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Second chance? After his botched 2022 succession plan, Jubilee leader is back

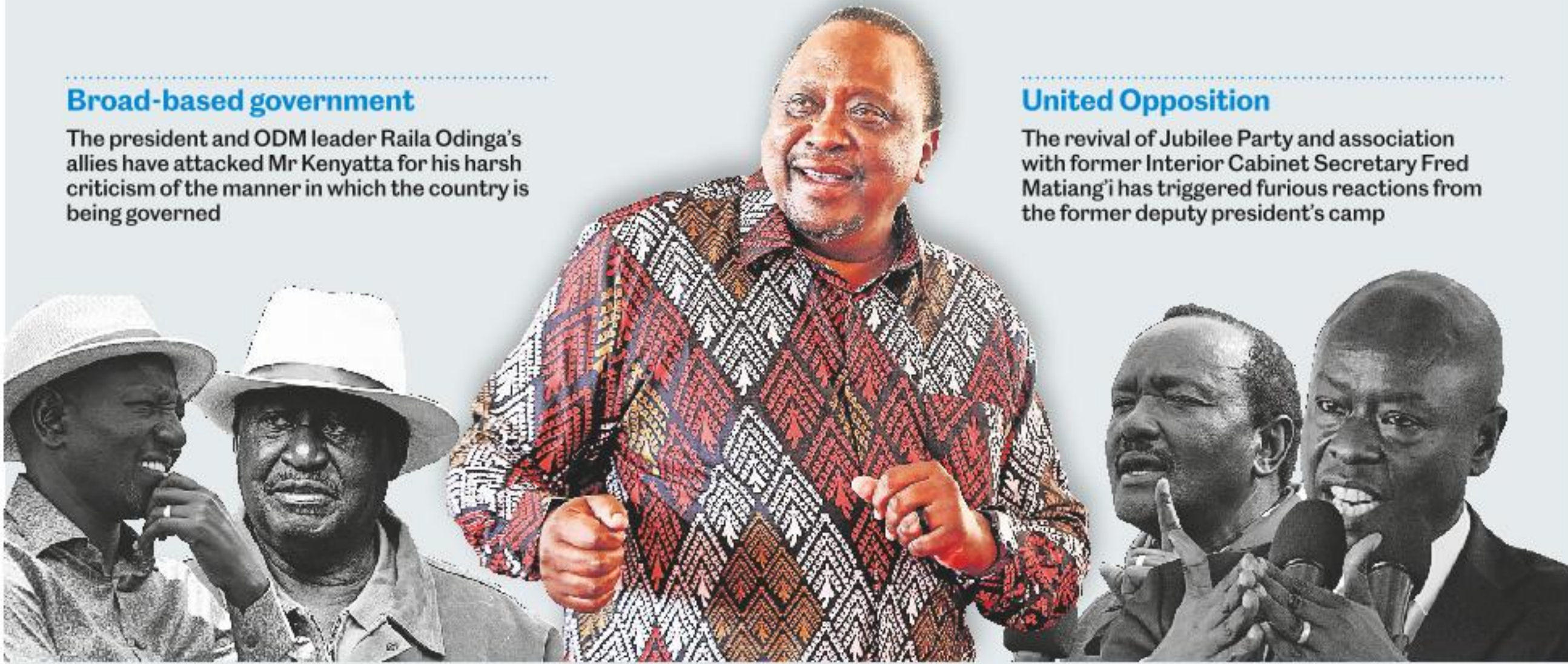
Uhuru move jolts Ruto, Gachagua

Broad-based government

The president and ODM leader Raila Odinga's allies have attacked Mr Kenyatta for his harsh criticism of the manner in which the country is being governed

United Opposition

The revival of Jubilee Party and association with former Interior Cabinet Secretary Fred Matiang'i has triggered furious reactions from the former deputy president's camp



Fallout Twice in eight months, retired president Uhuru Kenyatta has held talks with his successor William Ruto, giving the impression of a ceasefire by the former allies-turned-foes. But the return of Mr Kenyatta to the political arena, with a bare knuckles attack on the government has collapsed the shortlived truce and also upset opposition leaders who were not spared his stinging criticism. What is he up to? See Page 4



Ex-KNH boss's Sh229m cash, assets frozen in graft war

BY SAM KIPLAGAT

The High Court has frozen money in bank accounts, bonds and properties worth Sh229 million belonging to suspended Kenyatta National Hospital chief executive officer Dr Evanson Kamuri on suspicion the wealth was acquired corruptly. Justice Lucy Njuguna ordered the preservation pending the filing of a petition by the anti-graft commission. SEE PAGE 5



POLLS

IEBC blames mistrust for Sh61bn elections budget

Kenya's elections are among the most costly in the world at over Sh2,000 per voter, way above the Sh646 benchmark. The poll agency says suspicions on vote-rigging force expensive actions like printing ballot papers abroad. / P10

Team to probe school sex pests

P6. The Education ministry will set up a specialised unit to address rising cases of teenage pregnancies. Since January 2024, 69 teachers have been sacked by the TSC for sexually abusing learners.



Former DO recounts Al-Shabaab captivity

P3. In January 2012, Edward Yesse, then a District Officer in Wajir County, was kidnapped by Al-Shabaab terrorists. He speaks out on his harrowing ordeal during his 19 months in captivity in Somalia.



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National News

Book launch His memoir, *The Interrupted Accountant*, will be launched this Friday

Kinisu: Man who audited Queen Elizabeth's estate

He says he was not only the first Kenyan, but also the first African to audit the property of Queen Elizabeth II of England in 1988

BY DAVID MWERE

According to a new book to be launched this week, Philip Kinisu had the historic task of auditing the estate of Queen Elizabeth II of England in 1988

Nearly three decades later, Mr Kinisu found himself at the helm of the Kenyan anti-corruption commission, a position he resigned from under a cloud of controversy after only eight months.

A man of many firsts, the former chairperson of the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), topped his class from primary school to the university, setting him on the path to a job at a global audit firm, that led to his contact with the British monarch.

Writing in his memoir, *'The Interrupted Accountant'*, to be launched on Friday, Mr Kinisu says he was not only the first Ken-

yan, but also the first African to audit the property of Queen Elizabeth II of England in 1988.

This is after earning the admiration of senior partners and managers at the PricewaterhouseCoopers, the international audit firm where he had started out in 1979 for what turned out to be a 35-year-career with PwC.

As was practice, Deloitte UK hired the top two graduates of the Bachelor of Commerce class at the University of Nairobi (UoN) each year. In 1979, Mr Kinisu and his classmate Kirimi Mwarania, were hired by Deloitte and sent to Liverpool, as interns and trainees at the Deloitte offices.

He qualified as a Chartered Accountant with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales in 1983 when he was hired as an audit senior and posted back to Kenya. By then Deloitte UK had become part of the larger firm, Price Waterhouse, which later merged with Coop-

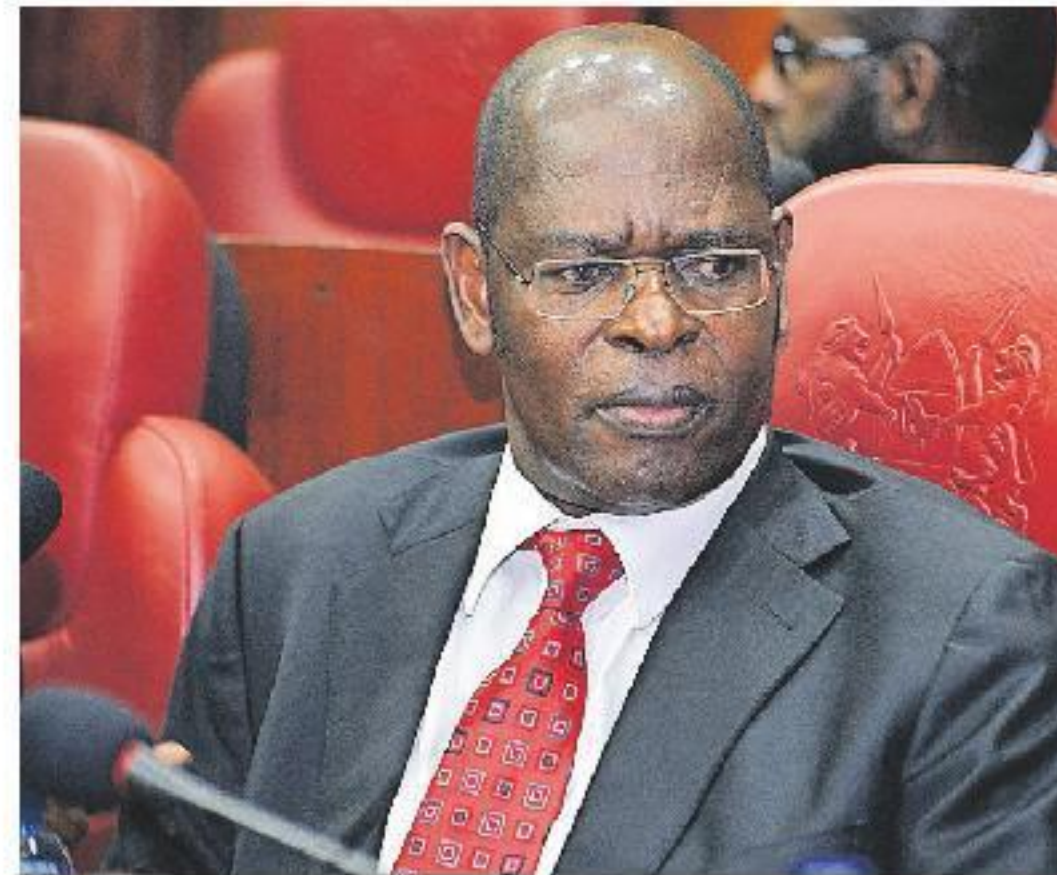
ers and Lybrand to form PwC. After serving as audit senior for one year, he was appointed a manager, the third Kenyan to land the prestigious role in the firm.

The first was Mathias Benedict Keah, who later became Kaloleni MP and assistant minister for Finance during the Moi regime. The second was Stephen Kinuthia, who had topped the BCom class of 1977 at the UoN.

Mr Kinisu served as manager for five years and was appointed senior manager in 1988. That year, he was sent for specialised training in the Financial Services Sector at the PwC London office.

"Assignments in the London office were large and extremely complex and were done by partners, managers and other staff specialising on just elements of the whole," says Mr Kinisu.

Other than financial services clients, he was assigned to oversee the audit of the estate of the Duchy of Windsor, a part of the estate of then Queen Elizabeth II of England. Queen Elizabeth II, the UK's longest-serving monarch, died in 2022 aged 96, after reigning for 70 years. Her son King Charles III ascended the throne.



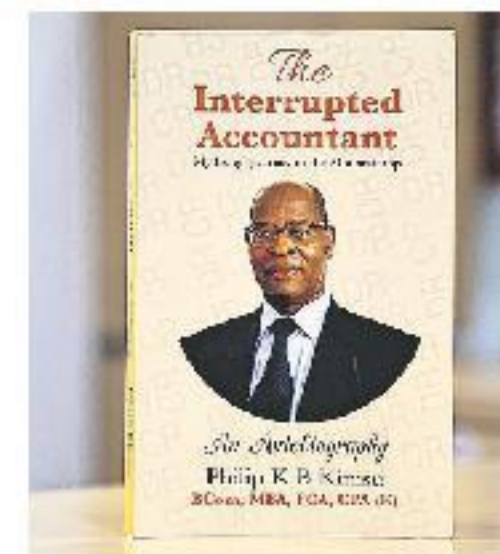
Auditor Philip Kinisu is set to launch his memoir, *The Interrupted Accountant* (right), this Friday. WILFRED NYANGARESINIATION

Mr Kinisu's supervisor, Mr Graham Ward, was the lead partner while Mr Kinisu was the manager in charge of the audit.

"The boy from Malaha operating at the apex of world capitalism, auditing a part of the estate of an institution that once ruled over half the globe!" Mr Ward notes in the Memoir.

Upon return to Kenya in 1989, Mr Kinisu was appointed to the position of Partner during which time, he worked on assignments that involved advising international funding institutions and other development partners.

During his career, he mentored many younger accountants who went ahead to become senior government officials, among them former Finance Minister Amos Kimunya, who was his



student at Strathmore College, when he was a part time tutor between 1993 and 1988. In January 2016, Mr Kinisu was sworn in as EACC chairperson but was forced out of office in August, after it emerged a family company was among those doing business with the government. Mr Kinisu opted to resign instead of facing a tribunal.

In the book, he recalls that he started his education at Malaha Primary School in Webuye, Bungoma County. At the school, he

topped the class in the 1968 exams. He was admitted to Naitiri Secondary School, where again he was the top student. While in Form Four in 1972, he instigated a student strike which saw him and five other students arrested and detained at Kapchonge Police Station. His arrest saw him undertake his O-level exams while in detention.

"The police would ferry us to school every morning for the exams and by 5 pm, they would load us into the police van back to the police cells," he says in the memoir.

Despite all this, he not only passed the exams, but scored a record breaking First Division. But more than a month after the results were released, he waited for his admission to high school in vain.

Unbowed, he made the long journey from a village in Webuye to the Ministry of Education headquarters in Nairobi to inquire about his fate.

At the ministry headquarters, he met a ministry official, a Mr Chege, who was kind to him.

"After he reviewed my grades, he felt something was amiss - I should have been admitted to Alliance... He told me that Alliance was already full but since I came from Bungoma District (now County) and Bungoma High was a good school, he recommended me there," he says.

Two years later, he was the top A-Level student, earning admission to the UoN Faculty of Commerce to study BCom. At the UoN, he earned the only First Class division in 1979, the only student in a class that had 340 students.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the 29th Annual General Meeting of the Company for the year ended 30th June 2025 will be held at **Best Western Plus Meridian Hotel, Nairobi on Friday, 31st October 2025 at 9:30 am** to transact the following business: -

1. To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2025 and the chairman's, directors' and auditors' reports thereon.
2. To approve the payment of recommended dividend for the year ended 30th June 2025.
3. To approve payment of directors fees for the year ended 30th June 2025.
4. To appoint Company Auditors in accordance with Section 721 (4) (a) of the Companies Act, 2015 and authorize the directors to fix their remuneration for the ensuing financial year.
5. In accordance with Articles of the Company, to elect the director representing Zone 1, 4, 7 and 11 electoral areas due for rotation.
6. There will be special business to be discussed as per AGM booklet.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

CS MATHEWS ODERO
COMPANY SECRETARY (CPS No. P/CPSB/1495)

Dated: 1st October 2025

A member entitled to attend and vote at this meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy. A proxy need not be a member of the company. A form of proxy must be deposited at the registered office of the company not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the said meeting.

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Scars of terror It took six months of negotiations between the fighters, administrators and elders to secure his release

BY KEVIN MUTAI
AND KARIM RAJAN

My 19-month ordeal in the hands of Somalia's Shabaab

In January 2012, former civil servant Edward Yesse, then working as a District Officer in Wajir County, was kidnapped by heavily armed assailants linked to al-Shabaab terrorists.

While opening up for the first time since his release nearly 13 years later, Mr Yesse revealed the harrowing details of his capture and detention. He stayed in captivity for 19 months, and was held in different detention cells in Somalia.

About two months earlier, Mr Yesse had reported to his new workstation at Burder, in Wajir South Sub-County, but was allocated duties in Gerille, a few kilometres from the Kenya-Somalia border. He was in the company of area Registrar of Persons Fredrick Wainaina and other government officials. The team had been assigned to vet locals who had applied for national identity card.

"The vetting team comprised the inspector in charge of Divisional Administration Police officers, the District National Intelligence Service Officer, the area chief, sub-chief and elders. The District Registration Officer took minutes while the District Officer chaired the committee and had the final say on who could be registered," Mr Yesse said.

After conclusion of their duty on the third day, they were ambushed by at least 100 heavily armed al-Shabaab militants at the Administration Police Post. The officers were overpowered and the militants took over the camp. They had AK-47s and rocket-propelled grenades. Mr Yesse remembers feeling an eerie coldness as the wind blew past.

Political pressure

"While we worked, we did not know that the people we were vetting were al-Shabaab operatives. They had been monitoring us. It was naive from our end, because I later came to learn that the militants had been spotted crossing into the area," he said.

Mr Yesse revealed that there were prior intelligence reports about the sighting of the militants in the area and a planned attack. However, the vetting team was forced to carry on with its work due to political pressure.

As the chairperson of the District Security Committee at the time, Mr Yesse claimed that he also received a chilling security update a day before the attack. He said that more al-Shabaab gunmen were amassing forces across the border in a village that was less than three kilometres away. They were preparing a major attack in Gerille.

At around 4pm, he said, another intelligence report came through indicating that the militants had halted the attack at Gerille until the vetting exercise was completed. Apparently, al-Shabaab top officials wanted members of their own sub-clan, the Marehan, to get IDs.

Mr Yesse said that when the militants finally struck, 15 AP of-

Former civil servant Edward Yesse, then working as a District Officer in Wajir, was abducted in January 2012



Edward Yesse narrates his ordeal at his home in Mtwapa. KEVIN MUTAI | NATION

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Former civil servant Edward Yesse



ficers, 11 civilian support staff, the vetting committee members and some villagers were killed. Al-shabaab fighters were also killed.

He said three people were captured; the District Registrar of Persons Fredrick Wainaina, their driver and himself. The driver was released after a few days. However, Mr Yesse and Mr Wainaina were taken to Somalia.

"From week one, I was permanently in chains. On the sixth day, we were taken to Mogadishu. I remember 90 per cent of the time we lived in animal-like conditions. We relieved ourselves inside the same cells that we stayed in. The conditions were very filthy," he recalled.

The captives were served only two meals a day: black tea in the morning for breakfast and an

early dinner. Mr Yesse said they were moved to 15 different cells. They were forced to record videos expressing al-Shabaab's demands to the Kenyan Government as they pleaded for the State to intervene and secure their release.

"When we made the first videos, I thought that was the end of our lives. But it was the beginning of negotiations to have the Kenya Defence Forces move out of Somalia. There were gunmen around us dressed in uniforms. Two of them had knives, and they were wearing gloves. I think they were the executioners," Mr Yesse said.

While in detention, he said that some al-Shabaab fighters who identified themselves as Mujahideen often visited them in their cells. They asked questions touching on security matters, which they declined to answer. Mr Yesse said that they were dressed in neat civilian clothes and had distinct colognes.

He said that his captors constantly asked him to repeat his answers during interrogations, and sought clarification while taking notes.

Mr Yesse said at some point, two Mujahideen interrogators knelt next to him and gave him a sharp look during a moment of pin-drop silence.

He recalled that one of them spoke with a heavy American accent and the other had good mastery of both English and Kiswahili. He even spoke in sheng.

Mr Yesse said that the interrogators had good knowledge of Kenya's history and geography. They described Mombasa, Eldoret, Kisumu and Nakuru cities elaborately. They asked him to narrate his journey from the day of the attack in Gerille until their arriv-

al in Mogadishu.

Mr Yesse said that the militants had detained other Kenyans and foreign nationals. He said that some of the captives were paraded and executed in broad daylight.

"You could tell that they had been tortured. You could tell from their voices as they cried. I think they were crushing their private parts. A lady was among them those torturing the captives," he said.

It took six months of negotiations between the al-Shabaab operatives, local administrators, and elders from the region to secure, Mr Yesse's and Mr Wainaina's freedom.

"I credit my release to former President Uhuru Kenyatta. He took it upon himself personally to see us free. He learnt of my case from former Nairobi Governor Mike Mbuvi Sonko who was close to my parents," Mr Yesse

said.

After his release in 2013, Mr Yesse reunited with his family. Senior government officials promised to support him. The Ministry of Interior pledged to nominate him for national honours and awards. However, that never came to pass.

"As for the medal, I have never received it more than 10 years later. We are the forgotten heroes," he said.

Mr Yesse has been battling emotional and psychological trauma resulting from the horrific ordeal he endured at the hands of al-Shabaab terrorists.

He left the civil service with only the scars of terror and the empty promises given to him, despite his dedication to duty and service to the people of Kenya.

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Remove asbestos roofs, order MPs

BY SAMWEL OWINO

A parliamentary committee has given all public institutions one year to remove asbestos roofing from their buildings, a process that will be overseen by the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA).

In a report tabled in the House, the National Assembly Committee on Public Petitions has also directed the Ministry of Health to conduct a medical survey within six months to ascertain the extent and impact of exposure to asbestos, which is reported to cause cancer.

According to government records, 188 schools and other educational institutions have been found to contain asbestos in various quantities, totalling some 3,180 tonnes.

Documents tabled in Parliament last year indicate that buildings belonging to the National Treasury, the Ministry of Lands, Urban Planning, Housing and

Public Works, the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health are among those with the highest levels of asbestos roofing.

The private sector is also to blame, as it has a total of 8,467 tonnes of asbestos.

Research shows that exposure to asbestos is hazardous to human health and can result in mesothelioma, an aggressive cancer that affects the membrane lining the lungs and abdomen, presenting symptoms similar to respiratory illnesses.

"The committee recommends that all stakeholders remove asbestos roofing from public institutions within one year of tabling of this report," reads the committee report.

The MPs said that whereas there is increased removal and disposal of asbestos roofing materials, the process in the country is quite slow.

They also noted that the deteriorating asbestos sheets continue to release fibres into the air contaminating soil, water and endangering communities.

Courts Suspended hospital chief accused of corruption

Ex-KNH boss's Sh229m cash and assets frozen

Anti-graft agency wants Dr Kamuri to forfeit 'unexplained wealth'

BY SAM KIPLAGAT

The High Court has frozen money in bank accounts, bonds and properties worth Sh229 million belonging to a suspended Kenyatta National Hospital chief executive.

Justice Lucy Njuguna ordered the preservation of the money and property, pending the filing of a forfeiture petition by the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission.

Dr Evanson Njoroge Kamuri is suspected to have acquired the wealth corruptly.

The frozen assets include landed properties valued at Sh130 million, treasury bonds worth Sh55 million, and Sh44.5 million cash held in six bank accounts.

"A temporary injunction is hereby issued in terms of prayers (2), (3), (4), (5) (6) and (7) of the Notice of Motion to last until the 11/09/2025," said the judge.

The anti-graft commission said it commenced investigations against Dr Kamuri over allegations of abuse of office and procurement irregularities in two tenders at the KNH.

One of the tenders was for the supply, delivery, installation and testing and commissioning of a medical oxygen generating plant, which was awarded to Biomax Africa Ltd.

A second tender was for the installation of an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system and supporting hardware components at the country's top referral hospital.

The EACC said it has completed its investigations and is now seeking forfeiture proceedings for the unexplained wealth.



Dr Evanson Kamuri when he appeared before MPs on July

WHAT EACC SAID

"That having considered and analysed responses by the respondent on the disproportion between his assets and known legitimate sources of income, it was evidence that the respondent failed to explain the disproportion of assets amounting to Sh229,445,647," the commission said.

"The commission under section 55(2) of ACECA has instituted a suit seeking forfeiture of the above assets of Sh229.4 million, which were acquired at a time the respondent was reasonably suspected of corruption or economic crimes," EACC added.

The Sh130 million properties being sought are in Kitengela and Ngong.

The EACC said the Ministry of Health advertised a tender for the procurement of an oxygen generating system at KNH at a cost of Sh443.6 million.

Being the CEO, Dr Kamuri allegedly irregularly executed several addendum contracts between him and Biomax Africa that purported to extend the initial contract, contrary to the Public procurement and Assets Disposal Act and other procurement regulations.

It is alleged that he abused his office by approving and authorising payment of Sh290 million to Biomax Africa for an alleged substandard oxygen generating plant, which has failed to qualitatively and quantitatively meet the expectations in the tender document, thus leading to a loss of public funds.

Investigations revealed that the CEO received Sh114.4 million through his bank accounts.

The EACC had initially targeted properties worth Sh446 million.

Dr Kamuri gave his response in a letter dated June 26, 2025, and the commission did an analysis, and confirmed that assets worth Sh237 million had been satisfactorily explained. This left a balance of assets worth Sh229.4 million as unexplained.

The commission said where the assets have been wasted, or otherwise unavailable for forfeiture, the court should order him to pay the government for the assets' equivalent value in monetary terms.

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REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT- FOURTH SESSION (2025)

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

IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF:-

- (1) THE PROVISIONAL COLLECTION OF TAXES AND DUTIES (REPEAL) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL No. 18 OF 2025);
- (2) THE NATIONAL POLICE SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL No. 39 OF 2025)
- (3) THE STREET VENDORS (PROTECTION OF LIVELIHOOD) BILL (SENATE BILL No. 41 OF 2023);
- (4) THE LOCAL CONTENT BILL (SENATE BILL No. 50 OF 2023);
- (5) THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILL No. 54 OF 2023); AND
- (6) THE CREATIVE ECONOMY SUPPORT BILL (SENATE BILL No. 30 OF 2024)

INVITATION TO SUBMIT MEMORANDA

WHEREAS, Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution requires Parliament to facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of Parliament and its Committees and Standing Order 127(3) of the National Assembly Standing Orders requires House Committees considering Bills to facilitate public participation; AND WHEREAS, the Provisional Collection of Taxes and Duties (Repeal) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 18 of 2025); the National Police Service (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 39 of 2025); the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood) Bill (Senate Bill No. 41 of 2023); the Local Content Bill (Senate Bill No. 50 of 2023); the Early Childhood Education (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bill No. 54 of 2023); and the Creative Economy Support Bill (Senate Bill No. 30 of 2024) have been read a First Time and referred to the relevant Departmental Committees for consideration and reporting back to the House;

IT IS NOTIFIED that—

- (1) The Provisional Collection of Taxes and Duties (Repeal) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 18 of 2025) is a Bill sponsored by the Leader of Majority Party which seeks to repeal the Provisional Collection of Taxes and Duties Act (Cap. 415).
- (2) The National Police Service (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 39 of 2025) is a Bill sponsored by the Hon. Oku Kaunya, MP. The Bill seeks to amend the National Police Service Act, Cap. 84 to provide for an age limit of sixty years for persons nominated and appointed to the offices of Inspector-General and Deputy Inspector-General of Police.
- (3) The Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood) Bill (Senate Bill No. 41 of 2023) is a Bill sponsored by Sen. Esther Okenyuri Anyeni, MP and co-sponsored in the National Assembly by Hon. Owen Baya, MP. The Bill seeks to provide a legal framework for the recognition, protection and regulation of street vending.
- (4) The Local Content Bill (Senate Bill No. 50 of 2023) is a Bill sponsored by Sen. Oburu Odinga, MP. The Bill seeks to facilitate the local ownership, control and financing of activities connected with the exploitation of gas, oil and other petroleum resources; and to provide a framework to increase the local value capture along the value chain in the exploration of gas, oil and other petroleum resources. In particular the Bill seeks to—
 - (a) provide for structures to promote, develop, and enforce local content across the entire extractive value chain;
 - (b) Increase local ownership, control, and financing of extractive projects by ensuring that at least 30% of participation of Kenyan individuals, businesses, and financial institutions;
 - (c) support fair sharing of revenues, create more jobs, build skills, encourage technology transfer, fund research and development, and promote the purchase of Kenyan-made goods and services that meet global standards;
 - (d) establish a Local Content Development Committee, mandated to review and approve local content plans, monitor compliance, and even recommend the revocation of licenses where companies fail to meet the requirements;
 - (e) require the National and County Governments to set targets, carry out audits, and put measures in place to assist local enterprises to grow and participate meaningfully in the sector; and
 - (f) prescribe penalties and enforcement measures related to ensuring participation of locals in the exploitation of gas, oil and other petroleum resources.
- (5) The Early Childhood Education (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bill No. 54 of 2023) is a Bill sponsored by Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP and co-sponsored in the National Assembly by Hon. Naisula Lesuuda, MP. The Bill seeks to amend the Early Childhood Education Act, Cap. 211B to mandate the county governments to provide for the welfare of early childhood education teachers in public schools.
- (6) The Creative Economy Support Bill (Senate Bill No. 30 of 2024) is a Bill sponsored by Sen. Eddy Gicheru Oketch, MP and co-sponsored in the National Assembly by Hon. Irene Mayaka, MP. The Bill seeks to establish mechanisms for the support of the creative industry to the economy and to establish the Creatives Fund.

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

S/ No.	BILL	COMMITTEE
1.	The Provisional Collection of Taxes and Duties (Repeal) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 18 of 2025)	Finance and National Planning
2.	The National Police Service (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 39 of 2025)	Administration and Internal Security
3.	The Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood) Bill (Senate Bill No. 41 of 2023)	Trade, Industry and Cooperatives
4.	The Local Content Bill (Senate Bill No. 50 of 2023)	Energy
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Copies of the Bills are available at the National Assembly Table Office, Main Parliament Building, and on www.parliament.go.ke/the-national-assembly/house-business/bills.

The memoranda may be forwarded to the Clerk of the National Assembly, P.O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi; hand-delivered to the Office of the Clerk, Main Parliament Building, Nairobi; or emailed to cna@parliament.go.ke to be received on or before Wednesday, 15th October, 2025 at 5.00 p.m.

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CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

1st October, 2025

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National News

Tightening noose TSC received 111 cases of alleged sexual abuse of learners by teachers in 2024

BY WINNIE ATIENO

The Ministry of Education will establish a special unit to tackle the alarming rates of teenage pregnancy in schools and sexual exploitation of learners by teachers.

Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Ogamba issued the directive following a meeting with the Senate Education Committee in Mombasa County.

Nominated Senator Catherine Mumma, who chaired the session, raised concern about the prevalence of teen pregnancy and the effectiveness of the policy on reintegration of young mothers into schools.

She urged Mr Ogamba to take decisive action to protect both girls and boys, arguing that sexual exploitation is a major crisis that is often ignored.

The senator also asked the Teachers Service Commission (TSC) to stop transferring teachers who have been found guilty of defilement. She said there is a risk of the culprits preying on other children.

"We are killing our girls. And it's not just girls; we are also killing the boys. A lot of sodomy is happening. All teachers involved in defilement of students should never be transferred to other schools. That is happening, yet chances of them repeating the

Ministry steps up bid to curb teen pregnancy in schools

CS Ogamba acknowledges severity of the issue, says a special unit will be formed to handle it



Education CS Julius Ogamba responds to questions raised by members of the Senate Education Committee in Mombasa on September 26. KEVIN ODITI/NATION

When a teacher is found guilty, he or she is dismissed and deregistered

TSC Director for Legal, Labour and Industrial Relations Cavin Anyuor



deal with such cases.

