from making a take-over offer

9.1 Kalahari does not intend to make a general offer to acquire all the voting shares in EAPC following the Proposed Transaction, and will apply to the Capital Markets Authority for an exemption from the requirement to make a take-over offer to all shareholders of EAPC.

9.2 Kalahari does not intend to delist EAPC from the NSE after completion of the Proposed Transaction.

9.3 Consequently, pursuant to Regulation 5 of the Take-over Regulations, Kalahari shall submit an application to the Capital Markets Authority for a written exemption from compliance with Regulation 4 of the Take-over Regulations on the grounds that such exemption shall: (i) facilitate the Proposed Transaction that is an acquisition for the purpose of a strategic investment in a listed company that is tied up with management or other technical support relevant to the business of such company; and (ii) there are circumstances which serve the public interest, by ensuring that Kalahari, as a long-term strategic investor, assists EAPC in achieving its strategic objectives whilst deepening the capital markets regime which is vital for Kenya's economic prosperity.

10 Persons acting in concert, current holdings and agreements with holders of voting shares

There are no persons acting in concert with Kalahari and Kalahari does not have an option to acquire any additional shares in EAPC. The Sellers and Kalahari have entered into the SPA.

11 Conditions

11.1 Completion of the Proposed Transaction will be subject to the fulfilment (or waiver to the extent legally capable of waiver by the written agreement of the Sellers and Kalahari) of the conditions precedent listed below:

11.1.1 obtaining competition approval from the relevant competition authority provided that if such approval is given with any conditions, then such conditions are acceptable to Kalahari in accordance with the terms of the SPA;

11.1.2 the granting of an exemption by the Capital Markets Authority to Kalahari under Regulation 5 of the Take Over Regulations from the obligation to make a mandatory takeover offer for EAPC;

11.1.3 in respect of the mining licence held by EAPC, notification to and the granting, by the Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs of its written approval to the change of control of EAPC in accordance with Section 51 (6) and (7) of the Mining Act (Chapter 306 of the Laws of Kenya) (the **Mining Licence Approval**), provided that if such approval is given with any conditions provided that if such approval is given with any conditions, then such conditions are acceptable to Kalahari in accordance with the terms of the SPA;

11.1.4 if the Proposed Transaction is capable of being executed as a block trade, approval having been obtained from the NSE and CMA (the **Block Trade Approval**), or if the Block Trade Approval is not granted by the NSE or CMA, the granting of an approval from the CMA to implement the sale of the Sale Shares as a private transfer in accordance with section 31(1A) of the Capital Markets Act and regulation 57(d) of the Licensing Regulations (the **Private Transfer Approval**);

11.1.5 if required by the CMA, Kalahari procuring the publication by EAPC of the circular to the shareholders of EAPC in relation to the Private Transfer Approval application pursuant to the Capital Markets Act; and

11.1.6 if Kalahari elects for the balance of the Consideration to be to be financed rather than paid in cash, Kalahari shall provide the Sellers with an unconditional, irrevocable on-demand guarantee from a licensed and reputable bank, in a form and substance acceptable to the Sellers, to secure the payment of the balance.

Dated 01 August 2025

By Order of the Board of Directors

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For and on behalf of KALAHARI CEMENT LIMITED



SHARI'AH BANKING

Does your bank align with your values?

Why value-based banking is a natural progression for Shari'ah banking

BY NASSER ABDULWAHAB

We are all driven by certain values and priorities, and this often guides how we evaluate our relations to ensure they reflect our values. How can you extend these checks to make sure you put your money in a Bank that is also driven by values?

Choosing the right Bank has a far-reaching impact on you and the society around you. This is important because Bank's conduct a lot of activity involving your money behind the scenes, hence the importance of ensuring that those activities are values-driven and reflect yours.

Value-based banking is guided by the 'People Before Profit' principle and as such, value-based banks (VBBs) invest in ethical projects and channel their depositor's funds to sectors that promote socio-economic advancement, environmental sustainability, employability and equality.

Shari'ah Banking, for instance, has been promoting value-based intermediation progressively since the Shari'ah Finance model was founded. Shari'ah Banking is designed to serve the real economy by directing resources towards real, impactful social and economic development initiatives along the value chain. Value-Based Banking is a natural progression for Shari'ah banking. This mode of banking is guided by Maqasid al-Shari'ah, which is rooted in creating a value-based economy and social justice by incorporating values such as fairness, risk sharing, partnership, halal investments and societal well-being. Most scholars agree that there is a convergence between Maqasid al-Shari'ah and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as sustainability and inclusive development are focal points in both cases. This also serves the interest of shareholders of Islamic Banks, who are interested in sustainable long-term returns.

By entrenching their practices in Value-Based Banking, Islamic Banks have overtime demonstrated significant resilience during periods of uncertainty and crisis due to their product offering, their reliance on real economic activities, and avoiding speculative investments that are destructive to enterprises and the society at large. They have an ethos of balancing profit and purpose in their pursuit of making a positive impact.

The stability of these Banks also stems from the comprehensive nature of their regulatory framework on Shari'ah aspects that is put in place by the Bank's tiered governance models, a major differentiating factor between Islamic and conventional banks. The former is regulated by the Shari'ah Supervisory Board (SSB), which adds another layer of governance to the existing boards that comprise directors and other operational committees. This critical decision-making organ ensures that the interests and values of a corporation's stakeholders are upheld.

The inherent principles of fairness and social responsibility, for instance, are already intrinsically linked to Islamic finance and support the demand for value-based banking, which is arguably greater than CSR, since it seeks to attain stable economic, social, and environmental development through delivering banking ser-

vices and investment products using a value-based strategy.

As you scout for a Bank, think about partnering with a financial institution that is committed to tangible change and contributes to the wellbeing of the community and the planet. Choose a

Bank that believes in the same things that you do. Choose Shari'ah Banking.

Nasser Abdulwahab is the Manager, Product Development and Shari'ah Compliance, at Gulf African Bank

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Is Kenya's privatisation serving public interest?

President William Ruto's administration has pursued an aggressive privatisation agenda. From the Adani-JKIA deal to the decision to privatise Kenya Pipeline Company, and with plans underway to commission construction of power transmission lines, offload Rivatex, Mombasa Port and others, the list of targeted entities is keeps growing. Does privatisation serve the public interest?

Privatisation took off in the 1980s, with governments offloading enterprises to reduce debt and improve efficiency. Developing nations joined the trend, seeking quick cash amid tightening credit and fiscal pressure.

Kenya Airways was among the first firms to be privatised. It still posts losses and has only recently shown a slight recovery. Privatisation has led to inequality in healthcare access. With the rise of private hospitals and insurance-based care, ordinary Kenyans are being priced out of treatment. Reports have surfaced of cancer patients being denied treatment once their insurance cover is exhausted.

The push to privatise these firms has sparked outrage and court cases. Last year, the High Court declared the Privatisation Act, 2023 unconstitutional due to lack of public participation. National assets like Kenya Pipeline, KICC, Kenya Literature Bureau and New KCC were to be sold without proper consultation. Even the Adani deal, which aimed to hand over JKIA to a foreign company with controversial global ties, was stopped after I blew the whistle and Kenyans went to the streets.

Supporters of privatisation often argue that it introduces market discipline and professionalism. However, this rests on the assumption that private ownership is more accountable than public ownership. In reality, both systems have flaws. Public entities may suffer from overstaffing, inefficiency and political interference but private ones can be as reckless – cutting corners to boost profit, denying service when it becomes unprofitable or inflating prices to extract value.

The question is not if something is owned by the state or by private organisations. It is about who is accountable and under what conditions. In a system with strong oversight, even private managers can be made to serve the public good.

Privatising strategic infrastructure like ports, oil pipelines and power transmission lines raises con-

cerns, especially when buyers are foreigners whose interests may not align with those of Kenyans. Privatisation is not a single idea. It takes many forms – from outright sale of public assets, contracting services to private firms, to allowing private actors into markets once monopolised by the state. In some contexts, it has helped improve efficiency. In others, it has deepened inequality and shut out the poor from essential services. Privatisation without public safeguards can have devastating effects on the most vulnerable.



Nelson Amenya *Economy*

Many countries rushed to privatise out of financial desperation. The private sector is not immune to poor oversight or misaligned incentives. What matters most is not who owns the asset, but who is watching the managers, and whether the managers are acting in the public interest.

There is a model worth examining that blends both systems. China has developed a form of capitalism where the state retains strategic control but allows private players to operate with efficiency and innovation. The government sets national priorities and provides direction and discipline, while the private sector executes with speed and market discipline. It is not about profit at all costs. This ensures critical infrastructure serves the country first, while leveraging the strengths of private management.

Many deals in Kenya have been shrouded in secrecy. If done wrong, privatisation can turn into economic vandalism. If done right, it can be a tool for national progress.

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How to revive hospitality sector

The hospitality industry is the cornerstone of Kenya's economy, directly employing more than 1.1 million people and indirectly supporting many more. As the sector recovers from post-pandemic shocks and responds to a rising demand for tourism services, the conversation around labour laws, staff welfare and operational sustainability remains key in driving growth.

The Employment and Labour Relations Court has handled disputes related to poor working conditions and lack of adherence to minimum wage requirements – issues catered for in the Employment Act, 2007. Meanwhile, employers in the hospitality industry are grappling with high operational costs, unpredictable seasonal flows and shifting guest expectations that demand lean and agile teams.

Striking the right balance is a necessity. For instance, data from the Kenya Union of Domestic, Hotel, Educational Institutions, Hospitals and Allied Workers shows nearly 40 per cent of grievances filed in the sector stem from non-compliance with contractual terms or overtime pay.

On the other hand, hoteliers cite challenges in interpreting evolving labour regulations and managing overheads during low tourism seasons.

The solution lies in clarity, consistency and collaboration. Employers must invest in HR training, fair

practices and clear contracts that reflect mutual respect. At the same time, regulatory agencies, such as the Ministry of Labour and the National Industrial Training Authority, can and should continue fostering awareness and providing practical compliance support to the sector.



Laura Achieng *Tourism*

With recent initiatives such as the Tourism Regulatory Authority's ongoing accreditation efforts raising service standards, labour compliance should be considered critical in building world-class hospitality brands. When employee welfare and operational efficiency are aligned, the result is a more resilient, ethical and competitive sector.

Ms Achieng is the Group Legal Manager at Pridel Inn Hotels, Resorts & Camps

If the IG loses control over payroll and financial management, the chain of command becomes compromised



Harun Issack Hassan *Security*

Order to IG on payroll sets a bad precedent

The order by the National Assembly Public Accounts Committee to Inspector-General of Police (IG) Douglas Kanja and National Police Service (NPS) accounting Officer Bernice Sialaal Lemedeket to surrender HR functions – especially control of the payroll – to the National Police Service Commission (NPSC) raises constitutional and governance concerns.

The directive misinterprets the roles of key institutions and risks undermining the operational independence of police. Under the Constitution and the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, the IG is designated as the accounting officer for the NPS. This position comes with the exclusive mandate to manage the finances of the Service, including payroll administration. The payroll is a sensitive instrument tied to accountability, integrity and the independence of the service.

Any attempt by the NPSC to assume responsibility for or access the payroll exceeds its mandate. Article 246 clearly assigns the commission the role of overseeing human resource functions, which include recruitment, promotions, appointments and discipline. These are key roles, but they do not include financial or payroll management. Stepping into these areas undermines the structure and stability of the service.

Parliament, on the other hand, plays an oversight role. But oversight does not mean administrative control. Parliament can question, audit and seek accountability through lawful mechanisms, but it cannot direct the IG to cede control of payroll systems. That would be interference, not oversight.

Constitutional mandates exist for a reason. The IG's independence is not a bureaucratic luxury. It is a constitutional safeguard. It ensures the service operates without undue political or institutional pressure. Undermining this independence risks politicising a critical institution charged with national security and public safety.

If the IG loses control over payroll and financial management, the chain of command becomes compromised, accountability is blurred and operational integrity suffers. The IG must be allowed to carry out his responsibilities as assigned by law, without interference from institutions seeking to expand their mandates.

The NPSC has an important and respectable role to play in shaping a disciplined and professional force. But that role does not include financial control. Attempts to expand its reach into areas assigned to the IG not only amount to mission creep, but also set a precedent for institutional overreach.

Let us uphold the letter and spirit of the Constitution. Constitutional actors, including Parliament and the NPSC, must respect the boundaries set out in law. The IG must be supported, not second-guessed, in his lawful duty to manage the financial affairs of the service.

The payroll belongs where the Constitution placed it, which is under the custody of the Inspector-General of Police. Let's not compromise accountability in the name of oversight.

Hassan is a professor of Psychology and Governance and a leadership expert

Opinion

DAILY NATION

Curb alcohol abuse but don't wreck industry

While alcohol and drug abuse are the scourges of the nation, with devastating health and other adverse effects, the uproar over the new measures to curb the menace is understandable. Alcohol is a huge industry that employs millions, and traders are worried about their looming huge losses as a result of stiff restrictions.

Interior Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen and the National Authority for the Campaign against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (Nacada) have unveiled sweeping reforms under the National Policy for the Prevention, Management and Control of Alcohol, Drugs and Substance Abuse (2025).

The government argues that the measures, including a ban on the sale of alcohol in supermarkets, online platforms, and public transport, are necessary to combat the rising alcohol and drug abuse, particularly among youth.

However, alcohol industry players, especially manufacturers and retailers, including bar and restaurant owners, have strongly opposed the policy, describing it as discriminatory, unrealistic, and economically destructive.

But Nacada CEO Anthony Omerikwa has clarified that the newly launched policy is not a law, but a framework to guide future reforms. Though there is a need to curb abuse, the strict rules will disadvantage traders, restaurant, and bar owners. Traders opposed to the new alcohol control rules claim that 1.3 million jobs in the value chain are at stake, as the government vows to implement the proposed measures.

Nacada sparked the latest outcry by coming up with strict measures, including raising the legal drinking age from 18 to 21 years, in a renewed effort to fight the abuse among youth.

According to Nacada, 13 per cent of Kenyans aged 15 to 65, or about 4.7 million people, consume alcohol. The highest prevalence is among those aged 18 to 24. Those addicted contribute zero to family, community, and national development.

Efforts to control alcohol and drug abuse are welcome, but they should not be about criminalising a legal enterprise and killing businesses. The State and stakeholders must reach a reasonable compromise.

Enforce new law on graft

A new law that bars senior officials from participating in or influencing the award of public tenders is a shot in the arm for the war on corruption. This is crucial in curbing the endemic graft in the public sector.

President William Ruto signed into law on Wednesday the Conflict of Interest Bill, 2025, after two years of a back-and-forth between Parliament and the Executive over this essential legislation.

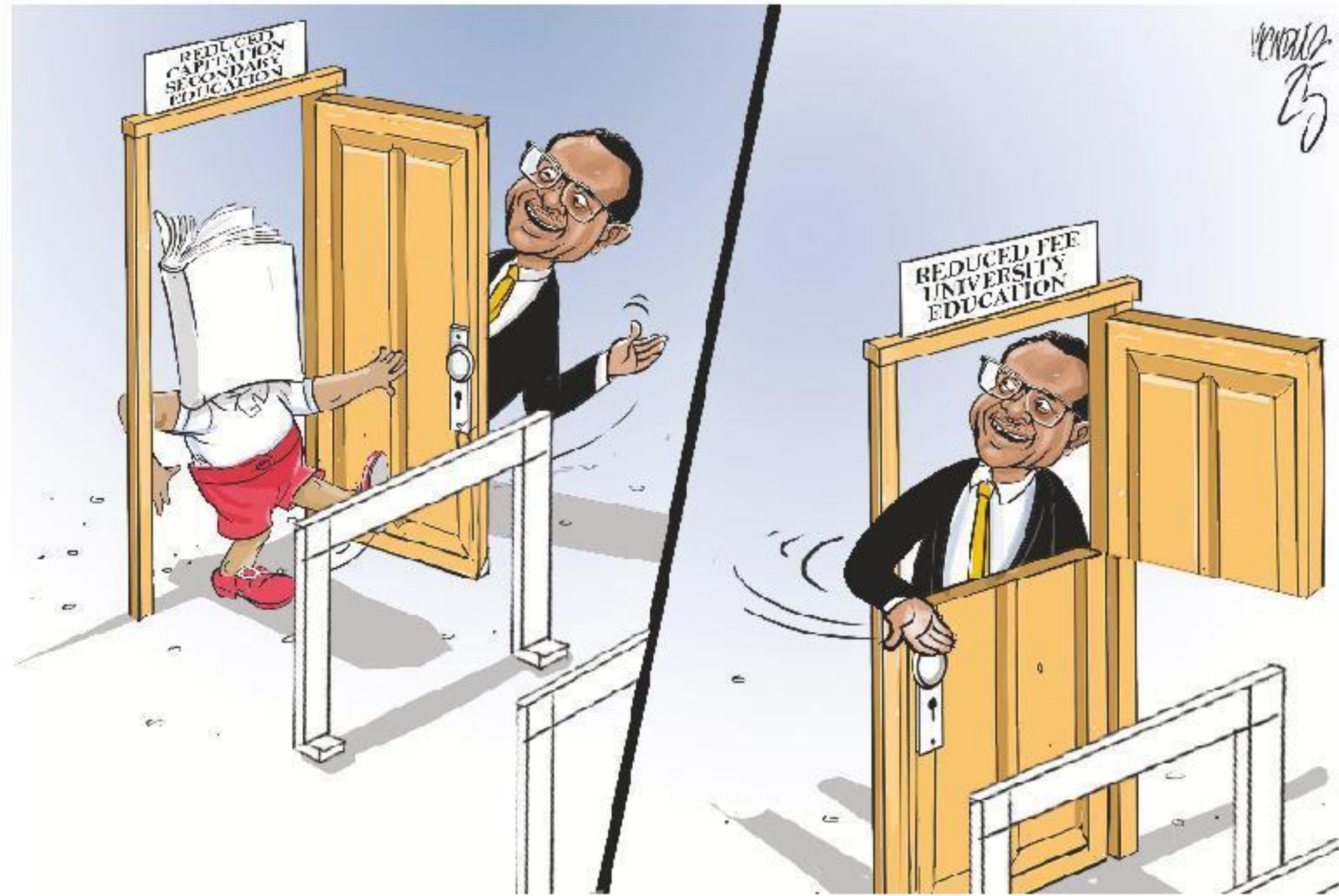
The new law prohibits preferential treatment and external influence in contracts linked to a public officer's role. It also designates the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) as the agency to lead efforts to eliminate conflict of interest. The anti-graft agency must ensure compliance and enforce Chapter Six of the Constitution on leadership and integrity.

On wealth declaration, the new law expands the requirement to include State officers who were previously not covered under the repealed Public Officer Ethics Act. Cabinet and Principal secretaries, the Chief Justice, Deputy Chief Justice, other judicial officers, and MCAs will now be required to declare their wealth.

The officers must disclose their incomes, assets, and liabilities, as well as those of their spouses and children. The public officers are forbidden from entering into contracts for the supply of goods and services, as well as meddling in the contracts for the disposal of goods where they work or have influence. They are also barred from acquiring interests in entities involved in contracts where they serve.

President Ruto says the new law sets clear steps to ensure that public officers serve with integrity, transparency, and accountability.

If the authorities are serious about curbing corruption in public tenders, they must strictly and fully enforce this new law.



Our stories are more than just tales

This is an article about popular culture and its application to national security and identity. Looking at how it starts, you'd never guess.

I have been to the Maasai Mara only a few times. The last time, I had put my family, including young children, in the family van, a Noah, and drove it into the Mara. I liked its ample boot and I had lined the floor with mattresses to create a nice play-pen and a comfy bed for the children to snooze. Under-powered, low strung and wheels the size of a wheelbarrow's, cars don't get any more irritating. I had found the button to lock the gearbox so that the thing was stuck in gear three. I shot through a huge herd of elephants with my bug-eyed children at the back of this contraption.

I had wangled a deal to stay in a KWS cottage which wasn't fenced. The only handy weapon inside was a sufuria, a little better than the puny wheel spanner of the lousy van. To spice matters a little, my uncle, the King of the Jungle, decided to drop in for a sleepover.

The concrete floor of the veranda keeps heat for long and the Mara does tend to be cold at night. I looked through the mesh of the window and my God, he was huge. He could swap aside puny door and come in for dinner; if he was of a mind. Apparently, lions are restless sleepers, or maybe he was having nightmares, and every time he turned or growled in his sleep, I dashed to the window, sufuria in hand. He left early, thank God.

The only way to see the Mara is to be at the view point when it is still dark and wait for the dramatic reveal when the suns lifts the veil of darkness to reveal the true wonder of the world which you cannot see anywhere else on this earth: a carpet of thousands, perhaps millions, of beasts feeding in this untouched and untamed jungle. Nothing like it and so special that I decided never to go back, the image is enough for one lifetime.

Of course the tourists have been driven to the south by poor marketing, corrupt politics and Al Shabaab. Once they slaughtered

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Mutuma Mathiu | Society

Europeans in full view of the world at Westgate Mall, our tourism was ruined for years to come. Lamu lost its romantic appeal, Malindi, compared to its previous status as the playground of Italian billionaires and mafioso, is a ghost town. Sarova Whitesands and the Mombasa Serena are no longer the same; they are good, but pale shadows of their mighty past.

But the Kenya of today is not the pre-Westgate Kenya. Al Shabaab killed our children in Garissa, massacred our troops at El Adde and humiliated us in front of the whole world at Westgate. This forced us to learn to fight. Before, we had book soldiers with colonial set pieces in their heads and never fired a weapon in combat.

Today, we have warriors who carry the scars of war, who walk into every battle with the confidence of men who had fought and won many battles. The specialised units of the National Police Service are fierce and armed to the teeth; the speed and accuracy of their marksmen is totally out of this world.

Many Kenyans are familiar with the 40th Ranger Strike Force, iconically riding side-saddle in their technicals, possibly a way of KDF telling Al Shabaab: we don't

have to come in tanks, we can fight this way too, it's not the tank, it's the man. We may be misusing these resources at the moment to fight political wars, but we are no longer helpless and the day will surely come when we will have something to say to those who have hurt us.

My clansman, Gikunda, had a clever moment this week. "Our problem is two-fold," he said. "Socialisation and memorialisation." What he meant was that our society does not teach us what to be and how to be. When children are born, their minds are tabula rasa, blank slates, on which society writes the rules by which members live, the dreams they should have and how to tell how they had achieved them.

The government can't teach you what to spire to, but a soap or song sure can. Are there soaps and songs that are constructive and intentional in this way? Or is it all mindless fun, pleasure and pain?

Secondly, we do not acknowledge and celebrate the heroes in our midst. Actually, sometimes we tear them down. Mr Mutahi Kagwe and Dr Bitange Ndemo brought TEAMS, the marine cable that connected us to the world and revolutionised communications.

Generals who took us to and led our soldiers in the war against Al Shabaab – Edward Banda, David Keter, Jeff Nyaga, Seif Salim Rashid and many others. Those who fought but not in uniform – Michael Gichangi, James Kameru, Noordin Haji; and the civilians who oversaw the transformation of the NPS to a force that could be integrated in operations – Joseph Nkaissery – I'm not including Joseph ole Lenku – Fred Matiang'i, Karanja Kibicho and many others who are known by their alleged mistakes, not the great reforms and battles that took guts to see through.

We cannot learn, neither can we celebrate victories, until we learn to tell our stories.

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Is it time to rest 'Bi Taifa' photo feature from Swahili newspaper?

Taifa Leo holds a special place in the Nation Media Group stable. It was the group's first publication and only newspaper until the Nation's launch in 1960. It has survived the test of time and remains the only Kiswahili national newspaper in Kenya.

Over the last few years, the newspaper has distinguished itself with its witty headlines that accurately capture the country's mood. Headlines such as "Kuliendaje?", "Aisha Aisha", "Hasla feki, Joshua bandia 2022?". If there ever were a global competition for the best headlines, Taifa would take all the gongs.

Besides the headlines, Taifa serves the large population of Kiswahili speakers with credible content. Daily, the editors do a superb job, producing and publishing content that connects and resonates with the newspaper's readers. Its language is beautiful.

