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Teachers split over SHA medical cover

Dispute Just hours after top officials of teachers' unions signed a deal with the government to migrate the medical insurance scheme of over 400,000 members to the Social Health Authority, a section of tutors have expressed displeasure, citing a lack of public participation. Primary school heads attending their annual meeting in Mombasa termed the transition 'rushed and opaque' and warned of a backlash in the upcoming union elections. **See Story on Pages 4&5**

Wildlife relocated after takeover of expansive ranch



Page 12 Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) rangers restrain a Masai Giraffe yesterday during a mass capture and relocation of wildlife from the expansive Kedong Ranch in Naivasha, Nakuru County. This was due to a takeover by new management and a rise in poaching due to lack of security. PHOTOS | BONIFACE MWANG | NATION



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Legal battle Case will be mentioned on January 22, 2026 for further directions, hiring of 10,000 officers in limbo

Court halts police recruitment again

Petitioner accuses IG Kanja of violating the Constitution by performing a role reserved for NPSC

BY JOSEPH WANGUI

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Police constables during a passing-out parade. The court has suspended the recruitment of new officers. FILE IN NATION

cerns. Weeks later, the Labour Court ruled in favour of the IG and quashed the advertisement by NPSC.

On November 4, Mr Kanja published a fresh notice, scheduling the recruitment for November 17—this time bypassing the NPSC. The police boss cited Articles 238, 243, 244, and 245 of the Constitution as legal backing. He said this gave him authority over police staffing.

The petitioner, Mr Matindi, who is a public-interest litigant, swiftly moved to the High Court and accused Mr Kanja of usurping the NPSC's constitutional role.

At the heart of the dispute is the constitutional mandate of the commission—an independent body established under Ar-

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Article 246—which the petitioner argues holds exclusive authority to recruit and appoint police officers.

Mr Matindi's petition contends

that the IG's move violates the Constitution, as no legal provisions grant him such powers unless expressly delegated by the NPSC.

He states that under Article 246(3)(a) of the Constitution, only the NPSC—not the police boss—has the power to recruit and appoint police officers.

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Mr Matindi warns that if the IG continues with hiring, it would undermine the rule of law and separation of powers.

The suit names Mr Kanja, the NPSC, the Attorney-General, the National Police Service, and Katiba Institute as respondents. It also seeks declarations that the IG's actions are unconstitutional, null, and void.

The court's interim orders bar the IG, the commission, the AG and any affiliated agencies from proceeding with the recruitment until the application is determined. The court's decision temporarily freezes the recruitment notice published on November 4, which sought to fill positions across 422 centres nationwide.

The court directed Mr Matindi to serve all parties with the petition by November 12 and the respondents have until December 11 to file replies. The case will be mentioned on January 22, 2026, for further directions.

For now, thousands of aspiring police officers face uncertainty as the legal battle unfolds, a stark reminder of the Judiciary's role in checking Executive power.

During hearing of the dispute, the NPSC is expected to clarify whether it authorised Mr Kanja's actions or if the recruitment was an outright overreach.

The AG's response will also be pivotal, given her constitutional duty to uphold the rule of law.

The High Court's final determination could redefine police recruitment protocols.

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function has constitutionally been delegated to the second respondent (NPSC)," maintains Mr Matindi.

He claims the IG lacked any formal delegation from the commission under Section 10(2) of the National Police Service Commission Act.

"In the absence of any delegation, by NPSC, to the IG to carry out such recruitment under Section 10(2), National Police Service Commission Act, only the NPSC has the constitutional and statutory authority to undertake recruitment of police constables into the NPS," he argues.

Judge declines to stop Briton's deportation

BY BRIAN OCHARO

Businessman Asif Amirali Jetha, who holds both United Kingdom and Canadian passports, has suffered a major setback after the High Court declined to overturn a decision declaring him a prohibited immigrant.

This paves the way for his deportation. The Ministry of Interior had declared him a member of the prohibited class and directed his arrest and detention, pending his removal from Kenya to either Canada or the UK.

Jetha had previously been sentenced to 60 years in prison for trafficking girls from Nepal.

The declaration came shortly after the High Court overturned the prison term following a successful appeal. This left him with a fine of Sh100,000 for engaging in business without a work permit and unlawfully employing foreign nationals. However, the High Court has

now frustrated his attempt to remain in the country by dismissing his case seeking to set aside the declaration that placed him in the prohibited class category.

Justice Jairus Ngaah ruled that Jetha had filed his case out of time and had used the wrong procedure by lodging a judicial review application instead of an appeal against the Interior Ministry's decision.

"Even if the judicial review route was available to Jetha, the application would still not be sustainable because the substantive motion was filed out of time. For these reason, his application is misconceived and an abuse of the due process of the court. It is hereby struck out," said the judge in a decision dated October 31.

With that ruling, Jetha's plea to remain in Kenya came to a dead end. He had filed the application in May 2023, arguing that he was a Kenyan born abroad and had applied for naturalisation.

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Gospel singer Betty Bayo dies after battling blood cancer

BY ELIZABETH NGIGI

Gospel musician Betty Bayo, whose real name is Beatrice Mbugua, has died. According to family sources, she died while receiving treatment at Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH) on Monday morning.

Her former partner, Pastor Victor Kanyari, told the *Daily Nation* that the hit-maker had been battling leukaemia and was in the high dependency unit at KNH at the time of her death.