"When a teacher is found guilty, he or she is dismissed and deregistered," Mr Anyuor told the Senate committee earlier.

He said that out of the 111 cases, 69 teachers were dismissed and removed from the register. However, there is no evidence to show that they were prosecuted in a court of law.

same offence are high," said Ms Mumma.

She highlighted the gravity of the issue at the local level, noting that in her constituency, Nyakach, there were 3,816 teen preg-

nancies in 2023. Among them were 10-14 year old learners.

TSC Director for Legal, Labour and Industrial Relations Cavin Anyuor said the commission has received 111 cases on allegations

of sexual abuse of learners since January 2024. The cases include sexual relations with learners, flirtation, sexual harassment and sodomy. The TSC uses the Code of Regulations for Teachers to

"Those who have been deregistered cannot teach anywhere in the world. Their licences have been revoked by the commission. Nine other teachers were dismissed, but their licences were not revoked, while 25 were suspended. In four cases, the teachers were found innocent and their interdictions were revoked," Mr Anyuor said.

"Three cases were cancelled because the affected teachers had passed away by the time we were calling them for disciplinary proceedings," the TSC official said.

Mr Anyuor said people can report cases of misconduct by teachers to the TSC secretary, county director, head of institutions, secretary to the board, board of management or law enforcement agencies. He said incidences of learner abuse should be reported within 24 hours. Failure to report is an offence.

"There is a free hotline for reporting cases of sexual abuse. We also have a public email where anonymous reports can be made," Mr Anyuor said.

CS Ogamba acknowledged the severity of the issue, referring to teenage pregnancy and sex education as a "hot potato".

Senator Betty Montet said the debate on sex education has been dragging on for too long because religious institutions have not agreed on the content to teach learners.

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THE HEALTH (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025 (SENATE BILLS NO. 12 OF 2025)

The Health (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (Senate Bills No. 12 of 2025) was read a First Time in the Senate on Tuesday, 23rd September, 2025 and thereafter stood committed to the Standing Committee on Health for consideration. The Committee is required, under Standing order 145(5) of the Senate Standing Orders, to facilitate public participation on the Bill and to take into account the views and recommendations of the public when the Committee makes its report to the Senate.

The Bill seeks to amend the Health Act to prohibit the detention of patients and corpses of patients by health facilities. The Bill further seeks to give effect to Articles 28, 29 and 39 of the Constitution regarding human dignity, freedom and security of persons and freedom of movement.

In accordance with the provisions of Article 118 of the Constitution and standing order 145(5) of the Senate Standing Orders, the Standing Committee on Health now invites interested members of the public to submit any representations that they may have on the Bill by way of written memoranda.

The memoranda may be submitted to the Clerk of the Senate, P.O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi, hand-delivered to the Office of the Clerk of the Senate, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi or emailed to clerk.senate@parliament.go.ke and copied to healthcommittee.senate@parliament.go.ke to be received on or before **Friday, 17th October, 2025 at 5.00 p.m.**

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

**J. M. NYEGENYE, CBS,
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NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024 (DB SCHEME)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 18th Annual General Meeting of Kenya Ports Authority Pension Scheme (DB Scheme) will be held on **Friday 17th October 2025**, starting at **9.00am at Kisumu Port (Pier)**. Pensioners from all regions, contributing and deferred members of KPA Pension Scheme (DB Scheme) are requested to attend the Annual General Meeting to transact the following business.

1. Reading of the Notice and Agenda
2. Opening of the Meeting and Introductions
3. Consideration and Adoption of the Minutes of the Last AGM
4. Report by the Chair of the Board of Trustees
5. Report by the Managing Director (Sponsor)
6. Presentation of the Audited Accounts for the year ended December 31, 2024, by the Scheme Auditor
7. Presentation of the Investment Report by the Scheme's Fund Managers
8. Presentation of the Custodial Report by the Scheme's Fund Custodian
9. Presentation of the Structure of Benefits by the Scheme Actuary
10. Presentation on Retirement Benefits Industry Changes by a representative from the Retirement Benefits Authority
11. Questions and Answers
12. Vote of Thanks

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR MEMBERS

- **Identification:** Members are requested to bring appropriate identification documents and to be seated by **8:45 AM**.
- **Access to Documents:** Copies of the Scheme's Audited Accounts will be available for perusal at the Scheme's registered offices or can be downloaded from the Scheme's website at www.kpapension.co.ke.
- **Travel Costs:** Please note that the cost of travel and attendance is **NON-REFUNDABLE**.

By Order of the Board,

Bernard Kibet
Scheme Administrator

Dated: 1st October 2025

Sakaja's bid to gag 'Nation' on goons story dismissed

BY JOSEPH WANGUI

Nairobi Governor Johnson Sakaja has lost a bid to gag the Nation Media Group (NMG) from publishing information linking him to suspected goons and the chaos during the commemoration of the Gen-Z led anti-Finance Bill protests.

Justice Nixon Sifuna said the governor failed to establish sufficient basis for the injunctive court orders against NMG. He

stated that the orders sought were speculative, adding that since he was holding a position of privilege he could not avoid scrutiny.

"From the motion, it is clear that the plaintiff (Sakaja) is seeking a rolling or free-flowing injunction as a precaution to the general likelihood of the media house in future publishing such a story/report. For an injunction of that manner to be issued, there will have to be evidence of

an imminent or immediate future threat of such publication," said the judge.

Mr Sakaja sued in June after NMG published a story titled "How chaos was planned". The story was about the chaos witnessed on June 17, when protesters were attacked by goons.

NMG maintains its story was based on verified sources.

Pending determination of his case against the media house, the governor wanted the court

to restrain NMG and its journalists from publishing any story linking him to the goons.

However, Justice Sifuna stated that freedom of the press (Media freedom) is one of the main pillars of the Kenya Constitution.

"Pre-trial injunctions against the mainstream media platforms (formal media sector) ought to be issued very sparingly and only in exceptional and most deserving circumstances," said the judge.



Former Migori Governor Okoth Obado.

EACC fights plea deal in Obado case

BY SAM KIPLAGAT

The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) has maintained its opposition to plans to withdraw criminal charges against former Migori Governor Okoth Obado and 10 others.

Appearing before Principal Magistrate Charles Ondieki yesterday, EACC lawyers acknowledged receiving a plea agreement but said that they had instructions to oppose the same.

Mr Ondieki urged the parties—EACC, Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) and the accused persons—to continue with the negotiations and agree on the contentious issues. The matter will be mentioned on October 24 to confirm progress of the negotiations and further directions.

Mr Obado, four of his children and others have been charged with conspiracy to commit economic crime and money laundering.

On September 5, the DPP and Mr Obado's lawyers indicated that the parties had been holding talks with a view to withdrawing the case. However, EACC rejected the deal, saying the matter should proceed to full trial.

The court heard that the plea agreement was necessitated by a deal entered into by the EACC and Mr Obado in June last year, forfeiting eight properties and two vehicles, as a condition for dropping two civil cases against the former

Court proceedings Prosecution opposed suspect's release on bail saying he is a flight risk

KNH murder suspect's lawyers want second medical opinion

Kalombotole is charged with the murder of a patient at the national referral hospital in July

BY RICHARD MUNGUTI AND NICHOLAS NJORGE

A Kibera court yesterday deferred the charging of a man accused of killing patients at Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH) to October 22 after three defence lawyers challenged a psychiatric report declaring him mentally fit to stand trial.

While postponing the trial of Kennedy Kalombotole, Justice Diana Kavedza said she would decide whether to call for a second opinion on his mental status. She stressed the importance of ensuring he is fit to stand trial.

Kalombotole is charged with the murder of 54-year-old Gilbert Kinyua Muthoni, who was found dead in KNH's ward 7B on July 17. Detectives are also investigating him over the death of another patient at the hospital on February 7.

"I urge this court to defer plea taking until we get a second opinion about Kalombotole's mental fitness to stand trial," lead defence lawyer Joshua Ombengi pleaded, citing several precedents requiring more than one medical opinion before a suspect is asked to respond to a capital offence that could result in a death sentence.

Mr Ombengi's position was supported by fellow lawyers Philip Maiyo and Zephania Achapa who argued that the court should first rule

on their objection before plea taking.

The defence lawyers maintained that they were dissatisfied with the medical report presented yesterday, insisting that another evaluation must be conducted before their client could answer to the charges.

Kalombotole was first arraigned in July, when the judge directed that he undergoes a mental health assessment before being responding to the charges preferred by the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP).

Court records show that Kalombotole had been admitted to KNH on December 1, 2024, after experiencing seizures and was discharged two days later. His medical history also includes earlier treatment for the same condition at Nairobi Women's Hospital.

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Murder suspect Kennedy Kalombotole during a past appearance at the Kibera Law Courts. PHOTO | POOL

As part of their investigation, police said they recovered several items suspected to be linked to the crimes, including a pair of blue slippers, a bloodstained bedsheet and a knife wrapped in gloves. The exhibits have been forwarded to the National Forensic Laboratory for analysis.

The prosecution has opposed the

defence's application for Kalombotole to be freed on bond, arguing that he has no fixed abode and poses a flight risk. It added that his release could jeopardise the case by enabling him to interfere with witnesses.

Kalombotole followed the proceedings virtually from prison remand.

Former OCS, others accused of Ojwang murder denied bail

BY RICHARD MUNGUTI AND NICHOLAS NJORGE

Former Central Police Station boss Samson Talaam and five others charged with the murder of teacher and blogger Albert Ojwang will remain in custody after they were denied bond by the High Court.

Justice Diana Kavedza dismissed the bond appli-

cation by Talaam, James Mukhwana, Peter Kimani, John Ngige Gitau, Jim Ambao and Brian Njue saying they were likely to interfere with witnesses.

"This court notes that Talaam, Mukhwana and Gitau are senior police officers wielding considerable power and influence," she said, adding that despite being interdicted, the officers still had the ability to influence both their juniors and civilian prosecution witnesses.

She further noted that the accused had interfered with CCTV cameras and recordings even before their arrest, underlining their influence.

The judge agreed with submissions by the Director of Public Prosecutions that the case carried immense public interest. She pointed out that the killing of Ojwang sparked nationwide demonstrations marked by violence and destruction of property, including the burning of Mawengo Police Sta-

tion in Homa Bay County.

However, the judge allowed the accused to seek a bail review after key witnesses—including those from Central Police Station and members of Ojwang's family—have testified, noting that the family had expressed fears for their safety.

Justice Kavedza asked the lawyers to agree on hearing dates in early 2026, noting that this year's diary was already full.

National News

New programme President says Linda Jamii has expanded scope of coverage compared to Linda Mama

Ruto defends reforms in health sector

Mr Kenyatta recently accused Kenya Kwanza of reversing maternal health gains

BY STANLEY NGOTHO

President William Ruto has defended his administration's Linda Jamii maternal health cover, saying his predecessor's Linda Mama was non-inclusive and marred by administrative hitches.

Dr Ruto said while the Linda Mama programme, a pet project of former President Uhuru Kenyatta's administration, was good for the country, Linda Jamii is better because it has enhanced benefits and covers more people.

He was responding yesterday to Mr Kenyatta's recent claims that the Kenya Kwanza administration had rolled back the gains made by Linda Mama by scrapping it.

"To defend him (Uhuru), we should be a bit magnanimous to him. The Linda Mama programme was great for the country. We developed it un-



President William Ruto is welcomed to Umma University's main campus in Kajiado yesterday. PHOTO: PCS

der the Jubilee administration... We learned a lot from the programme and because of the lessons learned, we designed the Linda Jamii programme," the president said.

He added: "Linda Jamii is better in terms of scope, from just delivery of mothers, which was the primary target of the Linda Mama. We have now improved it to cover prenatal, mother's delivery and

postnatal, and it no longer targets mothers but the entire family with digits doubling in terms of benefits."

The president was speaking at Umma University in Kajiado County during the launch of the institution's new administration complex and groundbreaking for the School of Engineering Phase II project.

Introduced in October 2016, Lin-

da Mama provided free maternal health care services to expectant women, which included antenatal care, delivery, postnatal care, and three months of care for the newborn.

Linda Jamii covers the expectant mother, husband and other children, and covers antenatal care, delivery, postnatal care, essential newborn services, among other services.

The Linda Mama programme was great for the country. We developed it under the Jubilee administration... We learned a lot from the programme

President William Ruto



President Ruto addressed the issue after Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale mounted a scathing attack on Mr Kenyatta.

"The Kenya Kwanza administration has not scrapped the Linda Mama programme but enhanced it. Our former boss (Mr Kenyatta) should be grateful. He left us with Sh30 billion fictitious debts, trickling down to Sh5.6 Billion under the Linda Mama programme," he said.

"The retired President Uhuru should tell us why the maternal mortality was high during his administration if the Linda Ma-

ma was good as he purports," he added. On education, President Ruto said his administration had made tremendous enhancement on university education funding to Sh130 billion in the last three years, which has since prompted fee reductions to a maximum of Sh75,000 per semester.

He further defended the electronic government procurement system rolled by the National Treasury, saying it would reduce expenditure by 40 percent once fully implemented.

"We will continue to make sure that integrity will not be compromised in matters of financial management. That is the reason why we are changing our procurement policies. We are not backtracking on e-GP despite opposition from brokers and profiteering individuals who have been siphoning public resources," he said.

Umma University Chancellor Abas Gullet said the institution has grown in the last seven years, with development partners injecting Sh14 billion.

Kajiado Governor Joseph Ole Lenku lauded the institution for offering sponsorship to poor students from the Maa community.

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Tourism First big revision in 20 years



Tourism Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Miano addresses stakeholders at Mama Ngina Waterfront in Mombasa on September 27. WACHIRA MWANGI | NATION

Visitors to pay more as new park fees take effect today

BY KIMANI MWANGI

The new entry fees for national parks, reserves and sanctuaries will be implemented today, marking the first comprehensive revision of charges in nearly two decades.

Parliament approved the Wildlife Conservation and Management (Access, Entry and Conservation) (Fees) Regulations, 2025 on September 25.

Officials said that this paved the way for what they describe as “a sweeping overhaul to safeguard wildlife and secure the country’s natural treasures”.

The new framework introduces a four-tier visitor categorisation system; East African citizens, Kenyan residents, African citizens and non-residents. Each of the categories has a distinct fee structure.

East African citizens (adults) will pay Sh1,000 for entry into the Nairobi National Park and Kenyan residents will be charged Sh1,350. African visitors from outside the East African Community will pay \$40, (approximately Sh5,000) while international visitors from other continents will fork out \$80, (approximately Sh10,000). Students and children’s rates are set at Sh500 for East African citizens to access the Nairobi National Park, Sh675 for Kenyan residents, \$20 (Sh2,500) for African citizens, and \$40 for non-residents.

Kenyan citizens aged 70 and above, children under five years, and persons with disabilities will have free access to parks. Front-line tourism workers—including tour drivers and guides, boat crews, and porters registered with and licensed by the Tourism Regulatory Authority—will also enjoy free entry.

Valid identification documents such as national IDs, passports, disability cards, or professional licences are required to claim these exemptions. Following the changes, activities such as night

Sh1,350

Amount Kenyan residents (adults) will pay to enter the Nairobi National Park, while East African citizens will part with Sh1,000. The new charges take effect today.

game drives, animal tracking, ranger-led lectures, boating excursions, helicopter tourism and drone operations will now attract charges.

Special events within parks—including weddings, graduation photo sessions, commercial filming and photography, motor-sports, organised conservation experiences, and picnics at Kenya Wildlife Service stations—will also incur fees.



PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC CONSULTATIVE FORUMS ON THE PROPOSED DESIGN, FINANCE, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF TWO (2) PROJECTS BY AFRICA 50/POWER GRID OF INDIA- A PRIVATE PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP (PPP) IN COLLABORATION WITH THE KENYA ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION COMPANY (KETRACO)

The Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA) is Kenya’s energy sector regulatory agency established under the Energy Act Cap 314 with responsibility for economic and technical regulation of the electric power, renewable energy, and petroleum subsectors.

EPRA has received Project Proposals for Design, Finance, Construction, Operations and maintenance of the two (2) projects listed below by Africa 50/Power Grid of India a PPP in collaboration with KETRACO.

1. The 400kV Double Circuit(D/C) Loosuk-Lessos transmission Line, a new 400/220kV Lessos Sub-station, 220kV bay extension at existing 220/132kV Lessos sub-station, and a new 400kV switching Sub-station at Loosuk, with a line in/line out (LILO) of both Circuits of existing Loiyangalani-Suswa 400kV D/C line into new Loosuk substation; and
2. The 220kV Double Circuit(D/C) Kibos-Kakamega-Musaga Transmission Line, new sub-stations at Kakamega and Musaga, associated 220kV bay extensions at Kibos and LILO of both circuits of existing Musaga-Lessos 132kV D/C line into new Musaga Sub-station

In accordance with the Constitution and the Statutory Instruments Act Cap. 2A, the Authority will conduct public consultations to obtain feedback on the Proposed Design, Finance, Construction, Operations and maintenance of the two (2) projects at the listed locations. All the forums will take place from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

DATE	VENUE
8 th October 2025	Sarova, Imperial Kisumu
9 th October 2025	Eldoret National Polytechnic

Written memoranda clearly marked “PUBLIC COMMENTS ON PROPOSED DESIGN, FINANCE, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF TWO (2) PROJECTS BY AFRICA 50/POWER GRID OF INDIA- A PRIVATE PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP (PPP) IN COLLABORATION WITH THE KENYA ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION COMPANY (KETRACO) can be sent via email to EconomicRegulation@epra.go.ke.

Additionally, written memoranda may be hand delivered to EPRA’s Head Office in Nairobi or the listed satellite offices between 8:00a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during business days to reach the undersigned not later than 14th October 2025.

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National News

Where are new voters? Low turnout continues on Day 2 of listing

BY NATION TEAM

Low turnout continued to dog the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission's (IEBC) continuous voter registration exercise in several counties on the second day.

In Laikipia County, fewer than 20 people had registered by 3pm across Laikipia East, West and North constituencies.

County Election Coordinator Obadiah Gachoki said although there had been system downtime on the first day, the

technical hitch was rectified and registration was running smoothly, with each applicant taking about six minutes to process.

The low turnout was attributed to the long distances residents must travel to reach the sub-county headquarters.

"Someone travelling from Ngobit Ward to Nanyuki IEBC offices has to budget Sh1,000 for transport. This is discouraging, especially for young people," Human rights activist Peter Wangai said.

Meru County Elections Manager William Ndung'u said the commission expects to register about 22,000 new voters during the continuous registration.

"We urge all eligible Kenyans to visit IEBC sub-county offices and register," he said.

In Uasin Gishu County, President William Ruto's home turf, IEBC officials were left frustrated after most centres recorded little or no turnout.

In Ainabkoi, where kits were set up by 8am, not a single new voter had reg-

istered by 3pm on Monday. It was the same case yesterday.

"We have been here since morning, and by afternoon no one has turned up. Despite high expectations to see Gen Z come out in big numbers, we have not registered a single voter," said Eunice Maru, the Ainabkoi registration officer.

The absence of Gen Z at registration centres has sparked concern that despite their strong online activism, they may be disengaged from formal politics. "We appeal to all eligible Kenyans, es-

pecially the youth who got IDs between 2022 and now, to take this opportunity to register so they can have a say in the 2027 elections," Ms Maru said.

IEBC said it will intensify sensitisation campaigns through local media and schools to boost turnout in the coming days. For now, however, registration centres across key counties remain open, but mostly empty.

Reporting by Mwangi Ndirangu, David Muchui and Titus Ominde

Proposals Electoral body's chairperson and commissioners suggest review of laws and transport modalities

IEBC: This is why elections in Kenya are a costly affair

Kenya's elections are among the most costly in the world at over Sh2,000 per voter, way over the Sh646 benchmark

BY DAVID MWERE

Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) Chairperson Erastus Ethekeon has said that the lack of trust among Kenyans is the reason why the country holds some of the most expensive elections in the world.

The commission had been allocated Sh10.46 billion to conduct the November 27 by-elections in 24 electoral areas, and is pushing for at least Sh61 billion for the 2027 General Election.

A large portion of the funds will go towards the procurement of at least 46,000 Kenya Integrated Election Management System (Kiems) kits, election officials and security officers allowances, printing of "more secure" ballot papers and logistics.

"This issue of trust deficit makes us paranoid. The day we call ourselves to order as Kenyans, we will celebrate it because it will be cheaper, for instance, to print ballot papers locally than outsourcing to foreign firms," said Mr Ethekeon.

The IEBC boss further noted that Kenya's election is the most legislated and regulated compared to "our peers within the East Africa region

We are regulating everything to manage our anxieties in terms of verifiability and accountability. But let me ask, do all these regulations serve us or are they a cost unto themselves?

IEBC Chairperson Erastus Ethekeon

AT A GLANCE

Comparing costs

In 2022, IEBC spent Sh44.18 billion to conduct the General Election, which is about Sh2,200 or \$20 per registered voter, exceeding the international average cost per registered voter index benchmark of \$5 (about Sh646). This placed Kenya behind only Papua New Guinea where the cost of election stood at \$48.84 (Sh6,300) per voter. In 2017, the cost per voter was about Sh2,000. At \$0.07 per voter, Ghana has the least expensive elections in Africa, comparatively. It cost Rwanda \$0.05 per voter in the 2017 election, Uganda \$4, Tanzania \$5.16 and Nigeria \$8.61.

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"How come we don't trust our systems? We are regulating everything to manage our anxieties in terms of verifiability and accountability. But let me ask, do all these regulations serve us or are they a cost unto themselves?" he asked.

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Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission Chairperson Erastus Edung Ethekeon and Vice-Chairperson Fahima Araphat Abdallah before the Constitution Implementation Oversight Committee at Parliament Buildings, Nairobi, on September 25. DENNIS ONSONGO | NATION

per voter in the 2017 election, Uganda \$4, Tanzania \$5.16 and Nigeria \$8.61.

According to Mr Ethekeon, the high cost of elections in the country is triggered by requirements that can be avoided "if we trust ourselves and the systems". He highlighted the many security features on ballot papers.

"One ballot paper has 11 security features, making it even more secure than our currency notes. Our currency notes used to be printed locally before a foreign firm was outsourced," said Mr Ethekeon. "We have the capability of having the ballot papers printed locally at a discounted rate and still serve the purpose, but because we do not trust ourselves, foreign companies come in."

Ms Anne Nderitu, the IEBC Commissioner in charge of voter education, said that the lack of trust results

in suspicion when election officials use government vehicles during the elections.

"It is an issue that we need to deal with. We have our peers using state resources including government vehicles during elections, which makes the cost cheaper," she said.

Currently, IEBC hires private transport companies that charge exorbitant fees.

The Elections Act limits the number of voters in a polling station to 700 so as to expedite the process of voting and also deal with the challenge of overcrowding. In the 2022 elections, at least 46,000 polling stations were gazetted. In 2027, the country is likely to have close to or more than 50,000 polling stations.

Each polling station must have a number of officials, who must be paid.

"We can easily reduce the polling stations to half the number and allow at least 2,000 voters per polling station, something that should not depend on Parliament as is the case now. IEBC can determine the number of voters per polling station administratively," said Ms Koki Muli.

Mr Mule Musau, the national coordinator of the Elections Observation Group-Kenya said that IEBC using polling stations as the cost drivers is problematic. According to him, the use of polling stations assumes that all registered voters will turn up, which is never the case, thus wasting resources.

He added that "estimates for possible litigation are also usually high", and this could be addressed by conducting transparent elections.

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Agriculture Compared to last year, tea farmers across factories are set to earn between Sh0.80 and Sh19 less per kilo

KTDA blames markets and forex for poor earnings

Agency says it is investing in value addition and niche markets to boost returns

BY VITALIS KIMUTAI

Facing backlash from more than 680,000 small-scale tea growers, the Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA) has admitted its poor performance in the financial year ending June 30.

The sharp drop in earnings compared to the previous year has ignited widespread anger from farmers across the 21 tea-growing counties.

“While understandably disappointing to many, this year’s final payment (bonus) is a direct reflection of global trading conditions beyond KTDA’s control,” the agency stated yesterday.

“The challenges we face are global and systemic, but by focusing on quality, efficiency and in-

novation, together we will overcome them and secure better earnings in the future,” it added.

The agency attributed the decline in earnings to international market dynamics and unfavourable currency exchange rates.

“In 2024, the shilling traded at an average of Sh144 to the US dollar, while in 2025 it averaged Sh129. This weaker exchange

21 Number of tea-growing counties in the country. Earnings in counties East of the Rift Valley were higher than those in the West, sparking com-

rate meant that even where international prices were stable, the amount realised in Kenya shillings was significantly lower,” it explained.

The agency also dismissed claims of bias against factories in the West of Rift in favour of those in the East, saying the discrepancies reflected market realities and quality differences.

“Teas from certain high-altitude zones naturally fetch better prices because of quality attributes favoured in global markets,” KTDA said, though it did not clarify why Rift Valley highland teas underperformed.

Farmers in the East will receive between Sh26 and Sh57 per kilo in bonus payments, while their West counterparts will get Sh10 to Sh32 per kilo.

Dr Michael Bongei, a strategic management expert, said: “The issues raised by tea growers are weighty and require a fresh look at management, operational and

marketing strategies.” He urged KTDA and the Tea Board of Kenya to partner with county and national governments in opening new global markets.

KTDA said it was working with the government to improve farmers’ earnings by expanding value addition and diversifying international markets, including niche buyers for orthodox teas.

It added that it is investing in factory modernisation and energy solutions to cut costs, reduce reliance on cut, tear and curl (CTC) teas, and strengthen long-term sustainability.

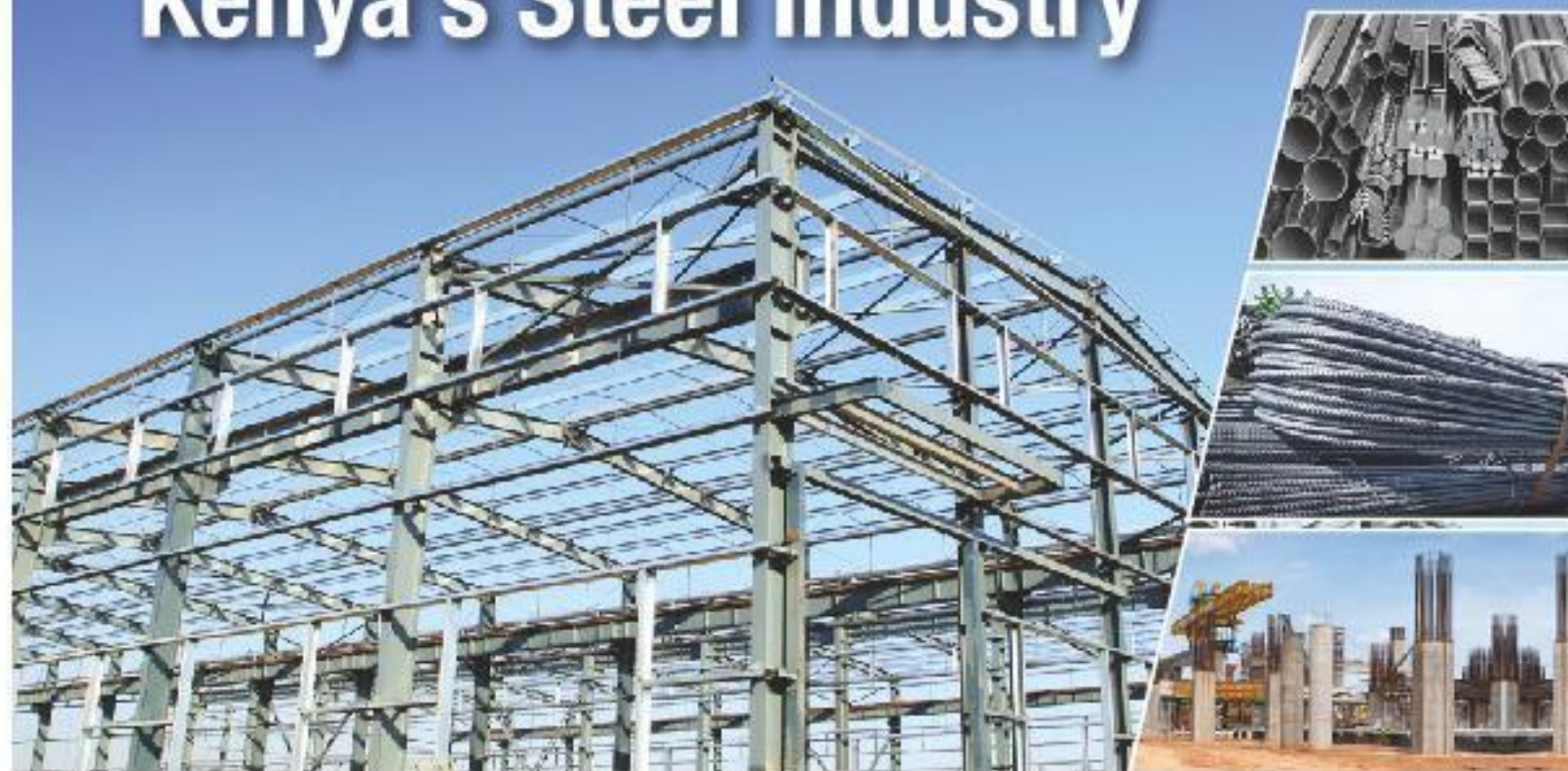
In the financial year ending June 2024, KTDA paid farmers a record Sh89.29 billion for green leaf, up from Sh67.7 billion the previous year. It also distributed Sh1.04 billion in dividends to 54 factories—the highest in its history.

This year, earnings fell, with farmers losing between Sh0.80 and Sh19.10 per kilo on average.



Farmers harvest tea in the Iriani area of Nyeri County on September 14. JOSEPH KANYI | NATION

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TENDER FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS OF GOODS AND SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026/7

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Is it the end of the road for international NGOs?

For decades, international development funding to Africa flowed with a certain predictability. Bilateral aid, multilateral institutions, large foundations, and international NGOs largely shaped the continent's development agenda — often positioning communities as passive recipients of charity. This model undeniably made a difference: it lifted millions out of poverty, built schools and hospitals, and supported generations of children and families.