Additionally, Taifa Leo is a valued education platform. It has attracted subscriptions from thousands of primary and secondary schools, whose teachers use the newspaper to teach Kiswahili. Examination results have shown a marked improvement in performance in Kiswahili for schools that subscribe to Taifa Leo under NMG's Newspapers in Education (NiE) programme.

However, a regular feature in Taifa Leo risks tainting its reputation. A letter from Kigwiri Njuru drew the public editor's attention to the feature.

Njuru raises concern about the Bi Taifa feature in Taifa Leo, which regularly profiles young women — showing their photos, names, ages, professions and hobbies.

He states that, while this is a commendable effort in celebrating women, it is notable that there is no equivalent platform for young men.

"This gender imbalance suggests that men's stories are less worthy of such visibility, which is neither fair nor reflective of our diverse society. For the sake of equity and inclusivity, I urge Taifa Leo to consider either expanding the slot by introducing a similar column for men. Maybe *Bwana Taifa*," he adds.

Mr Njuru's letter, calling for "fairness and balance", prompted the public editor to look at the Bi Taifa more keenly. Does the feature have any news value? What needs of the reader does it serve?

The Bi Taifa slot, which occupies a substantial part of Page Three, features full-body photographs of mostly young wom-

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Pamella Sittoni
Public Editor



en and girls who have willingly posed and granted permission for them to be published in the newspaper.

Our research found that Taifa has preserved this feature, copied from tabloids in the West, for decades, only changing its name and position. In 1996, the slot was on Page 13 under the name *Changamka* (cheer up). In 2000, it was renamed *Leta Raha* (entertain or bring fun). Then in 2005, its name was changed to *Mgeni Wetu* (our guest). In 2007, the slot was moved to Page 3 under the name *Bi Taifa* (Miss Taifa).

The historical names make no pretense of the feature's intention. The women's photographs are a piece of entertainment.

Current editors argue that the current

name (*Bi Taifa*) dignifies the women. Yet, even this name is problematic as it is fashioned from the titles for beauty pageants and other contests where the winner is crowned as Miss or Mr this and that. Taifa has not run any such competitions before crowning the individuals who appear on its Page Three.

The editors argue that the photographs used depict decently dressed women who benefit from the exposure. In other words, Taifa provides space for women to "advertise" themselves. How does the exposure help the young women?

The argument that the women send their pictures of their own volition, or pose to be photographed only adds decorum to aggression. With the countless digital platforms, both men and women have unlimited possibilities for exposure, socially and professionally. Taifa should not be competing with sleazy social media platforms.

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It is a poster of passive objectification, feeding the narrative of women as objects to be ogled. The passive objectification is even more harmful than indecent content, which repulses readers. This is because it normalises the vice and makes it difficult to fight.

Bi Taifa's objectification of women bodes ill for a newspaper that is at the forefront of shaping the Kenyan society. It undermines the newspaper's credibility.

Taifa can be entertaining without being an album for women. It can, and should, publish pictures of women inspiring readers with their achievements, skills, values and competencies.

Readers are more nuanced and want to read about women making change and contributing to societal growth, not simply showing off their appearance.

Ironically, even the tabloids from which Taifa borrowed this feature have since discarded it following pressure from the women's rights movement. Taifa risks becoming the last bastion for gender misogyny globally.

It is time the NMG ethos of gender equity and inclusivity is dispatched to the Taifa Leo Desk. Rest *Bi Taifa*, for good.

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Stephen Kuria Production

Africa's shift to renewable energy is here

Africa, home to 1.5 billion people, is on the cusp of an unprecedented energy shift. This isn't just about meeting rising electricity demand; it's a strategy towards a more sustainable and economically robust future, moving away from its historical reliance on fossil fuels.

A stark reality underscores this transition: in 2023, over 600 million Africans had no access to electricity, accounting for over 85 per cent of the global electricity access deficit. This was in contrast to Europe and North America, which boast of greater access to electricity. Central and Southern Asia have reduced their electricity access gap over the last decade.

Africa is embracing renewable energy. The International Renewable Energy Agency reported that Africa added 4.2 GW of new renewable capacity in 2024, representing only 0.7 per cent of global additions. This growth is promising, but still lags behind the global pace.

In 2024, global renewable energy capacity grew by 15.1 per cent, largely driven by solar and wind. Asia accounted for 71 per cent of new renewables capacity globally, followed by Europe (12.3 per cent) and North America (7.8 per cent), highlighting the significant gap that Africa, Eurasia, Central America, and the Caribbean (collectively accounting for just 2.8 per cent of new capacity additions) need to bridge.

This expansion, of green energy infrastructure, isn't merely an environmental initiative; it's a major catalyst for regional economic stability. By boosting its clean energy generation capacity, Africa is paving the way for accelerated industrialisation, job creation, and a consistently reliable power supply. Egypt, Kenya, and Ethiopia are leading this charge. Egypt is making investments in its solar and wind potential, while Kenya and Ethiopia are tapping into their abundant geothermal resources. Kenya is on track to achieve universal access to electricity by 2030, with an access rate of 79 per cent in 2023 (IEA, Kenya 2024 Energy Policy Review).

The burgeoning renewable energy sector in Africa presents a compelling proposition for international investors, development banks, and sovereign wealth funds. But unlocking these opportunities requires sophisticated financial frameworks to navigate Africa's unique political and economic landscapes. Innovative instruments such as blended financing, green bonds, and Power Purchase Agreements are proving instrumental in attracting private capital and ensuring project viability.

Major financial powerhouses — African Development Bank, the World Bank, and the International Finance Corporation — are playing a role. They offer funding and critical risk mitigation, enhancing the attractiveness of these projects to private investors. Blended financing, which combines public and private capital, is effective at de-risking ventures and mobilizing the substantial investments needed for large-scale energy infrastructure.

Mr Kuria is the Director, Australia Africa Energy and Mineral Institute

READERS HAVE THEIR SAY

Nation should be neutral in its coverage of CDF debate

I notice with concern that, from the time the debate on the constitutionality of the NG-CDF started, the Nation seems to have taken a blatantly anti-CDF stance. We only see the anti-CDF coverage, and none supporting the fund. A case in point is the headline screaming 'United in Greed' (Daily Nation, July 3, 2025).

The media should be neutral on such matters. It is supposed to be a force for good.

Do the writers and editors know that NG-CDF is a lifeline for many people? Does the Nation appreciate that many grassroots contractors get business only through NG-CDF?

Why would the Nation favour the centralised development system we had in the 1990s and before, where people had to deal with line ministries' bureaucracies to get even the most basic of development projects?

— Peter Rotich, Nairobi.

Coverage overlooked petition

The Wednesday, July 2 issue of Daily Nation analysed the hurdles ahead of the elections but failed to mention a petition seeking to bring forward elections, citing Article 136 of the Constitution. The Article requires elections to be held on the second Tuesday of August in the fifth year after the previous ones. This is a powder keg that could cause a catastrophe.

— Githaiga Kairu

Wasonga's piece on football lingo could mislead readers

Columnist Josaya Wasonga's cynical article titled, Ladies, here's a guide to football lingo, and published on July 22, 2025, should have been accompanied by the rider that it was done in jest.

The Daily Nation is known to publish facts, and I fear that some readers could believe Wasonga's humorous definitions of football terms.

— Anniel Njoka

Letters

THE CUTTING EDGE by THE WATCHMAN

Send an e-mail to the watchman@ke.nationmedia.com or write to The Watchman, POB 49010, Nairobi 00100

Resentment • “Tanzania’s ban on Kenyan traders operating in that country feels less about policy and more about deep-rooted resentment of our success,” says Shainaz Khan. “Eight years ago, we sent a top accountant to Moshi, and the immigration said: ‘Bring four from the subcontinent, not one from Kenya’. That says it all. Should we respond in kind or stay above it?” (shainazkhan302@gmail.com)

Fund schools • Education is a basic requirement that parents should give to their children, says F. Mukemba. “As it is stipulated in the country’s Constitution, it is worrying to note that education is being hampered by inadequate funding. The government should – through the Ministry of Education – provide resources to avert the threat to cripple learning as many parents cannot afford to pay.” His contact is fmukemba@gmail.com.

Ngong traffic • Ngong has become a transit town in Kajiado County following the opening of the Narok-Suswa-Ngong road to traffic from Migori, the Maasai Mara Game Reserve, Kisii, Narok, Kisumu and many other places, says Robin Maremma. “We now urgently need a ring road. The frequent traffic jams in the town have reached alarming levels and continue to get worse daily.” His email address is tellussafaris@yahoo.com.

Bill reversal • After sending her water bill online to a wrong account last month, Ruth Gituma says she was pleasantly surprised when Nairobi Water Company official J. Maina contacted her. “Without having to leave the comfort of my home or part with a bribe, the transaction was reversed! This has just confirmed to me that the online services can, indeed, work seamlessly,” she says. Her contact is rgitum@gmail.com.

No flowers please • It does not make sense to give friends, colleagues or relatives flowers when they die “because they won’t appreciate them”, says Mwangi wa Karuga. “Is it really necessary to give flowers to a dead human body during a funeral? Give them flowers while they are still alive if you genuinely love them. They will feel honoured to receive those beautiful flowers,” Karuga insists. His contact is mwangikaruga8@gmail.com. Have a valuable day, won’t you!

LETTERS

Suluhu edict should be a wake-up call

While the uproar over Tanzania’s ban for Kenyans to conduct certain businesses there is in order, the perils of unemployment must now be seen by our leaders. The trend towards protectionism is gaining traction globally, even with advanced economies. It is for that reason that the issue of unemployment in Kenya should take a centre stage. Not long ago, Kenyans and other African migrants were subjected to xenophobic attacks in South Africa for “monopolising trade”.

Muriithi King’au, Laikipia

Promote tourism and create jobs

Kenya received 2.4 million tourists in 2024. Tanzania in 2025 attracted 5.36 million tourists, with 3.22 million being domestic. Rather than lament the blocking Kenyans from working in that country, our government should launch a drive to triple foreign tourists numbers using TikTok, paid adverts on global media and endorsements from celebrities. If previous estimates of foreigners spending \$1,000 per trip are correct, that means Kenya will realise Sh650 billion in revenue from tourism – with a spillover effect on job-creation.

Brian Maitai, Nairobi

Pay increase for teachers laughable

Teachers are disappointed with their unions for negotiating a pay rise that cannot buy two kilos of meat. The unions also introduced a tax to their members. Teachers earn peanuts, with the working conditions being unfriendly. President William Ruto recently said the government is committed to improving pay for teachers and avert strikes. The so-called increase appears to have rattled the teachers instead of bringing excitement. Teachers now think they are being taken for a ride by the government and their unions.

Mathias Masinde, Bungoma.

KDF deserves praise for good work

As we wait for CHAN, we need to appreciate the renovations of the stadiums by the military to global standards. KDF has always helped the government achieve development goals. Discipline, integrity, professionalism and good leadership lead to KDF’s success. The military has helped build hospitals, classrooms, bridges, stadiums and rehabilitated infrastructure. One of the greatest achievements by KDF is the rehabilitation of Uhuru Gardens on Lang’ata Road, Nairobi. It was built in a short time and with no scandals. Kudos to KDF.

Phillip Njuki Ndirangu, Nyeri

Decision on Amboseli park timely

The Cabinet’s approval of the transfer of Amboseli National Park to Kajiado County is a testament to devolution. The move is a step towards an inclusive and conservative model where local voices are heard and valued. The devolved government will assume operational control and the Kenya Wildlife Service maintain conservation responsibilities. It is a victory for Kajiado residents, who have long been stewards of the land.

Sheilah Ombongi, Nakuru

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TODAY IN HISTORY



August 1, 1995: The government accused Baroness Lynda Chalker of breaching diplomatic etiquette during her visit last week. It said her behaviour was likely to hurt ties with the UK. In a strongly-worded statement, it said the British Overseas Development Minister acted “in the most impolite and contemptuous manner” by choosing to address the media before she met President Daniel arap Moi.

COMPILED BY ANNIEL NJOKA

LETTER OF THE DAY

TZ protectionist policy hurts regional ties

The decision by Tanzania to ban non-citizens from operating small businesses is not just an internal policy choice. It is a direct assault on the spirit and letter of the East African Community (EAC) Common Market Protocol.

While the stated aim is to protect jobs and reduce competition in low-capital ventures, the implications go beyond Tanzania.

This policy discriminates against nationals of other EAC member states who have established livelihoods in Tanzania.

According to Article 13(2) of the Common Market Protocol, partner states should not practise dis-

crimination. They are to allow the free movement of labour, services, capital and people. unilateral restriction contravenes these commitments and threatens the viability of the EAC project.

The irony is hard to ignore in Kenya. Somali nationals dominate retail trade, Tanzanians sell socks and onions while Rwandans operate salons and eateries. Kenya is one of the most open economies in the region. Even people from outside the region like the Chinese and Nigerians are thriving while locals struggle.

It is concerning that our government remains silent even

when an EAC member breaches the protocol.

The silence suggests diplomatic timidity or a misunderstanding of Kenya’s strategic interests. Our foreign policy must begin reflecting goodwill and active protection of citizens abroad. There should be reciprocal fairness within our borders.

The EAC market was never meant to be a one-way street. Tanzania’s policy is economic nationalism that undermines the long-term vision of regional co-operation, shared prosperity and good neighbourliness.

Kenya must lodge a formal pro-

test through the EAC Secretariat and demand the reversal of the xenophobic decree.

If unresolved, Nairobi should consider reciprocal measures or seek intervention through the East African Court of Justice. Integration cannot survive if partner states are allowed to cherry pick the principles to uphold.

Time has come to stop romanticising unity in East Africa while tolerating violations.

If we are to move forward as a region, treaties must be respected and violations should have consequences.

Joseph Katiku Kioko, Nairobi



NATION MEDIA GROUP PLC

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Company Number C.85/74

CAUTIONARY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Capital Markets Act (Chapter 485A) of the Laws of Kenya
The Capital Markets (Public Offers, Listing and Disclosures) Regulations, 2023

The Board of Directors of Nation Media Group PLC ("NMG" or the "Company") wishes to inform its shareholders and the general public that Aga Khan Fund for Economic Development S.A. ("AKFED"), which currently holds 92,618,177 shares, representing 54.08% of the total issued shares in NMG (the "Shares"), intends to carry out an internal reorganisation of its shareholding in NMG (the "Reorganisation").

The Reorganisation will entail AKFED transferring all the Shares in NMG to NPRT Holdings Africa Limited ("NPRT"), which is a wholly owned Kenyan subsidiary of AKFED.

In this respect the Company was on 30 July 2025, served with a notice of intention by NPRT detailing the terms of the proposed Reorganisation. The notice of intention will be made available on NMG's website (<https://www.nationmedia.com/investor-relations/>). NPRT has indicated that it does not intend to make a takeover for the remaining issued share capital in NMG and will apply to the Capital Markets Authority of Kenya for an exemption in this regard. The completion of the Reorganisation is also subject to receipt of requisite regulatory approvals.

Further announcements will be made in due course to keep shareholders and the public informed of any material developments regarding the Reorganisation.

Shareholders and potential investors are accordingly advised to take note of the above information when dealing in the shares of NMG and to seek professional advice where necessary.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Angela Namwakira
Company Secretary

Nation Centre, Kimathi Street
Nairobi, Kenya
31 July 2025

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HEAD OF DIGITAL SALES JOB REF: HR-HODS-07-2025

About Us:

Nation Media Group PLC is the largest independent media and digital content company in East and Central Africa. It has a global digital footprint as well as newspapers, television and radio broadcasting operations in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, and Rwanda. We attract unparalleled global audiences and see great opportunities in quality and diverse content that inform, educate, and entertain consumers beyond news. We are committed to empowering Africa through independent journalism set on key values that enable us to provide highly desirable and engaging content that fits into people's world.

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We envision being the Media of Africa for Africa. Our mission is to create value for our stakeholders and positively influence society by providing media that informs, educates, and entertains.

At NMG, we believe in equal employment opportunities and that all voices should be heard. We strive to provide a supportive workplace with good facilities and benefits for all our employees. Our values are: Continuous Improvement & Innovation, Consumer Focus, We Are a Team, Integrity & Trust, Drive for Performance

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The Head of Digital Sales is responsible for developing and executing a comprehensive digital sales strategy to drive revenue growth, increase subscriptions, manage high-value client relationships, lead advertising innovation, and maximize monetization across all digital platforms. The role requires strategic leadership, commercial acumen, and a deep understanding of digital media in a fast-paced and evolving environment. The candidate shall oversee both direct and indirect digital revenues with a strong focus on innovations that will deliver new revenues.

Key Responsibilities

- **Digital Strategy Execution:** Developing and executing a comprehensive strategy that integrates digital sales and subscription models, leveraging SEO, paid ads, social media, and subscription platforms to maximize reach and conversions. Lead new digital innovations that will provide value to all stakeholders.
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- **Team Leadership:** Building and leading a high-performing digital sales and subscriptions team by fostering collaboration, providing coaching, setting clear goals, and ensuring skill development to drive both sales and subscription outcomes.

Qualifications Experience & skills:

- Bachelor's degree in Marketing, Business Administration, Media Studies, or a related field; a Master's degree is an added advantage.
- Minimum of 8–10 years' experience in digital media sales, with at least 5 years in a senior leadership role.
- Proven track record of achieving and exceeding digital sales targets.
- Strong network within the advertising, digital marketing, and agency ecosystems.
- In-depth knowledge of digital ad formats, programmatic ecosystems, DSPs, and ad serving technologies.
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- Strategic thinking and commercial acumen
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- Sales pipeline development
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1	ATIDI/FD/APU/OBCS/004/2025	Request for expressions of interest for review of ATIDI's organisation structure and human resources practices	Open	15 August 2025
2	ATIDI/FD/APU/OBCS/002/2025	Provision of training on cyber security risks for the Board of Directors	Open	15 August 2025
3	ATIDI/FD/APU/OBCS/003/2025	Request for expressions of interest for provision of digital marketing services	Open	15 August 2025

The tender documents may be obtained by interested bidders from ATIDI's website www.atidi.africa

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INVITATION TO TENDER

Consortium of Disabled Persons' Organizations in Kenya (CDPOK) is a national umbrella body representing various organizations of persons with disabilities (OPDs) across Kenya. The Northern Nomadic Disabled Persons Organization (NONDO) is a Kenyan Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) that advocates for the rights, inclusion, and participation of persons with disabilities from nomadic/pastoralist communities in Kenya, ensuring they live dignified lives.

CDPOK & NONDO invites bids from eligible tender applicants for the supply and Delivery of Motor Vehicles (Year of manufacturer 2019-2023).

Reference No.	Description	Quantity
CDPOK/01/2025	Toyota double Cabin with an automatic Transmission, 2800cc-3200cc, and a turbocharged diesel engine.	1
NONDO/01/2025	Land Cruiser Hardtop 76 Model, 4WD Manual Transmission with 4000cc - 4500cc, Diesel Engine.	1

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DATED AT NAIROBI THIS 1st DAY OF AUGUST, 2025



PUBLIC AUCTION

1. AN AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY IN WAKABURA 'A' AREA OF KIAMUTUGU

ON MONDAY 18th AUGUST 2025 AT THE OPEN SPACE NEAR ACK ST. THOMAS CATHEDRAL WITHIN KERUGOYA TOWN, KIRINYAGA COUNTY. AUCTION BEGINNING AT 10:00 A.M

All that parcel of land known as **TITLE NO. NGARIAMA/THIRIKWA/3912 KIAMUTUGU WAKABURA 'A' AREA, KIRINYAGA COUNTY.** The property is a freehold interest and is registered in the name of **JAMES GACOKI MUGO.** It measures approximately **0.38 Hectares.** The property is in Wakabura 'A' Area in Kiamutugu Kirinyaga County. It is situated along and on both sides of Mururi-Kiamutugu road, approximately 1.4 Km North East of its junction with Kiamutugu-Kianyaga road, about 1.4Kms South West of Kiamutugu Trading Centre, and about 900 metres North East of Ngiriambu Farmers' Co-operative Society Kerl Coffee Factory. GPS Coordinates: Latitudes: 0°28'44.9"South, Longitudes: 37°23'24.0"East. **Developments;** Erected on the homestead compound is a three-bedroom bungalow and store. **Store Accommodation;** 1 No. store room. **Plinth area:** approximately 62m². Immediate access road is earth-surfaced. Mains electricity and piped water services are available for connections from within the immediate neighborhood. Other services and amenities are available nearby or at Kiamutugu Trading Centre that services the community in the area.

2. AN AGRICULTURAL CUM RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY IN MAGANJO AREA, SAGANA TOWN OUTSKIRTS

ON MONDAY 18th AUGUST 2025 AT THE OPEN SPACE NEAR ACK ST. THOMAS CATHEDRAL WITHIN KERUGOYA TOWN, KIRINYAGA COUNTY. AUCTION BEGINNING AT 10:30 A.M

All that parcel of land known as **LR. NO. KIINE/SAGANA/2791, MAGANJO AREA, SAGANA TOWN OUTSKIRTS, KIRINYAGA COUNTY.** The property is a freehold interest and is registered in the name of **LUCY NGINA MUGWANJA.** It measures approximately **0.10 Hectares.** The property is in Maganjo Area, Sagana Town Outskirts, Kirinyaga County. It is situated approximately 1.4Kms off and to the right of Karatina-Sagana-Nairobi Tarmac road deviating 200 meters past Sagana Kenol Petrol Station. The property lies approximately 300 meters to the South East of Lower Sagana Primary and about 1.5Kms to the South East of Sagana Town. GPS Coordinates: Latitudes: 0°40'29.9"South, Longitudes: 37°13'03.9"East. No structural improvements erected on the property. Immediate access road is earth-surfaced. Mains electricity and piped water services are available for connection into the subject property from the immediate neighborhood. Foul drainage is presumed to be into a septic tank or pit latrine in future. Other services and amenities are available in Sagana Town.

3. A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY IN MAKUTANO TOWN AREA, MWEA WEST SUBCOUNTY.

ON MONDAY 18th AUGUST 2025 AT THE OPEN SPACE NEAR ACK ST. THOMAS CATHEDRAL WITHIN KERUGOYA TOWN, KIRINYAGA COUNTY. AUCTION BEGINNING AT 11:00 A.M

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ON MONDAY 18th AUGUST 2025 AT THE OPEN SPACE NEAR ACK ST. THOMAS CATHEDRAL WITHIN KERUGOYA TOWN, KIRINYAGA COUNTY. AUCTION BEGINNING AT 11:30 A.M

All that parcel of land known as **TITLE NO. MWEA/TEBERE/B/7222.** The property is a freehold interest and is registered in the name of **JOHN MURAGURI MWANGI.** It measures approximately **0.041 Hectares or 0.1013 of an Acre.** The property is located on the second row along the Embu-Mwea-Nairobi Highway within Red Soil Area, Mwea, Kirinyaga County at approximately 300 meters North of Red Soil Shopping Centre. GPS Coordinates: Latitudes: 0 38'06.4"South, Longitudes 37°21'39.9" East [-0.6335110, 37. 361077]. The plot was devoid of any structural developments. Immediate access road is earth-surfaced. Mains electricity and piped water services are available for connection into the subject property from the immediate neighborhood. Foul drainage is presumed to be into a septic tank or pit latrine in future. Other services and amenities are available in Sagana Town.

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Lucy Wanjiru Ndung'u	KDR 295J	Peugeot Van ambulance	Email Auto Garage- Southern Bypass
Samson Njoroge Gakonyo	KBY 080M	Isuzu Mini bus	Grounded at Eastleigh

ON WEDNESDAY 13th AUGUST 2025 AT CAPITAL DIAMOND STORAGE -THIKA AT 11.00AM.

DEBTOR	M/V REG.	MAKE	VIEWING YARD
Peter Mwaniki Muya	KCN 628B	Toyota Sienta	Startruck Storage Kiambu road
Samuel Ng'ang'a Kamau	KDG 574R	Toyota Probox	Capital Diamond Storage - Thika

ON FRIDAY 15th AUGUST 2025 IN OUR OFFICE NATURE HOUSE 1st FLOOR ROOM 322

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Locals set for week of prayer in SDA camp meetings

BY GEORGE ODIWUOR

The period between the final week of July and the first week of September holds great spiritual significance for members of the Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) Church.

Much like Muslims during the holy month of Ramadhan—which is often marked with fasting, reflection and heightened devotion—Adventists around the world come together during this time for a week of intensive prayer, teaching, and spiritual renewal.

In Nyanza Region, Adventists from the Luo community refer to this period as *Kiche*.

A cornerstone of the SDA calendar, *Kiche* typically begins on a Saturday evening, with exact dates determined by the regional conference—a coordinating body for multiple churches. On the final Sabbath, the closing service is often held at larger venues such as school playgrounds to accommodate the increased attendance.

Ms Rose Omondi, a member of the Makongeni SDA Church in Homa Bay Town, is preparing for her church's *Kiche*, on August 17. She was introduced to the church after marrying and settling in Otaro Village in Homa Bay Town East Ward and has attended camp meetings every year since joining.

What draws me to *Kiche* are “the teachings by guest speakers and the uplifting songs by visiting choirs,” she explains.

For Adventists raised in the church, *Kiche* attendance feels almost instinctual. Ms Merce-line Atieno of Harvest SDA Church in Sofia Estate describes the week as one of the most important of the year.

“I’ve never missed a camp meeting. I even ask for leave from work; it’s just one week, but the spiritual benefit is immense,” she says.

Turkana Kenya has completed over 330 kilometres of tarmacked road from Lokichar to Nadapal

Residents pass Nadapal's acid test in road to peace

Communities from Kenya and South Sudan last weekend gathered to mark one year of peaceful coexistence



BY SAMMY LUTTA

A historic peace accord between the Turkana of Kenya and Toposa of South Sudan is paving the way for the completion of a vital road linking the two countries and unlocking the potential for regional trade and development.

Residents and leaders from both communities last weekend gathered at Nadapal, on the Kenya–South Sudan border to mark one year of peaceful coexistence.

The region, once plagued by deadly conflict over water, pasture, and territorial boundaries, has enjoyed relative calm since July 12, 2024.

We want the A1 road that connects Kenya and South Sudan through Nadapal to be completed. It will unlock a vital trade route.

Lokichoggio resident Esther Akal



Celebrations were laced with bright optimism as locals vowed to uphold the peace, root out criminal activity, and support development.

“We want the A1 road that connects Kenya and South Sudan through Nadapal to be completed. It will unlock a vital trade route and allow people, goods, and services to flow freely,” said Ms Esther Akal, a resident of Lokichoggio. She said peace should not only be realised through dialogue, but shared investment as well.

“We need markets, boreholes, and dispensaries that serve both communities. Development has no nationality,” she stated.

With community support, government engagement, and development partner commitment, Nadapal is emerging as a beacon of peace and gateway to prosperity for the region.

Kenya has completed over 330 kilometres of tarmacked road from Lokichar to Nadapal as part of the Lamu Port–South Sudan–Ethiopia Transport (Lapsset) Corridor Project, with support from the World Bank.

However, an 11-kilometre stretch between Nadapal and Nakodok re-

A motorist cruises down a smooth stretch of the Lodwar-Kakuma highway at Nameyana, Turkana County, in mid December 2022. The road links Kenya to South Sudan. FILE | NATION

mains incomplete due to territorial disputes and fears by the Toposa on land annexation. Dr John Deng, Executive Secretary of the Northern Corridor Transit and Transport Coordination Authority (NCTCA), noted the stark contrast in infrastructure between the two sides.

“To reach Nadapal, officials from Kenya use a smooth tarmacked road, while those from South Sudan struggle through a rough, undeveloped route. That 11-kilometre gap is holding back the full potential of this corridor,” he said.

Dr Deng said the World Bank had withdrawn support because the two countries could not reach an agreement on the start of construction, despite a recent meeting between the roads ministers of both nations.

“Trade is already being diverted through Uganda, with over 2.5 million metric tonnes of cargo bypassing this route. This region is missing out on the socioeconomic benefits due to unresolved claims,” he added.

South Sudan's Eastern Equatoria Governor Louis Lobong, while delivering a message from President Salva Kiir, hailed Nadapal as a symbol of peace and unity.

“Peace is the surest path to development and dignity. Let us remain vigilant and foster harmony with our neighbours,” he appealed.

He thanked Kenyan leaders and security forces for their role in promoting peace and urged governments to fast-track the demarcation of the international boundary.

Turkana Governor Jeremiah Lomrukai praised the cross-border cooperation, citing the successful use of shared water points and grazing areas.

“We have seen this model work along the Kenya–Uganda and Kenya–Ethiopia borders. Dialogue has replaced raids,” he said.

The governor proposed the establishment of cross-border councils comprising elders, youth, women, and religious leaders, formally recognised by both governments.

Turkana County Commissioner Julius Kavita echoed this sentiment, urging lasting peace to pave the way for development.

“If there are political bottlenecks, let the governors advise their communities accordingly,” he said.

Mr John Munyes, Kenya's Special Envoy for Peace in the Ateker Region, who was appointed by President William Ruto, announced that a 10-year master plan will be developed focusing on security, infrastructure, youth empowerment, climate resilience, and livelihoods.

“We will inaugurate the Ateker Leaders Council to coordinate peace-building among Kenya, Uganda, South Sudan, and Ethiopia. Peace rooted in local leadership is the most sustainable kind,” Mr Munyes said.

Meanwhile, efforts to support border communities are ongoing. Turkana County has partnered with the Strengthening Peace, Resilience, and Disaster Reduction Project to improve livestock trade, pasture production, and range-land management. The Deputy Director for Livestock Production, Ms Josephine Emase, said government officials are assessing livestock markets and sale yards while supporting range-land committees.

The three-year initiative is funded by the European Union and implemented by Danish Church Aid, SaferWorld, and local partners, covering border regions in Kenya, South Sudan, and Ethiopia.

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County News

Huge relief for grieving families as morgue nears completion

BY OSCAR KAKAI

A modern morgue is nearing completion at the Kapenguria County Referral Hospital, bringing a long-awaited sense of relief and dignity to grieving communities in West Pokot County who have long struggled with the burden of preserving bodies of their loved ones due to cultural and logistical barriers.

With a capacity to store 36 bodies at a go, the new facility, once complete, will be a significant upgrade from the county's only existing mortuary, an aging structure that holds just nine.

According to West Pokot Governor Simon Kachapin, the new facility will be fully equipped and operational within the current financial year. He revealed that the county government is also planning to build mortuaries across all sub-counties to bring services closer to residents.

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The number of bodies that the new mortuary will be able to hold at a go once it is complete. The current facility only holds a maximum of nine.

"We want to ensure that every resident can have a dignified farewell without the pain of traveling far or incurring huge expenses. Our people have suffered for too long, but by next year, things will be different," the governor said.

For families scattered across the vast and rugged terrain of West Pokot where insecurity, cultural beliefs, and poor infrastructure compound the challenges of mourning, the new mortuary represents more than just a building.

It is a journey toward a more compassionate and dignified send-off for their loved ones.

"For many families, (funerals) are simply unaffordable. In the case of bandits killed during cattle raids and attacks, bodies are often left to rot," said Mr William Long'iroi, a resident of Talau.

A resident of Cheptulel are, Mr Mechero Trioyon, highlighted the harsh realities in areas lacking health facilities.

"When someone dies on the way to the hospital, the body is often abandoned. In remote villages, bodies are buried in kraals. Only in urban areas are they taken to the mortuary," he said.

Wining and dining inside Lamu's floating havens

BY KALUME KAZUNGU

Lamu's floating restaurants are a dreamlike fusion of Swahili charm and ocean serenity.

Bobbing gently on the calm waters of the Indian Ocean, these floating gems offer more than just a meal. They deliver a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

One such attraction is the Al-Miftah Floating Restaurant, about 100 metres offshore from King Fahd County Referral Hospital. Established in 2023, the restaurant embraces Lamu's culture and tradition through its menu of seafood and Swahili dishes.

Here, revellers are not allowed to bring alcoholic drinks, and the restaurant only serves juice, soda, and water. The proprietor, Fat'hi Salim Masoud, said the joint targets religiously and culturally observant individuals who avoid clubs and pubs that serve alcohol.

"You can enjoy any kind of juice and soda but not alcohol. Even chewing miraa or muguka is prohibited at my restaurant. Lamu is a Unesco World Heritage site. We're, therefore, spreading and maintaining the culture and traditions of our community even here at sea," he said.



Al-Miftah Floating Restaurant in Lamu Island last Friday. It serves seafood and Swahili dishes, but no alcohol is allowed. KALUME KAZUNGU | NATION

The restaurant provides a boat service for clients.

"Those coming here can be picked either at the Lamu Town, Manda, Mokowe, Shella or King Fahd jetties at very subsidised

boat fares," said boat coxswain Mohamed Bausi. About 800 metres away is the Lamu Floating Pub, established in 2007. Located about one kilometre from Lamu Old Town and Shella, it is among

the few venues near Lamu Island where alcohol is available.

"You can enjoy a tippie while swinging your feet in the water and watching the fish swim at sunset," said the proprietor,

Ms Fridah Njeri Njogu. In Lamu East Sub-county, the Pate Tourist Banda, built in 2019, has also gained popularity. Developed by the Pate Resources and Tourism Initiative (PRATTI), a community-led organisation, the structure attracts both domestic and international visitors.

Haji Ramadhan, a PRATTI member, said investors are adopting unique ideas to appeal to tourists in a crowded sector.

"It's completely reshaping the way we think about dining and leisure," said Mr Ramadhan.

But how are these floating establishments actually built?

Mr Twalib Sagaf, an architectural expert based in Lamu, said designing and constructing a floating restaurant requires far more than setting up a dining space on a boat.

He said functionality, sustainability, and appropriate materials must be considered — and that these costs deter many would-be investors.

"Compared to constructing a restaurant on land, a floating restaurant is costly. Additionally, the choice of materials is crucial; they must be durable, water-resistant, and capable of withstanding the humid marine environment," said Mr Sagaf.

Kiambu The county government is also looking to establish a plant to manufacture asphalt

Development focus shifts to roads in county budget

We haven't been doing well on roads, says Wamatangi as he explains huge allocation

BY SIMON CIURI

The Kiambu County Government has enacted a Sh23.8 billion budget estimate for the 2025–2026 financial year, with the Governor Kimani Wamatangi-led administration emphasising road infrastructure, which has been allocated approximately Sh3.5 billion.

According to the budget, the county has allocated a development expenditure of Sh1.885 billion to be spent on tarmacking, gravelling, grading of roads, solar street-lighting, as well as construction of bridges and drainage systems. The department is targeting to build over 1,600 kilometres during the year.

Further, the county government is eyeing to establish a plant to manufacture asphalt, a material that combines aggregates like crushed stone and sand with liquid bitumen, which is then used for tarmacking roads, parking lots, and oth-

er paved surfaces. Another Sh1.6 billion has been allocated under the municipal administration and urban development directorate to "upgrade municipal infrastructure, including roads, drainage, sewer systems, and public amenities" through the Kenya Urban Support Programme (KUSP), which is funded by the World Bank.

Mr Wamatangi said that, while the county government had made significant achievements in sectors such as education — where hundreds of nursery school classrooms have been built — as well as in health, agriculture, and green energy, the roads agenda was still lagging.

"That is why we have allocated substantial resources so that even as we progress with the other projects, we will improve on our roads," he said.

The administration has developed a new framework for rural access road rehabilitation, halting the awarding of tenders for

AT A GLANCE
Road network set for major upgrade

3.5BN

The amount of money, in Kenyan shillings, that the county government has allocated for the improvement of road infrastructure in the 2025-2026 financial year.

maintaining access roads in the wards. This move has reduced the cost of grading, gravelling, and compaction of access roads from Sh6 million to Sh400,000 for a three-kilometre stretch.

Mr Wamatangi has been using county-run equipment — including excavators, graders, roll-

er compactors, trucks, and water bowlers — which have been mobilised and deployed in each of the 12 sub-counties. Finance Executive Nancy Kirumba said the budget was drafted based on people's needs, capturing ongoing projects across all departments to ensure completion, alongside new ones aimed at transforming residents' lives.

Ms Kirumba said approximately Sh16 billion will come from the exchequer and grants, while Sh7.9 billion has been set as the year's own-source revenue collection target to supplement the budget, which allocates Sh7.8 billion exclusively for development.

In the previous financial year, the county collected Sh5.45 billion in local revenue — a performance attributed to the installation of an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system that has automated county services and revenue streams.

The education sector, which has a Sh2.3 billion allocation, intends to complete construction of the remaining 178 Early Childhood Development Education Centres (ECDEs), equip them with furniture, learning and

playing materials, and feed approximately 46,000 learners. The county also increased the annual bursary kitty from Sh500 million to Sh750 million.

Further, according to Education Executive Mercy Njagi, the directorate has allocated funds to recruit new ECDE teachers, promote existing ones, build staff capacity, and develop relevant policies and bills.

Health continues to take the lion's share of the budget, with an allocation of Sh8 billion. Health Services Executive Elias Maina said this will be used to complete the ongoing construction of new hospitals, as well as equip them, digitise services, and pay for drugs and doctors' salaries.

In the agriculture sector, which has been allocated Sh1.2 billion, the county says it will continue distributing piglets and indigenous chicks, certified maize seeds and fertiliser — programmes that have so far benefited over 700,000 farmers. It also plans to provide artificial insemination services (both sexed and conventional semen), and install milk coolers and pasteurisers.

From the budget, the County Assembly of Kiambu, which comprises 85 ward representatives, has been allocated Sh1.3 billion for its operations. The Finance and Economic Planning Department has received Sh1.8 billion; Administration and Public Service, Sh1.4 billion; the Water Department, Sh1 billion; Trade, Sh839 million; and Sports and Youth, Sh421 million.

International

Survival Kyiv overhauled its government, appointing technocrat Yulia Svyrydenko as premier

Ukraine's financial gap widens as war heats up

Economy grew by 2.9 per cent last year but is expected to fall to 2.1 per cent

KYIV, THURSDAY

Ukraine's financing gap will widen significantly next year if Russia keeps up intense attacks and the government fails to act on demands for reform from lenders, analysts now say.

The government spends most revenue on the military and finances social and humanitarian spending with foreign aid, which state data shows has totalled \$139 billion since Russia invaded in February 2022.

Central Bank Governor Andriy Pyshnyi said only about a third of the \$65 billion needed for 2026 and 2027 has been pledged, with talks underway on the rest.

A poll of eight experts by the Centre for Economic Studies, a Kyiv-based think-tank, showed Ukraine will need between \$39 billion – this year's sum – and \$58 billion in external financing for next year alone. And the task is urgent.

"A key challenge for the government is to look for \$10 billion to \$15 billion in addition to the volume of assistance partners have pledged for 2026," ICU, a Kyiv-based investment house, said.

The negotiations may become more difficult after Ukraine missed key targets agreed with lenders – including the appointment of judges and other officials – and the president tightened

control over the two main agencies investigating corruption.

The move by President Volodymyr Zelenskiy sparked Ukraine's biggest wartime street demonstrations and prompted criticism from allies, who said strong anti-corruption measures are crucial to the country's EU aspirations.

Zelenskiy backtracked and submitted a new draft law to parliament, vowing to restore the independence of institutions set up to root out corruption. MPs on Thursday voted to restore the independence of the agencies.

But damage has been done already, experts say.

"Though Europe is unlikely to walk away from Ukraine, financial and military support will likely come under more scrutiny, leading to delays that Kyiv can ill afford," said Evghenia Sleptsova of Oxford Economics.

To unlock the next tranches of multi-year lending programmes from the European Union and the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Ukraine needs to make reforms – including hiring more judges to the highest anti-corruption court, overhauling the agency tasked with managing nationalised assets and appointing a head of the bureau for economic security.

In the first quarter of this year, Ukraine failed to meet several funding targets under the four-year €50 billion Ukraine Facility approved by the EU last year, two officials with knowledge of the matter said.

In June, Ukraine requested €3 billion instead of the €4.5 billion it was meant to receive for the second quarter.



Polish President Andrzej Duda with his Ukrainian colleague Volodymyr Zelenskiy on Ukraine's Constitution Day. Ukraine will spend significantly on defence next year as Russia steps up attacks. PHOTO | REUTERS

The economy ministry, a coordinator for the facility, said Ukraine is meeting all its obligations despite wartime challenges and expects a tranche of about €3 billion in August.

The ministry said it hopes to receive a €1.45 billion tranche at a later stage.

Ukraine also has a \$15.5 billion support programme with the IMF and plans talks on new lending, officials say.

Danylo Hetmansev, a lawmaker from the ruling party and the head of parliament's committee for taxes and finances, said the delays in meeting key reform targets are baffling.

"I cannot say that among the uncompleted tasks there was anything extremely difficult or unmanageable," he said.

Officials say the government is working to implement required

reform steps but complicated tasks require time.

Ukraine overhauled its government on July 17, appointing experienced technocrat Yulia Svyrydenko as the first new prime minister in five years to revitalise economic management.

The economy grew by 2.9 per cent last year but for 2025, the central bank has cut its forecast to 2.1 per cent as hopes for a quick end to the war as predicted by US President Donald Trump fade.

"While many of us previously assumed that 2026 would be easier, we anticipate that the war will continue into next year," said Olexandra Betlyi, researcher from the Institute of Economic Studies in Ukraine.

She cited mining and agriculture among economic weak spots.

As Russian soldiers advance in Donetsk, Ukraine has lost key assets, including the country's only coking coal mine near the Pokrovsk city. Strikes have also damaged gas production, Betlyi added.

Trump set a new deadline on Monday of 10 or 12 days for Russia to make progress towards ending the war, threatening to impose new sanctions if Moscow fails to do so.

Analysts pointed out that Ukraine would be unable to cut its defence spending significantly next year, even if a ceasefire is agreed this year, given that its much larger neighbour Russia has increased military spending to record levels.

Ukraine will spend a record 2.6 trillion hryvnias (\$62 billion) or about 31 per cent of GDP on defence this year. (Reuters)

Rwandan MPs approve DRC deal

KIGALI • Rwanda's Chamber of Deputies on Tuesday approved a law ratifying an agreement with the DR Congo aimed at restoring peace and security in the Great Lakes. The agreement, signed in Washington on June 27, received the backing of the 76 lawmakers present. It seeks to resolve tensions and security challenges between the two countries. During the parliamentary session, Foreign Affairs Minister Olivier Nduhungirehe said the deal was signed in the US, which participated in the process, under the facilitation of Qatar, and with support from the AU. "This is a step towards restoring peace, security and trust between Rwanda and the DR Congo," Nduhungirehe said. Lawmakers raised questions about the implications of the agreement. (Xinhua)

Trump escalates Canada trade war

WASHINGTON • US President Donald Trump intensified his trade war with Canada a day ahead of his August 1 deadline for a tariff agreement, saying it would be hard to make a deal with Canada after it gave its support to Palestinian statehood. Trump is to impose a 35 per cent tariff on Canadian goods not covered by the US-Mexico-Canada trade agreement if the two countries do not reach an agreement by the deadline. "Wow! Canada has just announced that it is backing statehood for Palestine. That will make it very hard for us to make a trade deal with them," Trump said. Canadian PM Mark Carney previously said tariff negotiations with Washington had been constructive, but the talks may not conclude by the deadline. (Reuters)

Outages revive Sudan's traditional pottery for cooling water

KHARTOUM, THURSDAY

Amid power outages in large parts of Sudan, pottery has re-emerged as a cultural relic and a part of survival.

For centuries, vessels like the zir, an earthenware jar, and the smaller qula have been used to keep water cool. The porous clay allows evaporation, lowering the temperature of the remaining water.

"The zir has become the best alternative

to a refrigerator," Somia Ahmed, a housewife in Gezira state, said.

"We learnt this from our mothers and grandmothers, but the new generation would have forgotten these tools if not for the crisis."

Pottery vessels also store vegetables, tomatoes and onions.

Thana Khalid from Omdurman said the electricity crisis and scorching heat have revived the need for traditional pottery

tools, especially among the young.

"My children were surprised, but now they rely on the zir when there's no electricity," she said.

Traditional pottery hubs like Al-Gamayer, Old Dongola and Shendi continue this legacy, producing durable, artistic pieces fired in traditional kilns.

With the return of pottery, related crafts have revived – kilns have reopened. At a modest workshop in Al-Gamayer, 62-year-

old Adam Ali Adam oversees a fresh batch of qulal-clay vessels.

"Before the war, we had five workers. Now we have 15 and still can't meet demand. Orders have increased tenfold," he said.

"In one corner of the workshop, 41-year-old Mutasim Yousif expertly worked a lump of clay.

"I learnt this craft from my uncle when I was just 15," he said, his hands steady as he shaped the pot. (Xinhua)

ART REVIVAL

15

The number of workers at Adam Ali Adam's workshop

Business

32.2%

Growth in Acorn Holdings half-year earnings

Bomet to market its own tea in bid to grow earnings

BY VITALIS KIMUTAI

The County Government of Bomet is exploring opportunities for direct tea sales in Japan from factories in the region in a bid to increase farmers' earnings.

It comes in the backdrop of Kenya's traditional tea markets facing war and political upheavals that have negatively impacted on volumes being taken.

Bomet county seeks to exploit the recent suspension of sections of the Tea Act 2020 by the national government in a move that has allowed direct export of the produce as opposed to all transactions going through Mombasa sale.

Japan was in 2023 ranked the 12th largest importer of tea out of 224 countries and has a market share of 2.31 per cent according to available statistics.

The Japanese Ambassador to Kenya Hiroshi Matsuura met with Bomet Governor Hillary Barchok to lay the groundwork for the commercial engagement by various players in the tea segment.

"Our dialogue focused on a strategic initiative to globally brand Bomet's high quality tea and firmly position Kenya as a distinct origin for premium tea," said Dr Barchok.

Bomet produces the largest volumes of tea in the country, but market challenges have over the years resulted in low earnings for growers. "We are looking at how to add value and brand locally produced tea before offloading it to the various markets globally since we produce what has been ranked as the best, but has not benefited farmers," Dr Barchok said.

He said the market potential for the Kenyan grown tea in Japan's 47 prefectures should be exploited both by the small holder farmers coalescing around Kenya Tea Development Authority (KTDA) factories and privately owned ones.

Increased supply chops the prices of Irish potatoes



Potato traders along Mosque Road in Nakuru City display their goods as they wait for customers yesterday after they were relocated from Wakulima market to pave way for renovations. High supply of potatoes has reduced prices with a 10-kilogramme bucket retailing at Sh500 from Sh800 a month ago.

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BRIEFLY

MANUFACTURING

EABL increases dividend, profit up to Sh12bn

East African Breweries has raised dividend for the third year running after net profit for the trading period ended June 2025 grew 12.2 per cent to Sh12.19 billion on the back of increased sales, foreign exchange gains and lower finance costs. The firm's financial results published early Thursday showed net profit rose from the Sh10.87 billion booked in the prior year, helping the board to propose a final dividend of Sh5.50 per share.

Patrick Alushula

REAL ESTATE

Acorn posts 32pc profit growth from its hostels

Property developer Acorn Holdings has reported a 32.2 per cent growth in combined net profit to Sh456.63 million on its two Real Estate Investment Trusts (Reits) in the half year to June, riding on higher valuation and rental income from its student hostels. Acorn's financial report shows that its investment Reit (I-Reit) returned a net profit of Sh251.63 million, representing a growth of 53 per cent compared to the first half of 2024.

Charles Mwaniki

ENERGY

KPLC hits 10m clients as peak demand rises to new record

Kenya Power's client base has crossed 10 million in what looks set to drive electricity sales amid a rising demand, which hit a new peak of 2,362.28 Megawatts on Wednesday. The state-owned electricity distributor yesterday disclosed that it added 401,848 new customers in the year ended June 2025, bringing its client base to 10.06 million, which coupled with the surge in demand from consumers will pile pressure on the utility to ensure reliable supply.

Energy Dwindling hydro sources of electricity a pain for consumers

Power from diesel plants up 11pc, increases prices

Kenya Power relied more on thermal generators in the first five months of 2025

BY JOHN MUTUA

Kenya Power relied more on expensive electricity generated from diesel-powered plants in the first five months of this year to make up for dwindling generation from water and imports, hurting efforts to lower energy costs.