But today, the landscape is shifting dramatically and significantly. According to the Africa Development Bank's 2025 outlook, Africa is projected to lose nearly \$39.8 billion in foreign funding by the end of the year. This decline is largely driven by shrinking Official Development Assistance (ODA) from major donors. In real terms, this translates to a 12% drop in aid, approximately \$4.2 billion in total annual flows. To put that into perspective, \$4.2 billion could fund the education of more than 20 million African children for a year or provide essential health services to nearly 100 million people.

The era of predictable aid pipelines and donor-driven programming is rapidly fading. In its place, a more competitive, fragmented, and performance-driven funding landscape is emerging. For international NGOs across Africa, the question is no longer rhetorical: Is this the end of an era or the dawn of a new one?

This shrinking aid pie is failing to keep pace with Africa's expanding needs. Poverty, youth unemployment, and food insecurity continue to demand urgent and sustained investment. Yet NGOs now face increased competition, not only from each other, but also from governments, social enterprises, and private sector actors — all vying for the same limited resources.

Meanwhile, donor fatigue is growing. Funders are asking tougher questions. Where does the money go? What impact is being achieved? How efficient are NGOs in delivering results? The answers to these questions may well determine the future relevance and role of international NGOs on the continent. Donors now demand more: real-time data, measurable outcomes, and evidence of systemic change. Accountability is no longer optional; it's a prerequisite for survival.

For international NGOs, this shift presents both a challenge and an opportunity. Organisations that

The future lies in coalitions, shared platforms, and strategic partnerships that harness diverse strengths and foster collective action



Chege Ngugi | Development aid



can demonstrate transparency, efficiency, and tangible impact are well-positioned to thrive in this new environment. Those that fail to adapt risk becoming obsolete, struggling to justify their relevance and value.

Another seismic shift is underway: the growing momentum toward localisation. Increasingly, donors are choosing to direct resources directly to local actors, bypassing international intermediaries. This trend is welcome development for African civil society. Local organisations are often more attuned to community realities, more agile in their responses, and more cost-effective.

ChildFund has long embraced this model, working through local partners who lead the way in building resilience, strengthening systems, and delivering impact. This way we see grassroots organisations as allies and not competitors.

In today's increasingly competitive funding landscape, there is a real danger that NGOs may begin to see one another as rivals rather than allies. Yet, if the development sector has learnt anything, it is this: competition fragments impact, while collaboration multiplies it.

The most successful initiatives across Africa today are those that unite NGOs, governments, private sector actors, and communities around a shared agenda. No single organisation can drive transformation alone. The future lies in coalitions, shared platforms, and strategic partnerships that harness diverse strengths and foster collective action.

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Address plight of interns

Across Kenya, thousands of fresh graduates walk into offices each year hopeful that internships will open the doors to meaningful careers. Sadly, for many, the experience is one of frustration, exploitation, and disillusionment.

Interns remain the unsung backbone of many organisations. They process files, assist in recruitment drives, manage data, and even support core operations. Yet, in return, most are paid nothing or receive meagre stipends that barely cover transport and lunch. This has created an unjust system where only those with family support can afford to "work for free", locking out talented but less privileged youths.

Worse still, many interns are overworked and underappreciated. Instead of mentorship and structured training, they are often reduced to clerical assistants, spending their days photocopying documents or running errands. The promise of exposure is replaced by endless cycles of unpaid labour, with little to show when the internship ends.

Part of the problem lies in Kenya's weak regulatory framework. While the Public Service Internship Programme (PSIP) has provided a model — offering a modest stipend and clear 12-month terms — most private sector internships remain unregulated. Without contracts, interns are vulnerable to harassment,

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James Lengala | Internship

abrupt dismissal, or indefinite extensions with no pathway to stable employment. The irony is painful: employers insist on "experience" for entry-level jobs, yet internships — the very bridge to gain that experience — are often exploitative dead ends.

But it does not have to be this way. Structured internships offer immense value. Some banks, NGOs, and multinationals have demonstrated this.

If we continue to neglect the plight of interns, we will continue to waste talent, discourage innovation, and betray the very young people we depend on for tomorrow's economy. The time to act is now.

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Ending FGM is one of the most urgent steps we can take to unlock this immense potential



Bernadette Loloju | Change

Support our girls to achieve their dreams and thrive

Kenya is home to over 10 million girls under the age of 18. For many of them, childhood is not a time of carefree exploration; instead, it becomes a struggle for survival. They are on the frontlines of multiple crises, from climate change and economic hardship to the deeply ingrained practices of female genital mutilation (FGM) and child marriage.

This year's International Day of the Girl Child theme, "The Girl I Am, The Change I Lead: Girls on the Frontlines of Crisis," serves as a rallying cry for us all to take action. This theme is not an abstract concept; it is a lived reality for girls across our country. In some counties, girls walk for hours to fetch water, missing school and putting themselves at risk of assault. Others face harmful practices that can have deadly consequences. Online, they experience bullying and exploitation. Economically, they are hit hardest by climate shocks, often forced to drop out of school to help their families cope with crop failures and drought.

These girls are not merely victims; they are visionaries. When we invest in them, we are investing in the future of our nation. A girl who completes her education is more likely to delay marriage and childbirth, empowering her to plan her own future. She gains economic independence, which helps break the cycle of poverty not just for herself but for her family and community. She becomes an advocate for the rights of other girls, fostering generational change and creating a ripple effect of progress.

Ending FGM is one of the most urgent steps we can take to unlock this immense potential. It is not only a health and cultural issue but also a critical priority for development, human rights and dignity. FGM is an act of gender-based violence that robs a girl of her dignity and autonomy, inflicting lifelong physical and psychological trauma. Despite a robust legal framework, including the Prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation Act, 2011, this heinous practice persists. We must move beyond legislation to ensure its enforcement, holding perpetrators accountable and providing survivors with the necessary medical and psychological support.

While the challenges are immense, the path forward is clear. Ending FGM demands a collective effort from all of us. The Anti-FGM Board stands ready as a committed ally, but real change will only come when every Kenyan plays their part.

For parents and community leaders, this means holding open conversations about the long-term harm of FGM and child marriage, and championing a girl's right to education. For teachers, it means becoming frontline protectors, recognising the signs of abuse and ensuring every girl feels safe in the classroom. For policymakers, it means strengthening the enforcement of existing laws and allocating resources for programmes targeting girls.

This International Day of the Girl Child, let us commit to ensuring that girls are not just surviving crises but are shaping solutions. Let us give them a seat at the table, protect their rights, and watch them transform Kenya. Because when girls thrive, Kenya wins.

Mrs Loloju is CEO of the Anti-FGM Board

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DAILY NATION

Stop hospitals' illegal act of detaining bodies

One of the most emotive things for bereaved families, especially the poor, is the detention of the bodies of their loved ones due to hospital bills. In many cases, the patients will have succumbed after draining their families' resources, and they cannot bury them until money is found somehow to clear the pending hospital bills.

It is also not unusual for the crooked managers and owners of some health facilities to inflate bills. A death in the family is painful, but being denied a chance to bury the dead delays the needed closure for many families.

However, the majority of the hospitals struggle to get their bills paid, and the callous detaining of bodies is something many would wish never happened. They, of course, incur expenses to be able to provide these services. These include procuring medicines and equipment.

High Court Judge Nixon Sifuna's ruling that hospitals have no right to withhold bodies and use them as security until medical bills are paid will come as a huge relief to many families. The detention of bodies traumatises the bereaved kin.

According to Justice Sifuna, this informal action has become a habit and has gained so much ground despite being illegal. On the other hand, the hospitals cannot provide these vital services unless they are paid for. In this particular case, the family owed the hospital Sh3.3 million. Now, that is not pocket change.

And the judge is quite right that such debts should be pursued through demand letters or litigation. But what if all hospitals demanded payments up front, as some are doing today, thanks to the new Social Health Authority crisis?

It is unfair and inhuman to blackmail, embarrass, traumatise, and coerce families into submitting to monetary demands by hospitals for bodies that should be disposed of respectfully.

Hospitals must be stopped from resorting to such draconian actions that cause a lot of pain for bereaved families.

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End of Agoa pact bad news

The expiry yesterday of a trade agreement that has for 25 years allowed African goods duty-free access to the United States spells doom for Kenya and other beneficiaries. The just-ended lucrative deal was made possible through the African Growth and Opportunity Act (Agoa).

Driven by the desire to boost US-Africa economic relations, Agoa was initiated to help create jobs and industrialise the continent to lift the people out of poverty. It was meant to help replace aid with trade.

It worked well until President Donald Trump returned to the White House, leading an administration bent on imposing tariffs. Agoa's renewal would require approval by the US Congress, which is controlled by the protectionist President Trump's Republican Party.

There is now a cloud of uncertainty. Agoa has been vital for Kenya's export-processing zones, creating 66,000 jobs directly. It has also facilitated market access for horticultural products.

The expiry of Agoa could force investors out of business and erode jobs. Tariffs on Kenyan exports could rise from 10 per cent to 28 per cent.

Agoa has been giving more than 6,000 products from sub-Saharan Africa, including textiles, food, and beverages, access to the US market. Kenya's apparel and textile industry is one of the biggest beneficiaries. It earned Sh60.57 billion from exports last year. This was a 19.2 per cent growth from Sh50.82 billion in 2023.

The Kenya Private Sector Alliance and the American Chamber of Commerce in Kenya have called for a two-year transition period to cushion investors and workers.

But some experts, including economists, are arguing that the end of Agoa could have a positive impact by allowing the African countries to seek more beneficial deals or boost trade with one another.

The government should step up lobbying through diplomatic channels to secure a new deal with the US or an extension to save businesses and jobs.



A stand for dignity and change

In December 2016, doctors in Kenya took an extraordinary stand. As secretary-general of the Kenya Medical Practitioners, Pharmacists and Dentists Union (KMPDU), I joined thousands of colleagues on the picket lines. We were exhausted physically from the gruelling hours and emotionally drained from watching patients suffer in a broken system.

Public hospitals had become places of pain. Vital machines broke down constantly. Wards were overcrowded, and patients often lay on the floor for lack of beds. We had one demand: implement the 2013 Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA). It promised not just fairer salaries, but stronger hospitals, more staff, and reliable supplies of essential medicines. For us, it was never just about paychecks; it was about restoring dignity to healthcare.

The strike lasted 100 days. Public hospitals came to a halt. The toll on Kenyans was immense, and we knew lives were being lost because the majority could not afford private care. That weighed heavily on us, but we believed that short-term sacrifice would lead to long-term reform.

The government resisted, even jailing six union leaders and myself for defying court orders to end the strike. Those were dark days. Yet, standing in court in 2017, I felt more convinced than ever that our struggle was just. We were fighting for respect for doctors and for better care for patients — two sides of the same coin.

When the strike ended in March 2017, we had secured commitments that changed the health sector forever. Doctors' hours were capped at 40 per week, overtime was compensated, and long-overdue allowances were introduced. Most importantly, the agreement recognised that health worker's welfare and patient's welfare are inseparable. For the first time, a blueprint for fixing the system was on the table.

Eight years later, I sit on the other side of the table. No longer a union leader with a megaphone, I am now the Principal Secretary for Medical Services, helping implement the very reforms we once clamoured for outside Afya House. The irony is not lost on me. The doctor who led chants

I carry pride for how far we have come, gratitude for those who believed in the struggle and determination to see it through



Ouma Oluga | Health



in 2017 now chairs policy meetings in 2025. But in truth, my mission remains the same. Then, our mantra was simple: patients and providers deserve better. That still guides me today.

The transition from activism to public service has shown me how ideas move from protest to policy. Under President William Ruto's Bottom Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), healthcare sits at the heart of national priorities. My appointment was a recognition that the demands of 2017 were not just slogans; they were seeds of reform that are now being nurtured.

I often recall one moment outside Kenyatta National Hospital, addressing a sea of white coats. "Our fight is not just about pay," I told them. "It is about oxygen in wards, drugs on shelves, and dignity in hospitals." Today, that conviction drives every decision I make as a policymaker. The passion of 2017 fuels the progress of 2025.

The reforms we once demanded are now visible across the country. The government is absorbing thousands of health workers into permanent, pensionable positions, and salary arrears from the 2017 CBA have been cleared. Job security and fair compensation are motivating doctors and nurses to stay, ending cycles of burnout, strikes, and brain drain.

Public hospitals are being modernised at a scale we once only imagined. Facilities like Kerugoya Hospital have been transformed into referral centres with intensive care units and oxygen plants. Through the

National Equipment Service Project, hospitals are receiving CT scanners, dialysis machines, and digital X-rays, bringing advanced care closer to the people.

Healthcare is also being brought to the community. The government has trained and deployed 100,000 Community Health Promoters — one for every 100 families. These health workers are paid, equipped with medical kits and digital tools, and are revolutionising preventive care and early detection. For the first time, community health is recognised, formalised, and resourced. In addition, more than 7,000 staff hired under the UHC programme have been converted to permanent and pensionable terms, giving continuity to primary care.

Financing reform is also reshaping the system. The National Hospital Insurance Fund has been replaced by the Social Health Insurance Fund under the Social Health Authority, with contributions now based on income. Specialised funds cover primary care and catastrophic illnesses, making healthcare financing fairer. Over 26 million Kenyans have enrolled, and billions of shillings have been paid to hospitals since late 2024. Earlier this year in Kisumu, I met a father whose child required surgery costing Sh200,000. In the past, he would have turned to a harambee. Today, most of the cost was absorbed by the new Emergency and Chronic Illness Fund. With tears in his eyes, he told me, "UHC imenisaidia."

This is the Kenya we dreamed of in 2017. We are not yet at the finish line. Enrolling informal sector workers remains a challenge and reimbursement systems need streamlining.

I carry pride for how far we have come, gratitude for those who believed in the struggle and determination to see it through. Social change is a relay race. In 2017, we carried the baton of reform amid adversity. Today, many of us are implementing those reforms from within government. The race is not over, but we are gaining ground with every stride.

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Letters

THE CUTTING EDGE by THE WATCHMAN

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Politics of greed • What is becoming increasingly clear is that the opposition is likely to lose the 2027 General Election soundly, says David Ngumi. “These politicians are being pulled by magnetic forces towards defeat in the elections.” But on deeper reflection on the issue, David is now convinced that it is not “some outer forces but greed that is the country’s undoing”. His contact is davidngumi15@gmail.com.

ODM intrigues • Quite intriguing, Aggrey Chore says, is ODM’s assertion that it will either “form the government or be in the government”. He adds: “What if the current opposition coalition wins the 2027 elections? Will it still join, as its party leader, Raila Odinga, has done over the years by getting into ‘handshake’ deals with the eventual winner?” His contact is chorehaggrey@gmail.com.

Higher office • The best-performing governors should be considered as future presidents, says David Githae, adding: “After all, the county and the national government systems are similar, with an assembly and Cabinet ministers and a budget. They should be free of corruption. Can the Council of Governors nominate at least one of their own to run for the higher office?” His contact is dagithae@gmail.com.

Health check • Health specialists advise adults to undergo regular screening for high blood pressure, diabetes and cancers and eye ailments, says Ahmed Somow Ahmed. “Many of those needing these tests are elderly, unemployed and poor. The Social Health Authority should waive fees to enable greater access and early detection.” His contact is plazahosp@gmail.com.

Sexual rights • Conjugal visits in jails “are necessary as prisoners are human, too, with basic needs such as food and medicine”, says Mwangi wa Karuga. “Someone doesn’t cease to be human on being jailed. Homosexuality is common due to the denial of this right. Five years ago, Parliament recommended its implementation. I hope it passes the proposed Bill.” His contact is mwangikaruga8@gmail.com. Have a humane day, won’t you!

LETTERS

Pay suffering retired teachers their dues

When President William Ruto convened the teachers’ meeting at State House, the leaders used the forum to grandstand and play politics, yet the 1997-2007 group of retired teachers continues to languish in poverty with peanuts for pensions. At the meeting, they cried over schools’ capitation and neglected our 28-year suffering. The money that was used to host these teachers’ leaders should have been used to clear the claims. It’s quite unfair that Knut, which signed the 1997 agreement with TSC, has neglected us. And the government is deaf and dumb to our plight, only paying attention to the praise singers. By not paying the retired teachers, the government is sitting on a time-bomb.

Philip K. A. Too, Olenguruone

Why the youth must register to vote

After protests by the youth, it’s now time to register as voters so that they can conduct “real protests” in the General Election. The most potent weapon to fix leadership issues in our country is voting in good leaders and dismissing non-performers. This can be achieved if all Gen Zs register and vote to the last man. All the youth must come out and register in the ongoing voter registration exercise so as to define the trajectory of the country come 2027. They must vet candidates properly, promote sober leadership and shun the culture of tokenism and ethnic balkanisation that has long persisted in our politics.

Timothy Mwirichia, Meru

‘Kaluma Day’ a sign of change in politics

I loved what happened on “Kaluma Day”, when TikTokers came out to support one of their own—Vincent Kaluma—who is taking care of his sick father. No politician was allowed to ‘lie or tell the truth’ during the occasion in Nyeri. This must have been shocking to politicians who think they own microphones to pump nonsense into people’s minds. If this is anything to go by, in 2027 politicians using money to mobilise support may not be very successful.

Blemoh Ngunjiri, Nyeri

Move to contain rise in street families

When you walk in the Murang’a Road, Moi Avenue Primary and Grogon areas, you will notice a large number of street families. Generally, the number of street urchins has increased in urban areas, especially Nairobi. A street families rehabilitation trust fund was established in 2003 with a clear mandate to address this matter. We have policies to help deal with street families, but there is lack of goodwill to implement them. The increasing number of street people is a sign of a failing regime, and poses a serious security problem for residents. All concerned authorities should carry out their mandates to contain the menace.

Lincoln Kinyua, Kiambu

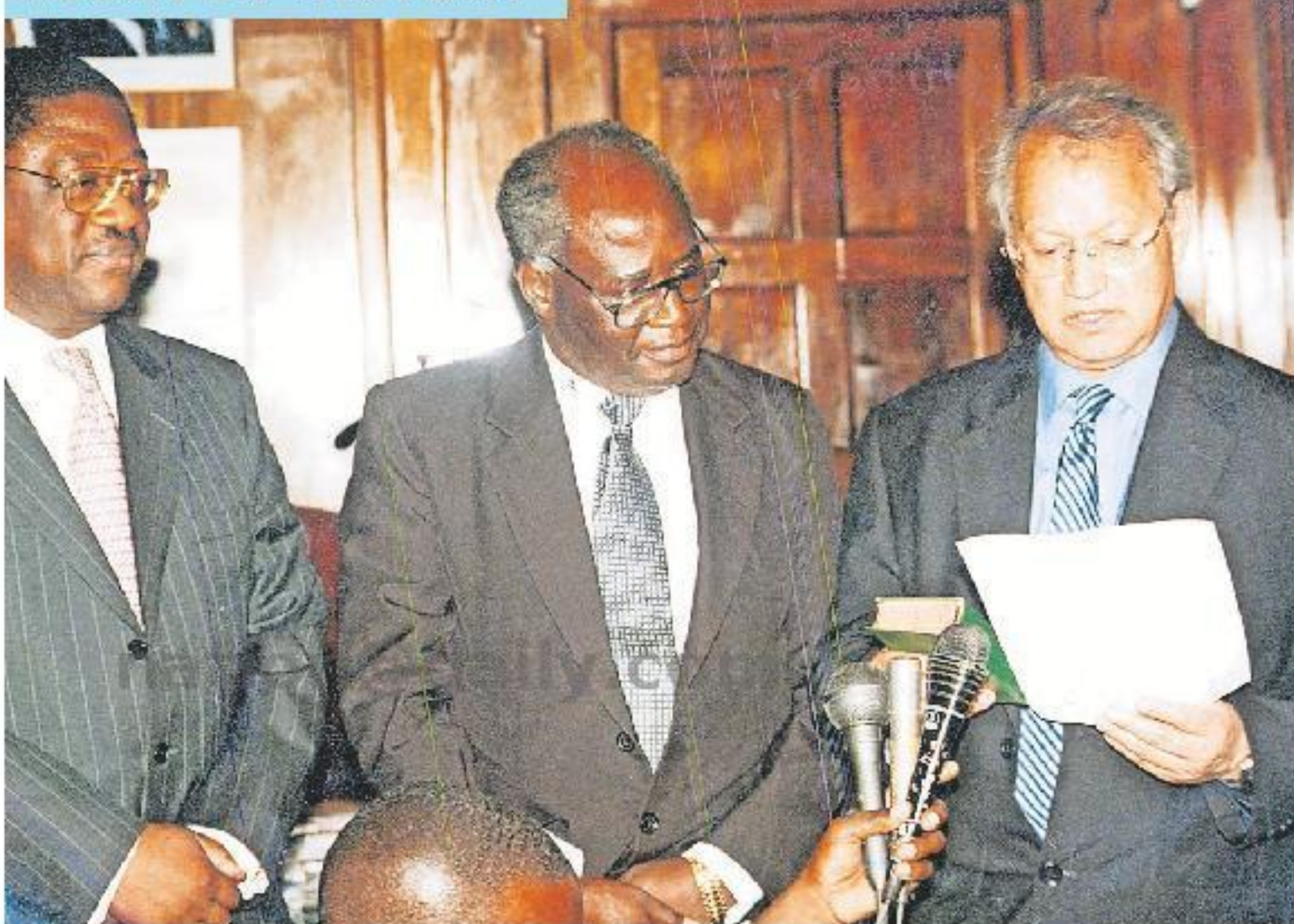
To elect better leaders, we must change

In Kenya, every election season we think we’re choosing new hope—yet we end up electing leaders who are worse than the last. Many come in with nothing, and within no time, they’re flying choppers, building palaces and amassing unexplained wealth. And still, we re-elect them. The bitter truth is this: our leaders are a mirror of who we are—ignorant, gullible, easy to divide and quick to forget. Since President Mwai Kibaki, we have been on a steady decline. Every cycle, crooks replace crooks. Until the Kenyan voter changes, leadership will never change.

Robert Ndung’u, Mtwapa

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TODAY IN HISTORY



October 1, 2002: Chief Justice Bernard Chunga (centre) denies that he had sent intermediaries to head of the constitution review team, Prof Yash Pal Ghai (right), in an attempt to influence his recommendations about the Judiciary in the draft constitution. This happened as lawyers declared they would boycott courts for a day to protest against attempts by members of the Judiciary to block the constitution review process. With them is then Attorney-General Amos Wako. COMPILED BY ANNIEL NJOKA

LETTER OF THE DAY

Junior School: We can’t afford to get it wrong

The teachers’ visit to State House, Nairobi, reopened a debate that has simmered in Kenya’s education sector for years: where should junior schools be domiciled?

During the meeting, Kenya National Union of Teachers Secretary-General Collins Oyuu expressed satisfaction with JS being placed under primary schools, drawing applause from the primary school heads. However, his Kenya Union of Post-Primary Education Teachers counterpart, Akele Misori, called the move a mistake, to the cheer of JS teachers.

This public contradiction exposed the tension that has long

existed between union officials, heads of schools and JS teachers.

When the Jubilee government rolled out the Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC), the plan was clear: JS would be domiciled in senior schools. Former Education Cabinet Secretary George Magoha argued that while facilities might be limited, secondary schools had the staff capacity. Many classrooms were also built in secondary schools with this future in mind.

Then Kenya Kwanza reversed course, moving JS to primary schools. The reasoning was practical—classrooms were available

as Grade 6 exited—but the implementation faced one huge challenge: teachers in JS were few.

Another major sticking point has been administration. Conflicts have emerged between JS teachers and primary heads. For some, this is about respect: JS teachers, mostly degree holders, resist being managed by heads without degrees. For others, it is about authority, with heads of schools unwilling to cede control.

The idea of making JS autonomous looks attractive on paper but difficult in practice. How can a new, independent school exist inside an already established one,

sharing resources and space? A more sustainable approach would be to allow senior schools to also host JS wings. This would allow learners to benefit from available staff and facilities while creating space for private investors to establish standalone JS schools. Competition among schools would, in turn, drive quality upwards.

The Presidential Working Party on Education Reform has done commendable work in guiding the CBC transition. But the next steps require sober, evidence-based decisions.

Dr Ochieng Obonyo Vitalis





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Nakuru

Body of missing minor recovered

BY MERCY KOSKEI

For the past three weeks, Ms Jane Kariuki had been holding on to hope that her missing two-year-old son, Prince Nathan, would be found safe and sound.

However, the desperate search for the child ended in pain after the badly decomposed body of the minor was retrieved from River Ndarugu on Sunday evening.

Ms Kariuki recounted how she learnt from social media about the death of her son.

"I stumbled on a social media post, where a woman claimed that a body of a minor had been found in the river. I gathered courage and headed to the river a few kilometres from her house, only to find a multitude of people along the banks and police officers at the scene," she said.

Ms Kariuki later learnt that a woman washing clothes in the river had noticed the body trapped by reeds and called for help.

The body, already decomposed beyond recognition, was taken to Egerton University mortuary. It was here that Prince's mother identified the remains. She only managed to identify the body through the clothing.

Living with hope

"The search is over, but I was not expecting to find my son dead. I have been living with hope of finding him alive. Thanks to everyone who helped me circulate posters with his photograph," said Ms Kariuki.

The minor vanished under unclear circumstances on September 8 following a domestic quarrel between his parents at their home in Kariobangi village, Njoro sub-county.

Ms Kariuki's husband had physically assaulted her during the altercation. She reported the assault at Njoro Police Station and went back home. She then left for work, leaving Prince with his father. That was the last time she saw him alive.

Prince's father had been arrested in connection with the disappearance of the minor.

"The father was released after 14 days lapsed and we had not found the minor. But should we find a reason to re-arrest him after the postmortem, we will," Njoro police boss Stanley Koech said.

Kericho Two attempts by the county assembly to impeach the governor have failed

MCA target county ministers in raging fight with governor

One of six targeted executives resigns, says he won't dignify MCAs' witch-hunt

BY VITALIS KIMUTAI

Barely a month after the Senate saved Kericho Governor Erick Mutai from impeachment, members of the county assembly are now planning to remove six of his county executive committee members from office.

One of the executives facing impeachment resigned on Sunday, hours before his expected appearance before a select committee to defend himself against a number of charges.

Mr Magerer Lang'at, the Agriculture and Cooperatives executive, said he was aware his removal was bound to happen.

This leaves five executives—Jackson Rop (Finance and Economic Planning), Brenda Bill Bii (Roads, Transport and Public Works), David Ekuwam (Health Services), Philemon Lang'at (Water Sanitation and Natural Resources) and Joseph Korir (Lands, Housing and Physical Planning)—to face the impeachment process.

Mr Magerer, a former Kipkelion MP, said at a press briefing in Kericho town that he could not dignify the witch-hunt by the county assembly with an appearance before the committee. Shedding tears, he said he had forwarded his resignation to the governor, a move he said was regrettable but necessary for him to save his image and focus on his private pursuits.

"The MCAs have constituted a select committee to investigate me, table and also receive their own report in a process with



Kericho Governor Erick Kipkoech Mutai appears before the Senate in Nairobi during his impeachment hearing on October 14, 2024. PHOTO: POOL

very ridiculous claims. I have not been supplied with documents on the alleged crimes I have committed to enable me prepare a defence, yet it is hours before the appointed time of the appearance," Mr Magerer said.

He accused Speaker Patrick Mutai of orchestrating the planned removal as he prepares for the gubernatorial contest in 2027. He added that the MCAs were now targeting those who stood with Dr Mutai in the failed process.

"The impeachment process is being used to legitimise a pre-determined outcome to remove me from office and I would not give them the satisfaction. I am resigning in good faith," Mr Magerer said.

He claimed that the assembly has been captured by some members who were pushing a political agenda.

The six executives are alleged to have, among other accusations, authorised illegal expenditures and withdrawal of govern-

ment funds, sabotaged the county assembly in the performance of its duties, violated the Constitution and other laws, and skewed implementation of development projects.

Issues relating to the pile up of pending bills, failure to implement recommendations made by county assembly committees and unethical conduct were also cited in the motion by Chaik MCA Mathew Korir. The motion got the support of 33 of the 47 MCAs.

The move comes two weeks after the MCAs spurned a meeting convened by Dr Mutai, after the Senate overturned his impeachment. On September 11, the governor invited the MCAs to a reconciliation meeting. The meeting was also expected to draw up the development roadmap for the remainder of the term, foster good working relationships and enhance collaboration.

The county assembly speaker, however, wrote back to the gover-

nor stating that there were internal issues that first needed to be addressed.

Dr Mutai has stated that he has made overtures to the assembly to avoid a situation where service delivery is crippled.

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Governor Erick Mutai



will negatively affect service delivery and roll out of development projects," the governor said.

Leader of Majority Philip Rono led MCAs in a meeting to strategise on the next course of action after losing the impeachment at the Senate three weeks ago. The meeting came up with a raft of proposals, including the impeachment of the executives.

"For now, we accept the fact that by hook and crook, our impeachment motion was defeated at the Senate, but we have many options of achieving our set goal," Mr Rono said.

Dr Mutai has been involved in a political spat with his Deputy Fred Kirui and the speaker. Mr Kirui has been accused of setting up the governor for a fall so he could take over. He has, in turn, accused his boss of not allocating him duties, withdrawal of his staff and denying him an official car.

The speaker, on the other hand, has been accused of seeking to dethrone the governor to make it easy for himself to win in the 2027 gubernatorial race.

Senate Majority Leader Aaron Cheruiyot has also joined the row, rooting for the removal of Dr Mutai from office.

"I want to assure the people of Kericho that they shall get justice by whatever means. If they do not get it at the Senate, it shall come through the various government institutions charged with responsibility to investigate corruption," Mr Cheruiyot told the Senate shortly before the vote on the impeachment on August 26.

Mr Cheruiyot, who is also the Kericho senator, fell out with Dr Mutai in 2023 due to alleged local and regional political realignments.

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Uasin Gishu

Man gets 20 years in prison for sexually molesting initiate

BY TITUS OMINDE

When a teenage boy entered the forest in Kapseret, Uasin Gishu County, in November 2023 for circumcision rites, he was following in the footsteps of generations before him.

But it turned into a harrowing experience that would leave

emotional and physical scars and expose the dark underbelly of cultural initiation practices—the man entrusted with his care in the forest turned into a sexual predator.