An analysis of official data shows the share of thermal or diesel power in the national grid rose to 10.45 per cent or 632.63 kilowatt-hours (kWh) between January and May this year, up from 7.6 per cent (437.43kWh) in the same period of last year.

Generation of hydro-power dropped to 1,429.49kWh from 1,518.86kWh while imports of electricity fell to 650.61kWh from 659.9kWh, forcing Kenya Power to tap more thermal

electricity. Thermal power is the most expensive, with a unit costing up to Sh50 which is 17 times more than locally produced hydro-power—the cheapest source—where a unit goes for an average of Sh3.83. A unit of geothermal power goes for an average of Sh10.28.

Increased use of thermal power came at a time of rising electricity prices with consumers getting 19.2 units for Sh500 in May this year, compared to 19.5 units for the same wattage in December last year.

Use of thermal power in the national grid has been cited as key hindrance to Kenya Power's efforts of lowering the cost of electricity.

Thermal power in the national grid is costly whenever fuel prices shoot up due to the Fuel Cost

UNIT COST

50

What it costs in shillings for a unit of power generated using thermal sources

Charge (FCC) that is factored in monthly power bills.

"One of the challenges of thermal power generation include high and fluctuating imported fuel prices, making electricity generation expensive and unpredictable," the Ministry of Energy says in the draft National Energy policy.

FCC is used to compensate thermal power plants for the fuel used every month to generate electricity. FCC has averaged Sh3.62 for every kWh of electricity between January and May

this year.

Imports from Ethiopia dipped to 522.94kWh over the five months compared to 569.68kWh a year earlier while supply from Uganda rose to 97.92kWh from 90.22kWh.

Supply from the dominant geothermal rose to 2,354.43kWh from 2,258.86kWh. Kenya Power had 6,051.94kWh for sale to customers in the review period compared to the 5,738.62kWh available to the utility in the same period last year.

The share of thermal power in the national grid dropped from 15.38 percent in 2022 to 11.4 percent the following year and 7.6 percent last year.

Kenya has in the past few years set out to gradually lower the share of thermal power in the national grid in a bid to lower electricity prices and also reduce pollution of the environment by fossil fuels.

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NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE

Last 12 Mths	Security	Prices	Shares
High	Low	Yesterday	Previous

AGRICULTURAL

14.50	10.00	Eaagads Ord 1.25	12.05	11.70	3,700
440.00	240.00	Kakuzi Plc Ord. 5.00		439.00	
350.00	81.00	Kapchoruar Tea Kenya Plc Ord	339.50	345.00	5,700
430.00	320.00	The Limuru Tea Co. Ord 20.00		310.00	
32.60	13.60	Sasini Ltd Ord 1.00	15.15	15.20	5,400
289.00	120.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Plc Ord 500	245.50	245.00	7,800

AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES

49.00	18.50	Car & General (K) Ord 5.00	23.90	24.05	100
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BANKING

20.00	10.00	ABSA Bank Ord 0.50	19.50	19.50	693,500
38.00	26.50	BK Group Ord 0.80	35.50	35.90	1,300
83.25	43.05	Diamond Trust Bank Ord 4.00	79.50	77.50	29,400
52.50	33.70	Equity Group Holdings Ord 0.50	50.50	50.25	427,200
9.74	2.80	HF Group Plc Ord 5.00	7.78	7.80	148,600
39.00	15.80	I&M Group Ord 1.00	36.65	36.95	176,100
48.00	15.00	KCB Group Ord 1.00	47.40	47.35	664,600
67.00	28.50	NCBA Group Ord 5.00	66.25	66.00	128,900
180.00	90.00	Stanbic Holdings Ord. 5.00	177.25	177.00	9,900
320.00	134.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ord. 5.00	316.25	315.00	8,400
18.35	10.10	The Co-op Bank of Kenya Ord 1.00	17.00	17.00	396,200

COMMERCIAL & SERVICES

0.45	0.45	Deacons (East Africa) Ord 2.50		0.45	
1.88	0.59	Evoready EA Ord 1.00	0.94	0.90	57,400
5.40	2.70	Express Kenya Ord 5.00	4.20	4.20	200
4.66	4.66	Homeboyz Entertainment Plc Ord 0.50		4.66	
9.18	3.83	Kenya Airways Ord 1.00	5.02	5.10	566,200
3.46	2.00	Longhorn Publishers Ord 1.00	2.56	2.46	3,800
5.00	1.76	Nairobi Business Ventures Ord 1.00	1.83	1.83	16,200
22.40	10.60	Nation Media Group Plc Ord. 2.50	13.40	13.70	3,000
8.52	1.80	Sameer Africa Plc Ord. 5.00	8.52	7.76	309,200
10.80	4.50	Standard Group Ord 5.00	6.52	6.60	1,100
18.70	10.85	TPS Eastern Africa Ord 1.00	14.50	14.50	13,300
0.41	0.16	Uchumi Supermarket Ord 5.00	0.29	0.29	485,900
3.95	1.80	WPP ScanGroup PLC Ord. 1.00	2.57	2.55	6,500

CONSTRUCTION & ALLIED

5.55	5.55	ARM Cement Ord 1.00		5.55	
84.00	21.30	Bamburi Cement Ltd Ord 5.00		54.00	
47.00	29.00	Crown Paints Kenya Ord 0.50		39.60	
3.27	0.72	E. A. Cables Ord 0.50		1.71	
55.75	4.38	E.A. Portland Cement Ord 5.00	47.50	44.60	2,300

ENERGY & PETROLEUM

7.52	1.94	KenGen Ord 2.50	7.36	7.40	1,989,800
12.40	1.30	KP & LC Co Plc Ord. 250	11.30	11.35	502,000
4.20	4.00	KP & LC Plc 4% Pref. 20.00		4.10	
6.00	6.00	KP & LC Plc 7% Pref. 20.00		6.00	
26.00	14.55	TotalEnergies Marketing Kenya Ord 5.00	25.50	25.45	10,100
24.75	6.30	Umeme Ltd Ord 0.50	9.60	9.58	504,400

INSURANCE

8.98	4.01	Britam Holdings Ord 0.10	8.54	8.54	510,100
3.69	1.60	CIC Insurance Group Ord. 1.00	3.40	3.39	186,300
254.75	142.00	Jubilee Holdings Ord 5.00	244.00	239.00	3,200
2.97	1.05	Kenya Re Insurance Ord 2.50	2.21	2.22	577,700
12.20	3.30	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ord 1.00	10.90	10.90	2,600
11.00	4.00	Sanlam Kenya Ord 5.00	8.10	7.98	2,600

INVESTMENT

16.50	7.60	Centum Investment Co Ord 0.50	11.65	11.50	8,300
1.12	0.27	Home Afrika Ltd Ord. 1.00	0.63	0.61	85,000
1,500	1,500	Kurwitu Ventures Ltd Ord. 100.00		1,500.00	
5.60	1.91	Olympia Capital Holdings Ltd Ord. 5.00	4.23	4.03	10,700
1.78	0.29	Trans-Century Plc Ord. 0.50		1.12	

INVESTMENT SERVICES

10.00	5.22	Nairobi Securities Exchange. Ord 4.00	9.52	9.66	21,000
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MANUFACTURING & ALLIED

95.00	65.00	B.O.C Kenya Group Co. Ord 5.00	90.00	89.50	200
495.00	325.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Ord 10.00	400.25	402.00	19,700
23.90	11.00	Carbacid Investments Ord 1.00		21.70	4,400
244.00	100.00	East African Breweries Ord 1.00	210.75	226.00	254,600
2.33	0.86	Flame Tree Group Holdings Ord 0.825	1.26	1.20	35,500
77.00	10.40	Kenya Orchards Ord 5.00		67.50	
0.27	0.27	Mumias Sugar Co. Ord 2.00		0.27	
31.00	12.00	Unga Group Co. Ord 5.00	20.10	20.00	1,000
6.80	5.90	Shri Krishana Overseas. Plc 0.20	2.92	6.26	60,600

TELECOMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY

27.50	11.50	Safaricom Ltd Ord. 0.05	26.30	27.40	6,087,800
20.00	20.00	Laptrust I-Reit Co. Ord 20.00		20.00	
3330.00	1880.00	Absa New Gold ETF	3995i	4080	
761.00	761.00	Satrix MSCI World Feeder ETF		761.00	

NSE ALL SHARE INDEX. 01st Jan 2008 -100 Dwn 3.45pts - 160.22 NSE 20-Dwn 12.17pts - 2558.63 01st sep 2015-4101.67 Dwn 64.66 pts 4135.28 NSE 20-S1 -30 Aug 2023-1000 Dwn 34.49pts - 1578.79

COMMERCIAL BANK RATES

		Euro	\$	£	C\$	SF	IR	JY	ZR
ABC	buy	147.37	129.00	171.05	93.24	158.46	1.47	86.61	7.14
	sell	148.20	129.50	171.98	93.60	159.27	1.47	87.00	7.21
Absa	buy	147.41	129.10	171.10	93.31	158.58	1.49	86.63	7.17
	sell	147.89	129.30	171.62	93.59	159.21	1.49	86.88	7.19
Co-op	buy	144.76	128.50	168.81	91.34	156.42	1.44	85.74	6.25
	sell	149.91	129.50	173.20	95.08	161.21	1.61	88.97	8.10
Equity	buy	147.28	128.90	170.34	93.16	158.43	-	85.79	7.10
	sell	147.99	129.50	171.20	93.60	159.25	-	86.20	7.14
NBK	buy	147.52	129.00	171.23	93.35	158.74	1.49	86.70	7.18
	sell	147.74	129.40	171.48	94.14	159.08	1.49	86.84	7.20
KCB	buy	147.23	129.03	170.29	93.20	158.47	1.47	86.00	7.11
	sell	147.76	129.43	170.87	93.51	159.06	1.48	86.00	7.14
NCBA	buy	147.50	129.05	171.20	93.40	158.75	1.47	86.70	7.18
	sell	147.90	129.25	171.50	93.55	160.10	1.47	86.80	7.20
Stanbic	buy	147.46	129.00	171.03	93.40	158.89	1.46	86.63	7.18
	sell	147.94	129.40	171.61	93.69	159.35	1.48	86.80	7.28
Prime	buy	147.15	129.00	170.20	93.20	158.40	1.47	85.75	7.10
	sell	147.65	129.50	170.70	93.70	158.90	1.48	86.35	7.20

CBK RATES

	Exchange Rate	Swiss Franc	159.1030
US Dollar	129.2394	100 Japanese Yen	86.8136
1 Sterling Pound	171.5071	1 Swedish Kroner	13.2365
1 Euro	147.8693	1 Norwegian Kroner	12.5691
1 South African Rand	7.1919	1 Danish Kroner	19.8127
Ksh/USH	27.7392	1 Indian Rupee	1.4757
Ksh/TSH	19.8469	1 Hongkong Dollar	16.4639
Ksh/RWF	11.758	1 Singapore Dollar	99.8527
Ksh/BIF	23.0657	1 Saudi Riyal	34.4528
1 UAE Dirham	35.1859	1 Chinese Yuan	17.9705
1 Canadian Dollar	93.5365	1 Australian Dollar	83.5920

UNIT TRUSTS

		Daily Yield	Annual Rate
African Alliance Kenya Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.64%	7.91%
African Alliance Kenya Enhanced Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.98%	8.28%
Britam Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.61%	11.95%
Britam Money Market Fund	USD	4.59%	4.70%
Absa Shilling MMF	Kenya Shilling	8.30%	8.63%
Absa Dollar Fund MMF	USD	4.05%	4.13%
Gulfcap Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	12.89%	13.11%
Gulfcap Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	13.13%	13.94%
Gulfcap Shariah Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.08%	7.33%
Old Mutual Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.63%	11.12%
Old Mutual Dollar Money Market Fund	USD	5.01%	5.13%
Etica Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.49%	12.18%
Etica Money Market Fund	USD	5.87%	6.05%
CPF Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	6.68%	6.91%
Co-op Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.85%	9.25%
Co-op Bond Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.26%	10.81%
Arvocap Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.91%	11.47%
Arvocap Alimasi Fund	Kenya Shilling	1.30	1.31
Mayfair Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.16%	8.50%
Mayfair Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	15.19	15.19
Enwealth Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.49%	11.01%
CIC Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.42%	8.75%
CIC Wealth Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.00%	7.00%
CIC Dollar Fund	USD	4.54%	4.67%
Equity Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	4.96%	5.08%
Kuza Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.62%	12.32%
Kuza Money Market Fund	USD	5.40%	5.55%
Madison Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.48%	11.06%
Madison Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.81%	12.53%
Orient Kasha Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.84%	12.45%
Jubilee Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.80%	11.36%
Jubilee Money Market Fund	USD	5.29%	5.42%
Lofty-Corban Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.95%	12.70%
Lofty-Corban Bond Fund	Kenya Shilling	12.39%	13.10%
Lofty-Corban Money Market Fund	USD	5.23%	5.36%
Cytomn Money Market	Kenya Shilling	12.53%	13.34%
NCBA Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.91%	8.21%
NCBA Dollar Fixed Income Fund	USD	3.00%	3.04%
ICEA LION Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.97%	9.38%
ICEA LION Dollar Fixed Income Fund	USD	104.35	104.35
ICEA LION Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	116.80	116.80
Britam Special Fixed Income Fund (3 months)	Kenya Shilling	10.61%	11.44%
Britam Special Fixed Income Fund (6 months)	Kenya Shilling	10.63%	11.17%
Britam Special Fixed Income Fund (12 months)	Kenya Shilling	10.81%	11.36%
Sanlam Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.80%	10.30%
Sanlam US Dollar Fund	USD	5.27%	5.41%
Apollo Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.73%	10.21%
Genghis Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.64%	9.03%
GenAfrica Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.86%	11.40%
KCB Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.41%	9.83%
KCB Money Market Fund	USD	5.01%	5.13%
Nabo Africa Fixed Income Fund	USD	6.50%	6.71%
Nabo Africa Money Market Fund	USD	5.66%	5.82%
Nabo Africa Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	12.05%	12.81%
Nabo Africa Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	12.03%	12.78%
Dry Associates Money Market Fund	USD	5.25%	5.38%
Dry Associates Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.70%	10.15%
Dry Associates Special High Yield Fund	Kenya Shilling	12.36%	13.60%
Faulu Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.79%	10.21%
Britam Bond Plus Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.44%	12.11%

NAIROBI & UPCOUNTRY

PERSONAL NOTICES

A109 Lost

DEED THIKA MUNICIPALITY BK 20/272

LOSS OF TITLE - BUTSOTSO/INDANGALASIA/ 2809

LOSS of Title deed no. Gede/Dabaso/1144

LOSS of Title Deed no Gede/Dabaso/1146

LOSS of Title I.R. 61755, L.R. No. 209/10899

LOSS of title Kiambu District L.R. No. 14870/309 0722657051

LOSS of title Subukia/Subukia West 1/504 Teresia Wanjiru Wanyoike

LOST Title Deed Butsotso/Shibeye/5631

LOST title deed Imara Daima Hse Lr Nairobi block 125/ 794 Nairobi of Eva Muthoni Wanjiku

LOST title deed Molo South/Langwenda block 11/ 25 (Kang'ei)

LOST Title Deed No. Konza North/Konza North Block 2/410 Eagle Sight Investment Limited.

LOST title IR.254813, Lr. 29699

LOST title Kiesege/Nyamamithi blk 4/2311

LOST title Kihingo Likia block 1/144 Peter Icuja Gachoka

LOST title: MARACH / Elukongo/2103

LOST title Nakuru Rare Nguriga/198 Samuel Karanja Maina

LOST Title:Ngong/Ngong/99640

LOST title Njoro/Ngata block 11/149 Polycarpus Kariuki Kimani

LOST title: Nkuene/Kithunguri/1302 for Elias Mugira Albert

LOST title: Nkuene/Ngonyi/2778 for Moses Mutembei Kirimi

LOST Title - North Sakwa/ Kanyamgony/ 1833 Julius Owuor Adongo

PERSONAL SERVICES

A167 Acupuncture

MEN'S Vitality Clinic 0722-242243

PAIN Relief Clinic 0724-044383

A279 Notices

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r.3)(3)(xi) PUBLIC NOTICE
Physical & Land Use Planning Act No. 13 of 2019
NOTIFICATION FOR CHANGE OF USER
The registered owner of plot L. R. No. **KABARE/NYANGATI/1570** located within Kutus Township, Kirinyaga County proposes to change use from **agricultural to residential** subject to approval by the County Government of Kirinyaga. Individuals, institutions, members of public etc. with comments and/or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within **fourteen (14) days** of this notice to:
THE CEC- M LANDS, HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT , KIRINYAGA COUNTY BOX 260 – 10304, KUTUS.
Name of Registered Planner: **METSUKA TAM LIMITED, Reg. No. 0114**

PUBLIC NOTICE
Physical & Land Use Planning Act No. 13 of 2019
CHANGE OF USER
The owner of Plot No. Bukira/Buhingera/407 located in Kurutyange Area, Kuria West Sub County wishes to change the use from **Agricultural to Light Industrial (Gold Leaching Plant)** subject to the approval by the County Government of Migori. Individuals, organizations or institutions with comments and/or objections should forward such in writing stating grounds of objection within **14 days** of this notice to:
The County Executive Committee Member, Department of Lands, Housing, Physical Planning & Urban Development, Migori County Government, P.O Box 195-40400, Suna-Migori. Plan. Onesimus Musyoki. Reg. No: 0229

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Physical & Land Use Planning Act No. 13 of 2019
NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USER
The registered owner of land parcel number **L.R 4903/ 10** located at Miumbiri/Wempa, Murang'a County, proposes to Change use of his land from **Agricultural to mixed Use developments**, subject to approval by the County Government of Murang'a. Individuals, institutions, etc. with objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within **(14) days** from the date of this notice to:
The CECM, Lands, Physical Planning and Urban Development, County Government of Murang'a, P.O Box 52-10200, Murang'a. J.M Ruthuthi RPP 023

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Physical & Land Use Planning Act No. 13 of 2019
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PWKPETITIONER
VERSUS
NAHASHON GAKOMBO MIRING'URESPONDENT
PETITION
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Physical & Land Use Planning Act No. 13 of 2019
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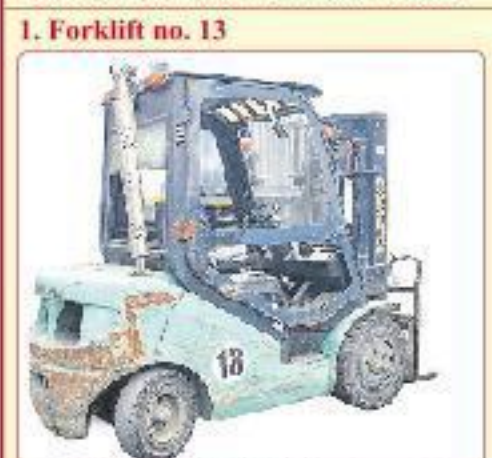
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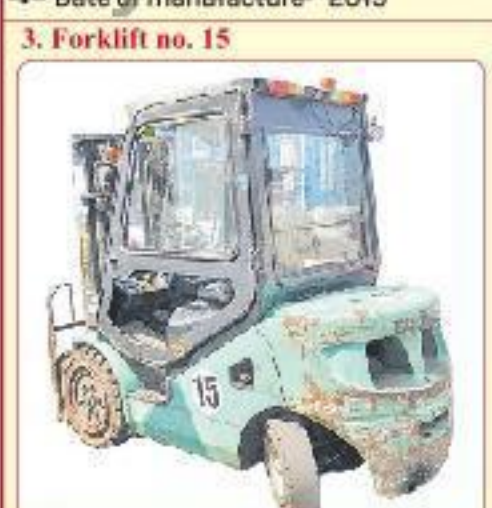
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Death and Funeral Announcement



Arthur Kamau Mukirae

D.O.B: 14th December, 1950 ~ D.O.D: 30th July, 2025

It is with deep sorrow and acceptance of God's will that we announce the promotion to glory of Arthur Kamau Mukirae which occurred on Wednesday 30th July, 2025 after a long illness bravely borne.

Arthur was the son of the late Mukirae Thairu and Wanjiru (Wandung'iti) Mukirae. Beloved husband of Anne Mwara Mukirae. Father of Ivy Wanjiru & James Kimori, Angela Njeri and Rodney Kihenjo. Loving grandfather of Jordan Njoki Kimori, Ira Mwara Kimori & Elia Wanjiru Kimori.

Brother of James Mukirae, Janet Warira Kamau and the late Nancy Wambui Njoroge. Friends and family are meeting daily at his home at Vet Ngong from 31st July, 2025 from 4.00 p.m. There will be a memorial service at P.C.E.A Enchorro Emuny Ngong Parish on Sunday – 3rd August, 2025 at 3.00 p.m.

The cortege leaves Montezuma Funeral home Mbagathi way on Tuesday – 5th August, 2025 at 7.30 am for funeral service at P.C.E.A Enchorro Emuny Ngong Parish and thereafter for burial at Upper Matasia.

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

May the name of the Lord be glorified.

Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with deep sorrow and humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing of Catherine Karimi Micheni, which occurred peacefully on the morning of 29th July 2025, at her home in Nairobi, surrounded by family and loved ones.

Catherine was born on 1st August 1963 in Kathangarini Village, Chuka South Sub - County, Tharaka-Nithi County, to the late Oswald Mwara Ireri and the late Isabella Tirindi. She was the devoted wife of Prof. Micheni Japhet Ntiba, and a loving mother of Derek Murithi Micheni, John Mutembei Micheni, and Victor Mugambi Micheni. She was a proud mother-in-law of Julia Wambui and Florence Ndunge. She was a doting grandmother of Amani Micheni Murithi. She was sibling of Karen Kagendo, Eddie Kirimi, Kenneth Gituma, and Josphat Bundi; her parents-in-law, Nikoroi Mwarari and Lilian Ciambuba; and a host of extended family and friends who loved her dearly.

A passionate educator and public servant, Catherine began her teaching career in the early 1988, serving at Chuka High School, Kamiti High school, Kamukunji Secondary School, and later Ngara Girls' Secondary School, where she was appointed The Head of Geography Department. She went into administrative duties in The Ministry of Education and rose through the ranks to become Senior Assistant Director of Education in 2014 and subsequently Deputy Director of Education in 2016 under the State Department of Basic Education.

Upon retirement in 2023, she became Director of Desert Garden Limited, where she championed sustainable agriculture engaging in fish farming, fish fingerling production, grains and legumes cultivation, poultry farming amongst others. This bit of work empowered farmers immensely in promoting food security not only in Tharaka Nithi but many regions of Kenya.

Catherine, bravely fought a long and courageous battle with Phyllodes breast cancer since 2014, facing each stage with strength, grace, and unwavering faith.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, 3rd August 2025, at P.C.E.A Kahawa Sukari Church at 3:00 PM. The burial will take place on Thursday, 7th August 2025, at their home at Kibumbu Village, Kiangondu Location, Chuka North Subcounty, Tharaka-Nithi County, after a funeral Service at Kiangondu P.C.E.A Church.

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



Catherine Karimi Micheni

Sunrise: 1st August 1963 – Sunset: 29th July 2025

Mom You're Dearly Missed



Mrs Norah Felistas Atamba Musambai

Sunrise: 20th August, 1943 ~ Sunset: 1st August, 2013

12 years have passed since your untimely demise, yet your love still shines in our lives.

We cannot forget your sacrificial love and devotion to us against all odds.

Missed by your dear husband, James Kere Musambai. Your loving Children, Gregory Aliela, Mike Musambai, Dr. Jane Imbunya- PS, Public Service, Mrs. Susan Mwachi and Eric Shitambi.

Your dear sons and daughters in-law, late Dr Joseph Imbunya, Mr. Fred Mwachi, Mrs. Lydia Aliela, Elizabeth and Leah Musambai. All your dotty grandchildren; Harkins, Bramwel, Andrew, Isaac, Debby, Hendricks, Chelsea and your great grandson, Joe Junior Imbunya. Bakhulunya, Basilwa, St. Joseph's Catholic Church Kakamega and your many friends and mentee's.

You left us beautiful memories, and your love is still a guide to us.

On your death anniversary today, we send you all our love.

Until the resurrection morning.

Celebration of a Life Well Lived



Eng. Francis Mureithi Gituku

12th February, 1944 – 28th July, 2025

It is with deep sorrow and humble acceptance of the Lord's will, that we announce the passing on of our family Patriarch, Eng. Francis Mureithi Gituku on Monday, 28th July, 2025.

Eng. Francis Mureithi was the beloved and loving husband of Eunice Wangui Mureithi, doting and an amazing dad of Morris & Wangari Gituku, Jennifer Wangeci & Gowi Odera and Wanjiru Mureithi.

He was a loving and ever doting grandfather of Wangui, Wanjiku, Wangeci, Okidi & Akwe.

He was the son of the late Mzee Humphrey Gituku and Mama Jane Gachigi. He was brother of Wanjiru & Murimi, Nyambura & Kamwaro, Nyawira & Kabiru, Carmelina Gituku, Kariuki Gituku, George & Eliza Mugenyu, Wangari & Muragu, the late Kaboi Gituku, Wairimu & Mbuthia, Gathoni & the late Chege, Nyaguthii & Karani, Wambui & the late Githui, and Ngima & Irungu.

He was son-in-law of the late Eustace Tatua Gitiche & Shelmith Wanjiru Tatua, he was brother-in-law of the late Lucy Muthoni & Waigwa, the late Gitiche Tatua & Jane, Nellie Wangari & Chiugu, the late Patricia Wamaitha, Anne & Maina Mukoma, Kristine & Wanjohi Kanyi, and the late Flora Tatua.

Family and friends will be meeting for prayers today, Friday, 1st August, 2025 at All Saints Cathedral from 5:30pm.

There will be a Memorial Service on Sunday, 3rd August, 2025 at Nairobi Chapel, Ngong Road from 3:00pm. The burial service will take place on Tuesday, 5th August, 2025 in Rititi, Mathira Sub-County, Nyeri County.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

~ Psalms 116:15 ~

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In Loving Memory

Joseph Kanyanga Kamau

The family of Joseph Kanyanga Kamau announces his passing on 28th July 2025. He passed away peacefully surrounded by family. Joseph was predeceased by his parents Jane Nyareri and Kamau Karaimo, siblings Nyatuga, Dickson, Waruguru, and Kabura. He will lovingly be remembered by his spouse Wanjiku Kamau. Children are Murugi, Wahu, Wangui. Siblings are Teresiah Wangoi, Mama Sadiki (Webuye), Miriam Kimani, Susan Wanjiru, James Warui, Joseph Mathenge, Njeri Kamau. Mother in-law is Rtd Beatrice Wahu Maara. And many sibling in-laws, nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends. Family and friends are meeting daily from 5.00pm at their family home on Umoja road, Ongata Rongai. We meet on Tuesday 5th August 2025 at Umash Funeral Home at 7.30am, followed by burial service at 11.00am at Ngei Phase II Grounds (Directly opposite PCEA Langata Parish), Langata. The body will thereafter be interred at Langata Cemetery at 1.00pm. **You will always and forever have a place in our hearts**

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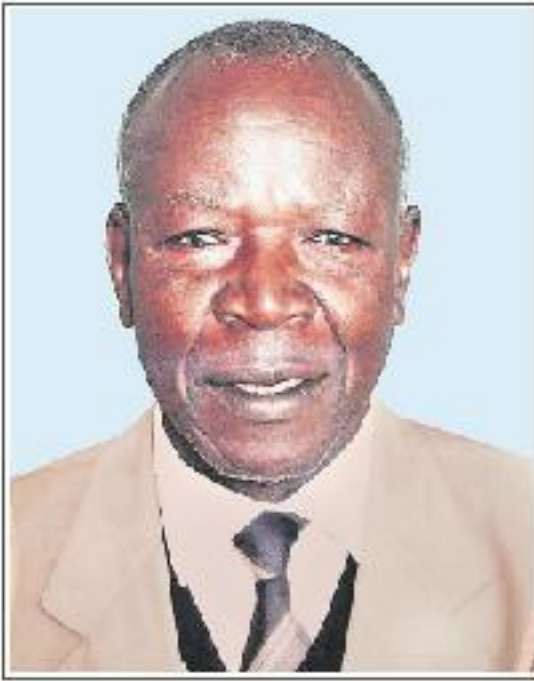
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Promotion to Glory



Peter Gakuu Mukora

The Gakuu family wishes to announce the promotion to glory of our beloved Dad Peter Gakuu Mukora on 23rd July, 2025, in Nyeri.

Son of the late Simon Mukora and Gladys Gathoni. Step-son of the late Waceera and the late Wanjira.

Brother of the late Nderitu, the late Nyambura, Kabega, Wachuka, the late Kahuthia, Charity, the late Munene, the late Nyambura, Jane, Wambui, the late Mathenge, Nyambura Mutinda, Gathigia, the late Karugu, Wambugu and the late Kabega.

He was the husband of the late Anna Nyawira and Agnes Wairimu.

He was father of Mukora and Nyakio; Wachira and Nancy; Ndiritu and Pastor Margaret; Winnie and Mwangi; Cugu and Richard.

He was grandfather of Olivia; Robin(P); Cynthia; Christy; Ashley; Dylan; Juliet; Alex and Elvis, and great grandfather of Koru;

Prayers are ongoing at his home in Marua at 4.00 pm and in Nairobi at The Panafric Hotel today and tomorrow, Friday 1st August 2025, at 6.00pm

Cortege leaves Consolata Mathari Hospital on 5th August 2025 at 8.00 am for funeral service and burial at 10.00 am at his farm, Marua, Mathira West.

Death and Funeral Announcement

We regret to announce the passing of the late Ambrose Dennis Otieno Ong'wen, who passed away at Kenyatta National Hospital on Sunday, 6th July 2025.

He was the son of the late Martin Ong'wen and the late Leonora Odera.

He was the husband of Wilfrida Akinyi Otieno, Seline Atieno Otieno and Cynthia Awuor.

He was the father of Theresa, Benedict, Martin, Francis, and Teryl Harmony, Christopher, Ezekiel Emmanuel, and John Paul, E'elyon, Jezuu, and the father in law of Tiril Harriet. He was the grandfather of Hera Catherine Reeves Ogolla.

He was the brother of the late Paul, John, Elias, the late Benedict, Teresa, Francisca, and Mary Gorety.

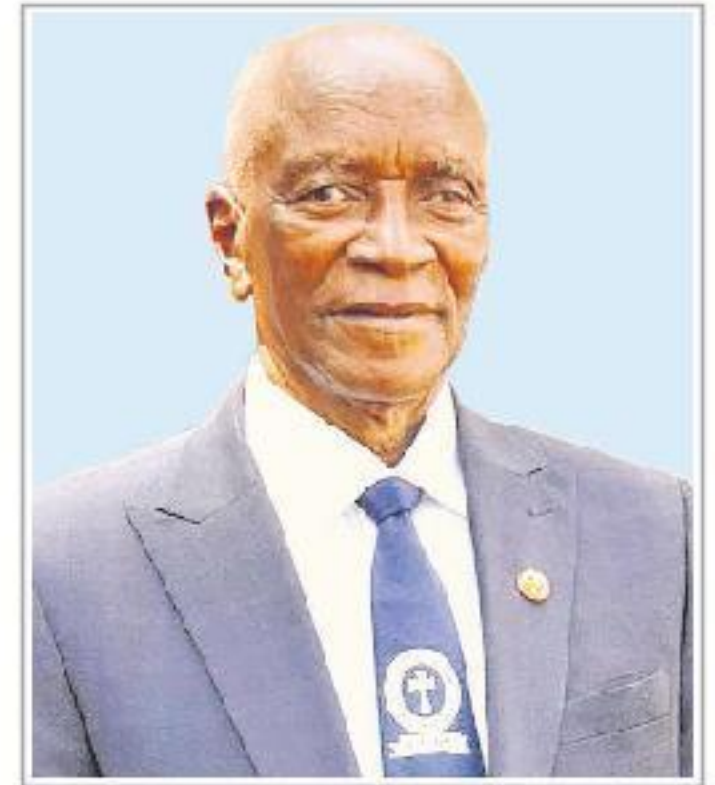
A harambee to support the funeral will be held on 1st August 2025 at 7:00 PM at Holy Family Basilica, Nairobi.

The burial will take place on 8th August 2025 at his home in Kongwen, Kalenyjuok Village, Boro Division, Siaya County.



Ambrose Dennis Otieno Ong'wen

Forever in our hearts



Rtd. Senior Chief Edward Francis Karanja Kigundu

With humble acceptance of God's will we announce the death of retired Senior Chief Edward Francis Karanja Kigundu of Waithaka Location, Ndwaru Road, Dagoretti south, Nairobi.

Husband of Teresiah Nduta Karanja. He was son of the late John Kigundu and Hannah Wangari Kigundu.

Brother of the late Stephen Kiragu, the late Margaret Njeri Njenga, the late James Kamau and Lucy Magiri Karuga.

Father of Jane Wangari Karanja, Aisha Wanjiku Karanja, the late Sophia Njoki Karanja, John Ndungu Karanja, Michael Kambui Karanja, Hon. Anthony Kiragu Karanja (MCA Waithaka Ward, Minority leader, Nairobi City County), Samuel Waihenya Karanja and Simon Njuguna Karanja.

Father-in-law of Abdulmalik Muruthi, David Irungu, Margaret Pombeya, Margaret Kananu, Purity Wanjiru, Delene Linda and Jennifer Hela.

He is a grandfather and great grandfather to many.

The cortege leaves Montezuma Funeral Home on Tuesday 5th August 2025 at 8.30am. Funeral Service will be held at his home on Ndwaru Road, Waithaka beginning at 11.00 am, followed by burial at the same place at 2.00pm.

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

Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with deep sorrow that National Irrigation Authority announces the untimely death of Peter Okech Swa who until his demise was a Draughtsman at the Head Office. He was called to rest on 22nd July 2025 while undergoing treatment at RFH Specialist Hospital.

Son of the late Simeon Swa Odongo and Clementina Swa. Beloved husband of Hellen Okech. Cherished father of the late Kevin Otieno, Brenda Anyango, Emma Achieng, Collins Okech and the late Simeon Swa. A proud grandfather of Nina Amor and Phil Loch.

Dear brother of the late Teresa Okuta, the late Fabian Oluoch, Agnes Ouma, Phillip Abongo, the late Thomas Opiyo, Veronica Ondiek, and Michael Otieno.

A Requiem Mass will be held at **Our Lady of Guadalupe Church (Adams Arcade) at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, 7th August 2025.** Thereafter, followed by a funeral service at his local church, **St. Stephen, Maili Saba, Mowlem same day at 3:00 p.m.** An overnight vigil will be held at his home in Mowlem, Komarock Road.

The cortege leaves for his rural home in Nyakach on 8th August 2025 for a Church service at **Nyabondo Parish at 2:00 p.m.** The Burial & funeral service will take place on 9th August 2025 at his home in **Nyakachi, Ramogi, Sigoti Sub Location, Kisumu County.**

Family and friends are meeting daily at his Mowlem home for prayers and burial arrangements.

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



Peter Okech Swa

Death and Funeral Announcement



Omongina Lydia Kamochi Ongeru

It is with deep sorrow and humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing of our cherished mother, Omongina Lydia Kamochi Ongeru, of Riaryambane SDA Church, Gesusu Village, Nyaribari Masaba - Kisii County. She peacefully left this earthly life on July 17th, 2025, in Nairobi.

Mama Lydia was beloved wife of the late Jefney Ongeru Onyiego Nyasae. She was daughter of the late Senior Chief Hezron Mukenye Buyoywa and the late Esther Adonya of the Tiriki Clan - Vihiga County. Daughter in-law of the late Onyiego Nyasae and Keremensia Bwari of the Mwanyasae clan, Gesusu - Kisii County.

Mother of Margaret Rose Aliviza (Formerly of DQAS MOE) & Sam Kagasi, Venorica Agosa & Paul Nyanganya, Oscar Ongeru (Director - G-Optimized) & Beverly Moraa, Patrick Gitamo (Formerly of the High Court), Theresa Moraa, Jane Nongari and Carol Moraa. Grandmother of over 17 grandchildren among them Billy, Mercy, Brian of KeRRA, Loureen of Ecobank, Onyancha, Oyaro of NITA, Keith (Chicago), Jefney (Des Moines), Buyoywa (Indy), Lydia, Ongeru and Adonya of Nairobi, Douglas Nyairo (Ministry of Interior) among others. Great Grandmother of Lavinda Adhiambo, Kate Hezel, Millens Agosa, Mercy Nyarangi among others.

She was Korera of the late Mr & Mrs, Ezekiel Kagasi - the late Mr & Mrs. Jackson Nyanganya, the late Mr & Mrs Zachary Metobo and Mr & Mrs. George Waweru.

She was preceded in death by her siblings - the late Alfred, the late Levi, the late Andiva, the late Keller, the late Peninah, the late Damaris and the late Jesse. Her surviving siblings are Judith, Miriam, Grace, Kezia, Meshack Kipanga, Rael, Alice, Henry and Jane. Sister-in law of the late Kingoina, the late Onyancha, Buyaki, Barongo, Mogotu, the late Kemunto, the late Oseko, the late Moturi, the late Zablou, Mwalimu Nyasae, Shem Amota, Jeria Oseko, Drusila Ongeru, Rachel Maranga, Hon. Norah Isaac, among others.

Auntie of the late Elijah Kingoina, Linet Onyancha, Nyangera Oseko, Magati Moturi, Amos Zablou, Joe Kingoina, Fred Orora, Omare Kingoina among many in the Mwanyasae Family, Patrick Mukenye, Rose, Flora, Jane, Rosemary (Principal of St. Paul School), Mike Osita, Miheso, Oscar Maleya, Opisa, Majani, among others.

The main Harambee to off set medical bills and burial expenses shall be held at All Saints Cathedral - Nairobi on Monday August 4th, 2025 starting 5.00pm. Funeral service shall be held at Nairobi Central SDA church Maxwell on Tuesday August 5th, 2025 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm followed by a repass at the same location. Burial is scheduled for Friday August 8th, 2025 at her Riaryambane Gesusu home in Nyaribari Masaba - Kisii.

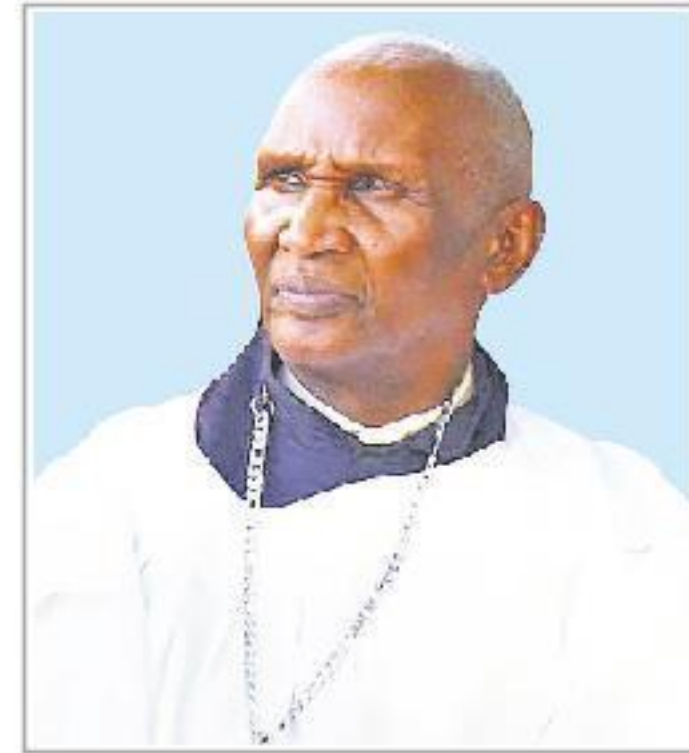
Revelation 21:4 : He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

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Death and Funeral Announcement



Deacon Nason Ndagili Kimondiu
(30th Nov 1950 ~ 26th July 2025)
National Treasurer,
Africa Brotherhood Church

With deep sorrow and humble acceptance of God's will, the Africa Brotherhood Church and family announce the sudden demise of Deacon Nason Ndagili Kimondiu 'Tuko' on 26th July 2025.

He was the National Treasurer of the Africa Brotherhood Church. Beloved husband of Pastor Ruth Ndinda Ndagili. Loving father of Joel Mutua Ndagili, Timothy Nzioki Ndagili and Moses Kinyili Ndagili. Doting grandfather of Mumbi Mutua, Grace Mutua and Joshua Ndagili Mutua. Son of the late Kimondiu Mwangangi and Mary Kimondiu. Son-in-law of the late Timothy Mwanza and the late Rhoda Ngili Mwanza. Father-in-law of Esther Mutua and in-law of the late Peter Kamu and Margret Kamau. Brother of Paul Kivuva, late Kinyili, Annah, John Muthusi Kimondiu, Kakuvi Kimondiu and Mueni Musembi.

Step brother of Tabitha Kulemba, late Kiamba, Iluka, the late Mbeke, Mutua, Syumili, late Kaveke, Brother-in-law of Phoethi Mwanza, Joseph Mwanza, Isaac Mwanza, Muli Mwanza, late Daudi Mwanza, Nzioki Mwanza, Phyllis Muthusi (ABSA Bank), Peninah Kivuva, Peter Musembi among others. Nephew of Wayua Ngeta and Urbanus Kivuva. Cousin of Tito Kitulu, Njoroge Kamula, the late Mula, Chris Mutwiwa, Kalekye, Syokau, Katumani, Wandia, Katunge, Kyalo, Jackson Masila, Mutuku, Charles Mamuu, Mwangangi, Gregory, Dr Susan Musyoka (Former Women's Rep. Machakos County), Jackson, Lilian, Jane, the late Tabitha, Muema, Bishop Mutua, Carol Katunga, Matheka Kimau, Pastor Jane, Mbila Kiko, Josephine, Minoo, Hon Jessica Mbalu (MP of Kibwezi East), Fridah Mbithe, among others.

Uncle of Kelly, Minoo, Muema, Musyoki, Wayua, Wambua, Kioko, Mboya, Dennis, Brenda, Patience, Caleb, Mutunga, Mutie, Mutuku, Samson, Mulemba, Isaac, Ngina, Mwill among others.

There will be a memorial service held on the 3rd of August 2025 at the ABC Bomani, Machakos from 3.00 PM. The funeral service will be held on the 6th August 2025 at Ituuemo Primary School, Ituuemo Village, Thange ward at 10.00 AM, followed by a private burial service at the family home.

To assist the family in funeral and burial arrangements you can send your contribution through:
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KPC coach Geoffrey Omondi reacts against DCI during their league play-off match at MISC on June 7. CHRIS OMOLLO | NATION



Women's volleyball team steps up training for Cup

BY AYUMBA AYODI

A new-look Kenya women's volleyball team, Malkia Strikers, has stepped up training with the 2025 FIVB World Championships in mind.

The team, which is training at Nyayo National Stadium Gymnasium, will compete in the global tournament from August 22 to September 7 in Thailand.

In March this year, Kenya Volleyball Federation (KVF) made a bold move of naming a new-look Malkia Strikers technical bench, headed by Geoffrey Omondi, who is also Kenya Pipeline team's coach head coach.

Omondi then named a provisional squad of 29 players in June for the upcoming FIVB World Championships without some of the big names.

There was an uproar as Omondi left out Sharon Chumba, Mercy Moim, Aripina Kundu, Triza Atuka, Edith Wisa and Joy Luseneke among others.

Omondi opted to rebuild, settling on most fresh blood with a sprinkle of experience for the global championship scheduled from August 22 to September 7, this year in Thailand.

Before the world championships, the team will pitch camp in Vietnam where they will play the host nation, and Spain in buildup matches from August 16 to 19 before heading to Thailand.

Omondi, who whittled down the team to 20 players a week ago, will further reduce the team to 16 players today before naming the final squad of 14 players on the eve of departure on August 14 for Thailand.

But just how is the training turning out?

"The team is coming out well and the youngsters in the team are putting in their best. There is no major only difference and if there is any then it's the new faces," explained Omondi, adding that the only thing they will need to do is manage stage fright that is common.

Omondi said that the techniques, tactics, the speed and power are in abundance as he prepares to drop four more players as the team enters the third week of training at the Nyayo National Stadium gymnasium.

Omondi noted that there was hue and cry when he dropped some season players but hastened that people should accept that the country had reached a point where rebuilding was necessary.

Football Local federation's 10-year deal with gaming firm to benefit all 18 league teams

Kenyan league hits jackpot in Sh1.2bn SportPesa deal

BY CECILODONGO

Kenya's top football league yesterday received a major boost after signing a Sh1.2 billion sponsorship deal with gaming firm SportPesa.

The 10-year deal signed between the gaming firm and Football Kenya Federation (FKF) will see all the 18 teams in FKF Premier League share 60 percent of the money equally.

For the 2025/26 season, SportPesa will pump Sh85 million into the league with 60 percent going directly to the clubs and 40 percent remaining at the federation for logistics and administrative costs.

This means the allocation for the 18 FKF-PL clubs will be Sh51 million a season, while Sh34 million will remain with the federation.

Speaking during the launch of the

sponsorship deal yesterday, SportPesa CEO Ronald Karauri said the gaming firm is keen to get back to sponsoring Kenyan football with the aim of giving Kenyan football a strong financial and competitive background.

"We can now grow talent from the grassroots to the premier league, to the national team Harambee Stars. We will partner with broadcaster Azam to help the league grow and improve our fan base and support for local teams," Karauri, who is also Kasarani Member of Parliament, said.

Football Kenya Federation President Hussein Mohamed thanked SportPesa for the good gesture, and for having belief that the current administration will improve Kenyan football nya thus bringing what he termed a substantial financial aid.

"This sponsorship will help drive out football back to the glory days and we call on many corporations to come forward and support the game because now the enabling environment is there," Hussein observed. He also called on corporates to help support the local women's league, men's second-tier National Super League, and other lower-tier football competitions, which lack adequate funding.

With the sponsorship deal, each FKF-PL club will get at least Sh2.8 million each season, if the Sh51 million will be shared equally by the 18 clubs as Karauri stated.

In August 2023, FKF, then led by Nick Mwendwa, KF signed a seven-year Sh2.3 billion broadcast right deal with Tanzanian broadcaster Azam TV.

FKF received Sh145,300,000 in the first season from the deal, and each club has been getting at least Sh8 million a season, although the amount could be lower if a number of deductions are effected.

Even though Hussein has promised the league will be managed by an independent company during his campaigns for FKF seat, he has ruled out this happening in the near future saying it will take time.

"We have to do it in phases and for some time so in the new season, the league will continue the way it has been managed before," added Hussein.

The prize money for the league winner will also be determined in a meeting by the leadership of the league clubs.

Apart from now sponsoring the league, SportPesa sponsors Gor Mahia, Murang'a Seal and Shabana.

In September 2022, SportPesa unveiled a three-year sponsorship worth Sh80 million with Gor Mahia.



Football Kenya Federation President Hussein Mohammed. DENNIS ONSONGO | NATION

Hunt for Kenya Open slots is on as Karen hosts charity tournament

BY LARRY NGALA

The hunt for tickets to 2026 Magical Kenya Open Golf Championship enters second day today at Vet Lab Sports Club where a field of 152 players are battling it out in Kenya Amateur Stroke Play Championship.

The tournament has attracted leading players from Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania, South Africa, Mauritius, Zambia, Burundi, Ethiopia, Austria and Burundi. By the time of writing, South Africa's Kapur Pranay who won Kabete Open tournament at the same course two weeks ago, was on top of the leaderboard with a three under 69, a shot better than newly crowned Kenya Amateur Match Play Champion Michael Karanga.

The 21-year-old Pranay dropped a shot in each round, but five birdies were good enough to land him at the top of the leaderboard. Karanga recovered from an early double bogey at the second hole to roll in four back-to-back birdies before crossing to the back nine where he added two birdies for his two under par 70.

At the same time, the Nairobi Hospital will today host the annual Children's Charity Heart Fund Golf Tournament that has attracted more than 100 golfers at Karen Country Club under the theme "Giving Little Hearts Big Dreams."