Amon Kaile, alias Kurukuru, manipulated the youth into believing that molestation was part of the initiation process.

According to documents presented by Senior State Counsel Peter Onjoro, Kaile told the boy that this ordeal was normal and that the other initiates had also gone through it. The boy, confused and in pain, was warned to keep quiet. His caretaker further told him that revealing the act would invoke attacks from

"evil spirits of circumcision ancestors".

But the truth refused to stay buried. Last week, an Eldoret court sentenced Kaile to 20 years in prison for sexually assaulting the boy.

Kaile, who did not produce any witnesses in his defence, claimed the accusations were fabricated.

The case has cast a shadow over what is traditionally seen as a proud cultural rite and the vulnerabilities that exist within these hidden spaces. Activists and community leaders say more needs to be done to protect children and young initiates, especially in traditional settings where oversight is limited.

International

Union calls for strike as Dangote firm sacks oil workers

LAGOS, TUESDAY

A nationwide strike by Nigeria's oil workers union has shut the offices of the country's oil regulator and state oil company, threatening fuel supply and trade across West Africa after the Dangote refinery dismissed more than 800 unionised staff.

The walkout, launched on Monday, has escalated tensions in Africa's top oil producer, with analysts warning that if the dispute spreads to other unions, it could disrupt oil field operations, halt product flows, and trigger fuel shortages at petrol stations.

The workers at the privately owned Dangote Oil Refinery — Africa's largest with a crude processing capacity of 650,000 barrels per day — were dismissed on Thursday for unionising, the Petroleum and Natural Gas Senior Staff Association of Nigeria, known as PENGASSAN, said on Friday.

Dangote oil refinery officials said at the time the dismissals were part of a staff reorganisation and accused those affected of acts of sabotage. Talks mediated by government officials on Monday to resolve the dispute ended in a stalemate and will reconvene later on Tuesday, PENGASSAN President Festus Osifo said.

"You have to reinstate these people. If you reinstate them tonight, we will call off our action tonight. But unfortunately, that reinstatement did not happen and we were not able to reach conclusions on the subject," Osifo said.

The refinery secured a court injunction barring the union from obstructing crude and gas supply to it. PENGASSAN said the notice had not been formally served on the union.

"Court orders are served via bailiffs, not through social media," union executive Lumumba Okugbawa said.

The strike has led to the closure of the offices since Monday of the NNPC Ltd, the Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission (NUPRC), and the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority (NMDPRA).

In a statement on Sunday, the regulator called for an amicable end to the dispute.

NNPC told Reuters it was committed to maintaining a safe, stable and inclusive operating environment. (Reuters)

Deal It wasn't clear what was new about it, beyond the wide backing by Arab and Muslim countries

Ball in Hamas' court as Trump negotiates 20-point peace deal

Many elements of the 20 points have been included in deals proposed over the last two years



Displaced Palestinians flee northern Gaza following Israeli evacuation orders, moving south through the central Gaza Strip on September 14, 2025. PHOTO | REUTERS

DUBAI/CAIRO, TUESDAY

A US-sponsored ceasefire proposal for Gaza on Tuesday was hinging on Hamas's response to the 20-point plan which President Donald Trump has said was "beyond very close" to ending the two-year-old conflict in the enclave.

Mediators Qatar and Egypt shared the document with Hamas late on Monday after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stood alongside Trump at the White House and pledged his support for the proposal because he said it met Israel's war aims.

It was not clear what had allayed Netanyahu's earlier misgivings about elements of the proposal.

Hamas was not involved in the rounds of negotiations in the lead-up to Trump's plan, which calls on the Islamist militant group to disarm, a demand they have previously rejected.

"The Hamas negotiators said they would review it in good faith and provide a response," an official briefed on the talks told Reuters early on Tuesday.

Trump warned Hamas that if it rejects what he has offered, Isra-

el would have full US support to take whatever action it deemed necessary.

The plan specifies an immediate ceasefire, an exchange of all hostages held by Hamas for Palestinian prisoners held by Israel, a staged Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, the disarmament of Hamas and the introduction of a transitional government led by an international body.

Hamas had not on Tuesday officially responded to Trump's proposal, and it was not immediately clear what was new about it, beyond the wide backing for the initiative expressed by Arab

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Palestinian official



and Muslim countries.

Many elements of the 20 points have been included in numerous ceasefire deals proposed over the last two years, including those accepted and then subsequently rejected at various stages by both Israel and Hamas.

A source close to Hamas told Reuters the plan was "completely biased to Israel" and imposed "impossible conditions" that aimed to eliminate the group.

"What Trump has proposed is the full adoption of all Israeli conditions, which do not grant the Palestinian people or the residents of the Gaza Strip any legitimate rights," the Palestinian official, who asked not to be named, told Reuters.

It was unclear how Hamas would word its response, as an absolute rejection may put it in collision with a group of Arab and Muslim countries which welcomed the plan.

The foreign ministers of Qatar, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Indonesia, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Egypt issued a joint statement on Monday welcoming Trump's proposal and underscoring what they said were the president's "sincere efforts to end the war in Gaza."

Some Palestinians hailed the plan, saying it could end the bombardment and deaths, but they wondered whether it would really end Israel's control of the Gaza Strip.

"We want the war to end but we want the occupation army that killed tens of thousands of us to get out and leave us alone," said Salah Abu Amr, 60, a father of six from Gaza City.

"We hope the plan will end the war, but we are not sure it will, neither Trump nor Netanyahu can be trusted," he told Reuters via a chat app.

In Gaza, Israeli forces pushed deeper into Gaza City, reaching to the centre of the territory, which Netanyahu described as the last Hamas bastion. Israel also ramped up its bombardment of residential districts, forcing more families to leave, witnesses and medics said.

At least two people were killed when the Israeli army blew up an explosive-laden vehicle in Beach camp in western Gaza City, medics said, while nine people, including a mother and five of her children, were killed in two separate attacks in Deir Al-Balah and Khan Younis in the south. (Reuters)

AT A GLANCE

Trump's proposals for return to peace

- If both sides agree to the proposal, the war will end immediately.
- Within 72 hours of Israel publicly accepting the proposal, all hostages, alive and dead, will be returned.
- Once all hostages are freed, members of Hamas "who commit to peaceful coexistence" and give up arms will be given amnesty.
- Upon acceptance of this agreement, full aid will be immediately sent into the Gaza Strip.
- A "deradicalised" Gaza will not pose a threat to its neighbors and will be "re-developed" for the benefit of Gazans.
- The Trump plan envisions a "Board of Peace" of international overseers led by Trump himself and including former British Prime Minister Tony Blair in an undefined role..
- A Trump economic development plan to rebuild Gaza will be created by convening a panel of expert.
- No one will be forced to leave Gaz and those who wish to leave will be free to do so and free to return.
- Hamas and other factions would agree to have no role whatsoever in governing Gaza, directly or indirectly.
- "New Gaza will be fully committed to building a prosperous economy and to peaceful coexistence with their neighbors," according to the plan.
- Regional partners will work to ensure that Hamas and related factions comply with their obligations and that New Gaza poses no threat.
- The US will work with Arab and international partners to develop a temporary International Stabilisation Force to immediately deploy in Gaza.
- Israel will not occupy or annex Gaza..
- The United States will establish a dialogue between Israel and the Palestinians to agree on a "political horizon for peaceful and prosperous co-existence."

Tech Minutes after a leader's address, highlights were repackaged into 30-second clips or three-minute explainers

From marble halls to mobile screens: UN meeting now a global digital stage

Speeches were live-streamed in six official languages, clipped within seconds, subtitled by AI, and propelled worldwide through algorithms and hashtags



the same digital stream.

The red light on the podium still signals the end of a 15-minute slot, but in the digital age the real momentum begins afterwards, as words spread instantly across platforms.

Unscripted moments fed the online buzz: TikTok users debated why an escalator stalled during US President Donald Trump's entrance; YouTube comments speculated about walkouts during Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's speech; and French President Emmanuel Macron's unexpected stroll through Manhattan went viral.

Traditional media kept a close eye, including on whether Colombian President Gustavo Petro remained in New York after his visa was revoked following criticism of President Trump's administration.

Podcasts, photo posts and live-stream highlights ensured audiences followed events in real time.

'Breaking point'

In August, Secretary-General António Guterres admitted the UN system is "at breaking point" from the flood of meetings and reports, many of which "are not widely read."

He noted that while the top five per cent of reports are downloaded over 5,500 times, one in five receives fewer than 1,000 downloads. "And downloading does not necessarily mean reading," he said.

Engagement is now measured in likes, reposts and algorithmic boosts. The UN has responded by repackaging content into visuals and data-driven explainers that travel far beyond traditional PDFs.

Coverage of high-level week has also become hybrid: in the press booths, veteran crews still operate long-lens cameras, while just steps away younger reporters shoot vertical videos on smartphones with instant captions for online posts.

On the South Garden lawn, pop-up tents and portable lights turn shaded corners into makeshift studios.

Audio technicians test wind-screens, producers chase mobile signals, and solo reporters record one-minute explainers, add captions, and publish before the next motorcade arrives.

"Lights, camera, action" remains timeless, but today it takes little more than a smartphone and an AI subtitle generator to carry a leader's message to millions. Subtitles, translations and corrections now appear almost instantly.

Traditional outlets are adapting too, offering rolling live blogs and multimedia dashboards. Reporters blend fact-gathering with interviews, observations and real-time fact-checking.

News now flows seamlessly across formats — vertical clips for mobile users, podcasts for commuters and data visuals for social media audiences.

From the hall to the hashtag, the Assembly's words move at the speed of a swipe.

What resonates is no longer decided only by diplomats in marble halls, but by audiences worldwide — scrolling, sharing and debating on their screens.

In the age of AI and social media, diplomacy and public participation increasingly merge, transforming the UNGA from a stage of diplomacy into a truly global news feed. (Xinhua)

80

Number of sessions of the United Nations General Assembly that have been held since its inception.

UNITED NATIONS, TUESDAY

Eighty years on, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) is no longer just a stage for diplomacy; it has become a global digital feed.

During the 80th session this week, speeches that once echoed only within the marble hall were live-streamed in six official languages, clipped within seconds, subtitled by AI, and propelled worldwide through algorithms and hashtags.

Minutes after a leader's address,

highlights spread across continents, repackaged into 30-second clips or three-minute explainers, optimised for short-video platforms.

This year's hashtag #UNGA trended daily, drawing younger audiences into debates.

The UN is no longer broadcasting outward; the global public now talks back.

Not only heads of state but also ordinary citizens are engaging in conversations on multilateralism. Even when leaders cannot travel, their voices still reach the

Assembly. Denied entry to the United States, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas addressed the world by video, thanking the growing number of countries recognising Palestine and urging support for full UN membership.

He lamented that more than 1,000 UN resolutions on Palestine remain unimplemented.

Beyond the main stage, high-level meetings on climate change, women's empowerment, youth and the Sustainable Development Goals drew leaders, scientists and young activists into

An anti-trump protester is arrested outside the 80th United Nations General Assembly in New York City on September 23, 2025. PHOTO | REUTERS

Madagascar president dissolves government in Gen-Z protests aftermath

ANTANANARIVO, MONDAY

Madagascar President Andry Rajoelina said on Monday he was dissolving the government following youth-led protests over water and power cuts in which the United Nations says at least 22 people have been killed and more than 100 injured.

Inspired by the so-called "Gen Z" protests in Kenya and Nepal, the three days of demonstrations are the largest the Indian Ocean island has seen in years, and the most serious challenge Rajoelina has faced since his re-election in 2023.

"We acknowledge and apologise if members of the government have not carried out the tasks assigned to them," Rajoelina said in speech on state broadcaster Televiziona Malagasy (TVM).

The president said he wanted to create space for

dialogue with young people, and promised measures to support businesses affected by looting.

Police in Madagascar's capital fired teargas on Monday at thousands of people who returned to the streets for a third round of youth-led protests against water and power cuts, with many calling for the government's resignation.

Authorities declared a dusk-to-dawn curfew on Thursday after protests in the capital Antananarivo turned violent.

Protesters on Monday gathered at a university in Antananarivo where they waved placards and sang the national anthem before attempting to march through town, footage from 2424.MG news channel showed.

In another part of town, police cleared rocks and telephone poles that protesters had used to barricade roads, and fired teargas to disperse the

crowd, footage broadcast on Real TV showed.

Many in the crowd called for the resignation of Prime Minister Christian Ntsay, his government, and Rajoelina.

The latest protests come after Rajoelina said on Sunday he would thoroughly review and reform the governance in the country.

"If there have been mistakes, I recognise them, and I am now looking for ways to correct everything," he said in a speech in the Anosibe neighbourhood of Antananarivo, where some looting and vandalism took place on Friday.

The protesters have adapted a flag used in Nepal where protesters forced the prime minister to resign this month and have also used similar online organisation tactics as protests in Kenya last year that culminated in the government scrapping proposed tax legislation. (Reuters)



President Andry Rajoelina. PHOTO | AFP

Business 20.8bn

Value, in shillings, of issued shares
Family Bank plans float on NSE

Family Bank seeks owners' nod for NSE listing

BY GEORGE NGIGI

Family Bank has called an extraordinary general meeting of its shareholders to seek their approval to list on the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE).

The medium-sized bank, which has flirted with public listing for over a decade, will be listing by way of introduction, meaning it does not plan to sell new shares but is giving shareholders a trading platform to make their stocks more liquid.

Presently, Family Bank shares are traded on the over-the-counter (OTC) market, which facilitates trade by matching a known buyer to an identified seller through a broker. The bank's shares were trading at Sh16 each yesterday.

"The company be and is hereby authorised to apply for listing by way of introduction of all its issued ordinary shares on the Official List of the Nairobi Securities Exchange ("NSE") and to facilitate the admission of its shares to trading on the Main Investment Market Segment (or other relevant segment) of the NSE," reads the notice of the meeting.

The bank has 1,305,195,209 issued shares, which it plans to bring to market. At a price of Sh16 each, the bank is currently valued at Sh20.8 billion.

The directors' decision not to raise additional funds from the market, with the listing signalling the success of its recently concluded private placement. The bank was seeking to raise Sh6.2 billion from deep-pocketed investors in the private placement, whose results management said will be released in mid-October.

The bank's shares have traded at the OTC market since 2006, with plans to list at the NSE touted since 2011. Management said they were confident of listing this time round, with hopes of riding on the recent market recovery.

"The market has corrected itself, before it was subdued, so this is the right time," said Family Bank chief financial officer Paul Ngaragari.

Nairobi hawkers cash in on Thika Road gridlocks



Hawkers sell merchandise to motorists stuck in a traffic jam along Thika Road in Nairobi yesterday. The gridlock has opened a business window for hawkers as prolonged congestion keeps motorists stationary and makes them receptive to purchasing items.

BONFACE BOGITA | NATION

Incentive Epra attributes the rise to uptake of e-mobility electricity tariff

Electric vehicles' power use up four times on larger fleet

Spike in consumption mirrors increased number of the cars on Kenyan highways

BY JOHN MUTUA

The power consumption by electric vehicles (EVs) jumped four times to 5.04 gigawatt-hour (GWh) in the year ended June 2025, reflecting the impact of increased numbers of cars.

Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (Epra) data shows that this was a 300 per cent rise from the 1.26 GWh that the EVs consumed in the year to June 2024.

The spike in consumption mirrors the increased number of EVs on Kenyan roads, with 6,442 such units as of June 2025, a 21.6 per cent rise from 5,294 EVs last December.

Kenya has, in the past few years, been keen to increase the number of EVs as part of reduc-

ing environmental pollution attributed to diesel and petrol-powered vehicles.

"Electric mobility consumption was 5.04 gigawatt-hours (GWh), which is a 300 per cent increase from the previous financial year's consumption of 1.26GWh. This growth has been spurred by an increased uptake of the e-mobility tariff," Epra says in the latest industry report.

Electricity consumption by EVs accounted for 0.044 per cent of the 11,329.75 GWh that Kenya Power sold to its 10.04 million customers spread across the industrial, small commercial, domestic, street lighting and electric-mobility categories in the period under review.

The tariff for EVs is Sh8 and Sh16 at off-peak and peak times per kilowatt-hour (kWh), respec-

THE DIGIT

21.6%

Percentage rise in the number of electric vehicles on Kenyan roads in the year to June 2025

tively. This has been in place since 2023, when Kenya gazetted electricity prices for this category for the first time.

Besides helping to cut the environmental pollution by fossil fuels, EVs are set to become a key revenue driver for Kenya Power in the long term.

The popularity of EVs among businesses and households has been on a steady rise over the years, driven by the need to move away from costly diesel and petrol.

The government has also

adopted several incentives to spur uptake of EVs, including cutting excise duty on the vehicles from 20 per cent to 10 per cent and also exempting EVs from value-added tax.

Additionally, Kenya is also set to install some 10,000 electric charging stations in a project that is estimated to cost \$47.26 million (Sh6.1 billion) in a bid to address one of the biggest challenges derailing uptake of EVs.

The charging stations will be spread along all highways, all towns and roads linking to these highways and the 47 county headquarters.

A lack of charging infrastructure for EVs has been cited as a major hurdle hindering the uptake of these vehicles, especially outside Nairobi.

There are currently 300 EV charging stations across the country, but a vast chunk of these are in Nairobi.

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BRIEFLY

FINANCING

Climate VC firm eyes cash from pension managers

Climate-smart solutions focused venture capital firm Kenya Climate Ventures Limited (KCV) has set its sights on mobilising capital from local pension funds following their receipt of a fund manager license from the Capital Markets Authority. KCV which is fully owned by the social impact organisation Kenya Climate Innovation Centre primarily makes debt and equity investments in companies involved in solutions to climate change.

Kepha Muiruri

EDUCATION

Developer Eboss invests Sh110m in private school

Property developer, Eboss Investments Company, has invested Sh80 million to build a British-curriculum institution in Ruiru called Seven Oaks International as it seeks to ride on the middle class appetite for the international syllabus. The developer, which is behind the 143 Brookview Mombasa project in Ruiru, received a Sh110 million loan from Co-operative Bank with Sh80 million earmarked for the school while Sh30 million will be used in developing homes. George Ngigi

SAVINGS

Sacco members up 637,696 as deposits hit Sh749 billion

Sacco Societies Regulatory Authority (Sasra)-regulated saccos recruited over 637,696 new members last year as deposits crossed the Sh700 billion mark. Latest industry data shows the 177 deposit-taking saccos and 178 non-withdrawable deposit-taking saccos under Sasra's supervision saw their membership rise by 26.3 per cent from 504,915 in 2023.

Patrick Alushula

NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE

Last 12 Mths	Security	Prices			Shares
		High	Low	Yesterday	

AGRICULTURAL

23.00	10.00	Eaagads Ord 1.25	20.55	20.20	9.682
440.00	240.00	Kakuzi Plc Ord 5.00	413.50	413.50	20
357.75	81.00	Kapchorua Tea Kenya Plc Ord	365.50	334.00	8.826
430.00	320.00	The Limuru Tea Co. Ord 20.00	380.00	376.00	714
32.60	13.60	Sasini Ltd Ord 1.00	18.55	18.80	8.806
289.00	120.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Plc Ord 500	278.00	264.50	60.269

AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES

49.00	18.50	Car & General (K) Ord 5.00	38.85	35.40	21.340
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BANKING

23.75	10.00	ABSA Bank Ord 0.50	21.50	20.75	96.015
42.00	26.50	BK Group Ord 0.80	38.40	38.25	2.188
109.25	43.05	Diamond Trust Bank Ord 4.00	104.50	104.25	120.709
58.75	33.70	Equity Group Holdings Ord 0.50	58.00	57.75	232.003
11.30	2.80	HF Group Plc Ord 5.00	10.65	10.45	130.390
44.80	15.80	I&M Group Ord 1.00	43.00	43.00	112.318
58.00	15.00	KCB Group Ord 1.00	56.75	56.75	484.280
75.00	28.50	NCBA Group Ord 5.00	69.00	69.25	9.375
190.00	90.00	Stanbic Holdings Ord 5.00	184.25	184.25	37.512
347.50	134.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ord 5.00	284.00	284.75	50.828
21.55	10.10	The Co-op Bank of Kenya Ord 1.00	21.40	20.95	594.324

COMMERCIAL & SERVICES

0.45	0.45	Deacons (East Africa) Ord 2.50	0.45		
1.88	0.59	Eveready EA Ord 1.00	1.41	1.41	26.512
10.00	2.70	Express Kenya Ord 5.00	7.92	7.24	10.052
4.66	4.66	Homeboyz Entertainment Plc Ord 0.50	4.66		
9.18	3.65	Kenya Airways Ord 1.00	3.91	3.97	543.350
3.46	2.00	Longhorn Publishers Ord 1.00	3.02	2.99	18.435
5.00	1.58	Nairobi Business Ventures Ord 1.00	1.67	1.62	54.185
22.40	10.60	Nation Media Group Plc Ord 2.50	13.35	13.10	32.207
17.00	1.80	Sameer Africa Plc Ord 5.00	15.00	15.70	54.372
10.80	4.50	Standard Group Ord 5.00	5.90	5.98	1.888
18.70	10.85	TPS Eastern Africa Ord 1.00	15.00	15.35	504
0.41	0.16	Uchumi Supermarket Ord 5.00	0.38	0.37	539.149
3.95	1.80	WPP ScanGroup PLC Ord 1.00	2.91	2.98	20.641

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		
62.00	29.00	Crown Paints Kenya Ord 0.50	59.50	57.50	2.251
3.27	0.72	E. A. Cables Ord 0.50	1.71		
64.25	4.38	E.A. Portland Cement Ord 5.00	58.75	59.25	1.602

ENERGY & PETROLEUM

10.40	1.94	KenGen Ord 2.50	8.62	8.75	3,734.325
14.90	1.30	KP & LC Co Plc Ord 250	13.95	13.75	1,872.278
4.20	4.00	KP & LC Plc 4% Pref. 20.00	4.51		
6.00	6.00	KP & LC Plc 7% Pref. 20.00	6.00		
39.90	14.55	TotalEnergies Marketing Kenya Ord 5.00	34.00	34.40	261
24.75	6.30	Umeme Ltd Ord 0.50	8.02	7.94	1,735.243

INSURANCE

9.28	4.01	Britam Holdings Ord 0.10	8.92	8.86	360.507
5.50	1.60	CIC Insurance Group Ord 1.00	4.85	4.96	131.062
320.00	142.00	Jubilee Holdings Ord 5.00	314.25	315.00	514
3.77	1.05	Kenya Re Insurance Ord 2.50	3.16	3.16	1,276.209
12.20	3.30	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ord 1.00	10.95	10.95	11,005
11.00	4.00	Sanlam Kenya Ord 5.00	9.00	8.94	10,205

INVESTMENT

16.50	7.60	Centum Investment Co Ord 0.50	15.25	15.15	61.597
1.36	0.27	Home Afrika Ltd Ord 1.00	1.24	1.32	1,108.190
1,500	1,500	Kurwitu Ventures Ltd Ord 100.00	1,500.00		
7.12	1.91	Olympia Capital Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	5.96	5.72	11,900
1.78	0.29	Trans-Century Plc Ord 0.50	1.12		

INVESTMENT SERVICES

16.50	5.22	Nairobi Securities Exchange, Ord 4.00	14.75	14.95	38.497
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MANUFACTURING & ALLIED

130.00	65.00	B.O.C Kenya Group Co. Ord 5.00	121.00	122.00	830
495.00	325.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Ord 10.00	427.50	428.00	21.162
27.05	11.00	Carbacid Investments Ord 1.00	25.70	25.35	61.910
244.00	100.00	East African Breweries Ord 1.00	211.00	214.00	6.555
2.33	0.86	Flame Tree Group Holdings Ord 0.825	1.66	1.68	94.601
80.00	10.40	Africa Mega Agricorp Ord 5.00	65.00		
0.27	0.27	Mumias Sugar Co. Ord 2.00	0.27		
31.00	12.00	Unga Group Co. Ord 5.00	24.10	24.90	3.635
8.56	5.90	Shri Krishana Overseas Plc 0.20	8.26	8.08	44.335

TELECOMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY

31.00	11.50	Safaricom Ltd Ord 0.05	28.90	29.00	10,978.640
20.00	20.00	Lap trust I-Reit Co. Ord 20.00	20.00		
3330.00	1880.00	Absa New Gold ETF	4595.00	4535.00	75
761.00	761.00	Satrix MSCI World Feeder ETF	830.00	831.00	371

NSE ALL SHARE INDEX: 01st Jan 2008 -100 Up 0.06pts -176.74 NSE 20-Up 8.19pts -2972.64 01st sep 2015=4101.67 Up 12.20pts 4624.72 NSE 20-SI -30 Aug 2023=1000 Up 6.45pts -1783.31

COMMERCIAL BANK RATES

		Euro	\$	£	C\$	SF	IR	JY	ZR
ABC	buy	151.32	129.00	173.35	92.62	161.63	1.45	86.93	7.44
	sell	152.16	129.50	174.28	92.98	162.46	1.45	87.32	7.51
Absa	buy	151.34	129.15	173.35	92.70	162.04	1.45	86.68	7.45
	sell	151.83	129.35	173.87	92.90	162.70	1.45	86.93	7.47
Co-op	buy	148.68	128.50	171.08	90.77	159.85	1.41	85.73	6.52
	sell	153.86	129.50	175.48	94.52	164.69	1.58	88.95	8.38
Equity	buy	151.45	129.00	173.41	92.57	161.82	-	86.72	7.46
	sell	151.94	129.40	174.00	92.87	162.40	-	87.02	7.48
NBK	buy	151.40	129.00	173.45	92.72	162.10	1.45	86.66	7.46
	sell	151.62	129.40	176.65	92.73	162.44	1.45	86.81	7.47
KCB	buy	151.44	129.03	171.44	92.59	161.87	1.48	87.00	7.46
	sell	151.94	129.43	174.03	92.91	162.46	1.48	87.00	7.49
NCBA	buy	151.20	128.95	173.30	92.65	161.90	1.45	86.65	7.45
	sell	151.75	129.40	173.95	92.95	162.55	1.45	86.95	7.47
Stanbic	buy	151.20	129.00	173.26	92.73	162.65	1.45	86.67	7.46
	sell	151.75	129.45	173.80	93.02	162.75	1.47	86.94	7.56
Prime	buy	151.35	129.00	173.35	92.70	161.80	1.45	87.20	7.45
	sell	151.85	129.50	173.85	93.20	162.30	1.46	87.80	7.55

CBK RATES

	Exchange Rate	Swiss Franc	161.9639
US Dollar	129.2404	100 Japanese Yen	86.4125
1 Sterling Pound	173.4600	1 Swedish Kroner	13.7124
1 Euro	151.6507	1 Norwegian Kroner	13.7124
South African Rand	7.4782	1 Danish Kroner	20.2450
Ksh/US\$	27.0257	1 Indian Rupee	1.4669
Ksh/TSH	18.9946	1 Hongkong Dollar	16.383
Ksh/RWF	11.2279	1 Singapore Dollar	100.1747
Ksh/BIF	23.7839	1 Saudi Riyal	34.4604
1 UAE Dirham	35.1885	1 Chinese Yuan	18.1531
1 Canadian Dollar	92.6802	1 Australian Dollar	84.8399

UNIT TRUSTS

		Daily Yield	Annual Rate
African Alliance Kenya Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.27%	7.51%
African Alliance Kenya Enhanced Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.72%	8.00%
Britam Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.34%	10.89%
Britam Money Market Fund	USD	4.48%	4.58%
Absa Shilling MMF	Kenya Shilling	7.77%	8.06%
Absa Dollar Fund MMF	USD	3.82%	3.88%
Gulfcap Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.55%	12.18%
Gulfcap Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.91%	12.59%
Gulfcap Shari'ah Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	6.93%	7.15%
Old Mutual Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.05%	10.51%
Old Mutual Dollar Money Market Fund	USD	4.88%	4.99%
Etica Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.38%	12.05%
Etica Money Market Fund	USD	5.56%	5.72%
CPF Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.70%	9.09%
Co-op Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.51%	8.88%
Co-op Bond Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.24%	10.78%
Arvocap Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.77%	11.31%
Arvocap Alimasi Fund	Kenya Shilling	1.35	1.36
Mayfair Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.09%	8.42%
Mayfair Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	15.67	15.67
Enwealth Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.57%	11.09%
CIC Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.22%	8.53%
CIC Wealth Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.00%	7.00%
CIC Dollar Fund	USD	4.55%	4.65%
Equity Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	4.97%	5.08%
Kuza Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.72%	11.31%
Kuza Money Market Fund	USD	5.64%	5.81%
Madison Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.24%	10.79%
Madison Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.18%	11.83%
Orient Kasha Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.09%	10.67%
Jubilee Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.27%	10.77%
Jubilee Money Market Fund	USD	4.91%	5.03%
Lofty-Corban Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.37%	12.06%
Lofty-Corban Money Market Fund	USD	5.00%	5.12%
Lofty-Corban Bond Fund	Kenya Shilling	13.19	13.19
Cytomn Money Market	Kenya Shilling	12.06%	12.82%
NCBA Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.72%	8.00%
NCBA Dollar Fixed Income Fund	USD	4.15%	4.23%
ICEA LION Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.66%	9.05%
ICEA LION Dollar Fixed Income Fund	USD	106.48	106.48
ICEA LION Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	125.50	125.50
Britam Special Fixed Income Fund (3 months)	Kenya Shilling	10.06%	10.54%
Britam Special Fixed Income Fund (6 months)	Kenya Shilling	10.08%	10.56%
Britam Special Fixed Income Fund (12 months)	Kenya Shilling	10.25%	10.75%
Sanlam Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.02%	9.44%
Sanlam US Dollar Fund	USD	4.91%	5.03%
Apollo Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.60%	10.07%
Genghis Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.10%	8.44%
GenAfrica Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.15%	10.63%
KCB Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.43%	8.76%
KCB Money Market Fund	USD	4.75%	4.86%
Nabo Africa Fixed Income Fund	USD	5.96%	6.14%
Nabo Africa Money Market Fund	USD	5.41%	5.56%
Nabo Africa Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.62%	12.32%
Nabo Africa Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.80%	12.28%
Dry Associates Money Market Fund	USD	5.02%	5.14%
Dry Associates Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.43%	9.85%
Dry Associates Special High Yield Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.94%	13.08%
Faulu Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.50%	9.92%
Britam Bond Plus Fund			

Leisure

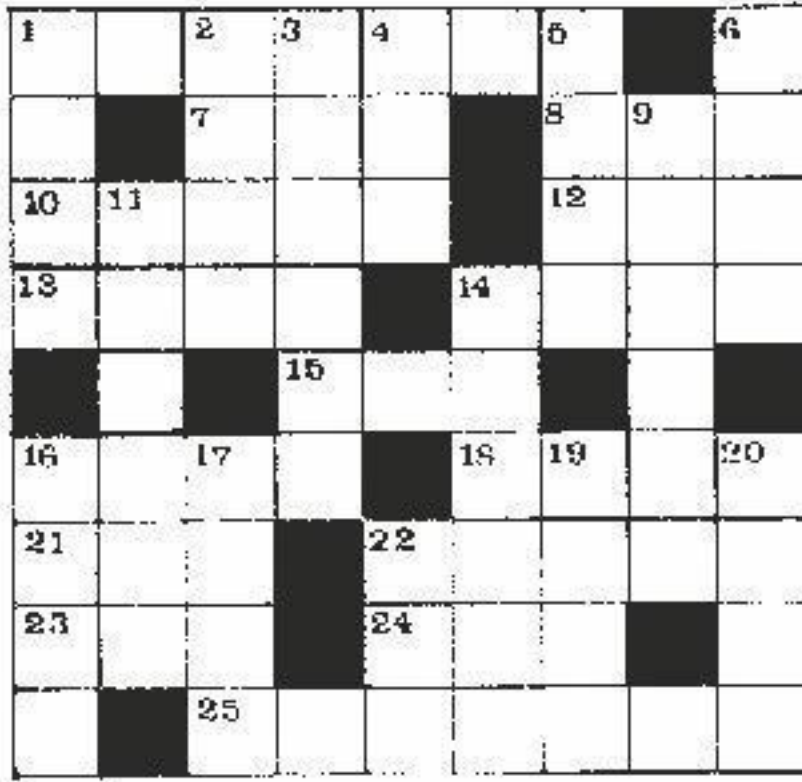
SIMPLE CROSSWORD

ACROSS:

- 1. Farm vehicle
- 7. A zodiacal constellation between Virgo and Cancer.
- 8. Kind of paddle for rowing a boat
- 10. A small cake made from flour and fat, usually eaten with butter
- 12. America
- 13. The hard white fat on the kidneys and loins of cattle and sheep
- 14. Betray
- 15. Regret
- 16. Labyrinth
- 18. A group of people who work on a ship or aircraft
- 21. Urinary Tract Infection (abbreviation)
- 22. Search blindly or uncertainly by feeling with hands
- 23. Half a score
- 24. Slippery fish
- 25. Employees' restaurant

DOWN:

- 1. To throw something carelessly
- 2. Thick-leafed succulent plant with medicinal value
- 3. The middle point or part
- 4. The big digit on the human foot



- 5. A man given to immoral living or debauchery
- 6. Of or relating to the mouth
- 9. Slumbering
- 11. A member of the clergy employed to assist a vicar
- 14. Confidential
- 16. Silent or speechless
- 17. The chemical element of atomic number 30

- 19. Actor's part in a play or movie
- 20. Accustom an infant to food other than its mother's milk
- 22. Information

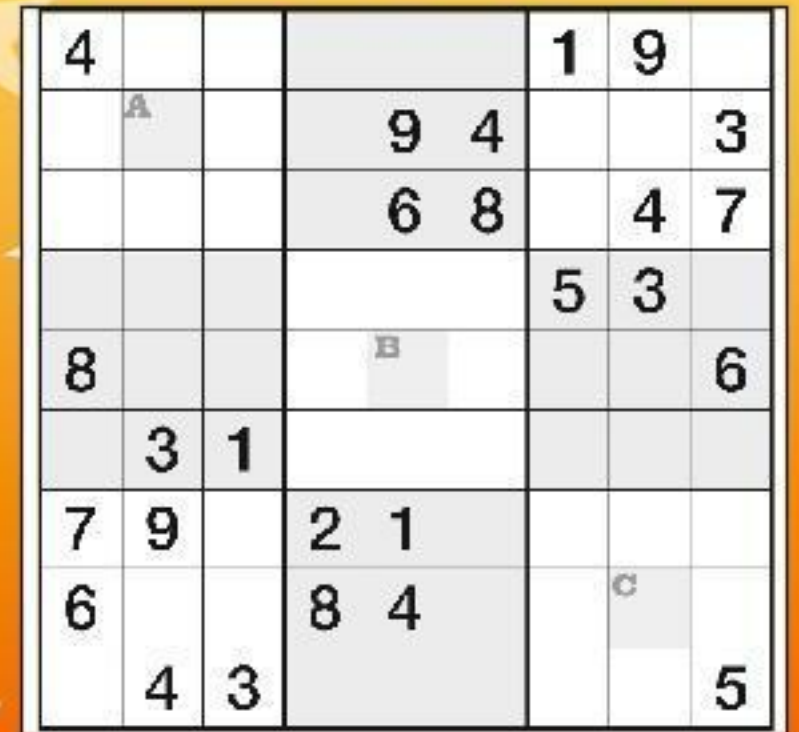
SUDOKU

Enjoy the Sudoku Game Daily

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

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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



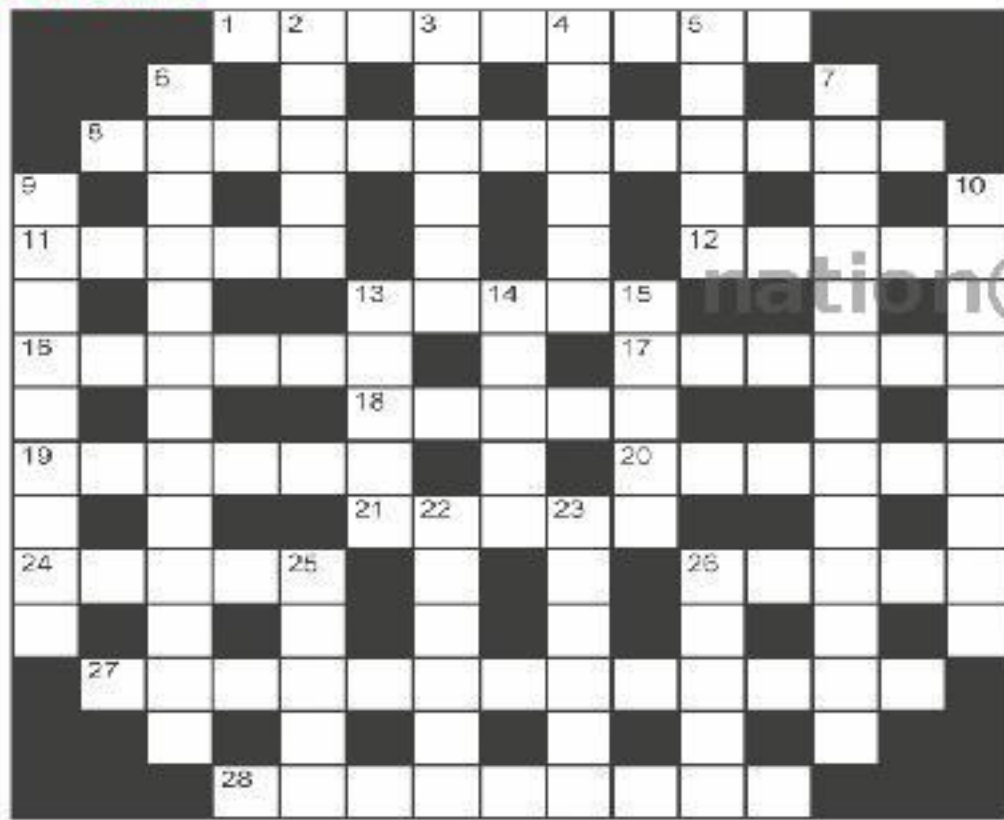
COMPLEX CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1. Ambassador and old Chinese rulers with a Yankee writer (9)
- 8. Cool! Arrogant UK runs a corrupt tribunal (8,5)
- 11. Live where a deliriously happy person walks? (2,3)
- 12. Cheap, inferior food back in Blighty (5)
- 13. First impression of Steven Tyler? Endless elegance (5)
- 16. Compiler's working, wearing knockout robe (6)
- 17. Affectedly posh boy I had advanced (2-2-2)
- 18. Move Chancellor's speech, being short of time (5)
- 19. Some finely-graded spun patterned garment (6)
- 20. Good, fine painting etc that shifts rapidly (2-4)
- 21. Gather together everybody carried by railway (5)
- 24. Very bright star seen in wide nebula (5)
- 26. Wearing tuxedo, one habitually taking a bit of Burgundy... (5)
- 27. ...as thick cream's whisked into a seasonal treat (9,4)
- 28. Fiver's wasted in do-it-yourself spread (9)

DOWN

- 2. Listener featuring discontented leading



- composer (5)
- 3. Flipping cat purring, about to break in (6)
- 4. Creep runs into Tory big beast on line (6)
- 5. A Liberal old newspaper held in a higher place (5)
- 6. Subject of epic film sadly hamming a tad - ha! (7,6)
- 7. Tip a cockle jar all over the place for a laugh (9,4)
- 9. Doctor Kildare initially arrives in the Isle of Dogs (9)
- 10. Article on temperature in Times magazine that's

- complicated (9)
- 13. Very bleary periodically, though not drinking (5)
- 14. Off-peak call made by one in lederhosen? (5)
- 15. Lament for one set in fenland location (5)
- 22. Member of family more cheerful when undressed (6)
- 23. French city tends to captivate Monsieur (2,4)
- 25. Tossing at home one pound pancake (5)
- 26. Perk up when it's perked? Unlikely with this drink (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS

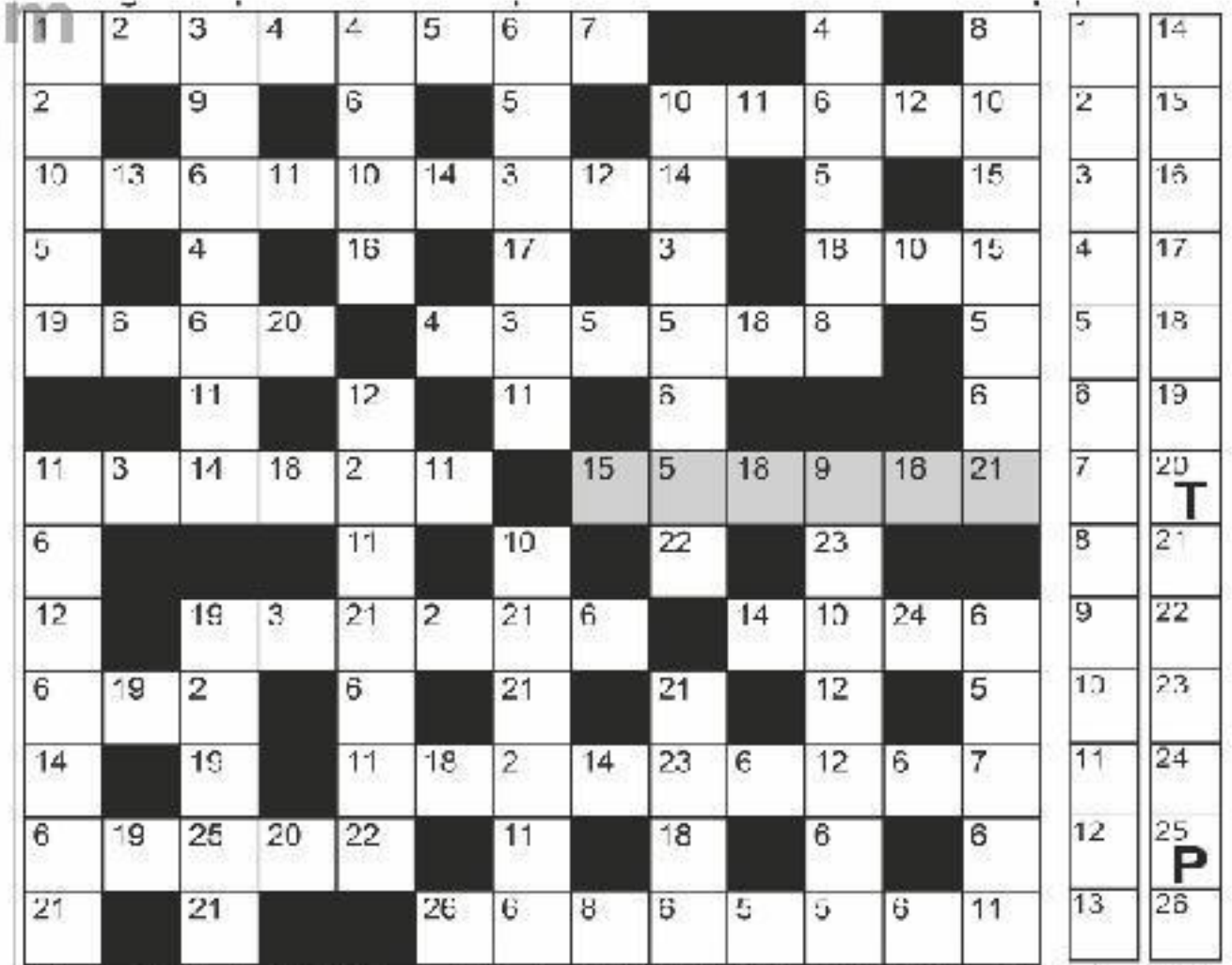
- 1. Peasants
- 5. Screws
- 9. Relation
- 10. Better
- 12. Downright
- 13. Trams
- 14. Clot
- 16. Miracle
- 19. Grown-up
- 21. Fish
- 24. Oasis
- 25. Broadcast
- 27. Abroad
- 28. Director
- 29. Thebes
- 30. Champers

DOWN:

- 1. Parade
- 2. Allows
- 3. Aster
- 4. Thought
- 6. Creatures
- 7. Entrance
- 8. Stressed
- 11. Item
- 15. Landscape
- 17. Ignorant
- 18. Construe
- 20. Pubs
- 21. Foolish
- 22. Rattle
- 23. Starts
- 26. Dream

CODEWORD

Each number in our Codeword grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. For example, today 20 represents T - every time the figure 20 appears in the main grid, then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and control grid. Check off the list of alphabetical letters as you identify them.



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

1	S	I	R	4	O	N	V	7	E	G	9	P	A	11	L	12	T	13	Q
14	U	M	16	C	17	H	18	J	19	Z	20	B	F	K	Y	W	25	X	

YOUR STARS

AQUARIUS | JAN 21 - FEB 19

Elevate your space by buying something nice to show off your style. Get ready to do some major adulating over the next four weeks after the sun enters Taurus and your home zone... This is an ideal time to do some much-needed home repairs or even consider moving to a new place.

PISCES | FEB 20 - MAR 20

Spend the week by connecting with your loved ones when Venus in your sign forms a textile with Uranus in Taurus today. Use this aspect to reach out to the people in your life and show them how much they mean to you. Write sappy love poems and feel those feelings!

ARIES | MAR 21 - APR 20

As your career takes a new direction, you might feel someone powerful is controlling your destiny. It's time to choose if you should stay or go. After four weeks of new beginnings,

it's time to slow down and choose your opportunities wisely when the sun enters Taurus and your value zone... It will encourage you to invest your time and energy wisely, Aries, which includes taking care of yourself.

TAURUS | APR 21 - MAY 20

You are talking to the world and everyone's listening, but no one seems to understand. Keep talking because the people who care support you even though sometimes you think that they are tied up with their own agenda. When needed, they will be there.

GEMINI | MAY 21 - JUNE 21

Your feelings could be running high. Conflicts with co-workers may just be simple misunderstandings. Don't react impulsively if you feel you're the object of unfair criticism or treatment. Remain calm and talk things out with someone you trust. A jobsite flirtation could be very distracting. Don't let this interfere with what is expected.

CANCER | JUN 22 - JULY 22

You may be in the grip of strong emotional reactions. Fears or worries about your job could get blown out of proportion. It's possible to overeat or blame yourself rather than face facts dispassionately. A conflict with or among co-workers may lie just beneath the surface. This time is lucky for networking that could lead to a new or better job.

LEO | JULY 23 - AUG 22

An important piece of information comes to you that relates to your work - whether you're working or just idly web surfing. Be mindful of this information, for you'll certainly need it later on. It is important to have your eyes and ears open. This is a good time to mix business with pleasure.

VIRGO | AUG 23 - SEP 23

For the next four weeks, it is extra important that you are sensitive and understanding of the people who surround

you in the workplace. This trend begins today, regardless of whether you are at work or not. Be mindful of this significant shift. The energy becomes lighter and more expansive soon. This period is lucky for work, travel, or training.

LIBRA | SEP 24 - OCT 23

It's time to get organized. Try to focus your attention on one thing at a time. Cut down on the technological distractions. You can do a better job by simplifying your schedule and workspace. Be sensitive to other people's feelings. You can cheer up someone who's struggling.

SCORPIO | OCT 24 - NOV 22

Work hard, but set personal boundaries to balance work with the rest of your life. Review the past and appreciate how far you've come. Your strong work ethic and willingness to help others is more valuable than you realize. You may feel scattered.

SAGITTARIUS | NOV 23 - DEC 21

This is a good time for improving communication on the job. Anything concerned with marketing, training, or sharing information to improve morale can see you shine. If you've been fighting medical problems or anxiety, it may be time to reassess your situation.

CAPRICORN | DEC 22 - JAN 20

If you're attached to work-related technology, there could be a problem separating work and play. Be sure you're setting proper boundaries between your job and personal life. Do what you can to make people feel appreciated this week.

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TREAT OF THE DAY



NOMA 8:00PM

The series, with its stellar cast and intriguing storyline, runs every week from Monday to Wednesday from 8pm to 8.30pm. Leading the cast is Ronald Ndubi, widely recognised for his role as Victor in the series Maria. His return to television has been highly anticipated, with fans eager to see him take on a new character. In Noma, Ndubi plays Aiden, a sensitive and intricate character who, according to the actor, presents a softer side while still holding firm to his convictions.



- 4:00am Aljazeera
- 5:00am Off The Hook
- 6:00am Fixing The Nation
- 10:00am Your World
- 12:00pm Flaqo
- 12:30pm Business Redefined
- 1:00pm NTV Adhuhuri
- 1:30pm You are The One - Rpt
- 2:30pm Kwetu Mixx
- 3:30pm Akili and me
- 4:00pm Beatz and Buzz
- 6:30pm NTV Mashinani
- 7:00pm NTV Jioni
- 7:30pm The Glam
- 8:00pm Noma
- 8:30pm You Are The One
- 9:00pm NTV Tonight
- 9:30pm The Elevate Show
- 10:30pm Fixing The Nation
- 12:00am Aljazeera



NTV TONIGHT 9:00PM

Your definitive nightly roundup of top news stories, featuring incisive reports, exclusive interviews, and powerful investigative pieces that uncover the truth. Tune in for the latest with Zainab Ismail and the rest of your favourite news crew.

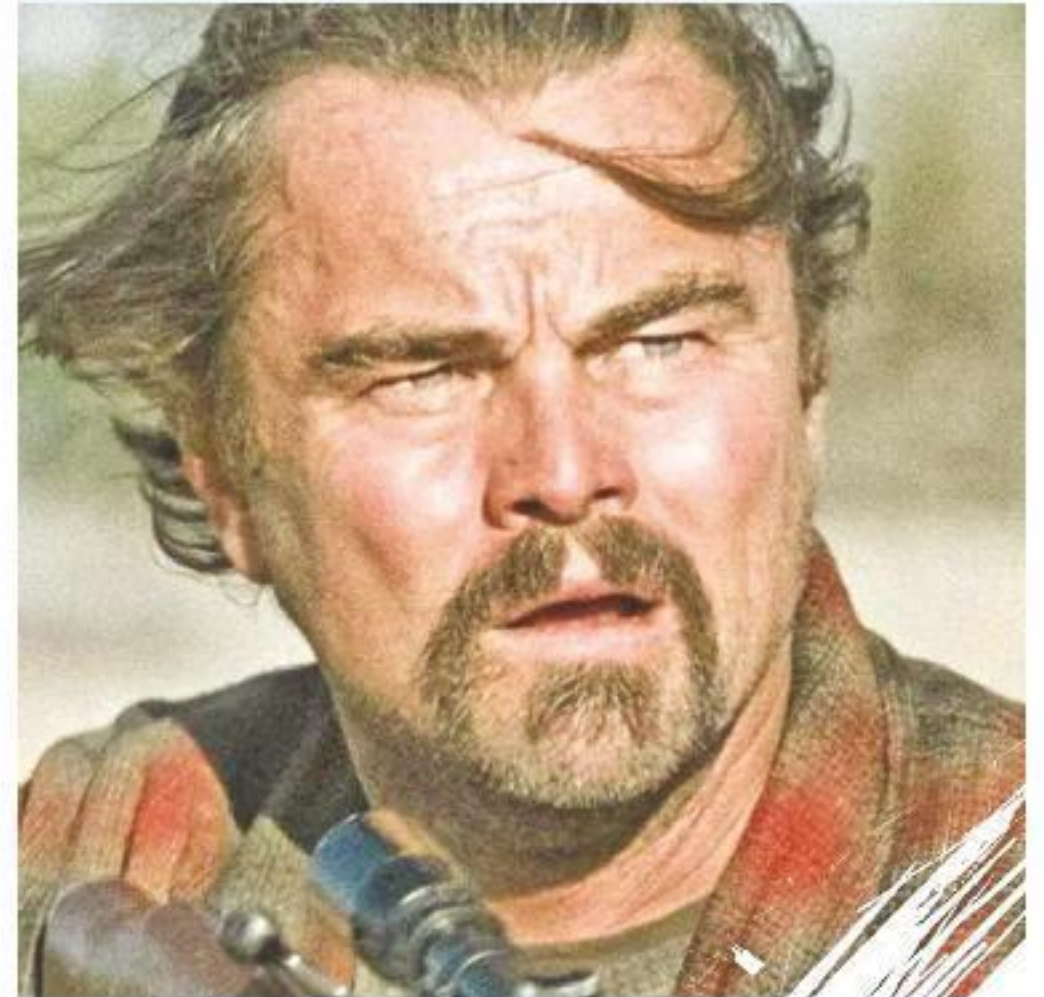


NTV JIONI 7:00PM

Evening news focused on accurate reporting, human stories, and impactful analysis of daily national events. With Nicholas Wanbua and others.

Today's highlight:
BEATS AND BUZZ @4:00PM
THE ELEVATE SHOW @9.30PM

CINEMA GUIDE



One Battle After Another .. Now showing in cinema halls across the country.

NAIROBI

ANGA DIAMOND PLAZA
Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba Infinity Castle 11AM, 4:15PM, 7:10PM
Homebound 2PM, 7:20PM
Jolly 2D 1:50PM, 10PM,
One Battle After Another 2D 11AM, 4:20PM, 7:10PM,
Sanghavi and Sons 2D 11AM, 10PM
The Conjuring Last Rites 2D 1:45PM, 4:40PM
ANGA SKY CINEMA, PANARI CENTRE
Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba Infinity Castle (Subbed) 2.25PM,
One Battle After Another 2D 1:2PM, 3PM, 6PM, 9PM
The Conjuring Last Rites 2D 12PM, 10PM
The Long Walk 2D 5:10PM

WESTGATE CINEMA WESTGATE MALL

One Battle After Another 2D-SCRN 1,2&3(TBA) 11:10AM, 6:10PM & 9:10PM
Demon Slayer: Kimetsu No Yaiba Infinity Castle 2D-SCRN 1&2(PG) 4:15PM, 6:20PM & 9:15PM
Gabby's Doll House:the Movie 2D-SCRN 1&2(TBA) 11:00AM, 2:30PM & 4:25PM
The Conjuring Last Rites 2D- 3:45PM
The Long Walk 2D-SCRN 5 & 6(16) 4:40PM & 9:50PM
Homebound 2D-SCRN 1,3&4(PG) 11:15AM & 9:30PM
Jolly Llb 3 2D-SCRN 1,2&3&4(PG) 11:10AM, 3:00PM, 6:25PM
The Conjuring Last Rites 2D-SCRN 5 (16) 11:30AM, 6:50PM & 9:25PM
The Long Walk 2D-SCRN 5 & 6(16) 4:40PM & 9:50PM

Demon Slayer: Kimetsu No Yaiba Infinity Castle 2D 2D-SCRN 6(PG) 11:20AM
One Battle After Another 2D-SCRN 6(TBA) 4:15PM
Homebound 2D-SCRN 5&6 (PG) 7:15PM

CENTURY CINEMAX TWO RIVERS MALL - LIMURU ROAD

Gabby's Doll House: 2D 12PM, 2PM, 4PM, 6PM, 8PM & 10PM
Superman: Legacy 11AM, 2PM & 10PM
The Fantastic Four: First Steps

2 3D 4.30PM & 7PM
One Battle After Another 2D 1PM, 4PM, 7PM & 10PM
The Long Walk 2D 1PM, 3:15PM, 5:30PM, 7:45PM & 10PM
Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba Infinity Castle 2D- 2D 1PM, 4PM, 7PM & 10PM
The Conjuring Last Rites 2D 11AM, 1:45PM, 4:30PM, 7:15PM & 10PM
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One Battle After Another 2D- 1:00PM, 4:00PM, 7:00PM , 10PM
Gabby's Doll House: 2D 11:00AM, 1:00PM, 3:00PM & 5:00PM
The Conjuring: Last Rites 2D 7:15PM, 10PM
Demon Slayer: Kimetsu No Yaiba Infinity Castle 1:45PM, 7PM
The Long Walk 2D 4:45PM & 10:00PM
The Bad Guys 2 - 2D (PG) 11:30AM
Jolly Llb 3 2D- 1:30PM, 7PM-10PM
Homebound 2D 4:30PM
PRESTIGE CINEMA, PRESTIGE PLAZA
Demon Slayer: Kimetsu No Yaiba Infinity Castle 2D- 6PM, 9PM
Gabby's Doll House: 2D 12:30PM,
One Battle After Another 2D- 5:45PM, 9PM
The Conjuring: Last Rites 2D , 3PM
The Long Walk 2D 12PM, 3:15PM
MOTION CINEMAS, GREENSPAN MALL, DONHOLM
One Battle After Another 2D- 3:00PM, 5:30PM, 8:00PM
Gabby's Doll House: 2D 12:00PM, 2:00PM, 4:00PM
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Demon Slayer: 12:00PM, 8:00PM
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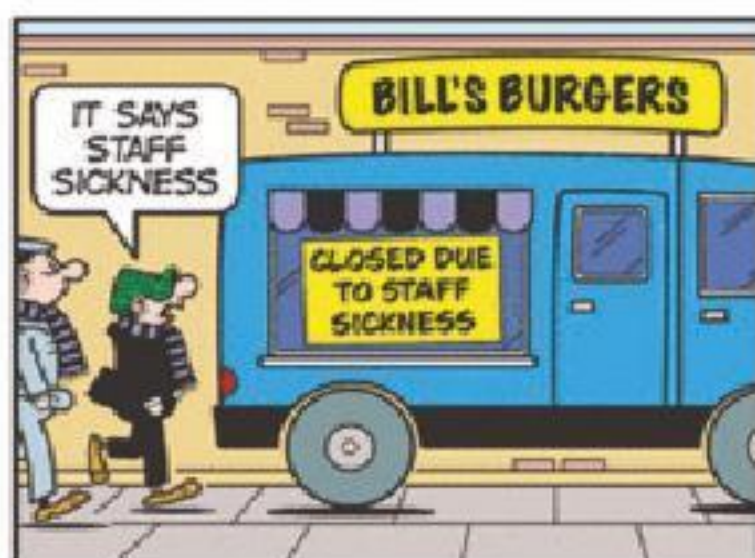
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5:30 PE @ Home-Rpt
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4:00 News Briefs
4:15 Kali ni Kali
6:00 Kenya's Gold

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9:00 Jklive
11:00 Mrs Garcia And Her Daughters
12:00 Afrosinema
1:00 Jklive Rpt
KTN TV
5:30 Command Your Morning
6:00 The Situation Room
10:00 Zilizala Viwanjani
11:00 Yanayojiri
1:00 Newsdesk
2:00 The Broken Marriage
Vow

3:00 Millennial On The Move
3:30 Amplify
4:00 Mbiu
4:30 Kids
5:00 Baseline
6:00 To Have And To Hold
7:00 KTN Leo
7:30 Hullabaloo Estate
8:00 Manspeqtive Africa
9:00 KTN Prime
11:00 KTN Classics
1:00 Baseline
2:00 Aljazeera
KBC TV
5:00 France 24
5:30 Maombi
5:35 Gear

Up
6:00 CGTN
7:00 Good Morning Kenya
9:30 Senate
1:00 KBC Lunchtime News
2:00 Mkulima Rpt
2:30 National Assembly
3:30 Afroviz
4:30 Ubongo/Akili
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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY SITUATED IN MAZINGIRA AREA, KITENGELA, KAJIADO COUNTY.

- All that parcel of land known as L.R NO. KAJIADO/KAPUTIEI NORTH/30478 KITENGELA, KAJIADO COUNTY measuring **0.036 Ha** and registered in the name of **REBECCA KEMUNTO OKEIGA** of **FLAT 49 FLOOR 72, THE GOLDINGS PANTILE WALK UXBRIDGE UBB 1LR, UK**. The property falls on **GPS Coordinates 1°36'22.6"S 36°55'51.6"E** and is situated in Mazingira area of Kitengela, Kajiado County. It is in the vicinity of Pepper Pum Farm; about 1.9 Kilometers to the South East of Working Faith Fellowship church-Lucky Base and approximately 2.9 Kilometers off Namanga Road turning at KAG University. The property is vacant.