The hospital, through the Children's Charity Heart Fund, has partnered with well-wishers to sponsor free heart surgeries for children with congenital heart conditions. The initiative has positively impacted the lives of over 400 children aged between 1 – 12 years, offering children access to life-saving care they would otherwise be unable to afford.

This year, the hospital aims to raise Sh10 million to support life-saving heart surgeries for at least 20 additional children with congenital heart conditions.

The hospital hopes to build on the success of previous years, where over 400 children from across the country have already benefited. The 2025 initiative seeks to deepen impact by engaging more corporate partners and individual well-wishers through structured sponsorship packages.

WEEKEND GOLF FIXTURES

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Nyokabi, Hon Karthi; 12:34 L Gatobu, Dr Mugambi, P Ndichu, P Gaiho; 12:42 S Kimatu x4; 12:50 C Kibanya, Hon Wakia, J Mathenge, M Mutune; 12:58 SM Irungu, H Njenga, H Thimba, J Kitala; 13:06 L Mwauna, J Kanuki, J Kagwiria x2; 13:14 E Muchiri, E Kimani, MM Kinuthia, James Kirimi; 13:22 T Waitima, S Mella, G Kirui, C Kibet; 13:30 R Wamuyu, A Gichuhi, J Wachichi, S Githaiga; 13:38 R Gakinya, R Mumbero, W Kimathi, Bitutu; 13:46 B Ngarua, G Muchiri, W Kagia, W Gacheru Tenth Tee; 6:20 P.E x4; 6:30 John M, Mwangi, P.E x2; 6:40 J Kanuki, P Karingithi, J Mungai, L Gitau; 6:48 S Gichuhi, S Wandeni, R Juma, S Njenga; 6:56 M Murage x3, V Eddie Irungu; 7:04 Hon Murango, J Kihato, Hon Mathenge, R Karuga; 7:12 J Githaiga, D Ndichu, D Mumbi, M Gatuh; 7:20 Maj Kamunge x4; 7:28 N Steve, L Kinari, K Kitimu, G Wamae; 7:36 A Wainimu, E Masese, R Price, T Githina; 7:44 Eng J Mwangi, S Kagundu, C Muchoki, A Gicharu; 7:50 M Mwangi, J Choge, B Mwinchira, H Choge; 7:58 R Koeh, A Muiruri, A Mokaya, J Kinyua; 8:06 S Kogi, K Choge, N Kamau, N Njiru; 8:14 S Muna, F Choge, M Irungu, M Kiragu; 8:22 J Muturi, A Ngesa, G Mwangi, I Githuku; 8:30 J Mazi x4; 11:20 F Gikonyo, G Wanjohi, R Wamuyu, S Githaiga; 11:30 S Njoroge, P Karanja, S Abuje, T Thaaay; 11:38 C Kositany x4; 11:46 J Sirai, R Ndei, C Muguku, N Njuguna; 11:54 S Gitau, J Muturi, D Obiga, Dr J Lelo; 12:02 E Wachira, C Muthae, A Mutwiri, V Akuro; 12:10 PK Mwangi, C Isabwa, S Obieno, G Makori; 12:18 A Thiong'o, W Njenga, J Ngu-

Kenyan juniors shine in regional tennis championship

BY GEOFFREY ANENE

Kenya has continued to post impressive results in International Tennis Federation/Confederation of African Tennis Eastern Africa Junior team competitions in Dar es Salaam.

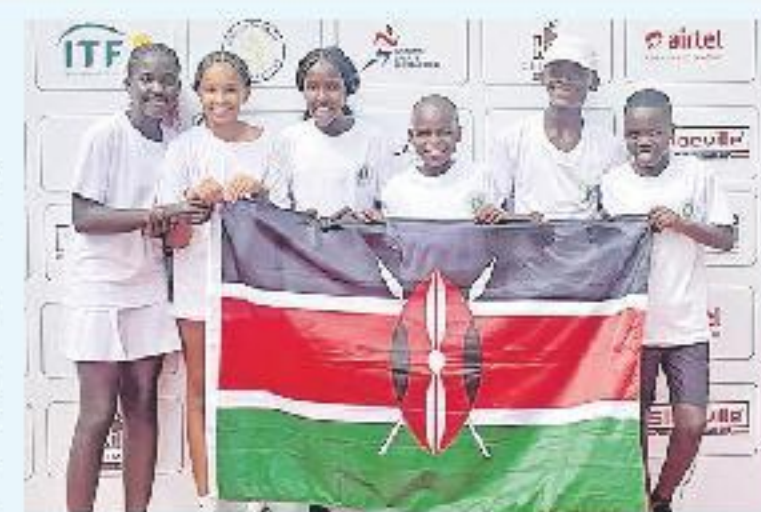
After Kenya had beaten Rwanda 3-0 on Wednesday through wins by Indiatsi Olemba (6-0, 6-3) against Bimenyimana Kian, Muzanze Kahi (7-5, 6-1) against Response Dushime, and Fidel Nyabera/Olemba (6-3, 6-1) over Dushime/Shalom Irampumuriye in boys' category, second-seeded Kenyans yesterday handed Sey-

chellois opponents the same treatment in the tournament. Kahi defeated Jamis Moustouche 6-1, 6-0, while Nyabera whitewashed Nelson Cupidon 6-0, 6-0 in the singles category of the tournament for players aged 12 and under, before Kahi and Olemba paired up to dismiss Dyan Laporte/Moustache 6-2, 6-0 in doubles.

In the girls' category, top-seeds Kenya yesterday blanked Uganda 3-0. Naila Gikunda outclassed Heidi Kayesu 6-0, 6-0, while Malia Orendo overcame Amanda Ssenyomo 6-0, 6-1. Gikunda then teamed up with Imani Kavuisya to sink Hannah Babaya and Ssenyomo 6-0, 6-3 in the doubles category. Olemba and Gi-

kunda were part of last year's squad, but the rest of the players in Team Kenya are new to their national team.

The championship has also attracted players from Ethiopia, Burundi, and the Comoros, and is a qualifier event for African Championships that will be held later this year. The best two boys' teams and a similar number of girls' teams will advance to the continental event. Kenya is defending the girls' title, having topped the category in Dar es Salaam last year. Kenya finished second behind Burundi in the boys' category last year.



Kenyan players Malia Mong'ina, Naila Gikunda, Imani Kavuisya, Muzanze Kahi, Indiatsi Olemba and Fidel Castral. PHOTO: POOL

Secondary Schools National Games Teams fight for tickets to East Africa Games in Kakamega



Marvelous Adhiambo (with ball) of Butere Girls battles for the ball with Rose Mwendu of Ruiru Girls High School yesterday during secondary schools Term Two national games at Kakamega High School grounds. ISAAC WALEI NATION

Proposed alcohol rules threaten future of sports

BY MICHAEL KIRWA

Thirteen-time Kenyan top flight champions Tusker FC will cease to exist if a policy proposal by the National Campaign against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (Nacada) sails through.

Among other recommendations, including increasing the legal drinking age from 18 to 21 years, the 76-page policy proposal, titled "National Policy for the Prevention, Management and Control of Alcohol, Drugs and Substance Abuse", also proposes banning a manufacturer, importer, distributor, wholesaler, retailer, or any related agent of alcoholic drinks from naming or branding a sports team by the name an alcoholic drink's product. Under the same recommendation, Nacada also proposes prohibition of the same entities sponsoring or branding a sports league, tournament, or a national team.

Tusker FC, founded in 1969, is sponsored by the East Africa Breweries Limited (EABL). The football club derives its name from its eponymous beer, which is Eabl's premier brand. Together with AFC Leopards (founded in 1964) and Gor Mahia (founded in 1968), Tusker FC is one of Kenya's oldest and most successful football clubs. However, that history will go down the drain if Nacada's policy proposal becomes law.

The policy proposal will not only affect Tusker FC, but also other sporting entities and events sponsored by alcohol manufacturing companies. In recent years, EABL has sponsored various sporting events using names of its flagship brands or alcoholic products that they distribute.

For instance, Tusker held the naming rights for the Kenya Premier League from 2012 to 2015. The brand has also sponsored the national rugby sevens circuit and the Safari Sevens, and golf events. In the past, EABL, when known as Kenya Breweries, also sponsored the national darts championship and Pilsner, a beer brand distributed by the company, is known for its sponsorship of pool tournaments. The Guinness brand is associated with the English Premier League and over the years, it has engaged football fans in pub quiz competitions, football challenges, meet-ups with famous footballers, and promotions to win tickets to watch an English Premier League match live.

Even when not owning title sponsorship rights, EABL has consistently maintained its visibility at sporting events. EABL occasionally holds activations at rugby matches, a sport with a deep tradition of fans following the action while sipping beer. Even without the activations, beer consumption is a common feature at football and rugby matches in Kenya. However, Nacada's policy proposal will put a stop to that habit as in addition to the recommendations mentioned above, their policy proposal also recommends enforcement of strict rules which prohibit the availability of alcohol, and its access, through certain means and at certain places.

Full story on: <https://nation.africa/kenya/sports>

Giants fall by the wayside in national championship

Nyakongo Secondary, Alliance and Dagoretti Mixed Secondary among the casualties

BY AGNES MAKHANDIA AND PHILIP ONYANGO

Big names fell by the wayside yesterday in various disciplines in Kenya Secondary School Sports Association (KSSSA) Term Two national games in Kakamega.

Nyakongo Secondary School girls' volleyball team from Nyanza region, Alliance High School's rugby team (Central region) and Dagoretti Mixed Secondary School girls' football team from Nairobi failed to impress at the week-long event that comes to the end tomorrow.

Teams are also seeking qualification to the East Africa School Games that will be held from August 14-24 in Kakamega.

Kenya has been awarded four slots in each discipline at the East Africa school games by virtue of being the host nation.

Nyakongo, who have played at the national championships for the past five years, failed

to go past Group "B" after only recording one win against Eldas from North Eastern. The school's team coach, Jesse Barasa, said his side needs to change tactics for a better performance next year.

"To qualify for the national games is one thing, but competing at this stage is another. We have been here for a while now and failing to qualify for the East Africa Games is hurting and especially since Kenya is hosting the event. We will continue to push and hopefully we will qualify in the forthcoming editions. It's high time we did," said Barasa.

Dagoretti coach Joseph Orao said that the competition was tougher this year, but remained hopeful of coming back better in future.

At Kakamega Police Canteen, new champions will be crowned in girls' 3-on-3 basketball which enters the quarter-final stage after defending champions St Joseph's Girls failed to make it to the nationals.

In girls' quarter final matches programmed for today, Asumbi Girls from Nyanza who topped Group A after beating St Brigids 16-13 yesterday, meet M-Pesa Academy from Central region. M-Pesa Academy defeated Takaba 20-2

St Brigids Kiminini from Rift Valley who finished second in Group 'A' will meet N'giya Girls from Nyanza who finished third in pool

'B', Sirakaru from Western Region will take on fellow Western region side Tigoi Girls, while Group 'A' leaders Buru Buru Girls take on Loreto Limuru who finished fourth in Group 'A'.

In girls' football semi-finals, national champions Butere Secondary School will play Kobala, while Madira from Western region will face off with Nasokol in the second.

In boys' football semi-finals, St Joseph's Kitale High have a date with Agai Secondary School. Musingu Boys were yet to know their opponents by press time as both Highway (Nairobi) and Kirangari (Central) had tied on everything.

KSSSA officials were to meet yesterday evening to decide on which team between the two would proceed to the semis.

In girls' volleyball, national champions Kesogon High School from Rift valley defeated Moi Forces from Coast 3-0 (25-13, 25-16, 25-5) in their final Pool 'A' match "A" to book a date with Bishop Sulumeti Secondary School from Western region in the semi-finals to be played at the Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST).

Bishop Sulumeti had fallen to East Africa champions Kwanthanze Secondary School from Eastern 3-0 (25-19, 25-21, 25-13), while Soweto who beat Kinale from Central 3-0 (25-11, 25-10, 25-8) in Pool "B", will square it with Kwanthanze.

4 Kenya will send four teams in each discipline to East Africa Secondary School Games that will be held from August 14-24 in Kakamega



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2024 AFRICAN NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP 1 day to go



Full house Zambia were expected in the country last night to complete the arrival list of the Nairobi-based teams

Angola aim for the knock-out stage

Palanca Negras coach relishes playing as the self-tagged Group 'A' underdog side

BY VICTOR OTIENO

Regular campaigners Angola have branded themselves as underdogs in Group "A" as they landed in Nairobi yesterday for the 2024 African Nation Championship.

They arrived a Jomo Kenyatta International Airport hours after group foes two-time winners Democratic Republic had arrived for the 19-team tournament that will be co-hosted by Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.

The other teams in the group are hosts Kenya, 2018 and 2020 champions Morocco, who arrived on Monday and Zambia, who were expected in the country later yesterday evening.

Angola nicknamed Palancas Negras - Black Sable Antelopes, will be making their fifth appearance in the biennial competition, which is exclusively reserved for players who are plying their trade in their respective domestic leagues.

"We are clearly in the most competitive group. Looking at the five teams in the group, only two have won Chan twice - Morocco and the DRC - and they are clearly the favourites to qualify," Angola's Portuguese coach Pedro Goncalves told



Angola on arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, Nairobi yesterday. SILA KIPLAGAT | NATION



Democratic Republic of Congo players shortly after landing at JKIA, Nairobi yesterday. SILA KIPLAGAT | NATION

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"Then there is the host nation, Kenya, which has made a significant investment. Zambia and ourselves will be seen as the 'underdogs,' but I believe we will fight relentlessly for a place in the quarter-finals.

"We may not be the favourites, but we will certainly have something to say in that fight," he added.

He reckoned Angola were well capable of progressing to the quarter-finals.

The top two teams in the group will qualify for the knock-out stages.

Goncalves 25-man squad is dominant by players from Primeiro de Agosto, Petro Atletico, CA Petroleos Luanda and FC Sochaux-Montbeliard.

They attended a high-performance training camp in South Africa before flying to Kenya.

Goncalves will be overseeing his second Chan tournament.

He failed to make it past the group stage in 2022 in Algeria.

He has been in charge of Angola since 2019.

Angola featured in the 2011, 2016,

2018 and 2022 editions, with their best performance coming in their debut outing in 2011 where they finished runners up after losing 3-0 to Tunisia in the final.

Angola will open their campaign against Morocco on Sunday from 6pm at Nyayo National Stadium.

The Palancas Negras will next face Kenya at Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani on Thursday at 7pm, before clashing with Zambia on August 10 at Nyayo National stadium from 6pm.

They will conclude their group

matches against DRC on August 14. Meanwhile, DR Congo coach Otis N'Goma is eager to take on the challenge in Kenya

"We feel excited for the warm welcome that we have received in Nairobi. We have had a good time in Dar es Salaam preparing for this great tournament.

"Our players are in good condition and ready for the task ahead," said N'Goma, a former DR Congo international.

DRC will open their campaign against Kenya on Sunday at MISC.

If you plan to carry food, water, whistles to the stadium, don't come: Entry will be denied

BY VICTOR OTIENO

The typical Kenyan football fan is used to entering a football stadium carrying all sorts of items, from liquid and solid food to noise paraphernalia like whistles and vuvuzelas.

But fans would best be warned that at the 2024 African Nations Championship that begins tomorrow in Dar es Salaam, many of the items they consider normal to bring to the stadium will not be permitted for the 19-nation, four-week biennial tournament.

So, as they plan to attend Kenya's open-

ing match on Sunday against Dr Congo at Moi International Sports Centre, fans should be aware that they cannot enter with the following items:

- Food, including commercially packed food grub unless there is proof that it is for medical needs or for infants.

- Noise-making devices such as vuvuzelas, megaphones, whistles, loudspeakers and drums.

- All types of bottles including disposable ones, cups, cans, and any capped or sealed containers

- Fire arms/weapons. Real or replica guns, ammunition or firearm parts or

anything that can shoot, harm or look like a weapon

- Items that could be used as a weapon, cause damage and/or injury or be used as a projectile. Anything sharp, heavy or blunt. Tools that could cut, stab, hit or injure.

- Signal blocking items including electronic, musical, telecom equipment that can jam signals or disrupt broadcast, IT or technology systems

- Offensive banners including flags, posters or placards targeting politics, race, gender, religion, nationality or personal identity.

- Any objects that can cause harm are outlawed like fireworks, flares or pyrotechnics, smoke bombs, gas canisters or combustible materials, toxic or pungent substances.

- Drugs include narcotics and stimulants. Only medically necessary substances will be allowed.

- Any kind of helmet including motorcycle, construction or sports.

- All animals except service dogs. Some local football fans have lamented over the ban on certain items. "We Congolese love music. We had planned to cheer our team in style, so

we are disappointed by the ban on items like drums and vuvuzelas. We will have to locate a strategic place where we are well visible to cheer," said William Saidi, the president of the Youth Diaspora Congolese in Kenya.

The list was released by tournament organisers' Safety and Security Department.

Kenya's Local Organising Committee chairman Nicholas Musonye said tight screening of fans will be done before they are permitted to enter the precincts of the stadium. He warned spectators to expect a thorough body search.

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Police widows' plea

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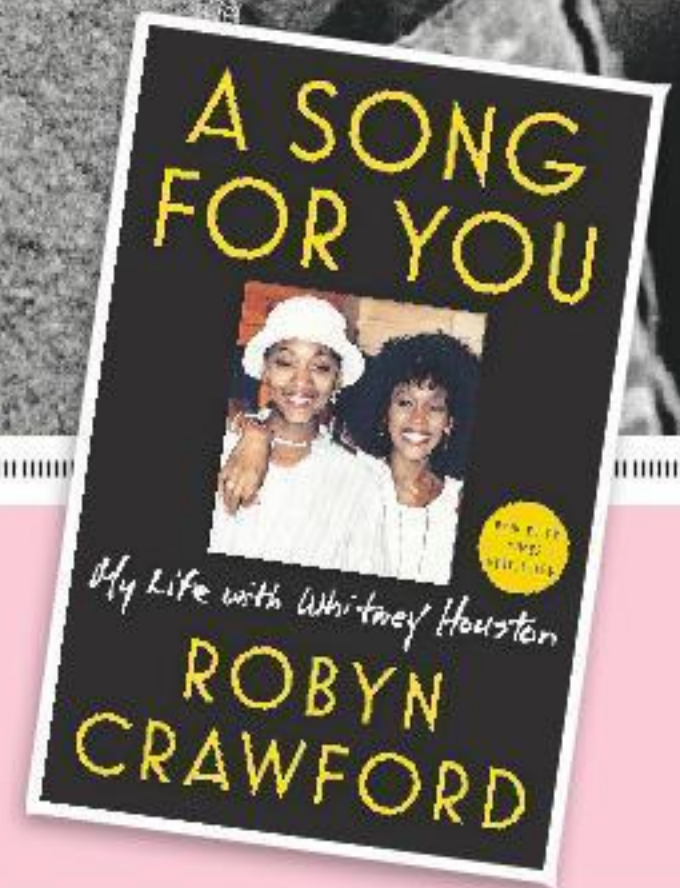
FALLEN HEROES, FORGOTTEN WIVES

Hundreds of Kenyan police widows are trapped in a bureaucratic nightmare, unable to access millions of shillings in promised benefits despite their husbands dying in service to their country. **P.4-5**

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EDITOR'S NOTE

The systematic reduction of women to their looks must stop

I recently wrote about some women politicians allowing themselves to be sexualised in public forums while remaining silent when male colleagues make lewd comments about their bodies.

The more I reflected on those scenes, the more I noticed the same patterns everywhere: in our offices, our homes, our media. We've normalised something so insidious that we call it courtesy, politeness, even ap-

preciation. Picture this: You're at a corporate event and a female CEO—brilliant, articulate, with two degrees and 15 years of experience—is introduced as someone who “lights up the room with her smile.” Her male counterpart, with similar credentials, is introduced as “a strategic thinker who drives results.” Same stage. Same achievements. Completely different treatment. And the crowd clapped. No one blinked. This is normal to us now.

We've perfected the art of destroying women while making it sound like praise. You think objectification is crude men catcalling women on streets. But it's actually your friend saying “She's too pretty to be in the military.” It's your uncle introducing your PhD sister as “the one who cooks the best *chapati*.”

We've become so good at packaging sexism as compliments that women actually thank us for it.

Another scenario: A young woman graduates with First Class Honours in Engineering. When congratulating her, the grandfather says, “Now you can find a good husband who appreciates smart women.” Not “congratulations on your achievement.” Her brain is reduced to a selling point for marriage. She smiles and says thank you. This is how we kill dreams while pretending to celebrate



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them. Here's what's wrong: When you consistently lead with a woman's appearance instead of her achievements,

you're telling everyone watching—including her—that her looks matter more than her mind. When you praise her for “lighting up the room” instead of “driving results,” you're teaching young girls that charm trumps competence.

We've made women's brains the side dish and their beauty the main course.

We've made it more controversial to call out objectification than to actually objectify women. When I point this out, people get defensive. “You're being too sensitive.” “It's just a compliment.”

But I'm not the problem. The problem is that we're raising girls who think their value comes from how they look, not what they can do. We're teaching boys that women exist for visual consumption first, intellectual contribution second. That brilliant woman at the corporate event? She probably built a company employing 2,000 people and revolutionised mobile banking. But we introduced her beauty first. What message does that send? I'm not asking you to stop giving compliments. I'm asking you to think about what you're complimenting. When you see a brilliant woman, lead with her brilliance.

When you meet a successful entrepreneur, talk about her success. Because every time we reduce a woman to her looks in a boardroom, we lose a potential solution to poverty. Every time we focus on her charm instead of her competence, we might miss the cure for cancer.

The compliment that seems harmless to you might be the limitation that defines her entire career. And that's not a compliment. That's a crime against potential.

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ON THE RADAR

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Farida Karoney



Former Lands Cabinet Secretary Farida Karoney has landed a new role at Cape Media Limited, nearly a year after President William Ruto appointed her to a government role. Farida will oversee policy and strategic changes geared towards making the parent company of TV47, Radio47 and TV47 Digital. She served as the Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning CS during the tenure of retired President Uhuru Kenyatta, who appointed her in January 2018. Her career spans over two decades, during which she held key positions in leading media organisations.

Margaret Wanjuhi Gakami



Sub-County Commander for Dagoretti South ASP Margaret Wanjuhi Gakami was recently awarded the Distinguished Leadership award during the All Means All Awards - Africa. ASP Gakami leads policing efforts in Dagoretti South, overseeing community safety, crime prevention, and public order. Her leadership is notable not only within law enforcement but also for her community-centred, holistic approach that goes beyond conventional policing. She is also the founder of Mustard Seed Foundation, an outfit that addresses environmental challenges, climate change, and community empowerment.

Sharon Jelagat Kitony



Sharon Jelagat Kitony, a Kenyan student at the University of Dundee, recently won the Gneiss Energy Prize for Renewable Transition. The prize recognises the best MSc Sustainability: Renewables Transition programme. Sharon was selected as the winner for her thesis on renewable energy transition at the university's School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Law. Her MSc thesis examined the critical role that clean cooking, electrification and carbon pricing will play in shaping a low-emission energy future for Kenya.

WHAT'S UP AFRICA?

BOTSWANA
World Bank warns of future gender gap threats

A new report by the World Bank has warned that persistent gender disparities could undermine Botswana's long-term economic growth, despite notable progress in education and health. Titled “Trends and Opportunities to Advance Gender Equality in Botswana”, the report highlights how structural barriers, including limited access to finance, unequal labour market participation and entrenched social norms, continue to disproportionately affect women and youth. These inequalities, the bank says, restrict Botswana's ability to fully harness its human capital and economic potential.

SOMALIA
Not too late: Women call for a seat in SSC-Khatumo

The long-awaited SSC-Khatumo Governance Conference started on July 6 in Las Anod, marking a significant moment for the future of governance in this region and its border areas. Spearheaded by clan elders and political leaders, with strong backing from the Federal Government of Somalia, the conference aim to establish a functioning and representative administration for the SSC-Khatumo State. This process follows two-and-a-half years of instability and violent conflict, particularly the deadly clashes that erupted in Las Anod in late 2022 and persisted throughout 2023.