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY SITUATED WITHIN TANAKA AREA, BUSIA COUNTY

- All that parcel of land known as L.R NO. BUKHAYO/MUNDIKA/10244 TANAKA AREA, BUSIA COUNTY measuring **0.057 Ha** and registered in the name of **BENTER AKINYI OTIENO T/A DEITY ACADEMY BUSIA (K)** of **P.O BOX 190-50400 BUSIA**. The property falls on **GPS Coordinates 0°27'01.5"N 34°07'24.2"E** and is situated within Tanaka area about 700 meters off Kisumu-Busia Road, on the outskirts of Busia Town. It is situated 100 meters due South West of Tanaka Nursing Home and about 370 meters due North West of Burumba Secondary School. The property is developed with a two (2No.) bedroom bungalow.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- All intending purchaser(s) are requested to view and verify the details themselves as these are not warranted by the Auctioneer or our clients
- A refundable deposit of **Ksh 500,000/=** must be paid to obtain a bidding number. Please note that **NO** bidding whatsoever without a bidding number.
- A deposit of 25% must be paid in cash, Bankers cheque or RTGS at the fall of the hammer and the balance within 90 days from the date of the auction to the charges advocate.
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COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF UASIN GISHU
THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT, 2019
(No. 13 of 2019) Form PLUPA L-2

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF PART DEVELOPMENT PLAN

TITLE OF PDP	LOCATION	PLAN REFERENCE NUMBER
Proposed KEMRI Research Centre	Ainabkoi Subcounty	ELD 17/2025/05

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to the provisions of sections 40(1,2 and 3), 49(1) of the Physical and Land Use Planning Act, preparation of the above plan was on the **24th Day of September, 2025** completed.

The objective of the plan is alienation of land for purposes of establishing a Medical Research Facility. It covers an area of approximately 3acres inclusive of the Existing Kapsoya Health Centre.

Copies of the plan as prepared has been deposited for public inspection free of charge at Ainabkoi Subcounty offices and at the office of the Director of Physical Planning, Uasin Gishu County, Ardhi house- Eldoret between the hours of 8.00 am to 5.00 pm, Monday to Friday.

Any interested person who wishes to make any representation in connection with or objection to the above plan may send such representation or objection in writing to be received by the County Director of Physical Planning, Eldoret P.O. Box 40 -30100 Eldoret, Ardhi House, Room 16 within sixty (60) days from the date of publication of this notice and such representation or objection shall state the grounds upon which it is made.

Dated the 24th Day of September, 2024
Edward Sawe
CECM Lands, Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Development
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PUBLIC AUCTION
Under instructions received from the chargee's, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned property on **17th October 2025** at our offices, **3 Kijabe Street, Nairobi** next to **Universal Church** starting at **10:30 a.m.**

A COMMERCIAL CUM RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY IN KISUMU TOWN

All that property known as **TITLE NO. KISUMU/MUNICIPALITY/BLOCK 7/ 48, ACCRA STREET, KISUMU CITY, KISUMU COUNTY**. Measuring **0.0465Ha. or 0.115 acre**. The property is situated along Accra Street adjacent to Riversand Hotel, about 1.2KM North West of the General Post Office, Kisumu City Centre. It lies on GPS Coordinates **0°05'48.6"S and 34°45'11.3"E**. Tenure is leasehold interest registered in the name of **HASHI ENERGY LIMITED**. The property is developed with a double storey commercial cum residential block on Accra Street frontage (block 1) with two shops on the ground floor and one 4 bedrooms apartment on the first floor and a double storey residential block (block 2) with two (2) bedroom flats on both ground and first floor. All mains services are connected to the property. All mains services are connected to the property.

CONDITION OF SALES

- All the interested purchasers are requested to view the property and verify the details for themselves as these are not warranted by neither the auctioneer nor the Chargees
- A deposit of 10% of the sale price must be paid in cash as banker's cheque or RTGS during the day of the auction and balance paid within 90 days to the chargees/charge advocates
- A deposit by way of a bankers cheque in the name of **DALALI TRADERS AUCTIONEERS** of **Kshs. 500,000/=** will be required to enable one to obtain a bidding number and be allowed to bid. The deposit is refundable in case one will not be successful, but the same will be forfeited if one makes a bid and it is confirmed and fails to pay the required 10% deposit.
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LOSS of Title Deed LR No. 6845/843 (IR 182923) Nairobi Registered in the name Ruth Wachera Kamau

LOSS of Title Deed Ruiru East/Juja East Bk 2/35563. (Kiambu County)

LOSS of title no.Lembus/Porori/126

LOST Certificate of Lease: Nakuru Municipality Block 27/309 of Susan Wairimu Kamau

LOST Certificate Of Title: Marmanet /North Rumuruti Block 2/7575 (Ndurumo)

LOST title deed Embu/Kithunthiri/4111 Of Pauline Mutitu Njeru

LOST title deed Gatari/Githimu/7651 of Juma Bin Abdulkarim & Samira Juma Abdulkarim

LOST Title Deed- Ngariama/ Nyangeni/ 1337 for Rachel Wambura Njagi and Joseph Kithi James

LOST Title Deed No. Kangundo/ Kyevaluki/ 2299 Monicah Mutuli Musyoki

LOST Title Deed: Wanjare/Bokeire/6245 of Moibari Jasper Oseko

LOST Title Donyo Sabuk/ Komarock Block 1/27775 Anne Wambui Muturi & Jackson Ouma Ogeda

LOST Title Dundori/Lanet block 6/691 (Kiamunyi B) of Isack Nene Kinyanjui, Harrison Kiarie and Jane Njeri

LOST Title Kakamega/Lumakanda/1033

LOST Title Kakamega/Shitochi/1923

LOST title Lr. 36/1/778 Elizaro Odhiabo Odongo

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The Owners of Agricultural land parcel NO. Makueni/Una/BB94 located within Wote Municipality, around Malvani area and Along Wote-Nzu road, Makueni County proposes to change its Use from Agricultural to Public Purpose (Christian Worship center- GCI Church) subject to approval by County Government of Makueni. Individuals, Institutions or organizations etc. with objections or comments to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to: CECM- Lands, Urban Planning and Development, Environment and Climate Change
County Government of Makueni
P.o Box 78- 90300
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Plan. Onesimus Musyoki(R.PP 0229)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENDED DISSOLUTION

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PETER MULI MUSILA 1ST RESPONDENT

CARDINAL NGANGA MURIUKI 2ND RESPONDENT

BY ADVERTISEMENT.

TO: **PETER MULI MUSILA AND CARDINAL NGANGA MURIUKI**

Take notice that a case has been filed against you in the Milimani small Claims Court being **SCCC NO. E4408 OF 2024** which you are named as Respondents. Service of Summons to enter appearance has been ordered by means of this advertisement. The matter will be mentioned on 18th November 2025.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in default of your attendance on the said date the matter may proceed ex parte and such orders may be given as the Court may deem fit. FILED BY: **MADHANI ADVOCATES LLP, DTB CENTRE (3RD FLOOR, TOWER C), MOMBASA ROAD, P. O. BOX 3217 - 00100, NAIROBI**

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ADVOCATES FOR THE CLAIMANT

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r.3(3)(d))

THE PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No. 13 of 2019)

PUBLIC NOTICE:

NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE OF LAND TENURE FROM ABSOLUTE (FREEHOLD) TO LEASEHOLD ON Plot No. GEDE/DABASO/375, Off Turtle Bay Road, WATAMU-KILIFI.

The owner of the above plot measuring about 0.4 ha., proposes the referred Planning Permission subject to approval by the Kilifi County Government. Individual(s), institution(s), members of the public, etc., with material comments or objection(s) to the proposal, are asked to forward them in writing within (14) days hereof, pursuant to stipulations of PLUPA's section 58 (7) & (8) and address them to:

The CECM, Department of Lands, Energy, Housing, Physical & Urban Development Planning, County Government of Kilifi, P.O. Box 80108, Kilifi.
Dated: 01/10/2025
Regd. Planner - J.B. Koyier RPP No. 0102.
Mobile No. 0734074251.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Physical & Land Use Planning Act No. 13 of 2019

CHANGE OF USE

The registered owner(s) of Land Parcel No. Nairobi/Block 97/458 (NSSF L.R. No. 97/1367/380/1) located off Outerring Road in Tassia, Embakasi East Sub-County intends to Change its Use from Residential Single-dwelling to Residential Multi-dwelling [Flats] subject to approval by the Nairobi City County Government. Individuals, Institutions and organizations with comments, objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days from publication of this notice to: The CECM - Land, Urban Planning, Urban Renewal, Housing & Project Management - Nairobi City County, P.O. Box 30075-00100, Nairobi. Peter Kaberere Registered Physical Planner | No. 0287

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

CHANGE OF USE

The registered owner of the Parcel of land LR.No. MBETI/KIAMURINGA/8330 located in Rwiika, within MBETI-SOUTH WARD, EMBU COUNTY proposes a change of use from Agricultural to Residential cum commercial, subject to approval by the Embu County Government. Individuals, Institutions etc with objections or comments should submit them in writing within (14) days of this notice to: C.E.C.M - Land, Housing and Physical Planning, Embu County P.O. Box 36-60100 EMBU.

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r.3(3)(xi))

PUBLIC NOTICE

Physical and Land Use Planning Act (No. 13, 2019)

CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner of plot no. INOI/ KAMONDO/ 7952, situated in Mwea East Sub-county Kirinyaga County, is proposing to Change the use of land from Agricultural land use to Residential (multi-dwelling units) land use subject to approval by County Government of Kirinyaga. Individuals, institutions or organizations with objections or comments should submit them in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice to:

The CECM-Land, Housing & Urban Development, Kirinyaga County Government P.O. Box 260- 10304, Kutus. Name of Registered Planner| Onesimus Musyoki Reg No. 0229

PUBLIC NOTICE

Physical & Land Use Planning Act No. 13 of 2019

CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner of parcel No SIAYA/ BAR OLENGO /3059 within ALEGO USONGA Sub-County Siaya County, proposes to change use from Agricultural to Residential, subject to approval by Siaya County Government. Individuals Institutions or organizations with objections/ comments to the proposed development should forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days from the date of this notice to:

The CECM - Lands, Physical Planning, Housing & Urban Development Siaya County Government, P.O. Box 803-40600, Siaya. Registered Planner, Dr. Fredrick Owino- Reg NO: 0123

FORM PLUPA /DC/3 (r.3(3)(xi))

PUBLIC NOTICE

Physical & Land Use Planning Act No.13 of 2019

NOTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSED CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner of Land Parcel No: MWEA/ NGUCWI/919 located in Mwea, 800 from Kanjini Shopping center (along Kimbimbi-Pi Road) Proposes to Change its Use from Agricultural to Public Purpose (Education), subject to approval by the County Government of Kirinyaga. Individuals, Institutions, members of the public e.t.c., with comments and/or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within 14 Days of this notice to:

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Death and Funeral Announcement



Erick Manyara Mochache ("Nana")

It is with deep sorrow and humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the sudden passing of Erick Manyara Mochache ("Nana"), which occurred on 22nd September 2025 in Narok County.

Born on 18th November 1988 at The Nairobi Hospital, Erick was the beloved son of Angela Dinah Nyarangi and the late Joseph Mageto Mochache. Brother to Kingi Kemunto (Aga Khan University Hospital, Nairobi) and the late Daniel Nyakeri Mochache. Loving uncle to Angela Nyaboke (Makini School, Nairobi). Grandson to the late Henry Nyameta Mochache and the late Hon. Simeon Nyachae Nyandusi.

Nana will be remembered for his creativity, passion for film, design, and photography, his vibrant personality, and his deep love for family and friends. He was a proud member of the Mochache family of Nyamira and the Nyachae family of Kisii.

Family and friends are meeting daily at the family home in Ngata Farm, Nakuru (next to Lord Egerton Castle) for prayers and funeral arrangements. The burial will take place on Friday, 3rd October 2025.

"Your independence comes from knowing who you are and being proud of it!"

Death and Funeral Announcement



Cecilia Muthoni Moses
19.06.1958 – 28.09.2025

It is with deep sorrow and humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing on of our beloved mum, mother-in-law, aunt and grandmother Cecilia Muthoni Moses, who was called to eternal rest on 28th September 2025 after hospitalisation.

Daughter of the late Joseph Kibutu Kingetia and the late Immaculata Wangare Kingetia. Sister of the late Cornelio, John, Ann, Kuria, the late Waiyego, the late Wanjiku, Muhia, the late Munyigi and Mungai.

She was a devoted wife of the late Moses Rukwaro, a loving mother of Joshua, the late Yusuf, Paul, Ruth, Immaculate, and Jane. A cherished grandmother of Adrian, Claudia, Mary, Kinya, and Caleb.

She was also a treasured sister, cousin, aunt, and a friend to many. Her resilience, courage, and kindness touched countless lives. Family and friends are meeting daily at her residence in Kihuyo, Nyeri.

The funeral service and interment will be held on Thursday, 02 October 2025, at her residence in Kihuyo from 10:00AM.

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

Death and Funeral Announcement



Joyce Nyambura Maina

We regret to announce the demise of Joyce Nyambura Maina formerly of Kenya Utalii College.

She was the wife of Peter Mbogo Maina of Thirikwa Village, Kangema Constituency, Murang'a County.

She was the mother of George Kibuku, Kuria Maina, Elizabeth Waithera and Kamau Maina. Mother-in-law of Irene, Kawira, George and Wangari.

She was the daughter of the late Julius Kuria and Alice Njeri. Sister of the late Priscilla Wanjiru, the late Mary Wambui, Samuel Mwangi, Benard Muturi, and Fredah Wangui.

She was loving grandmother of Mbogo Kuria, Nyambura Kuria, Nkatha Kuria, Eddy Wanjohi, Timothy Wanjohi, Mbogo Kamau, Nyambura Kamau, Nyambura Kibuku and Mbogo Kibuku. She was aunt, cousin, friend and beloved mentor to many.

Joyce passed away peacefully on the morning of Sunday the 28th of September 2025, after a long illness bravely borne.

Family and friends are meeting daily at 6.00pm at Roasters Inn off Thika Road from Monday 29th September 2025 to Thursday 2nd October 2025.

The burial has been set for Friday 3rd October 2025 at the family home in Thirikwa village, Kangema, Murang'a County.

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

Death and Funeral Announcement



Ruth Vicky Mutsami Alumasa

It is with deep sorrow and humble acceptance of God's will, that we announce the sudden passing on of Ruth Vicky Mutsami Alumasa, formally of Ministry of Social Services, GOK, which occurred on 20th September 2025 at her home.

She was the beloved wife of the late Henry Mutsami Alumasa, and devoted mother of Felix Alumasa, Vincent Alumasa, Eng. David Alumasa, Daniel Alumasa, Fred Alumasa (UK), Prof. John Alumasa (USA), Kenneth Alumasa, Jimmy Alumasa and Gladys Omwaka. Daughter of the late Snr Chief Jimmy Elishama Nandwa and the late Pst Beatrice Liaka Nandwa.

Daughter-in-law of the late Saul Alumasa and the late Esther Shiyayo Alumasa. Sister of Joan, Pst. Rebecca, Florence, the late Joy, Lucy, the late Sammy, the late Rosebird, Lydia, Emma, Marceline, Tabitha (wife of Hon. Wycliffe Oparanya EGH), Naftali, Melissa, Lillian, Irene, Pauline, Judith, the late Atnas, Pst Patrick, Moses, Frida & Omwani wa Mwami Brown. Sister-in-law of Hezron and Evelyn.

Sister-in-law of Hezron, Alice, Evelyn, the late Paul, the late Thomas, the late Julius, and the late Eliakim.

Maternal aunt of Dickson, Ceaser, Doughty, Noel, Sammy, Jimmy, Okunda, Moses, Wafu and Harriet many others. Paternal Aunt of Edgar, Ngaira, Johnstone, Solomon, Muhenje and many others.

Fond grandmother; "Shosh" of, Faisal, Nimrod, Louis, Alison, Igleciuous, Lauryn, Leon's, Carlos, Blessing, Roy, Miss Ellysse, Ethan, Khloe, Jessica, Shantel, Ryan, Shawn, Milan, Miguel, Migdal, Angela, Simba, Fred Jnr, Kayla, Amari, Jayson, Brayson, Jaydon, Natasha, Aiden and Leyla.

Family and friends are meeting daily at her residence at place M, Lubao, kakamega for prayers and support.

The cortege will leave Kakamega Funeral Home on Friday 3rd October 2025, at 9:00 am for a requiem mass and overnight stay, at her home at place M, Kakungu, kakamega, until 4th October 2025 where the burial will take place starting 9am.

Verse: John 11:25

Death and Funeral Announcement



Dorothy Syombua Nzivo
Sunrise: 31st March 1974 –
Sunset: 24th September 2025

It is with great sorrow and humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing of Dorothy Syombua Nzivo, that occurred at Kenyatta National Hospital on the 24th of September 2025 after a short illness. She was the last-born daughter of the late Mzee Joseph Kilonzo Muloki and the late Beatrice Muneo Muloki.

She was the spouse of Moses Ndunda Nzivo. Mother & Mentor of Zelfar, David and Flavian. Doting Grandmother of Ezra, Anella, Zenani, Adrielle, Asher, Scully, Silver, Sanchia, Raphael, Japheth, Marion, Michelle, Zani, Amari, Raheim and Saviana. Sister of Margaret Masila and Jonathan Kilonzo. Sister-in-law of Michael Musembi, Anthony Muisyo, Jane Munyoki, Catherine Nitca, the late Florence Itumbi, the late Thomas Mbuvi, the late Francis Mutuku, Esther Muoki, Teresa Musembi, Hon Catherine Muia (Machakos County Assembly), Janet Muisyo & Josphine Musembi.

Cousin of Regina, Tom, Maureen, Charles, Liz, Elizabeth, John, Winnie, Dorothy, Prisca, Samuel and Chris. Niece of Monica Kavindu, Mary Mueni, Naomi Kilonzo, Musyoki, Jane, Timothy, Roy, Tabitha, the late Zipporah, the late Paul, the late Peter, the late Daniel, the late Benard. Aunt of Maxine, Mitchell, Zola, Brian, Harry, Angela, Nzomo, Winnie, Francis, Richard, Irene, Dick & Harry, Vicky, Mark, Allan, Ivy, Evans, Lynne, Nicholas, Flo, Jane, Victoria, among others (58).

Friends and relatives are meeting daily at her Residence in Kyekoyo village, Kinyui for prayers and funeral arrangements. Contributions can be channeled to **Pay Bill No. 8030456 (Dorothy Syombua Nzivo farewell) Account - Your Name**. The cortege leaves Montezuma funeral home Mbagathi Way Nairobi on Friday, 3rd October 2025 at 6:30 am for the burial in Matungulu East sub county, Kinyui, Kyekoyo village.

Wisdom 3:11 "But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them"

Jerioth Wambui Kamau
1st Anniversary



24th November 1937 - 22nd September 2024

A year ago, the Lord called you home.

In our hearts you remain the most amazing mother and grandmother, sister and aunt, friend and confidant. We thank God for you and for the life you lived among us. You were a source of strength for so many and to this day we feel your encouragement, your unwavering support and love in all that we do.

To our dear relatives and friends, whether you kept us in your thoughts, or remembered us in your prayers, sent a word of comfort, visited with us, made a memorial donation, or helped us in anyway, please know that your love and kindness brought us great comfort and will always be remembered.

The Kamau Family

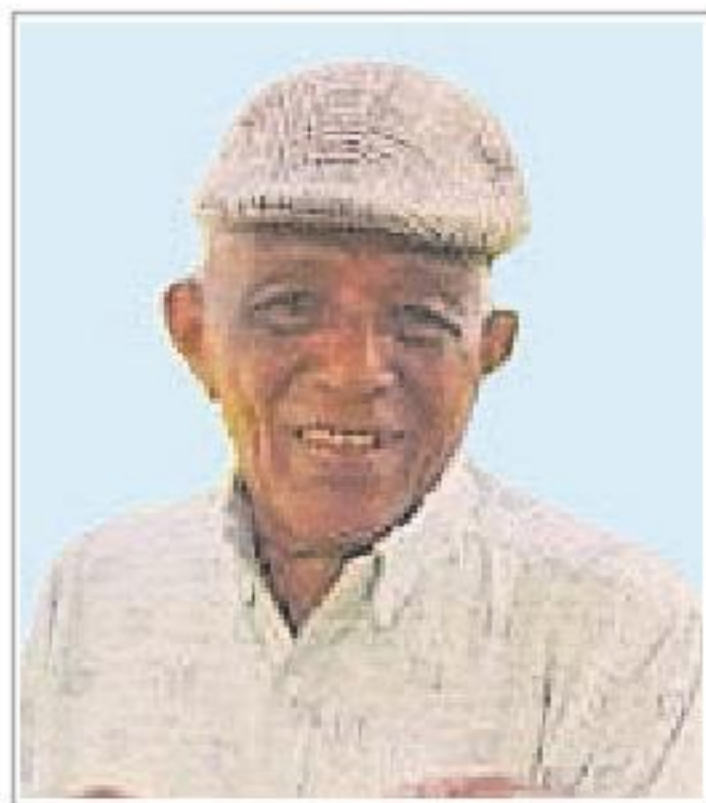
"Philippians 1:3 Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God."

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



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Death and Funeral Announcement



Joseph Ndegwa Gaitho

It is with deep sorrow, yet with humble acceptance of God's will, that we announce the passing of our beloved Mr Joseph Ndegwa Gaitho on Thursday, 25th September 2025. Born on 1947 in Nanyuki, Laikipia County.

Ndegwa was the son of the late Peter Gaitho and the late Rahab Wanjiku

He was a devoted husband of the late Hannah Wanjiru Ndegwa. Loving father of Francis Wamunye, Lucy Njeri, Peter Ndungu, John Ndegwa, Harry Kiboi and Peter Gaitho and proud grandfather to many.

He was a brother of Mary Gaitho the late John Wamutitu and Harrison Kiboi

He was a father-in-law of to many

The cortege leaves Montezuma Funeral Home on Friday the 2nd October 2025 at 9:00 a.m. for a funeral and burial service at Ruia at 10:00 a.m.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord... for they will rest from their labor." — Revelation 14:13

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Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with deep sorrow and in humble acceptance of God's will, we announce the passing of **Kennedy Libese Omwangale** of Africa International University, who passed on at Nairobi West Hospital after a period of illness.



Kennedy Libese Omwangale

Sunrise: 10th June, 1981
Sunset: 21st September, 2025

He was a beloved husband of Nancy Atamba, devoted father of the late Justus Babu, Andrew Isuvi, David Obeche, Melvine Ayuma, Sharon Libese, Margaret Muhonja, and Douglas Omwangale. Son of Ellon Omwangale and Margaret Ayuma. Brother of Damaris Awendi, Risper Kadesa, Nebat Adundo, Paul Oluakwa, Moses Isuvi, Christine Khawaya, and Stephen Odiero.

The cortege leaves Nairobi West Hospital Funeral Home on October 2, 2025, for a memorial service at Africa International University's Chapel at 11:30 a.m., followed by burial at his home in Chebilat Village, Kobjuji Ward, Aldai Sub County - Nandi County, on October 4, 2025.

Daily meetings are being held at his residence at Africa International University from 4:00 p.m. until **Wednesday, October 1, 2025.**

"Blessed are those who die in the Lord... they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them." (Revelation 14:13).

Celebration of Life

With humble acceptance of God's will, we announce the death of **Margaret Waithira Kimani (Mama Kang'ethe)** on Sunday 28th September 2025. Beloved wife of **Mr. Kimani Kang'ethe (Chamber of Commerce, Thika)** and, cherished daughter of the late Laban Kimani and Loise Mugure.



Margaret Waithira Kimani (Mama Kang'ethe)

She was a devoted mother of Anne Wambui, the late Rose Mugure, Jane Chege (Del monte), Susan Anampui, and Moses Kang'ethe (USA). A loving sister of the late Harrison Njau, the late Grace Gathuiya, the late Ayub Karanja, the late Hezekiah Macharia, the late Leonard Thuo, Willie Gituto, and Mary Muigai.

Margaret was a treasured mother-in-law of Samuel Muigai, David Chege (DC, Lay Canon Thika Diocese), Eric Anampui, and Kathy Kimani. She was grandmother of Walter Karanja, Bilha Wakanyi, Anita Wanjiru, Kevin Anampui, Carl Kimani, Edi-Baraka Njuguna, Agnes Anampui, Ryan Kimani, Joana Kimani, and Cristabel Waithera; and great-grandmother of Nadley Mugure, Tashley Wachu, Dashley Muigai, Sashley Wakanyi, Elsie Wangui, Kelsie Mugure, Willis Kariungi, and Chelsie Wanjiku.

She was a beloved cousin, aunt, and friend to many.

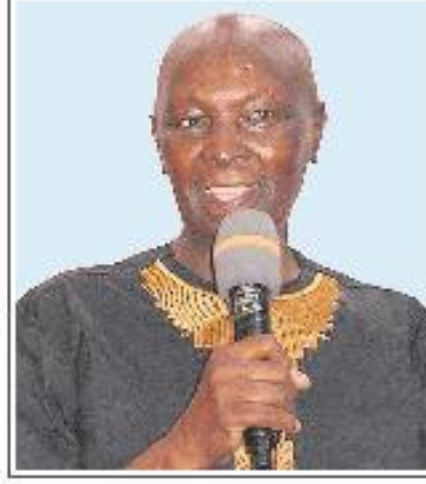
Family and friends are meeting daily at the family home in **Ngoingwa (near Classic Amona Arcade)** for prayers and funeral arrangements.

The cortege will depart from **Monalisa Montezuma Funeral Home, Kabati**, on **Friday, 3rd October 2025 at 8:00 a.m.**, followed by a funeral service at **P.C.E.A Elijah Kagiri Church, Thika**, and thereafter burial at her family home in **Nyaga Village, Kihumbuini Location, Gatanga Constituency.**

"Blessed are those who die in the Lord... they will rest from their labor, for their deeds follow them." - Revelation 14:13

Celebration of a Life Well Lived

It is with deep sorrow and humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the sudden passing of **Dr. George Muia Amos** of Athi River Medical Services (ARMS) Mutonguni that occurred on 25th September 2025.



Dr. George Muia Amos

Sunrise: 17th December 1954
Sunset: 25th September 2025

The late Dr. George was married to his beloved wife Magdalene Mutinda Muia and they were blessed with three Children Elijah Musyoka (Lucky), Janet Mwikali and Amos Kioko. He was grandfather of Mitchel, Eric, Nolan, Zion, and Alyssa, and great grandfather of Jabali.

He was a son of the late Amos Makuthi Kitwaa and Serah Mwikali Makuthi. George was brother of the late Jacob, the late Josiah, Esther Kitunge, the late Peter Mwangi, Aron Makuthi, Sammy Maweu Makuthi, Irene Maini, Faith Nthenya and Margaret Mumo.

He was uncle of Peter, Mwangeli, Manthi, Richard, Janet, Charles, Stella, Victor, Cypryan, Japheth, Violet, Mercy, Stephen, Samson, James, Wambua, Kitwaa, Mwende, Sarah, and Chris.

The late George was cousin of Nzioki Maia, John Nthuku, Peter Kasuni among others. He was son-in-law of the late Yulu Kivinda and late Sabina Yulu Kivinda.

Meetings and Prayers are held every day at Acacia- Athi River Home, Ngini Home and Suraya (Kwa DC).

There will be fund raising on 1st October 2025 at Guest, Athi River at 5:00 PM and a Memorial Service on 2nd October 2025 at Dr. George's Athi River Home (Acacia) at 4:00 PM. The funeral will be held on Friday, 3rd of October 2025 at Ngini Village, Off Malili (MSA ROAD), Machakos County.

In Gods arm you rest, in out hearts you live forever.

Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing of **Kelly Wanjiru Gatharia**.



Kelly Wanjiru Gatharia

Sunrise: 1998 ~ Sunset: 2025

Daughter of Wilson Gatharia Waithaka and Zipporah Wangari. Beloved sister of Charlton Waithaka Gatharia and Jayden Kimura.

Auntie of Zipporah Njeri and Shannel Wambui and many others.

Grand daughter of the late Charles Waithaka Ndirangu and the late Phyllis Wanjiru Waithaka, Samuel Nganga Kimura and Margaret Njeri Nganga. Niece and cousin to many.

Funeral meetings are being held daily at the family home in Mugutha area, Ruiru Sub County and at Bahati Ahero Nakuru County.

The cortege leaves KU Referral Mortuary on Friday 3rd October, 2025 at 6:00am for funeral service at PCEA Rehema Church, Bahati, Nakuru County and thereafter burial at the family home near the church.

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

Death and Funeral Announcement



KISII UNIVERSITY



Hellen Nyaboke Atandi

Sunrise: 16.07.1970 ~ Sunset: 25.09.2025

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the death of Hellen Nyaboke Atandi which occurred on 25th September 2025 at Christamariane Hospital, Kisii.

She was born in Wanjare Location, Bonyando Sub Location, Kisii.

Daughter of the late Patrick Atandi Ongeri and Maria Kwamboka Atandi.

Wife of Chrisoph Thenya Mwangi.

Mother of Georgina Kerubo Thenya, Precious Wanjiku Thenya and Maria Njeri Thenya.

Grandmother of Fancy Lezina Georgina and Nicole Morgan Georgina.

Sister of the late Agnes Gechanga, Priscilla Rosana, the late Catherine Rasugu, Regina Mutende, Modestus Namodi, Salome Atandi, Rebecca Mounde, the late Ronald Atandi and Veronica Ondaba.

Daughter-in-law of Harrison Mwangi and Rachel Mwangi, Sister-in-law of Harron Thuo, Evans Ndegwa, the late Jedida Njeri, Johnson Wando, Antony Irungu and the late Kevin Thiongo.

She was a lovely lady well known for her charisma, great generosity and her zeal for preaching the good news.

Family and friends are meeting daily at her home in Mwembe, Kisii for mass. There will be a Requiem mass on Thursday, 2nd October 2025 at Kisii University.

The funeral will be held on Friday, 3rd October 2025 at Nakuru South Cemetery.

Death and Funeral Announcement



James Maina Mugweru

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the demise of the James Maina Mugweru of Kahawa West after a long illness on 25th September 2025 at The Nairobi West Hospital. He was a former town clerk at Karatina, Kerugoya, Teso and Bungoma Municipalities.

He was the son of Rose Wambui Wang'odu. Husband of Catherine Mumbi Warui of Nairobi County Government. Father of Nickson Mugweru and Hotensia.

Brother of William Mugweru and grandfather of Noel Wachira. He was a son in Law of the late Moses Warui Kamanja and Rose Wangechi Warui.

The cortege leaves Kenyatta University Referral Hospital Funeral Home for burial on 03rd October 2025 at 7:00am. The funeral services will be held at his rural home in Chieni, Mikundi in Mathira, Nyeri County.

Funeral meetings are being held daily at Exit 11 (inn) Eastern Bypass and at his rural home in Chieni, Mathira.