UGANDA
Minister rallies support for women entrepreneurs

Energy and Mineral Development Minister Ruth Nankabirwa has issued a passionate call for both institutional and household support towards women in business, emphasising the critical role of female-led enterprises in driving national economic transformation. Speaking at the Breaking Barriers to Trade Uganda 2025 event at Sheraton Hotel, she urged both men and women to push beyond traditional gender limitations, support each other's talents, and embrace economic opportunities without fear. “If you have identified a talent in your spouse—push her.”

Source: Online; By Moraa Obiria

Uganda's senior women break health barriers



Jane Anonyaalaba, 70, holds a cricket bat as she prepares to run between blue plastic wickets during a community-led fitness session in Kivubuka village, Jinja District, Eastern Uganda, on July 12, 2025. The innovative program combines yoga, aerobics, and cricket drills to help elderly women combat non-communicable diseases. REUTERS | ABUBAKER LUBOWA

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Daisy's World Forgetting a familiar voice leads to questions about what we truly remember



‘Sorry, who?’: When memory plays hide and seek with faces

On Sunday afternoon, I received a call. It was about 4.30pm and I was in the space between excitement about all the weekend goals I had achieved, and the bittersweet feeling that I needed to set my alarm for the following day. This is probably why I did not pay attention to the fact that I did not know who the caller was when I picked up.

The person at the end of the line was a man who cheerfully said “hello” when he heard my voice. He sounded like an old friend and I was quite sad I did not recognise who he was.

“(You sound like you do not know who you are speaking to),” he said after noting my largely monosyllabic responses to his happy inquiry about how my weekend was.

“(I honestly don’t know who I am speaking to),” I confessed, genuinely wishing I could launch into stories of a shared past, which he seemed ready for.

“Ni Alfred,” he said emphatically.

When I remained quiet, he added, “(I am Alfred, the one with beards). The way he said ‘the one with beards’ was so triumphant, I suspect anyone who had dared forget him in the past remembered who he was instantly – when he mentioned the beards.

“Oh!” is all I could master, and hard as I tried, I could not think of a man with beards, in that moment.

Sensing my confusion, he wished me well and hung up. I felt horrible for not remembering his beards. What was it about the beards that made him think that was the only thing about him that I would remember him by? Would I have remembered him if he used something else to introduce himself, for example, “I am Alfred and we met at a certain place and we talked about Calvinism?”

Disturbed by these questions, I called my homegirl – Josie. She remembers people better than I do and chances were she would know this bearded guy.

“Do you know any Alfred with beards?” I asked after describing the phone conversation.

She asked if it could be the same guy, I have told her about, who texts me goodnight and good morning quite regularly on Facebook,

something I find amusing. It wasn’t the guy. Unable to piece together who this caller was; I went back to my Sunday evening rituals.

I don’t know what you remember most about people after a first encounter with them. Unfortunately for me, faces do not register in my mind

the first time I see people. When I was quite new to my organisation, there was a sitting reorganisation and I ended up with a new desk mate. On the second or third day of sitting next to him, I met him at the staff canteen and we sat at the same table.

But because his face had not registered in my mind, I went ahead to introduce myself to him. He just nodded. I do not remember at what point recognition set in.

Later, he admits that he had wondered if I was a little crazy back then. It takes a number of interactions for a face to stick in my mind. I mean, I have to actually know you to remember your face. This explains why I hardly remembered the guy with beards, because clearly, I had not seen him enough times to know him.

I am not completely hopeless though. The reason I easily write a life column is I remember what is said in sometimes unflattering detail. I am the kind of person who will remind you that you said “you can be undiplomatic and tactless...” during an art exhibition launch five years ago. I remember contexts, feelings, words, and backdrops better than faces.

According to psychological researchers, the top five things people remember after a first meeting are facial expressions and motions; confidence and body language; voice and tone of speech; uniqueness and how you made them feel.

Going by this list, I am not so badly off – it is not as if I do not completely remember people, I just remember certain aspects better than others. What do you remember after you encounter people for the first time? Asked differently, what do you think people remember the most about you after an initial meeting?

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Daisy Okoti

VoiceMale Sexual harassment reflects global patterns, mutes victims, and deters women from political participation

House culture of abuse: What Orwoba’s sexual harassment claims reveal

Ex-nominated Senator Gloria Orwoba was recently slapped with a hefty penalty payable to a senior official of Parliament for alleged defamation arising from claims that he sexually harassed her. She followed up with a “revelation” that sexual harassment and extortion of female members of Parliament is prevalent, citing as an example that a particular senator is always on foreign trips even in portfolios she had no expertise in. This insinuated that the trips were rewards for granting sexual favours to officers allocating the travel opportunities.

These allegations raise important issues. First, they suggest that sexual harassment in Parliament is normalised, thus is some kind of culture that is silently accepted and tolerated. This *pro quo* sextortion has been associated with the education sector in the form of sex for grades. There is also the infamous sex for fish phenomenon where women must sexually indulge with fishermen to secure supply. Essentially, sextortion is an indicator of power where a person in a position of privilege exploits the vulnerability of those who require resources or services under his control.

Complicity

Second is that women are complicit in sustaining the practice, by exploiting their sexual appeal to out-compete less endowed colleagues or those resistant to the advances. This indicates entrenchment of the vice and its elevation to some kind of syndrome, where victims do not see anything wrong with abuse and actually support it and its perpetrators. Credence is given to this by reports of a female member of Parliament sycophantically enjoying and reinforcing suggestive remarks by a political factotum about her body, in the process objectifying and demean-



Dr Okumba Miruka

ing herself and others in her category.

Collaborating in granting sexual favours in return for goods and services perpetuate the impression of inferiority, giving fodder for detractors to generalise about women and amplify misogynistic ideas about innate incapacity to compete.

Global prevalence

Yet, sexual exploitation and sexism in parliament are not unique to Kenya but are prevalent globally. A 2021 study by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) in collaboration with the African Parliamentary Union established that 67 per cent of women parliamentarians had been subjected to sexist behaviour or comments, while 40 per cent had been sexually harassed. Mainly perpetrated by male colleagues from rival (49 per cent) or same (41 per cent) political parties, this behaviour primarily targeted women living with disabilities, and those under 40, are unmarried and/or hail from minority groups.

The abuse did not spare those known to champion women’s rights, showing perpetrators’ subtle contempt for and trivialisation of their activism. The report noted that 45 per cent of female parliamentary staff had equally been harassed. Most worrying was the finding that most parliaments did not have a mechanism for voicing concerns. In most cases (83 per cent for sexual harassment, 78 per cent for sexist behaviour and 40

per cent for physical violence), the offensive incidents occurred in the precincts of parliament, depicting it as an unsafe space for women.

Sexism in parliament creates a toxic environment, detracts women from their primary duties there, creates over-sensitivity and puts them on perpetual defence. Remarking on this issue in the wake of the 2021 report, IPU President Duarte Pacheco observed that the vice “deters young women from entering politics,” hence negating democracy and gender equality.

A 2025 study on the Asia-Pacific legislatures reveals that 60 per cent of women parliamentarians experienced sexual harassment, sexism and violence. More than 50 per cent of the cases were perpetrated in parliamentary premises and by male colleagues. The profile of targeted women is a replica of that in the 2021 study on Africa.

The 2021 report proposes measures to eradicate the vice. These include putting in place internal parliamentary policies to combat sexism; establishing confidential spaces where victims can get advice; creating independent, secure and fair mechanisms for receiving and processing complaints; and training all people in parliamentary spaces in identifying and eliminating gender-based discrimination and violence.

Proactivity

Four countries are cited for proactivity on this issue. One is Tunisia, which recognises political violence as a form of abuse against women in a law passed in 2017. Two is Uganda, whose 2019 Human Resource Policy Manual outlines and exemplifies what constitutes sexual harassment. Three is Sierra Leone, which has a gender policy for public servants. Four is South Africa, which has a parliamentary sexual harassment policy. Kenya is not mentioned.

But it has the Employment Act and Sexual Offences Act, which have provisions on this matter. Perhaps aggrieved women parliamentarians have not sought relief from these laws for fear of undue public attention, embarrassment and tedium in proving the cases.

One thing is clear though. Continued silence means acceptance of the vice. Orwoba’s statements must, therefore, not be trivialised but be seen as an invitation to investigate, confront and decisively tackle the monster.

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No honour in death These women are borrowing bus fare for endless trips to government offices, watching their children

From hero's wife to beggar: The shock

From Mandera to Machakos, hundreds of Kenyan police widows are trapped in a bureaucratic nightmare, unable to access millions of shillings in promised benefits despite their husbands dying in service to their country

BY ROSE WANGUI

The morning sun casts long shadows across the verdant hills of Ichagaki Ward in Maragwa Constituency, painting the landscape in shades of hope that feel almost mocking. Here, where life should flourish, grief has taken root instead. A dusty red earth road winds its way to a quiet homestead in Kirungu village, where two small graves serve as silent sentinels to a family's devastating loss.

Judy Wambui greets visitors with a smile that doesn't quite reach her eyes. Behind that fragile facade lies the profound sorrow of a woman who has buried both her husband and son—casualties of circumstance, depression, and a system that seems designed to abandon those who need it most.

This is more than just one woman's story. Across Kenya, hundreds of police widows share Wambui's anguish, trapped in a labyrinth of bureaucracy that treats their grief as mere paperwork and their children's futures as acceptable casualties of administrative indifference.

When heroes fall silent

The love story began in 2004 when Wambui married Police Constable Harrison Mugo. He had joined the service five years earlier at just 22, full of purpose and pride. From Jogoo Police Station to various outposts across western Kenya, and finally to Nairobi's Buruburu Police Station, Mugo served with dedication. Together, they built a life blessed with four children.

Their firstborn, Samuel, was the light of his father's life. Wambui still remembers watching the unbreakable bond between father and son—one rooted in love, admiration, and shared dreams for the future.

"Samuel's birth marked a turning point in Mugo's life, introducing him to a deeper sense of responsibility and unconditional love," Wambui recalls.

But on May 11, 2019, their world shattered. Samuel's vibrant young life was cut short in a road accident during a school trip to Nanyuki in Laikipia County. The promising future that stretched ahead of the boy vanished in an instant, taking with it his father's will to live.

"It really affected him. He fought depression for three years. It seems he found solace in alcohol," Wambui says.

The family sought professional help, approaching a psychiatrist as Mugo's condition worsened. Wambui even raised concerns with his superiors, hoping he could take time off work to heal. But healing would prove elusive.

On July 7, 2022, a video clip changed everything. The footage showed officer Mugo staggering through the streets in his police uniform, clearly intoxicated. The clip went viral on social media, transforming private pain into public humiliation.

"He called me and told me things were not okay at work, but promised to sort out



the issue," Wambui remembers.

Mugo was summoned twice by his bosses at Buruburu Police Station. After the second meeting, unable to bear the shame and still drowning in grief for his son, he took his own life. His body was discovered the following morning. The final insult came at his funeral. There was no gun salute—the traditional honour accorded to fallen officers.

"Since he died by suicide, police said the injury was self-inflicted," Wambui explains, the bureaucratic coldness of the reasoning still stinging years later.

Three years on, Wambui has never been able to fully process her husband's death. The way she learned of it haunts her still.

"The way the message was relayed to me is not something I would wish for anyone. The news of his death was all over social media before the family knew. It was disheartening. My children faced a lot of stigma."

Now a single mother of three, including a daughter who was just five months old when her father died, Wambui struggles with questions that have no easy answers.

"When my husband died, I had a five-month-old baby. Now she's five years old. I show her pictures of her late father," she says.

The bureaucratic nightmare began almost immediately. Despite Mugo's 23 years of service, Wambui was told he doesn't qualify for benefits because he died by suicide. Even more shocking, she was informed that her children aren't eligible for any benefits either. "The only benefit I'm entitled to is the death gratuity. It's very unfair—why punish children when they're innocent?" she asks.

When duty becomes a sacrifice

Five hundred kilometres away in Machakos County, Millicent Awuor Kyalo can pinpoint the exact moment her world collapsed. It

was February 2023, and the memory remains as vivid as if it happened yesterday—the day she became a widow at the mercy of an unforgiving system.

A huge mound of soil still covers the grave of Constable Bernard Kyalo Mwanja, who was killed in the line of duty. Unlike Wambui's husband, Kyalo died a hero's death, gunned down by armed bandits whilst serving his country. Yet, his widow faces the same bureaucratic maze.

Constable Kyalo had joined the service in 2008 and was based at Munyange Police Station in Nyeri County before his final deployment. He was part of an operation to restore order in the troubled region of Laikipia County—a mission that would cost him his life after barely a week at his new station.

"He left home on February 5, 2023, and on February 11, their camp was ambushed by

Judy Wambui during the interview at her home in Kirungu Village, Maragwa Constituency, on June 28, 2025. Her husband, Constable Harrison Mugo, died by suicide.

The way the message was relayed to me is not something I would wish for anyone. The news of his death was all over social media before the family knew. It was disheartening.

Judy Wambui



armed bandits," Millicent recalls.

The reality of her husband's death didn't sink in until she stood in the funeral home nearly a week later, confronting the finality of her loss. Constable Kyalo had been a dedicated and brave officer who had served for almost 15 years, leaving behind a legacy of service and a family in desperate need.

The journey to healing has been slow and painful for Millicent. She has lost not just her companion, confidant, and trusted friend, but also her career. A trained nurse, she had given up her profession to become a stay-at-home parent due to her husband's demanding police work.

"We were married for 13 years and had three children. The firstborn is 12 years old, whilst the twins are seven. I have to play the roles of both mother and father, which can be emotionally and practically challenging," she explains.

Millicent had banked on her husband's pension to maintain and educate their children. Instead, she has encountered a heavily bureaucratic process that seems designed to exhaust rather than assist.

"I started the process in November 2023 and handed over all required documents. Since then, I've been taken in circles. The back and forth is too stressful."

The ultimate price

In Kericho County, another widow shares a similar tale of love, loss, and bureaucratic indifference. Caroline Chepkoech, mother of three, lives in Cheberema village with memories of a husband she rarely saw but never stopped loving.

Even when Constable Kipkoech Kirui was alive, her children never knew what it felt like to have their daddy home on Christmas Day. It was a sacrifice she was willing to make for her country—but not one she was prepared to make forever.

Stationed in Mandera County, Kirui would call Caroline every morning to check on his family. It was a ritual that brought comfort across the miles—until one day, he wasn't answering her text messages.

Caroline was at home doing household chores when unusual visitors arrived with news that broke her world apart. Kirui had been killed whilst on duty in Mandera County on June 20, 2023.

"The vehicle they were travelling in ran over an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) along the Banisa/Mandera Road. He died on the spot," the devastated mother recounts.

Recruited into the Police Service in 2016, Kirui had worked in Mandera County for eight years. He always told Caroline about the dangers he faced and asked her to pray



Millicent Awuor Kyalo narrates her journey to widowhood. Her husband, Constable Bernard Kyalo Mwanja, was gunned down by bandits in Laikipia County. She spoke to *the Voice* on June 21, 2025.

Children drop out of school and go without medical care, whilst State officials tell them to "come back next month"

Breaking reality facing widows of police

for him. Those prayers couldn't protect him from the IED that ended his life.

The untimely and sudden death of her family's sole breadwinner left Caroline devastated and desperate.

"Life has become so hard after losing my husband, who was the breadwinner. I'm jobless and have three children to feed and educate."

Like the others, Caroline faces a mountain of hurdles whilst trying to access her deceased husband's pension and welfare benefits.

"I've been making countless trips to Nairobi. Imagine travelling from Kericho to Nairobi from time to time. I have to borrow bus fare, look for somewhere to spend the night, which is costly. Yet I return home empty-handed. It's too much," she confesses.

When even heroes aren't safe

Perched on the hilly tea-growing fringes of Bomet County, Legimbo village stands out as a serene neighbourhood where Nelly Koech endures the profound silence that has filled her home since April 4, 2021.

Four years have passed since Nelly lost her husband, Constable Charles Koech. Though the pain still lingers, she has found the strength and resilience to navigate this journey—even as the system continues to fail her. "My husband was diabetic and was working in Nairobi. He was transferred to Kericho County and received the Covid-19 jab, but unfortunately, he developed side effects and died," Nelly explains.

Koech had been a dedicated officer since joining the police service in 2008. Despite his illness, he remained committed to his duties and served his country with unwavering loyalty—a dedication that ultimately couldn't protect him from an unforeseen medical reaction.

After his passing, the mother of four carries the full responsibility of providing for her family alone. It's a burden she bears without complaint, but one that weighs heavily on her shoulders.

"Not only did I lose my husband, but also our entire livelihood, leaving me to fend for my four children with no income. I don't have a large piece of land that I could sell in order to educate my children."

The challenges are compounded by her youngest son's diagnosis with diabetes before he turned 10. Diabetes is an expensive disease requiring proper management, including medication and diet. "My son, who is 14 now, injects himself with insulin three times a day," says the mother of four.

Like the others, Nelly has made countless trips to Nairobi seeking her husband's benefits in vain.

"Since 2021, I've been making frequent follow-ups, but with no success. I'm told to wait, check next month, and so on. It's been four years now, and I'm yet to get my dues."

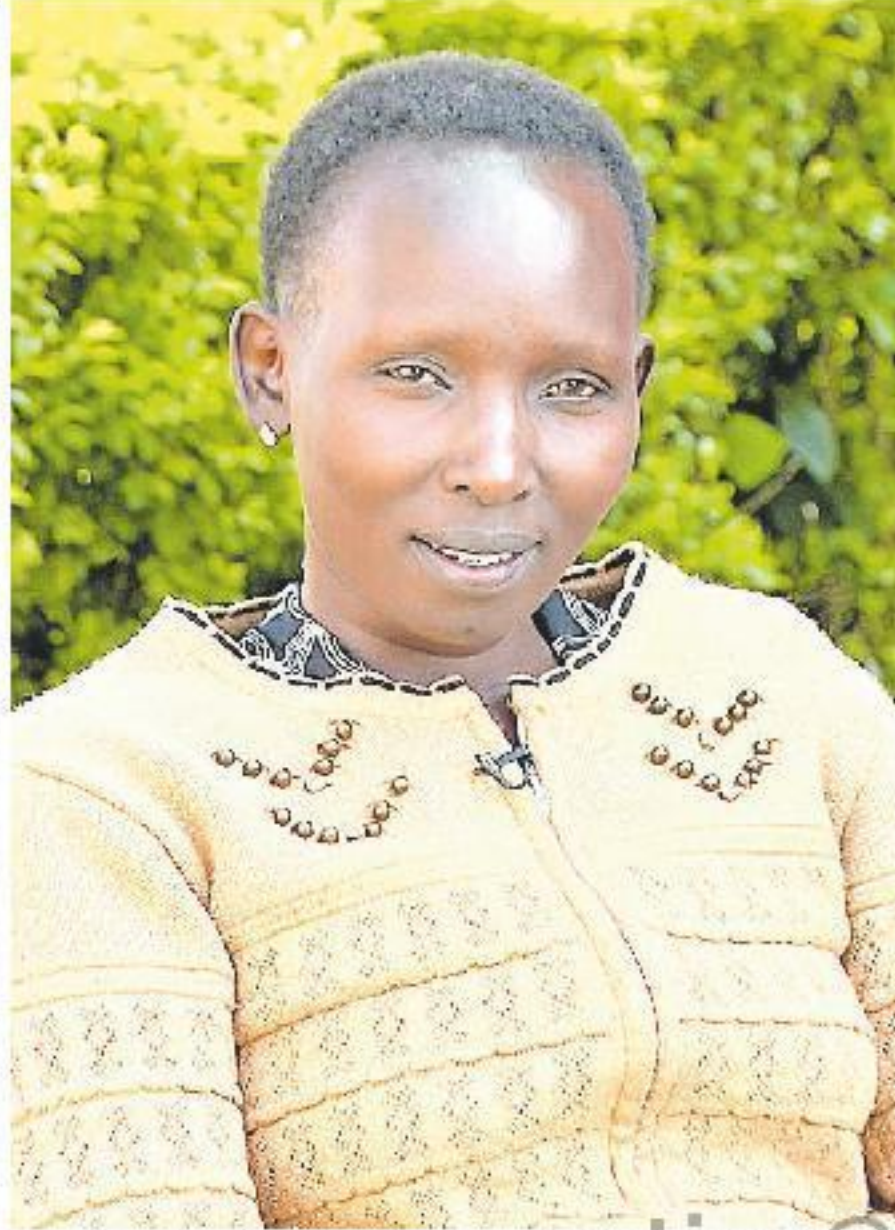
In April, she was promised that the money would be deposited in her account before the June 2025 budget was read.

"I was hopeful of receiving the pension benefits and even budgeted for it. Up to now, I'm still waiting. It's very frustrating and disappointing."

The growing crisis

The statistics paint a grim picture of the human cost of policing in Kenya. According to data from the National Police Service (NPS), over the past six years, 383 officers have lost their lives whilst on duty.

In 2024 alone, 29 officers drawn from



Caroline Chepkoech at her home in Cheberema, Kericho County, on June 14, 2025. Her husband, the late Constable Kipkoech Kirui, died in Mandera County in the line of duty.



Nelly Koech at her home in Bomet County, on June 13, 2025. She has made countless trips to Nairobi seeking her husband's benefits in vain. PHOTOS | WAMBUI KUREMA

the NPS as well as the Prisons Service were killed whilst on duty, with 830 others injured. A total of 37 officers died in the line of duty in 2023. Between November 2021 and December 2022, 54 police officers and four prison officers lost their lives on duty.

The majority of these officers died at the hands of bandits up north and terrorists in the frontier counties—brave men and women who paid the ultimate price for their service.

As the number of widows increases, so has the void left by the death of loved ones. Driven by their shared experiences, these women have found unity in their grief.

Finding strength in solidarity

From their pain has emerged the National Police Wives Welfare Association (Napowa), a support group comprising widows whose husbands were killed not only in the line of duty but also those claimed by disease or other causes.

The group comprises more than 200 widows from across the country, united by loss and a shared determination to fight for justice.

"We use the platform to share our personal challenges and support each other spiritually," Millicent explains.

The system's promise

According to Peter Leley, CEO of the National Police Service Commission (NPSC), families of police officers and servicemen who die whilst on duty are entitled to substantial compensation and long-term benefits to cushion them from financial hardship.

The pay-outs, which can amount to millions of shillings, vary depending on the officer's rank, years of service, and salary grade. The compensation framework is governed by the National Police Service Act, regulations set by the National Police Service Commission, and the Work Injury Benefits Act (Wiba) of 2007.

If a police officer is killed on duty and has

served more than 10 years, under the mandatory Group Life Cover, families of the deceased receive a payout equivalent to the officer's salary for five years—between Sh1.5 million and Sh3 million.

The dependants are also paid under the Group Personal Accident Cover, equivalent to the officer's salary for five years. In addition, families receive benefits under the Work Injury Benefit Scheme, equivalent to the officer's salary for eight years.

The government provides between Sh200,000 and Sh300,000 to assist with burial arrangements. The family is also entitled to a one-time death gratuity.

If the deceased officer was a contributor to the Widows and Children Pension Scheme, their widow and eligible children may receive additional benefits, including a pension equivalent to their salary at the time of death, paid over five years.

However, the terms and conditions are different for officers who die of natural causes. They're not entitled to the Group Personal Accident Cover and Work Injury Benefit Scheme, which is only paid to officers who paid the ultimate price.

For officers who worked more than ten years, the widow is entitled to Group Life Insurance cover, last expense cover for funeral costs, and death gratuity paid by the pensions department.

Widows of deceased police officers are also entitled to receive a pension under the Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Act.

"If the family provides all documentation, benefits should be paid within 90 days. Though that's not the case—if there is a family dispute or court case, then payment might be delayed," Leley explains.

When it comes to suicide cases, the rules are particularly harsh. According to the National Police Service Commission, when an officer dies by suicide, even if he had worked for more than 15 years, dependants are entitled to all pension benefits except Group Personal Accident Cover and Wiba, which

are paid only to officers who die or get injured in the line of duty.

The reality on the ground

But according to the widows, even after handing over proper documentation to prove eligibility, the process has taken far too long, despite assurances from authorities.

"They have been taking us round in circles. I started the process in 2021, but it stalled in 2022. I was hoping for a breakthrough after the elections, but nothing has changed" Nelly says.

The women claim that sometimes they're not even allowed to access Treasury offices by security guards once they identify themselves as widows of police officers.

"The process has taken a toll on us mentally, physically, and emotionally, yet some of our spouses died in the line of duty," Millicent says.

Leley acknowledges the system's shortcomings. "We empathise with the widows. We are processing benefits for over 100,000 officers. The wage bill is high. We are not where we'd like to be, but we're working towards that."

Interior Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen has revealed that the ministry is looking into several police reforms to deal with delayed pensions.

"It's not just in the police service—pensioners in the public service are grappling with delayed pension payments. We are hoping Parliament will pass the Veteran Bill, which will fast-track compensation, welfare benefits, and improve working conditions for police officers."

A call for justice

For Wambui, the discrimination against families of officers who die by suicide is particularly painful.

"If there's a law in the police service that says when a cop who dies by suicide doesn't deserve to be given a befitting funeral or doesn't qualify for financial benefits, let them make amendments. Suicide is not a crime."

Her words echo a broader truth about mental health, stigma, and the need for compassion in policy-making.

The road ahead

For these widows, the future looks increasingly bleak as they grapple with the pain of withheld compensation. Their children's educations hang in the balance, their basic needs go unmet, and their faith in the system that their husbands served continues to erode.

"If police officers were to go on strike, it would likely lead to a significant disruption of public safety and order. Why can't the government honour the fallen heroes and pay dependants their pension benefits?" Nelly concludes, her question hanging in the air like an unanswered prayer.

In their quiet moments, these women continue their fight—not just for money, but for dignity, recognition, and the promise that their husbands' sacrifices meant something.

Wambui, too, continues to wait—for justice, for closure, for a system that will finally remember the families of those who served and died.

The question remains: how long will Kenya's forgotten widows have to wait?

54

Number of police officers who lost their lives on duty between November 2021 and December 2022.

300K

Maximum amount that the government gives for burial arrangements, besides one-year death gratuity.

Sh3m

Maximum amount that bereaved families receive as payout equivalent to an officer's salary for five years.

383

Human toll of policing in Kenya for the past six years, according to data from the National Police Service.

Grim picture Poverty, cultural beliefs, and silence fuel child abuse, compromising justice

With perpetrators ranging from sorcerers to teachers, child abuse crisis demands urgent action beyond Omar Mohamed to rescue and protect the vulnerable

BY MAUREEN ONGALA

In the remote sub-county of Ganze, where poverty runs deep and resources are scarce, gender-based violence has become a grim part of daily life. Spread across three divisions and 13 locations, Ganze remains one of Kilifi's most disadvantaged regions.

With rains growing ever more unpredictable, prolonged drought has left Ganze dry and desperate. Food is scarce, and water even scarcer. Families survive on relief supplies, while joblessness pushes them deeper into poverty, unable to meet even their most basic needs. Crushing poverty has left children vulnerable to neglect, sexual violence, and early marriage—sometimes at the hands of those meant to protect them. Ganze Sub-County Children's Officer Omar Mohamed told *the Voice* that reaching affected children in remote areas demands more than duty; it requires deep passion and resilience in the face of overwhelming odds. "If you love and have passion for your work, you will fight to protect a child from anywhere," he said.

His passion to protect children started when he was young. He loved children. In 2005, he volunteered to support street children to have a decent life at the Light and Power Centre in Gatina, Dagoretti North, where he was born. During this period, most children in Dagoretti North were going to neighbouring Lavington and Westlands. "In 2005, most children were joining the street and I decided to volunteer at this centre to assist the children. Fortunately, I assisted a lot of children who are now good citizens, some senior government officers."

Dream come true

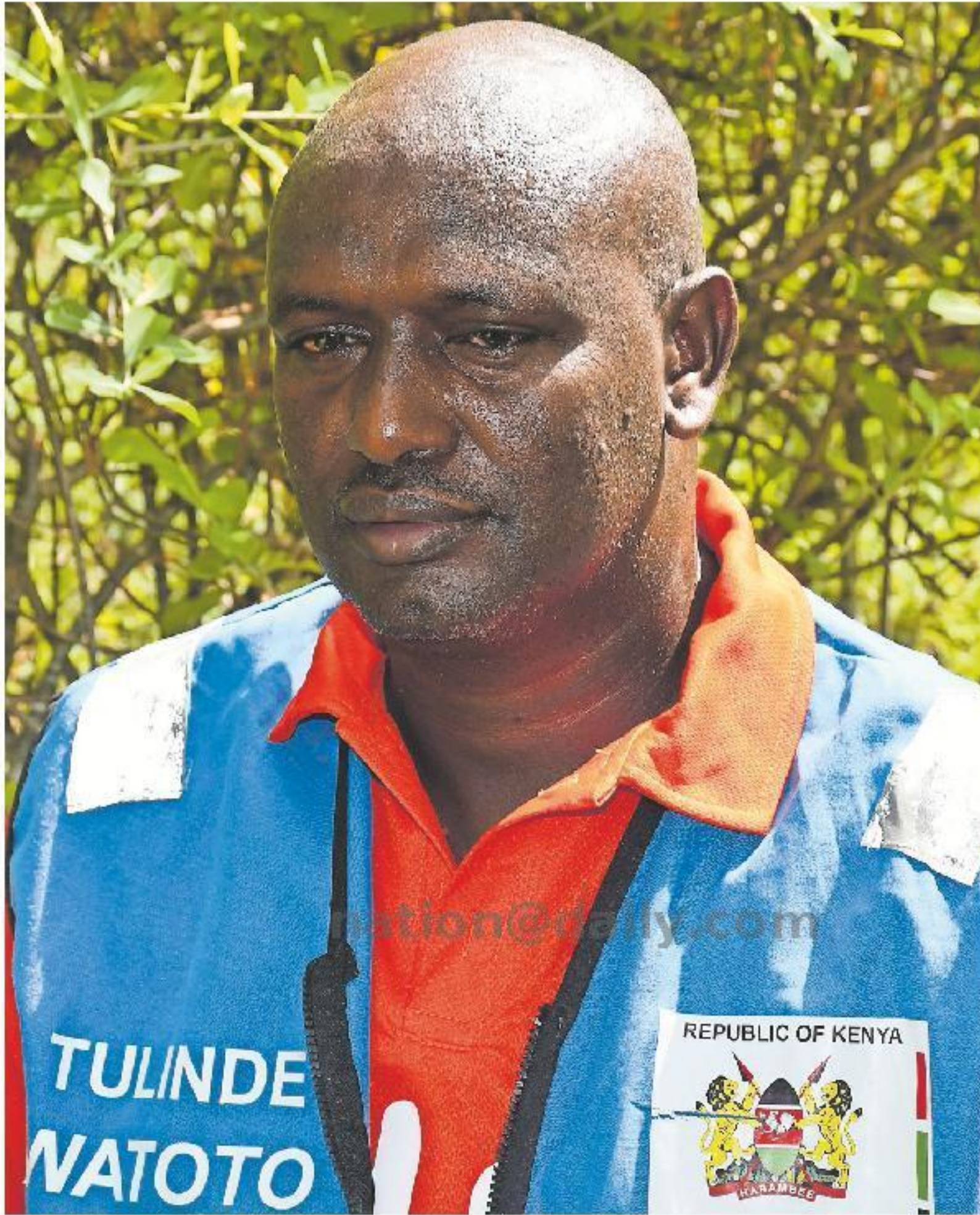
For Mr Mohamed, being a children's officer was a dream come true. He has served for 13 years. He also worked at the Malindi Children's Remand Home for eight years. "When I joined the Directorate of Children's Services, I saw it as a calling. I was fulfilling the work I started a long time ago."

According to Mr Mohamed, the community in Ganze is rooted in cultural beliefs that have subjected children to SGBV and the journey for justice is challenging because of several barriers. "I am working in a community that is poor and rooted in cultural beliefs. We always conduct public sensitisation to safeguard children."

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Ganze Sub-county Children's Officer Omar Mohamed during an interview with *the Voice* in Kilifi town on December 4, 2024. MAUREEN ONGALA | NATION

Justice against all odds The Ganze lone warrior for abused children

the community and perpetrators that have threatened justice for children, Ganze is vast and it takes time to attend to cases in the furthest areas. "Sometimes it is hard to go and rescue a child in the furthest area, especially during the rains because of poor, impassable roads. It is hard for a child to reach the nearest trading centre."

In the course of his work, Mr Mohamed has encountered both high- and low-profile SGBV cases, including those in which perpetrators are government officers. However, he maintains that all perpetrators are equal and every survivor deserves justice.

He says whether there have been plans to compromise cases, for instance, through bribery, he has a duty to perform. "Mine is to ensure a child gets justice as long as the case has been reported. I don't need to know the status of the perpetrator or what happened behind the curtains by the parties."

Mr Mohamed said the lack of witnesses to testify in court is a challenge to the justice system, hence many cases do not go

through. He cited incest, which is on the rise in Kilifi, but families are not willing to testify. "When a witness cannot come to testify in court, the court will withdraw the case for lack of evidence, and the child will not get justice."

Witchcraft suspicion has also hindered the progress of many cases. If a perpetrator is suspected of witchcraft, a family or community gets cold feet for fear of testifying against him. "If the perpetrator is a sorcerer, no one is willing to point a finger at him. You find they continue to abuse children without them reporting," Mr Mohamed said.

However, he said they have taken legal action against some suspected sorcerers and there are pending court cases. The officer cited a case where, together with the police, he had to rescue an underage girl married to a suspected sorcerer, whom the community could not dare approach.

Mr Mohamed cited kangaroo courts as another challenge and that in some cases,

families would even fill in the P3 Forms but refuse to follow up on the cases for perpetrators to be arrested and charged because they have been compromised. By refusing to attend court, the families sabotage cases. "Sometimes police officers cannot get the family of the child and it is because they went and talked about the matter at home to have the case settled out of court for them to get bride price."

He said with the support of child protection volunteers and other structures, they have managed to trace such families. Each of the 13 locations in Ganze has two child protection volunteers. A family that tries to deny its child justice is charged with abetting crime. In some circumstances where a family is compromised and does not want to release a child to court, Mr Mohamed has had to rescue the child and secure her at a rescue centre until she testifies in court.

Mr Mohamed said the Ganze Sub-County Children Advisory Committee brings together stakeholders in the child protection sector and has played a key role in addressing the challenges. "We have dialogue meetings with chiefs and made a resolution that we identify hotspots for kangaroo cases and arrest all those involved to end the habit."

He said Ganze recorded many cases of early marriages, although many others go unreported. "The unreported cases are the ones with the issue, but we have rescued girls who are now in secondary school."

He looks for sponsors to support some of the vulnerable girls rescued from early marriage. Mr Mohamed said disco matanga is still a challenge and has contributed to defilement and affected the education of many girls. "We need to address GBV issues because many children in Ganze have dropped out of school, and we do not want it to be like that."

Children protection volunteers

The recently recruited children protection volunteers have ensured cases are reported, including those that have been compromised and are over one month old. Mr Mohamed said the majority of residents are not aware of the functions of the children's officers under the Children Act, 2022, and he has embarked on sensitising them. For instance, the community is not aware that children's officers have the power to take a case to court. "Cases of a child in need of care and protection, neglect or any other case that they are afraid of reporting to the police because of confidentiality are handled by the children's officer."

In this case, the officer will open a care and protection file. On July 26, Mr Mohamed opened a care and protection file for two minors aged 7 and 9. They were defiled by Mr Stephen Biko, a teacher at Fudumulo Primary School. Their mother found out that her children had been defiled in October 2023. She reported the matter to Bamba Police Station under OB/621/3/2024.

Mr Mohamed said many poor families leave their children in the villages as they hustle for jobs in towns, including Mombasa. "When a mother gets the job, they forget the children in the village, and if it is a father and starts working, he finds another woman, so both abandon the child."

He disclosed that perpetrators include teachers and chiefs, among other members of the community, while police officers also feature in neglect cases. One of his happiest moments was when he rescued a 16-year-old girl from marriage and took the initiative of taking her back to secondary school. "The girl is doing well in her education and going to Form Three next year."

Mr Mohamed has a Bachelor's Degree in Security Studies and Criminology and a Diploma in Community Development and Social Work. He is pursuing a master's course.

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Number of locations in the three divisions of Ganze Sub-County in Kilifi County.

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Number of child protection volunteers in Ganze Sub-County.

Gender balance When women make up a larger share of the group, they're more likely to be seen as influential

Malawi study: Women change the climate conversation but not decisions about solutions

Simply adding women doesn't radically alter decisions, but it fosters fairness, legitimises diverse expertise, and opens the door for long-term leadership

BY THE CONVERSATION

Around the world, climate change is being tackled, not just in parliaments and global summits, but also in villages and farming communities. In these local spaces, lives and livelihoods depend directly on natural resources, and decisions are often made in groups.

Globally, including women in action against climate change is seen as crucial. Especially in rural agricultural settings, women bear a substantial burden from the warming planet. But there has been little research on whether simply having more women involved in climate action changes the decisions taken by communities to combat global warming – or whether it matters.

We are a team of political scientists and economists who investigated ways in which women influence community solutions to overharvesting of forests in rural Malawi. Overharvesting relates to how rural economies operate and is a problem that often requires political solutions.

We worked with 90 rural communities in small groups that had different numbers of women. The communities were all based near Malawi's Zomba-Malosa Forest Reserve, an area suffering widespread overharvesting of trees for timber, fuelwood, and charcoal.

About two per cent of Malawi's forests are destroyed every year, including forests in this reserve, a rate more than double that of neighbouring countries. Low levels of electrification in the country and high natural gas prices mean that fuelwood is used widely for cooking.

We asked people in the groups to vote privately on six options to protect the forest. Then the group discussed the options and voted again. They also voted for who they thought was the most influential member of the group. This allowed us to measure the influence that women, and the numbers of women, had on the group discussions and decisions.

Our research found that when women were present, the discussions shifted towards solutions for which women have socially recognised expertise (women are experts on cooking methods and tree replanting). But despite the discussion moving in a different direction, our research also found that women and men chose similar forest conservation policies. In other words, the presence of women did not meaningfully



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What we found

Nearly every household (94 per cent) told us they depended on the forest for their cooking needs. Many earned a living from harvesting the wood and selling it to charcoal manufacturers. But almost all residents, men and women alike, agreed that forest

degradation was a major problem.

They also spoke about short- and long-term costs of deforestation. These include soil erosion that leads to devastating mudslides and flash floods when trees and bushes are no longer present to slow down water flow when it rains heavily.

In Malawi, deforestation also degrades water quality and air quality. It means increased disease burdens, and less overall forest land for future use. Almost all (97 per cent) of the people who took part in the discussions indicated that the overharvesting of nearby forests was a "big problem" in their community.

Many also connected the problem to the larger issue of climate change. When we asked participants what climate change meant to them, one person told us: "Climate change will affect us so much with things like disasters, like floods, scarcity of rainfall, and soil degradation. This means we will not have food. If rain is scarce then we will not have water. Drought will be every-

where and it will be hard on us. Hunger will be everywhere."

When more women are present, women gain influence

Our central finding was that the more women there were in a meeting, the more influence they had. As the number of women in a group grew, men were increasingly likely to vote for women as the most influential group members.

However, having more women in a meeting did not lead to women talking more on average. It also did not lead to the discussion becoming more collaborative or affirming, or to people trying to reach decisions by consensus.

Instead, the change was in how men perceived women. In groups with more women, conversations focused more on topics where women have socially recognised expertise, such as cooking methods that reduce firewood use, or community-based tree replanting.

In groups with more men, discussions leaned towards using enforcement to stop people from cutting down trees, such as forest guards – work that men are more involved in and have more knowledge of.

This suggests that when women are included in groups discussing solutions to climate change, then men's perceptions of who holds authority change, even when women don't dominate the conversation.

In other words, the issues men and women spoke about reflected their lived experiences, and those experiences shaped group decisions.

Women were consistently rated as more influential as their numbers increased, especially when they numbered almost half of the group. In contrast, when women were in the minority, their contributions were less likely to be recognised, no matter what they said.

What needs to happen next

These shifts in influence and discussion content may seem subtle. But in collective decision-making – especially on complex challenges like climate change – it matters who is heard, whose knowledge counts, and which problems and solutions are discussed. Being seen as influential also builds women's confidence, legitimacy, and long-term leadership potential.

It highlights the value of gender quotas. These aim for balanced representation of men and women in groups. They help create group dynamics where women are not outnumbered and women's voices are more likely to be heard and respected.

In the end, our findings challenge the idea that simply including women in climate decisions will automatically lead to different outcomes. Men and women bring different life experiences to the table, and are able to give different advice on what climate solutions might work best. This means that the presence of women does shape the conversation – the issues that were talked about and whose voices got heard. So while adding women doesn't magically solve climate problems, it does help create a fairer, more inclusive decision-making process – and that matters too.

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Good Read Crushed loyalties and fame-fuelled chaos entangle Janet, Whitney and Bobby Brown

Behind the music: The secret affairs, broken vows of R&B stars

In 1987, Bobby Brown met Janet Jackson when his R&B group, New Edition, partied in her brother Jermaine's house in Los Angeles, California. Bobby had been smitten with Janet for years. In the process, the pair became intimate. Bobby was at his peak through his studio album, *Don't Be Cruel*, which became the top-selling record in the US in 1989 and won a Grammy for Best R&B Male Vocal Performance.

They kept their relationship a secret given Janet's concurrent involvement with her fiancé Rene Elizondo. In the course of this covert romance, Janet and Bobby would sneak into Le Dufy Hotel, a luxurious establishment in West Hollywood.

By 1989, at age 25, Whitney Houston was the greatest female music superstar in the world. Her peerless creativity and unmatched vocal capability made her dominate the US music charts. She set a benchmark by winning two Grammy Awards from her self-titled first two mega studio albums, which cumulatively sold 45 million copies. Her commitment to excellence further steered her streak to an unprecedented seven consecutive number one hit singles on the Billboard Charts.

Whitney's record sales had surpassed The Beatles and Elvis Presley, the biggest band in history and the most iconic Rock star respectively, as she emerged as the vanguard of the black community. Her best friend, Robyn Crawford, reveals in her memoir, *A Song for You: My Life with Whitney Houston*, which Whitney, who had previously dated Janet's brother Jermaine, successively dated comedian Eddie Murphy, who kept skipping their date nights.

The first time Whitney met Bobby was at the annual Soul Train Music Awards at Los Angeles Shrine Auditorium in April 1989 that celebrated the brilliant uniqueness of black creativity and artistry. She intentionally kept bumping onto the back of Bobby's head, to draw his attention, as she spoke to Cece Winans in the celebrity audience.

Janet had been talking about Bobby's superior sexual prowess to upscale music and entertainment personalities, and Whitney got wind of this. At the end of the award commemoration, Bobby and Whitney exchanged contacts and started communicating. Coincidentally, Janet and Bobby unceremoniously parted ways at the Le Dufy Hotel. She confessed to Bobby that the reason she couldn't leave her fiancé Rene for him was that her vilifying father, Joe, didn't approve of her intimate involvement with a black man.

Enraged by the revelation, Bobby imploded over Janet's prejudiced comments. She had hypocritically released her 1986 album *Control*, which was a statement of rebellion that depicted her autonomy and self-reliance. However, her gullibility and conformity stopped her from making personal decisions by permitting her father to dictate who she dated. Bobby pushed her



Jeff Anthony

from the hotel room stark naked and locked her out.

Disorientated by Janet's rejection, Bobby went on a relentless pursuit of intimacy with an influx of women within Los Angeles and yielded to Whitney's persistent advances. While Bobby was on tour in London, Whitney paid him a surprise visit and pleasantly commenced

the preamble of their relationship by gifting him a \$10,000 platinum and gold watch.

While Whitney was performing in her debut feature film, *The Bodyguard*, in 1992, Bobby reciprocated her generosity by buying her two engagement rings worth \$250,000 each, and subsequently proposed to her in Miami, Florida, in April the same year.

Whitney wasn't keen on publicly announcing their relationship as she was still stringing Eddie Murphy along. However, after the completion of *The Bodyguard*, she set an operational timeline towards their marriage and diligently began planning for their wedding at her mansion in Mendham, New Jersey. Her excitement was instantly subdued when she discovered that Bobby had impregnated Kim, the mother of his first two children, while engaging in intimacy with actress Lisa-Raye McCoy.

Whitney gave Bobby a free pass to sleep with other women during a month-long jet-setting bachelor party in Las Vegas, Paris, Miami and New York City. On their wedding day on July 18, 1992, Bobby was intoxicated on cocaine and inebriated by the alcohol he had drunk the previous night. He walked into Whitney's dressing room and, for the first time, found her snorting cocaine, which had been introduced to her by her brother, Michael.

Before they were married, Whitney and Bobby smoked marijuana together, but after he ran into her snorting cocaine, narcotics were added to the substances they ingested. The side effects cultivated an insatiable craving for sex. Whitney began affairs with record producers Kenneth 'Babyface' Edmonds, Antonio 'LA' Reid and after she completed filming *Waiting to Exhale* in late 1995, she began another affair with rapper and actor Tupac Shakur.

At the end of their 15-year marriage, they started aggravating each other's angst with conflicts, persistent arguments, and extra marital affairs that profoundly imperiled their marriage. Bobby started an affair with video vixen Karine Stephans and temporarily moved in with Louanna Rawls.

When Bobby married Whitney, he had a sum of \$50 million in his bank accounts, more money than Whitney, who was being swindled by her father, John, who persistently syphoned money out of the couple's joint accounts. When the marriage ended, Bobby was left with a meagre \$1,000 and a one-way plane ticket from New Jersey to Los Angeles.

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Legal Eye Constitution and laws strictly prohibit child marriage; offenders face hefty fines, jail time, or both



My neighbour wants to marry off his daughter, 12, during August holiday; what should I do?

Dear Vivian,

I live in a neighbourhood deeply rooted in traditional culture. Proponents of this culture believe that young girls can be married off to older men. I have overheard that my neighbour wants to marry off his 12-year-old daughter when she is on school break in August. What can I do and what does the law say about such situations?

Naserian Tepilit, Samburu

Dear Naserian,

First, what your neighbour is planning is not just morally outrageous but also criminal. The law stipulates that no child can be married off under any circumstance. Article 260 of the Constitution defines a child as anyone under 18. Additionally, the Constitution protects every child from abuse, neglect, and harmful cultural practices while restricting marriage to adults.

Further, the Children Act prohibits child marriage and any cultural or religious practices that harm the child's health, dignity, or development. A person who contravenes this law commits an offence and shall, upon conviction, be liable to imprisonment for a term of not less than three years or to a fine of not less than Sh500,000, or to both. This is

reinforced by the Marriage Act, which provides that no person under 18 can marry and that such marriages are void.

While Kenya has implemented a robust legal framework to combat child marriage, gaps in enforcement and cultural norms persist. Statistics indicate that 23 per cent of girls are married before 18, with poverty, gender inequality and female genital mutilation as major drivers.

Therefore, whistleblowing on such practices is the right cause of action. You should report the matter immediately at the nearest police station's gender desk as well as community-based organisations that could spearhead rescue.

The Constitution places the duty to protect children squarely on the state, but citizens like you are essential in flagging abuse before it happens. Notably, you could also contact the Cradle Children's Foundation. They are well known for responding to cases of child rights violations and work closely with government agencies to ensure children's safety. Reports can be made anonymously, but try to provide details that will help protect the girl.

The courts have consistently condemned early marriage, even where culture or religion is cited. In *Council of Imams & Preachers of Kenya & Others v Attorney General & Others*, the court ruled that no child can legally marry under custom or Islamic rites. The judges held that such practices cannot override constitutional and statutory protections under Article

53 and Section 23 of the Children Act.

This was also affirmed in *SW v Republic (2016)*. A father who facilitated the marriage of his underage daughter was convicted and fined. The older man who married her was sentenced to 10 years in prison for committing an indecent act with a child. The court held that early marriage is child abuse and any parent enabling it is legally

responsible.

There is nothing cultured about exploiting children. At its core, child marriage is a form of violence against children that denies girls their fundamental rights to health, safety and education.

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