2nd Timothy 4:7 ~ 1, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing on of **John Rufus Wachira**. He hails from Muruguru in Nyeri Central, Nyeri County.



John Rufus Wachira

May 7th 1935 to
September 25th 2025

Son of Rufus Muchemi and Mary Nyokabi (both are deceased).

Husband of Grace Mumbi Wachira.

Father of Mary Nyokabi Gathuma (Nyahururu), Jane Muthoni Warui (Kitengela), Muchemi Wachira, Rose Ndichu (Nyahururu), Charles Waruru and James Gitonga (Mombasa).

Father-in-law of John Gathuma, Stephen Warui, Waceera Muchemi (Ministry of Labour, Naks), Frederick Ndichu, Rosemary Waruru (Outspan Hospital) and Mary Gitonga (Mombasa).

Grandfather of Winston Wachira, Christabel Wangechi, Kelvin Wachira, Collins Muchemi, Wachira Muchemi, Mumbi Muchemi, Kelvin Njuguna, Job Wachira, Edwin Kimani, Dennis Wachira, Stella Mumbi, Joy Muthoni, Olivia Mumbi and Austin Wachira.

Great grandfather of Daudi Nguyai, Luka Gathuma and Mark Mbugua.

Brother of the late Phoebe Wanjiku, Jerioth Wambui Kamundia, the late James Gitonga, Rahab Muriru, Eva Wambugu and the late Peter Kigera.

He was brother-in-law of the late Esau Wachira, the late Gabriel Warui, Jack Githae, Earnest Njuguna, the late Joseph Mwangi Kamoni and the late Veronica Njoki.

Friends and relatives are meeting daily at his home, Muruguru, Nyeri for prayers and funeral arrangements. The cortege leaves Nyeri Funeral Home (Outspan) on 3rd October 2025 at 8:00 am for a Funeral service to be held at Muruguru PCEA church and burial thereafter at his Muruguru home in Nyeri Central, Nyeri County.

Death and Funeral Announcement



Ian Munyua Kimani

Sunrise: 12th December, 2000 - Sunset: 27th September, 2025

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the death of Ian Munyua Kimani.

He was the son of Daniel Kimani Munyua of Ardagh Glass and Leah Wanjiru Mugo - Kimani. He was a brother of Jackline Watiri of Bishop Gatimu Girls.

Ian was the grandson of Margaret Watiri, the late Joseph Munyua Warugu, David Mugo Theuri and the late Jane Wairimu Mugo.

Family and friends are meeting daily for prayers at his parents residence at Mugutha - Ruiru from 5:00pm.

The funeral service will be held at St. Benedict Catholic Parish Kiamuiru on 3, October, 2025 and later the body will be laid to rest at his parents' home at Githiru Village.

Eternal rest grant unto Ian O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon him.

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- Helen Keller -

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FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Today, October 1st, 2025, marks one year since you departed to be with the Lord.

With hearts still heavy, we gather in remembrance and gratitude for the time we shared as a family. You were a cherished husband of **Veronica Ligedere**, a committed father of the late Mary Wambugu, Michael, Leonard, Jane Lucy, Patrick, the late Henry, Dr. Olivia, Morgan, the late Edith, and Dennis. Your love, wisdom, and unwavering presence continue to guide us as we navigate the pain of this physical separation.

You took immense pride in your family. Your 22 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren fondly remember you. As a father-in-law, you embraced Caleb Wambugu, Aggrey Kikaya, Christine Anzeze, Fatima Musa, Caroline Musotsi, Stella Barasa, Dolphine Otieno, Oliver Elolo, and Calvin Jerry as your own.

We also honor the memory of your late siblings: Herman Mung'asia, Ernest Mugajibera, Elizabeth Mujidi, Alex Mukhomoli, and Andrew Galani. You were a brother-in-law to Ferdinand Lubale and the late Arnold Lubale, Perpetua Ikumiru, Darya Muteshi, Cecilia Waswala, Juliana Mulama, Regina Butoyi, and Coleta Mmbwavi.

Though one year has passed since we said our farewells, not a day goes by without thoughts of you. Your absence is deeply felt, yet your spirit endures within us—in our memories, our values, and the legacy you left behind.

You lived with purpose and service, touching many lives as an educator.

Through faith, wisdom, patience, and an unwavering commitment to the truth, you shaped minds and inspired others through words and your example of integrity and humility.

Your faith in God was steadfast. Your unwavering faith, humility, gentle strength, and loving example continue to guide us. Though we miss you deeply, we carry your laughter, lessons, and love in our hearts, and honor you in how we live and love each other.

We express our heartfelt gratitude to all our cousins and friends, Dad's friends, the Roman Catholic Church, Kwambulana & Mungoma Welfare, the Kakamega County Administration, and the medical teams at Eldoret Hosp. and Ampath Turbo, who supported us through this journey.

We thank God for the gift of your life, honoring you today and always.

Forever in our hearts.
Your legacy lives on.



**In Loving Memory of
Our Beloved Father
Lawrence Mugali Ligedere
1939 – 2024
A Loving Dad—Devoted, Tender, and Kind.**

Celebration of Life Well Lived



**Moses Paul Rugutt
Sunrise: 20/05/1944 ~ Sunset: 21/09/2025**

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the promotion to glory of Moses Paul Rugutt of Borop Village – Sachangwan – Nakuru County and Chesilyot, Londiani - Kericho County which occurred on Sunday, 21st September 2025.

Son of the late Samwel Kiprugutt Arap Tole and the late Anne Tole and Rebecca Tole.

Husband of the late Eunice Rugutt and Grace Rugutt.

Father of Benard Bii, Emily Rugutt, Philip Bii, Late Weldon Bii, Irine Rotich, the late Chepkurui, Mary Chepkemoi, Eng. Dennis Bii, Gilbert Bii, Hilda Mutai, Dr. Antony Bii, Alice Chepkurui, Coach Peter Bii, Eng. Joshua Bii, Beatrice Chebii and Naomi Chebet.

Brother of the late John Rono (Kiplutan), Stanley Busienei, Esther Tabelgaa Chelogoi, the late Daniel Barng'oror, Wilson Rugutt, James Rugutt, Stephen Rugutt, Ruth Cheruiyot, the late Joseph Rugutt and Samwel Rugutt.

Father-in-law of Caroline Bii, Pauline Bii, Evaline Bii, Janet Bii, Purity Bii, Eng. Deanne Bii, Beatrice Bii, the late Vincent Rotich, Dennis Mutai and Wesley Chebii.

He was blessed with many grand-children and great grand-children.

The cortege will leave Umash Funeral Home - Nakuru on Thursday, 2nd October, 2025 for short prayers at home in Kapcheplanga –Londiani – Kericho County and thereafter leave for Borop Village in Sachangwan – Nakuru County for prayers and overnight Vigil.

Funeral service and burial will be held on Friday, 3rd October, 2025 starting 10:00am at his Home in Borop Village Sachangwan -Nakuru County.

Job 1:21 "The lord gave, and the lord has taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord"

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

— Ralph Waldo Emerson —



Celebrating our Patriarch

It is with profound sadness and acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing on of our beloved John Philip Luusa on Saturday 27th September, 2025.

John was the beloved husband of the Late Irene Nthoki Luusa of Syalavo Village, Kyawango Location, Machakos County. Father of Kenneth & Jacqueline Luusa, Beatrice & David Icharia, Marshal & Jibek Luusa, Paula & Roderick Weir and David & Soila Luusa. Doting grandfather of John, Philip & Ivy, Daudi, Irene, James, Daniela, Elijah, Lewis, Magana, Imani and Lengai.

Son of the late Ngyema Kivuvo and the late Beatrice Mutuku Ngyema and the late Naomi Mwiombe Ngyema. Brother of the late Joshua, the late Jones, the late King'waa Mutinda, the late Ruth Mumo, Obadiah Musyoki, Justus Mutuku, the late Peter Kimuli, and Charles Nzioka.

Son-in-law of the late George Sila Katumbi and Anna Wavinya Sila of Mango Location, Machakos County. Brother-in-law of the late Daniel Ngungu, the late Mwikali Masyuko, the late Constance Ndinda, the late David Ngumbau, Margaret Sila, Samuel Katumbi, the late Danson Kasyoka, the late Jackson Ndivo, and Mary Ndunge.

Uncle to many.

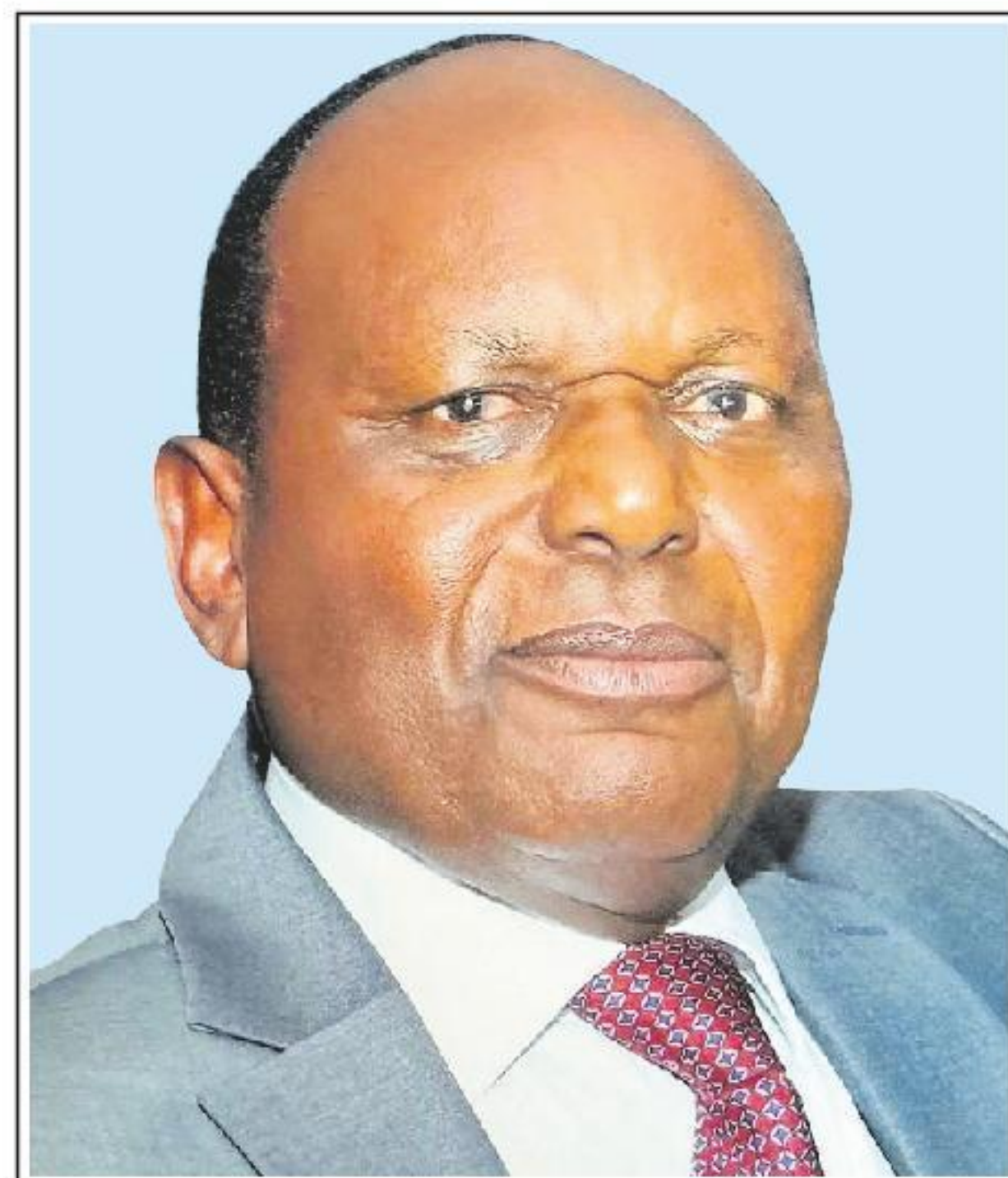
In-law of Felix & the late Margaret Pinto, Hon. John Kamau & Phyllis Wandia Icharia, the late Bolot Baikojoev & the late Valentina Baikojoeva, the late Donald & the late Doreen Weir and the late Dr Magana Njoroge Mungai & Njeri Mungai.

A beloved friend to many.

Friends and family are meeting for prayers at PCEA Loresho Community Church, on Kaumoni Close today at 5:00pm, tomorrow Thursday 2nd October, 2025 and on Sunday, 5th October, 2025 at 3:00pm.

A memorial Service will be held at PCEA Loresho Community Church, on Kaumoni Close on Wednesday 8th October, 2025 at 9:00am. The interment will be held on Thursday 9th October, 2025 at 10:00am, at Syalavo Village, Kyawango Location, Machakos County.

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Philippians 1:21



**John Philip Luusa
2nd November, 1942 – 27th September, 2025**

Sport



Football
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Athletics Former Boston Marathon champion and legislator Elijah Lagat dies in Eldoret P.32

Malungu named new men's hockey team head coach

BY AGNES MAKHANDIA

Experienced coach Michael Malungu has been named the new head coach of Kenya men's hockey team ahead of the African Cup of Nations scheduled for October 11-18 at the Suez Canal Authority Hockey Stadium in Ismailia, Egypt.

The event will be a qualifier for the 2026 International Hockey Federation World Cup to be co-hosted by Netherlands and Belgium.

Malungu, who led Western Jaguars men's hockey team to their first ever Kenya Hockey Union men's Premier League title last season, was the assistant coach to Fedhilis Kimanzi during World Cup qualifiers in South Africa in 2023.

Speaking after being named the coach during the unveiling of the national men's and women's teams by KHU chairman Nashon Randiek, Malungu noted they have a harlequin task ahead.

Also present were KHU treasurer Godfrey Bila and vice-chairperson Elyna Shiveka at the City Park Hockey Stadium in Nairobi yesterday.

Malungu said playing against top-ranked teams like Egypt, South Africa, Ghana and Nigeria in a round robin format will not be easy but noted that their objective will be to improve the teams' rankings. Kenya is ranked 71, while the women's team is placed 34. The Netherlands lead the rankings in both gender. "It feels good that I have been named the new head coach for the men's senior team. I have been assistant coach before and I have also been the head coach for the men's U-21 and Hockey -5- aside," he said.

"This is my first time to be head coach at the senior level. I look forward to the task. I have worked with most of these players before and as long as there is synergy, then achieving our goals will not be difficult," said Malungu.

He added: "Our match schedule is hard but it will go down to how we will tackle our first and second opponents (Egypt and South Africa). Once we get it right there, then we will know how to manoeuvre against Nigeria and Zambia. But all in all, it's a good squad that is capable of registering good performance."

Malungu was head coach during the World Cup 5-aside in 2024 in Oman where Kenya finished seventh. He was also the coach during the Under 21 Cup of Nations in Egypt 2023.

Women's team coach Meshack Senge said they are targeting a podium finish and if all goes well, to play in the final. Senge, who coaches both the men's and women's teams of Strathmore University in the Premier League, said their goal is to play in 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games.

"The team is a mixture of young and experienced players and I believe we have what it takes to play in the final. We have trained well although with few shortcomings such as training at the City Park Stadium which is not a standardised facility. It is also worn out. This has an impact on players," said Senge.

Strathmore University defender Lynne Tamunai has retained the armband and will be assisted by Blazers defender Vivian Onyango.

FOOTBALL Kenyan, Tanzania legends face off in final in Nairobi

Harambee Stars retired footballers will face their Tanzania counterparts today in this year's East African Legends Football final at the University of Nairobi.

Former Uganda Cranes internationals will take on Western Kenya Legends in a third placed play-off at the same venue. The two-day tournament is part of UN's activities to commemorate the United Nations Day for Older Persons marked on October 1. The tournament is sponsored by Suqoon and Age-Watch. Ex-Harambee Stars internationals, coached by James Nandwa, qualified for the final after edging out their Ugandan counterparts 1-0, courtesy of a Mike Amwayi strike. Tanzanian former players, under the tutelage of King Abdallah Kibademi Mputa, advanced after trouncing Western Kenya Legends 6-1 in the first semi-final.

John Ashihundu

RUGBY No complacency, Boks coach says as Argentina calls

South Africa have their feet firmly on the ground ahead of a Rugby Championship "final" against Argentina in London on Saturday as they head into the tussle as heavy favourites having thumped their opponents 67-30 in Durban last weekend. Coach Rassie Erasmus says there will be no complacency from his players despite scoring 110 points in their last two matches, including inflicting a heaviest ever test defeat on New Zealand with a 43-10 win in Wellington. The results have sparked gushing praise from the media and fans, but Erasmus knows all too well that fortunes can fluctuate wildly. "It's not the players who are talking themselves up and making a fuss about themselves," Erasmus told reporters in London after naming his team yesterday. "It's fans, we love the support." (Reuters)

War on doping Treasury "denying" sports activities funds

MPs' fury as WADA suspension looms

Kenya has until Friday to comply with all anti-doping requirements or face ban

BY MICHAEL KIRWA AND AYUMBA AYODI

MPs have accused the National Treasury of re-allocating funds meant for sports, especially the fight against doping, to other things.

Departmental Committee on Sports and Culture chairman Dan Wanyama said this has now put Kenya in jeopardy with the World Anti-Doping Agency threatening to ban the country from hosting major sporting events.

This came ahead of Friday's deadline that WADA set for Kenya to fully comply with its code or risk suspension.

WADA, on September 12, declared Kenya non-compliant accusing the country of flouting its code. It gave the Anti-Doping Agency of Kenya (ADAK) 21 days to correct its non-conformities in full or risk suspension beginning October 3, this year.

No one at ADAK or the Sports ministry was willing to commit and state the progress so far made in addressing WADA concerns.

A statement after the WADA Executive Committee meeting in Prague, Czechia, warned that if the suspension is effected and the country still doesn't comply within six to 12 months, there could be further consequences including an international ban.

WADA said Kenya shall not be awarded the right to host any future editions of regional, continental or world championships, as well as other international events, until ADAK is reinstated.

This means that Kenya's bid to host the 2029 World Athletics Championships, the annual World Athletics Continental Gold Tour's Kip Keino Classic and Sirikwa Classic Cross Country Championships will be in jeopardy.

"The National Treasury is a problematic ministry," said Wanyama, who spoke when his committee met with Sports PS Elijah Mwangi and the Director General, Public Investments and Portfolio Management Lawrence Kibet.

Also present in the meeting that was convened to deliberate on, among other matters, the National Treasury's re-allocating funds already appropriated to sports agencies by Parliament



The National Assembly Committee on Sports and Culture chairman Dan Wanyama during a visit to Kipchoge Keino Stadium in Eldoret on April 11 to assess progress on its construction. JARED NYATAYA | NATION

were the Sports, Arts, and Social Development Fund (SASDEF) chief executive officer Nuh Ibrahim.

Wanyama noted that the Treasury has a history of underfunding sports agencies through reallocation of their funds. In particular, the committee was incensed by the Treasury's failure to allocate funds to the ADAK.

Wanyama noted that the funding of ADAK, and other sports agencies, was an issue of extreme importance and ordered Kibet to ensure the Treasury allocates funds to the agency with immediate effect as had been appropriated by Parliament. He also urged the Treasury to cease reallocating funds meant for sports activities and agencies to other causes not related to the growth and development of sports in the country.

"The World Anti-Doping Agency is now on Kenya's neck with a doping ban because we have failed to meet some of their recommendations yet this is a problem we had solved by allocating funds to Adak," Mwangi West MP and committee member, Charles Nguna

said as he berated Kibet and Treasury officials present in the meeting. Inconsistency in funding from the government, which has affected ADAK operations since last year, is the major reason WADA has been forced to act.

Yesterday, ADAK CEO Peninah Wahome said PS Mwangi was better placed to give an official statement on WADA threats but hastened that they were working around the clock to close matters before WADA's deadline.

"This is a critical issue but we hope it will be resolved before the deadline," said Wahome.

In September last year, then ADAK chairman Daniel Makdwallo revealed that their operations had ground due to lack of adequate funding from the government. Makdwallo said they had not conducted wholesome testing as it should owing to the drastic cut of funding by the treasury.

ADAK had not been unable to operate after their funding was reduced from Sh298 million to Sh20 million in this financial year.

Kenya unveils star-studded squad for Region IV golf tournament in Madagascar

BY LARRY NGALA

The Golf Union (KGU) has named the four-man team that will take part in the 2025 Africa Region IV championships in Antananarivo, Madagascar, from November 25-29th.

That team that will be captained by Kenya's number one amateur John Lejirmah, has Windsor Golf Hotel and Country Club's Michael Karanga Warigia, who is also the Ndumberi Golf Club

chairman. Lejirmah is currently ranked 74th in the World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR). This season, Warigia has won five titles in the KAGC series. He is currently ranked number two in the country, and 70th in the world.

KGU chairman Chris Kinuthia, speaking during the prize giving ceremony of the inaugural Nanyuki Open, said, "This team reflects the strength and depth of Kenyan golf at both senior and junior levels. We are confident they will rise to

the occasion and bring the trophy"

Nanyuki Open is a Kenya Amateur Golf Championship (KAGC) series event. Last year, Karanga, the current Kenya Amateur Match Play Champion, spearheaded the Kenya team to secure its third back-to-back Africa Region 1V title at the Kigali Golf Resort and Villas in Rwanda. Kenya beat rivals for the third year to take the cup for good, having won it in 2022, at Victoria Serena Golf Resort in Kigo Uganda, and Addis

Golf Club in Ethiopia in 2023.

Ndumberi's Elvis Muigua, who is currently in third position in the KAGC series, chasing the top two for the title at the end of the year, has also remained in the team. Muigua was in the winning team at both Kigali and Addis Ababa.

Currently ranked 418th in the world, Muigua is enjoying great form having won three events - Diani Beach Masters and Malindi Open, back-to-back.

Joining the senior team for the first

time is Junaid Ayaz Manji from Sigona, replacing Nyal's Adel Taufiq Balala.

Junaid is Kenya's top junior golfer, ranked 822nd in WAGR. He has two titles this year. He was the captain of the junior team to the All Africa Junior Golf Team Championship last year at Benoni Country Club in South Africa.

Kinuthia said the team will soon start training under veteran professional coach Saleem Haji, formerly of Vipingo Ridge, but now based in Nairobi.

Uefa Champions League PSG have also been bolstered by return of Portuguese Neves



Boost for Barcelona's bid to end losing run against PSG

Barca will be boosted by return of teenager Yamal as they seek to turn tables on French champions

BARCELONA

Barcelona manager Hansi Flick is embracing the challenge of facing Paris St Germain in the Champions League group stage today, despite the French side having caused the Spanish side problems in recent years.

The French defending champions eliminated Barca in the 2021 round of 16 and the 2024 quarter-finals, winning on their last two visits to the Camp Nou.

The stakes are, however, lower in the revamped group stage format, and both sides will be depleted by injuries.

PSG will be without captain Marquinhos, Ballon d'Or winner Ousmane Dembele, Khvicha Kvaratskhelia and Desire Doue, and Barcelona goalkeeper Joan Garcia, forward Raphinha and long-term absentee Gavi are unavailable.

"It's a different competition and we're playing against last season's best team. I love what

I saw from them last year. It's a big challenge and we're looking forward to this match," Flick told reporters yesterday.

The German coach dismissed talk of revenge.

"I don't think about the last match, I focus on the next one. I don't think about the past, we'll both be different, everything has changed completely."

Barcelona, the LaLiga champions, will be boosted by the return of teenage forward Lamine Yamal from a groin injury. The 18-year-old helped Barca beat Real Sociedad on Sunday to leapfrog Real Madrid atop the Spanish standings.

"I don't like this 'super' label," Flick said of Yamal. "He's exceptional, but he's 18 and needs to focus on working hard. He has the talent to take another step forward, but it's about effort and improving all aspects of his game, including defensively."

The 35-year-old Wojciech Szczesny is set to start in goal. "He's a Barca player, of course

he's ready," Flick said. "Last year we won three titles with him, so he's definitely ready. Injuries are part of the game, and we have the quality to manage them."

Flick emphasised the importance of staying focused. "We are Barcelona, and we like being favourites for the Champions League, but we know it takes a lot of work. I don't think about the past, we're both different teams now. Everything has changed completely."

Barcelona beat Newcastle United in their opening group-stage match, and PSG started their title defence by thrashing Atalanta 4-0.

Meanwhile, Portugal midfielder Joao Neves is back in the PSG squad for the holders' away game against Barcelona in the Champions League, the Ligue 1 club said yesterday.

Neves had been absent since picking up a hamstring injury in PSG's 4-0 hammering of Atalanta in their first game of the European campaign two weeks ago.

Fellow Portugal midfielder Vitorinha has also been included in the squad after being substituted in the first half of the Ligue 1 champions' match against AJ Auxerre last Saturday.

Georgian forward Khvicha Kvaratskhelia, who sustained a thigh injury, does not feature in the squad for Wednesday's game.

Centre back Marquinhos, and forwards Ousmane Dembele and Desire Doue also miss out due to injury.

FC Barcelona's Lamine Yamal during their Champions League - Quarter Final - First Leg match against Borussia Dortmund on April 9. NACHO DOCE / REUTERS

Para Athletics

Going gets tough as Lokedi, Mushai miss out on medals in India

BY AYUMBA AYODI

It seems Kenyan men will wait a bit longer before securing medals at the ongoing World Para-Athletics Championships in New Delhi, India.

Podium finish proved elusive on the fourth day of the championships for the men as Samwel Mushai, John Lokedi and Rajab Chetty fell short in their respective events finals.

Mushai, the 2017 and 2019 world 5,000 metres champion, guided by Jean Kipchumba, finished fourth in the men's 1,500m T11 in season best four minutes and 4:08.80.

It's the Paris Paralympics 1,500m champion Yeltsin Jacques from Brazil, who reigned supreme, edging out his compatriot Paris Paralympics 1,500m bronze medallist Julio Ceaser Agripino for gold. Jacques won in a Championship Record of 4:02.02 as Agripino crossed the line in 4:05.61 for silver with Fedor Rudakov going for bronze in 4:06.51.

It was all over for Mushai after he was disqualified in the 5,000m T11 final on Saturday.

Things also proved tough for Lokedi in his quest in the men's 1,500m T13 final where he finished a distant eighth in 4:05.84 as American Joel Gomez bounced back from a seventh place finish at last year's Paris Paralympic Games to claim his maiden world victory.

Gomez, the 2019 world junior 1,500m and 400m T13 champion, stunned the Paris Paralympics 1,500m T13 champion Aleksandr Kostin, a neural national, clocking 3:57.51 to triumph. Kostin, who also won bronze in 5,000m at the Paris Paralympics, managed a season best 3:57.80 for the silver medal as Jaryd Clifford from Australia timed 3:58.87 for bronze.

Lokedi hopes to salvage some pride in the men's 5,000m T13 final, his specialty, today.

Lokedi takes on defending champion Yassine Ouhdadi from Spain, who is also the 2020 Tokyo and 2024 Paris Paralympics 5,000m T13 champion. Also in action is the 2024 world 1,500m T13 champion, Anton Kuliatin, a neutral nationality athlete with silver medallists in 5,000m and 1,500m T13 from Paris Paralympics. Chetty, who was making his second appearance at the world championships, settled for 11th place with a throw of 10.19m in shotput T11. It's the Paris Paralympics champion Amirhossein Alipour Darbeid from Iran, who retained his title from 2024 Kobe, Japan in a Championship Record distance of 14.59m, beating the previous record of 14.56 by Casinos Sierra from Spain from 2002 Villeneuve, France.

Multi-talented Stency Neema chalked personal best in 12.98 in women's 100m T47 but finished in fourth place in her semi-final.

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PSG's victory over Atalanta in their first game of the European campaign two weeks ago

Champions League

Teen forward Yamal boost as Barcelona seek to turn tables on French champions PSG in crucial match P.31



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How mission to shed off weight shaped Lagat into celebrated marathoner

BY BERNARD ROTICH

He was already 27 when he gained interest in road racing in 1992. And winning medals was not the motivation for Elijah Lagat, who would become a celebrated marathoner in the world. A doctor had told Lagat that he had a lot of fat around his heart and that he needed to lose some weight.

He started jogging, and in 1993, felt he could compete in a marathon. He started training. That same year, he took part in the Mombasa Marathon, his first competitive race. He finished second in a time of 2:17:14.

Lagat, who died in Eldoret yesterday, would end up with a distinguished career both in athletics and in public service, after serving as MP for Emgwen and Chesumei constituencies. He went for the Emgwen parliamentary seat on a KANU ticket in 2002 and lost to NARC's Tarus. No one imagined Lagat would become a world beater. By the age of 27, most athletes are already veterans.

His family said Lagat, the former Boston Marathon champion, died after a short illness.

Lagat, who was also the 1997 Berlin Marathon champion, was admitted to hospital on Friday. He had collapsed at his Elgon View home in Eldoret and was admitted in the ICU.

"He was diagnosed with high blood pressure, but by Sunday, he had regained consciousness and was even talking, only for him to die on Monday night," said his brother Abraham Lagat, who spoke at the hospital.

Until his death, he was a board member at the National Campaign Against Drug Abuse Authority (NACADA).

Lagat competed in various

city marathons and won several prestigious races. At the 104th edition for the Boston Marathon, he triumphed after edging out Ethiopia's Gezahegne Abera in 2:09:4. It was his first win. He took the top honours in a personal best time of 2:07:41. Another Kenyan, Moses Tanui, finished third three seconds later. Their compatriot Catherine Ndereba took the women's title in 2:26:11.

Lagat also featured in the 1995 Frankfurt Marathon and finished second, timing 2:12:40.

In 1996, he featured in the Rotterdam Marathon where he finished seventh (2:11:54). At the New York Marathon later, he finished 19th in a time of 2:18:35.

In 1997, Lagat took part in the Turin Marathon in Italy, finishing second in 2:09:19.

He went on to win the 1998 Prague Marathon (2:08:52) before finishing 10th at the Chicago Marathon in 2:10:33.

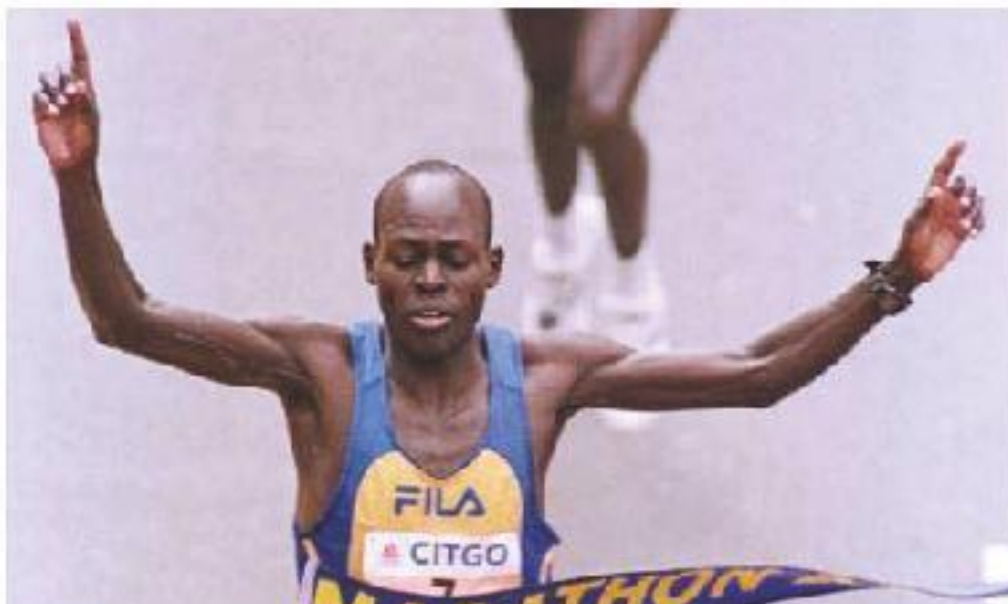
In 1999, Lagat had a fifth place finish during the Paris Marathon (2:08:50) and was sixth at the New York Marathon (2:09:59).

He was selected in the 2000 marathon team that represented Kenya at the Sydney Olympic Games. Unfortunately, he did not finish the race.

Lagat's bid to defend the Boston Marathon title in 2001 failed when he finished in 17th position.

He had a sixth-place finish at the Madrid Marathon the same year. After that, Lagat, who was born on June 19, 1966 in Saniak, Nandi, joined politics.

Nandi governor Stephen Sang said: "Lagat was a distinguished leader with a great legacy. We shall remember him as a person who served people with dedication and humility."



Elijah Lagat wins the men's title at the Boston Marathon on April 17, 2000. PHOTO IPOOL

Football Somali football is unstable but we are holding on, says tactician

Kenyan coach Ali has big plans for Mogadishu club

Abubakar looks to defend Somali Premier League title and return to Caf contest stronger

BY MICHAEL KIRWA

Abdirahman Ali Abubakar, a 27-year-old Kenyan football coach, has been on an unveiling circuit since exporting his services to Somalia in May last year when he was appointed the new coach of military team Horseed FC.

The appointment came a month after Abubakar had obtained his CAF 'A' Coaching License. He had signed a three-month deal with the Mogadishu-based club and he led them to a third place finish with a record of six wins, one draw, and three losses. He'd taken over the club mid-season.

"It was a short contract," Abubakar told *Nation Sport* of his stay with Horseed FC, who sacked him on July 31, last year after the team lost 4-1 to eventual champions Dekedaha.

Soon after, Abubakar signed a one-year contract with Elman Sports Club in September 2024. However, he terminated his contract with them in May over what he termed as "personal issues". He left them fifth on the league standings with eight wins from 19 matches. The remaining 11 matches had produced seven losses and four draws. He also led them to the semi-final of the General Da'ud Cup, Somalia's equivalent of the FKF Cup.

"Somali football is growing and stakeholders are slowly accepting football as a sport that can be practised professionally. They are slowly adapting to best practices but this is not without challenges. Some of those challenges are the reason I have changed clubs twice already. Changing clubs frequently is not my own making," Abubakar, born and raised in Eastleigh's Section Three, said.

Abubakar was recently appointed coach of reigning Somalia Premier League champions Mogadishu City Club on a yet another short-term contract whose length he did not disclose. However, he expressed hope of his appointment translating into a long-term stay at the club nicknamed "Minishiibiyo", meaning municipal officers.

"I only take over at a club that



Mogadishu City's Kenyan coach Abdirahman Ali Abubakar during their Round One of Caf Champions league match against Kenya Police at Nyayo Stadium in Nairobi on Sunday. INSET: Kenya Police player Albert Otieno is tackled by Mogadishu City's Abdiwali during the match. CHRIS OMOLLO | NATION

has ambitions and structures that align with my vision. Otherwise, it will be a recipe for trouble. My current engagement with Mogadishu City Club is brief but I hope it can turn to something long term," he said.

Abubakar spoke on Sunday at Nyayo National Stadium after guiding his club to a 2-0 win over reigning FKF Premier League champions Kenya Police FC in the second leg of the 2025/26 CAF Champions League preliminary qualifying round match.

Kenya Police FC, however, progressed to the final qualifying round, on the away goals rule, after a 3-3 on aggregate. Kenya Po-

lice FC had defeated the 11-time Somali champions 3-1 in the first leg of the encounter which Mogadishu City Club hosted at Nyayo on September 20 because Somalia lacks a CAF-approved venue.

The result was a Somali club's first victory over a Kenyan club since Lavor Publici defeated Gor Mahia 1-0 during their 3-1 aggregate loss to K'Ogalo in the second leg of their 1981 African Cup Winners' Cup second round encounter. However, the result left Abubakar pained and he urged CAF to consider scrapping the away goals rule. "UEFA did away with the rule and CAF should follow suit," Abubakar said.

Oddly, another Somali club, Dekedaha, benefited from the away goals rules to overcome Sudan's Al Zamala in their 2025/26 CAF Confederation League preliminary qualifying round. The match ended 2-2 on aggregate after Dekedaha won 1-0 at home and lost 2-1 away on Saturday.

Dekedaha are coached by Kenyan Abdirahman Hashi Hussein,

who Abubakar described as a "close friend". "We talk regularly and we had a chat before our CAF assignments this weekend," Abubakar said.

He described Hashi's success as "monumental" for the growth of Somali football, a sport that is giving him and other young coaches such as Hashi opportunities to prove themselves.

"The growth of Somali football is opening doors for young coaches like me and Hashi to show what we can do. Working in Somalia has a lot of challenges but we are making an impact that speaks of our ability to transform if given a chance," Abubakar said. "We are gaining valuable experience coaching in Somalia and I urge top Kenyan clubs to give more opportunities to Kenyan coaches."

During the pre-match press conference for Mogadishu City Club's return match against Kenya Police, Abubakar said he is among four Kenyan coaches working in Somalia.

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Mogadishu City's victory over Kenya Police at Nyayo in Nairobi

E2 PARENTING

What should you do when your teenager falls in love?

BY HELLEN MISEDÁ

A recent distress call on a popular Facebook page for mothers of teenagers struck a chord. A mother shared her shock after her son announced he had a girlfriend and wanted to go out with her.

The post garnered hundreds of comments, with many mothers confessing that this scenario is a common and terrifying parenting milestone. Most admitted to not knowing how to navigate these waters, often letting things run their course until the "love bug" waned off as the child matured.

That casual declaration, "I have a boyfriend," or "I'm in love," can send a parent's mind into a tailspin. In today's complex world of social media and shifting values, navigating a teen's first foray into "love" is a modern parenting minefield. Do you lay down the law or adopt a more open approach?

Lifestyle sought experts for guidance on how parents can handle teen romance.

Annita Musyoki, a Clinical Psychologist and a Digital Mental Health Consultant, says it's normal for teenagers to feel they are "in love." "During adolescence, the brain's emotional centre matures faster than the reasoning centre, which is why these feelings often seem so intense," she explains.

This intensity is further amplified by constant exposure to social media trends, from TikTok couple challenges to Instagram 'soft life' posts.

According to Ms Musyoki, these crushes are part of identity formation, curiosity, and the need for belonging. In fact, the more secretive a family is about romance, the more intense these first-time feelings can seem to a teen.

Constructive Response

So, how should a parent respond? The first step is to stay calm. "A simple response like, 'Thank you for telling me, how do you feel about that?'" opens the door to trust," Ms Musyoki advises. She warns against harsh reactions like, "You're too young for such nonsense!" which often cause teens to shut down and hide their relationships.

"A calm, curious reaction keeps you in the loop and gives you a chance to guide them."

Ms Musyoki says that instead of interrogating their teens with questions like "What does he/she want from you?", parents should ask reflective questions. For example: "What do you enjoy about spending time with her/him?" or "How do you feel when you dis-

agree?"

"Parents can even normalise it by sharing lightly. 'When I was your age, I liked someone because they made me laugh. What about you?' This helps to keep communication open," Ms Musyoki says.

Parents should be alert to certain behavioural changes. "If your teen is withdrawing from family and friends, showing a sudden drop in grades, guarding their phone excessively, or experiencing emotional ups and downs tied to the relationship, those are red flags," Musyoki notes.

"The key is to check in with concern, not confrontation. You might say, 'I've noticed you're quieter lately, are you okay?' This signals care rather than control."

Building trust

Ms Musyoki emphasises that when a teen shares they are in love, they are testing whether you are a safe person to confide in.

"That moment is golden," she says. Trust is built through small, consistent actions, like keeping their confidence instead of gossiping to relatives.

Boundaries work best when set collaboratively. Instead of strict bans, agree on healthy limits together—like no late-night texting to ensure enough rest, or encouraging group meet-ups over private dates.

"A statement like, 'I trust you, but let's agree on safe times for chatting so your studies don't suffer,' shows respect and builds cooperation."

Ultimately, handling these moments with empathy creates a strong safety net. "A teen who feels trusted and respected today is more likely to turn to you tomorrow when navigating bigger challenges, like heartbreak or

peer pressure," Ms Musyoki concludes.

Reason together

Barnabas Achoki, a pastor, advises parents to identify with their teenager, normalise the issue, and create a safe space to reason together, referencing Isaiah 1:20: "God invites us to 'come, let us reason together...'"

He suggests inviting your teen to reason with you about the relationship, asking if they are ready to care for another person when they are still under your care. "The Bible says 'Don't awaken love before it's time.'"

A common fear is that strict rules will alienate the teen. Pastor Achoki stresses that parents should first normalise the situation.

"Provide a safe space by listening to their teenager even if they don't agree with them."

He warns against being strict, lecturing, or trying to control them.

"At this age, your role is more as a coach rather than a controller."

How can parents discuss topics like purity and respect in a way that engages a modern teen?

"Start by asking open-ended questions," says Mr Achoki. "Be curious instead of being a know-it-all. Share your own challenges with relationships at that age."

He also advises positive framing. "The use of Dos and Don'ts doesn't work. Try not to be legalistic. Talk about the positives of healthy relationships."

Instead of just forbidding physical intimacy, explain how it can complicate lives and relationships, and emphasise the importance of honouring one another.

For Mr Achoki, the goal is not necessarily to stop the relationship, but to "develop a healthy relationship with your child where they feel safe to share anything." A wrong approach can cause them to shut you out.

"Have an open-door policy," he urges. "So that like the prodigal son, even when they go astray, they will always come back to you. Above all, let them know that whatever they do, you will always love them."

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How to guide your teen through young love

BY WANGU KANURI

When your teenager tells you they are in love, Jennifer Muthoga, a parent coach at Jijali Wellness, advises that you should first try to understand what love means to them, how they realised they

were in love, why they have chosen this particular person, and what they value about them.

Why? Because infatuation is more like a paper fire, which burns brightly, quickly, and ends just as fast.

"So, encourage them to share how they knew they were in love and share your

own experiences," she says.

Sharing your own experiences can be helpful, but Ms Muthoga recommends keeping them age-appropriate. Likewise, prepare a safety net, as many adolescent relationships end, which can be distressing for your child.

"So, in your mind, think through how

you are going to help them in case the relationship doesn't work out."

Nevertheless, Ms Muthoga observes that some teenage relationships do grow into marriage later on. As the outcome is uncertain, she advises asking what they envision for their future and encouraging them to take their time, because neither

person is prepared for the full responsibilities of dating, starting a family, and building careers.

"Advise them to grow into it slowly and achieve other goals. If their relationship was meant to be, then it will be."

So, when should you start this talk?

"Begin this conversation as early as

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Prepare your child to handle heartbreaks

possible," she says. Everyday moments, such as scenes in the television shows you watch together, can be used to gently ask whether they have a boyfriend or girlfriend.

Starting early also reduces the risk of only finding out once things have escalated, such as an unplanned pregnancy.

"I have had to offer loss and grief therapy to a 12-year-old because the boyfriend stopped loving her, and she wanted to commit suicide. So, the earlier you start

talking about these things, the better."

Should you meet this boyfriend or girlfriend? "Yes. Meeting them helps you get to know them. So, when they come over, cook for them, make them some treats, and talk with them, because the closer you bring them to yourself, the easier it will be to tell when there is a problem. And when they get comfortable around me, then you will be able to pick more of how the relationship is," she adds.

This first meeting is not an interro-

gation. Ms Muthoga suggests simple, respectful questions about who they are, what they enjoy, what they aspire to, why the relationship feels special, and how they understand being in a relationship.

On the flip side, common mistakes parents make, she says, include panicking, demonising the child, lashing out and issuing threats.

Most parents, when your child says, 'I have a boyfriend,' think back to our own experiences: 'How was I with my first boyfriend? What did we do?' If I went all out and raved, I might assume that is what my child is doing. Of course, I don't want my child to end up with heartbreaks before finding Mr. Right. So, stay calm and discuss it as rationally as possible.

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Breastfeeding

Why babies get playful during breastfeeding

BY ESTHER INTABO

Breastfeeding is often portrayed as a serene and quiet bonding moment between mother and child. But ask any nursing mother and she will tell you that nothing could be further from the truth.

Babies pull at necklaces, pinch skin, fiddle with the other nipple and tug at hair. Some hum or coo between gulps as though singing to themselves. Others latch and unlatch repeatedly. Toddlers sometimes insist on feeding while clutching a toy or balancing upside down.

Dr Pauline Buya, a paediatrician, explains that these actions, often mistaken for random play, are part of growth and development.

"Fiddling is a way to relax, bond with the mother, and pacify themselves. It also helps in developing fine motor skills."

A baby tugging on a shirt or lock of hair is not just keeping busy but practising skills that later support holding spoons, crayons and books.

From about two months, many babies hum or coo while feeding. "This is usually a sign of delight. They are enjoying themselves and expressing that joy," says Dr Buya.

Some habits can puzzle parents. A baby who keeps unlatching may be less hungry than expected, dealing with a blocked nose or pausing because of fast milk flow. In rare cases, constant breaks may signal an underlying medical issue, and parents may want to get that checked out.

Even the less comfortable behaviours, such as scratching and nipple twisting, usually pass. "They are learning to grasp and use their fingers, or simply trying to get attention."

As children grow, their behaviours shift into playful expressions of independence and personality. Nursing with a favourite toy in hand or insisting on unusual positions may be their way of experimenting or exploring their surroundings.

So, should parents interrupt their playful babies or simply let them be?

"It depends on your family values. Playful antics that do not hurt can be embraced, but biting or painful pinching can be gently corrected."

Parents should also watch for patterns. Refusal to nurse, persistent biting or unusual fussiness may point to teething discomfort, feeding aversion or health con-

cerns worth checking.

Unfortunately, parents allow nursing babies to get away with these antics while at home, but make a big fuss when it happens in public. For instance, you could be in church trying to nurse the baby and cover up, but he is used to feeding while standing as he plays with the other breast. In this case, Dr Buya emphasises the importance of consistency.

"Do in private what you would want practised in public. Offering a safe toy or cloth to hold can also keep little hands occupied."

In the end, these small quirks are reminders that breastfeeding is more than feeding. Each tug, coo and curious gesture is part of learning, bonding and shaping identity. For parents, the antics may be fleeting frustrations, but they are also fleeting joys that remind you that your little one is growing up.

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Quest for justice Plea agreements must be voluntary, informed, and documented in writing

My brother is facing a murder charge, is it advisable he takes a plea bargain?

My brother has been in remand for the past three years after he was accused of killing his girlfriend. Recently, our uncle spoke with the family lawyer, who suggested that he consider a plea bargain.

While we have researched this, we are still unsure about its implications. The lawyer advised that discussions about the plea bargain should stay confidential between our family and the complainant's family, without involving the court. We would appreciate any guidance on how to navigate this situation.



Legal Clinic
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Dear concerned sibling,

Plea bargaining is a crucial process where the prosecution and the accused engage in negotiations for the accused to plead guilty to a lesser charge in exchange for a reduced sentence, thus effectively bypassing a complete trial. In straightforward terms, the accused voluntarily pleads guilty or no contest to the charges, expecting a favourable concession. It is essential to emphasise that a plea bargain agreement, as stipulated in the Criminal Procedure (Plea

Bargaining) Rules, can only occur after the accused has been formally charged in court and must be established before the delivery of the judgment.

The Kenyan Constitution firmly establishes a legal framework grounded in the principles of the social contract, emphasising the vital importance of justice and fairness within our legal system. The Criminal Procedure Code contains provisions for plea bargaining in Sections 137A to 137O. In addition, the Office of the Director



of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) issued Plea Bargaining Guidelines in 2018 to clarify the process further. According to these guidelines, plea agreements must be voluntary, informed, and documented in writing. The agreement must be submitted to the court for approval before it can become legally binding. Furthermore, the court must be notified when the plea bargain process begins so that it

can allocate time for both parties to explore their options and maintain accurate records while ensuring justice during the judgment phase. As a result, while initial negotiations between the prosecution and defence may be kept confidential, the final agreement cannot take effect without the court's involvement.

Part IV of the Penal Code addresses offences against the per-

son. Section 202(1) defines manslaughter as the unintentional act of causing another person's death through an unlawful act or omission. In contrast, Section 203 defines murder as the unlawful killing of another person with malice aforethought. It's important to note that murder is classified as a capital offence, which carries a mandatory death sentence upon conviction, as outlined in Section 204 of the Penal Code.

It is the court's prerogative to admit a plea bargain agreement and ultimately decide whether to accept or reject it. Given that the allegation is murder, a reasonable individual would likely consider the principles of natural justice, which could lead to a lesser charge of manslaughter. The potential sentence, as specified in Section 205 of the Penal Code, is life imprisonment.

However, the court has the discretion to impose a lighter sentence based on the circumstances and mitigating factors presented during the case. A plea bargain can be a strategic choice when the court prioritises time management.

Regarding confidentiality, the ODPP Plea Bargaining Guidelines require that any discussions between the prosecutor, the accused, and their legal representative be kept confidential and not disclosed to third parties in order to maintain the integrity of the process. Nonetheless, it is unlikely that the lawyer intended for the court to remain uninformed once the parties have reached a plea agreement. Ultimately, only the judge and the court can approve and accept this agreement as a binding legal document, as outlined in Section 137H of the Criminal Procedure Code.

However, there is concern about why this case appears to have taken such a long time. This should not motivate plea bargaining. Also, the issue of bail or bond is not mentioned anywhere in your text. Providing more details about this situation could shed light on the underlying dynamics and offer a deeper understanding of the case story. Ultimately, the motivation for plea bargaining should always be justice.

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How do I avoid the misery my father suffered after retirement?



Relationships
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Hey Zulu,

My dad passed away a few years ago, and I often find myself reflecting on his life after retirement. When he came home for good, it was as though the world he had known no longer had space for him.

He became withdrawn, stressed, and his health steadily declined until his death. He was barely 70.

He often complained that we, his adult children, had forgotten him. We called mum far more often, and he felt side-lined, an outsider in the very family he had provided for all his life.

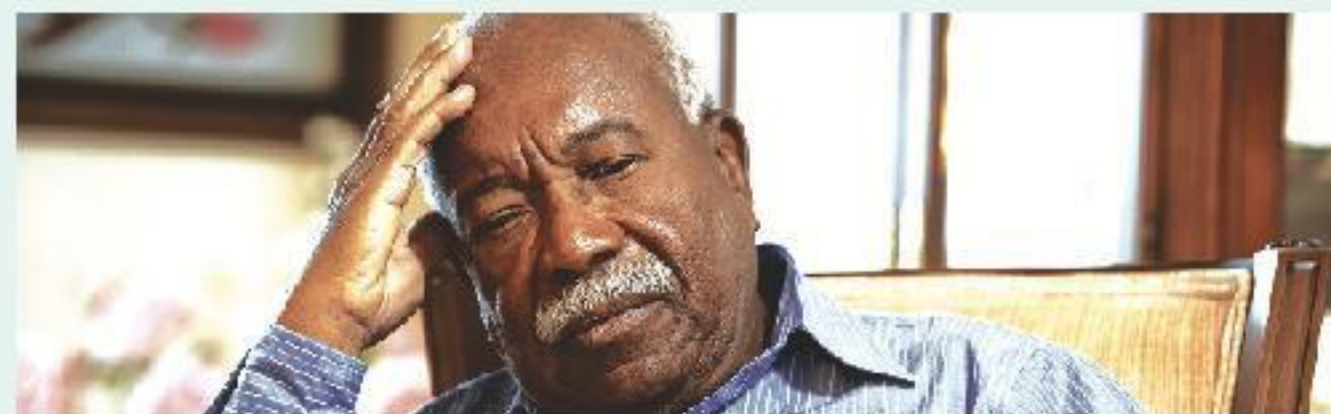
Growing up, he was the provider. He worked with a parastatal, first in Mombasa and later in Kisumu, and only came home once or twice a month. He wasn't part of our daily lives, but we always knew he was out there working for us.

Looking back, I can't help but ask: where did things go wrong? What can we, as the next generation of fathers, do differently to ensure we are not just providers but present?

Dear reader,

This is a common problem when men retire and return home after many years of absence.

During their working years, these men were committed family men who did all they could to provide for their families. They moved with their jobs from place to place, always sending money home to keep the children in school and to keep the household catered for.



The understanding was that the wife would look after the children while the man was away hustling for the family, and that he would visit home when he could. But these visits were only that. Visits. Perhaps one or two weekends a month. And he had to catch up with his other friends and larger family as well when he came around, so there was little personal time with the children.

And that was the fatal omission.

So, after 20 or 30 years, they come home to find grown children to whom they're virtually strangers. Then, he tries to impose his authority, and the children don't recognise him. He tries to order the home, but there's already an existing order built over the years. He feels dethroned and threatened. The tension deprives him of any comfort or connection, and he resorts to either retreating and lying low or disappearing altogether.

Moral of the story? Like the prophet Samuel, many well-meaning men are caught in a circuit of their careers.

'And he went from year to year in circuit

to Bethel, Gilgal, and Mizpeh, and judged Israel in all those places.' (1 Samuel 7:16)

As a result, although 'he always came to his home in Ramah' (7:17), the gaps of absence were too long, and all his children were lost character-wise. And he couldn't as much as find one successor.

'But his sons did not walk in his ways; they turned aside toward dishonest gain, accepting bribes and perverting justice.' (8:3)

Although Samuel had seen firsthand how his mentor Eli had failed in fatherhood, he, too, went on to have an illustrious career as the most powerful man in the land, but a largely absent father.

What is the solution? As you work, be present at home. If you have to move, move with your family. If you have to leave them behind because of their schooling and other factors, then look for other ways to be present emotionally every day. Call daily, for instance, talk to each child and have an ongoing relationship with them as individuals, not just as a group.

Do not let your wife become the media-

tor or even your representative. You both have unique positions in your children's lives.

Many men think they have to choose between being at home and being at work. You don't. You can be at work and be with your family.

The truth is that your job is your choice. You can decide that being close to your family is a priority, and any job that doesn't allow you to do that, you'll let go of it.

People fear the discomfort of having to negotiate for better locations, forego benefits, or even change jobs altogether. But that's the sacrifice needed to be present for your children.

There's an opportunity cost to everything. If you go after the highest-paying job placements without considering their location, you'll forfeit the best moments in your children's growth.

If you prioritise growing with your children, you may have to forego some benefits or incur costs in shifting with your family, but you'll have gained stronger relationships with your children.

Of course, if you plan well and get the right number of children, you'll pick up your fully-fledged career as they grow. You'll imagine yourself having two jobs - parenting and working, and since parenting eases up as the kids grow, you'll be freer in the coming years.

You can then give more of yourself to your career and passion.

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Parenting

Discipline should start at home, not in school



The most ridiculous experience I had as a teacher was when a parent quite literally dumped their errant teenager at the school gate and told us, "Please discipline this child properly. We've tried and failed." I almost laughed, but the parent's face was serious.

Most teachers are deeply invested in the lives of our children. They spend more waking hours with them than we do. Teachers notice our children's quirks, moods, and budding talents. However, to imagine that a teacher should shoulder the entire load of discipline, in addition to teaching fractions, photosynthesis, and intransitive verbs, feels like adding a side hustle to an already packed job description.

Between lesson planning, marking endless exercise books, cracking the CBE curricula, invigilation, and attempting to keep up with technology-driven teenagers who are already outsmarting both the teachers and the parents, when exactly does the teacher get to discipline a child if the parent has thrown in the towel? Teachers are educators, not miracle workers.

Yet, there is an unspoken expectation in many homes that schools should straighten out their children. The truth is, discipline is not a public performance or a punishment, but guidance that flows from a place of love. Parents know their children best; their fears, their stubborn streaks, their triggers, and their softer spots. A parent disciplines not only to stop bad behaviour but also to shape character, gently redirect energy, and remind the child, "You belong, and you are loved."

When teachers are left to handle discipline solo, the results can be disturbing. Many of us have stories. I recall one teacher who would storm into the staffroom, slam her books on the table, and declare: "Today,

those kids will see red! I'm in the wrong mood." Tears would flow on that day. Unfortunately, and tragically, some teachers treat discipline as a venting tool rather than a teaching opportunity. That is how we have heart-breaking cases of children being shamed, beaten, or publicly humiliated, experiences that leave scars deeper than any lesson taught. When a teacher punishes a child because they are in a bad mood, it is not discipline. It is emotional mismanagement and child abuse.

So, should we leave children wild like unpruned hedges or hand them over to schools like packages to be processed? The secret is partnership. Parents and teachers must see themselves as teammates, not substitutes. To strengthen this partnership, both parents and teachers must keep a few notes.

Communicate early and often. Do not wait until little Brian is suspended for 'creative language use' on the playground to pick up the phone. Regular parent-teacher chats and not just on academic day, go a long way. Parents should proactively engage with teachers to understand their child's behaviour patterns, while teachers should feel comfortable sharing concerns before they escalate.

Speak the same language

If a child hears one thing at home and another at school,



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Discipline

you can be sure chaos will reign. Parents and teachers need to agree on consistent values, whether it's respect, responsibility, or kindness. Mixed messages only confuse children and create convenient loopholes for mischief.

Keep discipline loving and proportionate

Parents should model discipline as guidance, not punishment. Teachers, too, should remember their role is to uphold classroom discipline, not parent the entire county. A calm word, a consequence tied to the behaviour - not the teacher's mood - and an opportunity for the child to reflect are often more effective than shouting matches or threats.

Encourage responsibility. Instead of punishment being about fear, both parents and teachers can guide children toward responsibility. Simple practices like assigning roles at home or class leadership in school help children learn accountability in constructive ways.

Celebrate the good, not just correct the bad

It is easy to notice when a child misbehaves, but it is important to highlight when they get it right. A cheerful "Well done!" from a teacher or a proud smile from a parent reinforces positive habits far more powerfully than constant scolding.

At the end of the day, schools are not correctional facilities, and teachers are not wardens. They are educators. Their role is to light fires of curiosity, not to wield canes of fear. Discipline belongs first and foremost in the home, where love frames correction and boundaries are taught with patience. Teachers can support this by maintaining order and consistency in school, but never by turning classrooms into battlegrounds for vented frustrations.

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Dads, let's break silence on incest

Incest is an uncomfortable topic. However, if we don't discuss it, we will have discussed it because silence also speaks. And, in such matters, silence can convey the wrong message, which may cause us to regret. Our parents never talked or taught us about sex, let alone incest. There were things we were supposed to know. There were lines we weren't supposed to cross, even without being told.

Still, these lines were crossed. And hearts and homes were broken.

Growing up, we often eavesdropped on our folks' conversations. We were not allowed to join in adult conversations. Heck, we were supposed to pretend we were not even there.

One of the conversations I remember hearing some of my aunts and uncles talking about was about incest.

They tried to use riddles and deep DhoLuo, but I still knew what and who they were talking about.

"When boys and girls reach a certain age, they should not share the same bedroom," an aunt said. "Now look at what has befallen the family of our brother."

"That baby of our brother's daughter is a photocopy of our brother's son," another aunt intoned.

This happened in the city. I knew this family and maybe, just maybe, their living and sleeping situation could have contributed to this unfortunate incident.

I wish our folks would've used this incident as a teachable moment. I wish they would have pressed the pause button on the gossip, and pressed the play



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Create a trusting relationship with your child so they can confide in you easily

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button on guidance and counselling.

In the countryside, things are different. In our Luo culture, when boys reached a certain age, they built a boy's hut, called simba. The simba presented a line of demarcation, which was supposed to prevent certain unhealthy social and sexual interactions.

How to talk about incest

Fortunately, times have changed. We now have resources that can help families navigate the labyrinth of incest.

One such resource is *Incest AWARE*, which seeks to end the

incest gap by improving methods of incest prevention, intervention, recovery, and justice through content creation, education, and community organisation.

According to *Incest AWARE*, a major part of incest prevention is educating ourselves so we can create home environments in which incest can't flourish.

How do we start? I'm glad you asked.

The starting point is learning about sexual development and behaviours. This means, among others, discussing and safe touch, so that children know the difference between healthy and unhealthy touch.

The next step is creating an environment of communication, trust, and openness.

This is vital because, as *Incest AWARE* points out, "one of the challenges in incest prevention is that the people best suited for creating a sexually safe home, such as parents, grandparents, and older siblings, may also be the ones perpetrating or covering up incest."

The next step involves laying the groundwork for a safe home, with dos. Some of these dos are establishing a trusting relationship with your child so they will feel safe talking to you about anything, teaching proper names for body parts, and explaining to children in simple, non-graphic terms how offenders groom, manipulate, and sexually abuse.

The more uncomfortable a conversation is, the more reason to have it. Multiple times. Without mincing words.

Fathers, let's talk about incest. Or else our silence will cause our children to pay dearly.

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