"Betty has been in the hospital for one week. She died at 5am today," he said.

Bayo emerged on Kenya's Kikuyu gospel scene and earned accolades for "11th Hour" and other songs. Her other notable singles include "Ngai Ti Mundu", "Atasi-mama Nawe" and "Nikuhadwo".

Excessive bleeding

During a media briefing at KNH, Murang'a Woman Representative Betty Maina, said the singer suffered complications arising from cancer, which caused excessive bleeding. She spoke on behalf of the family.

"Together with her spouse Hiram Gitau, the father of Betty's children (Pastor Kanyari) and friends of Betty,

we want to tell the public that we have lost Betty Bayo," Ms Maina said.

She added that the singer was first admitted to AAR Kiambu Road before being transferred to KNH on Friday as her condition worsened.

"She had leukaemia. She was suffering from excessive bleeding. The doctors did their best but by the will of God, she has rested. We are moving the body to KU Teaching and Referral Hospital mortuary," she said.

Fellow gospel musician Ben Githae said Betty's family would release the official burial and funeral arrangements soon.

The death shocked many, especially because the musician's social media pages were active throughout her illness.

Her last post, shared on Sunday was a Bible verse that read: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Just two days earlier, Betty had posted another message: "If not for God, it could have been worse... may God protect you this night... Good night."

Betty Bayo is widely recognised for her inspirational lyrics.

Tribute Sulumeti's vision for education and health was rooted in the Catholic Church's tradition of social ministry

50 years in the vineyard: Life and times of Catholic Bishop Philip Sulumeti

He oversaw the expansion of St Elizabeth Mukumu Hospital and St Mary's Mission Hospital in Mumias

BY JOHN KAMAU

For 47 years, Bishop Philip Sulumeti moved through Kenya's story like a steady river – patient, enduring, unstoppable.

He built parishes and schools, nursed hospitals to life and even tried to steady the nation's trembling hand on its Constitution. The river rested on Sunday. He was 88.

Born in Kotur village, Busia County, on August 15, 1937, Sulumeti's story began in a modest mission where barefoot children learnt to read Scripture under trees or in makeshift classrooms. His journey to priesthood was shaped by the rigours of East Africa's early seminaries, where discipline was strict.

Until the 1940s, no African priest had been ordained in Western Kenya – where the Church was still wholly under European missionary control.

The first cohort of African priests – Gabriel Otieno, Tiberius Mugendi and Maurice Otunga – had only just begun to challenge that order. When Sulumeti entered the seminary formation, the odds were still steep.

The few institutions available – Nyenga in Uganda, Yala and later Mukumu – were known for their emphasis on Latin, philosophy and rigid spiritual formation. By 1952, as

the Mill Hill Missionaries prepared eight Africans for priesthood, among them stood a seminarian named Sulumeti.

His intellect and resilience carried him through, ultimately leading him to Rome, to the Pontifical Urbaniana University, where he earned a Licentiate and Doctorate in Canon Law – distinctions that would later mark him as one of the most accomplished ecclesiastical legal minds in Kenya's Catholic Church.

When Sulumeti returned to Kenya, he entered the clergy at a moment of transformation. Mill Hill Fathers, who had dominated Western Kenya's Catholic missions were beginning to hand over leadership to Africans.

The Church was undergoing its own form of decolonisation. It was an era of transition when the Church was learning to speak with an African voice, and that voice was, in turn, learning to be heard within the universal Church.

In 1972, Sulumeti was named Auxiliary Bishop of Kisumu, serving under Bishop Joannes de Reeper, a Mill Hill missionary. When Reeper retired, the Vatican sought a steady capable successor to guide this new African era – and found it in Sulumeti.

In 1978, the Church split the sprawling Kisumu Diocese into two – Kisumu under Zachaeus Okoth and Kakamega under Sulumeti. At 41, Sulumeti became the first African Bishop of Kakamega, carrying the hopes of a region hungry for progress.

Under his leadership, the Diocese of Kakamega became one of the most vibrant in Kenya.

He built more than 40 parishes, each with a resident priest. He encouraged the establishment of hundreds of schools – many bore his name: Bishop Sulumeti Girls in Lugari, Bishop Sulumeti Chelelemuk, Bishop Sulumeti Mukomari.

Sulumeti's vision for education and health was rooted in the Catholic Church's tradition of social ministry. He was passionate about the education of girls when many communities doubted its value. Under his leadership, education was no longer just a means of conversion – it became an instrument of human dignity and social transformation.

His role in the founding of Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology and the establishment of its Catholic chaplaincy reflected a belief that faith and knowledge must grow together.

Bishop Sulumeti believed evangelisation had to embrace body and soul, a vision in line with the Catholic teaching on the sanctity of life and the preferential option for the poor.

He oversaw the expansion of St Elizabeth Mukumu Hospital and St Mary's Mission Hospital in Mumias, ensuring medical care reached even the most remote communities.

His leadership embodied the post-colonial continuity of the Church's mission: faith that educates minds, heals bodies and uplifts communities.

Yet, behind the soft voice and gentle smile, Sulumeti was a man who had faced pain – physical and spiritual.

"I have had three life-threatening operations. One at Nairobi Hospital, another in Rome for a burst appendicitis and the other in South Africa," he once said.

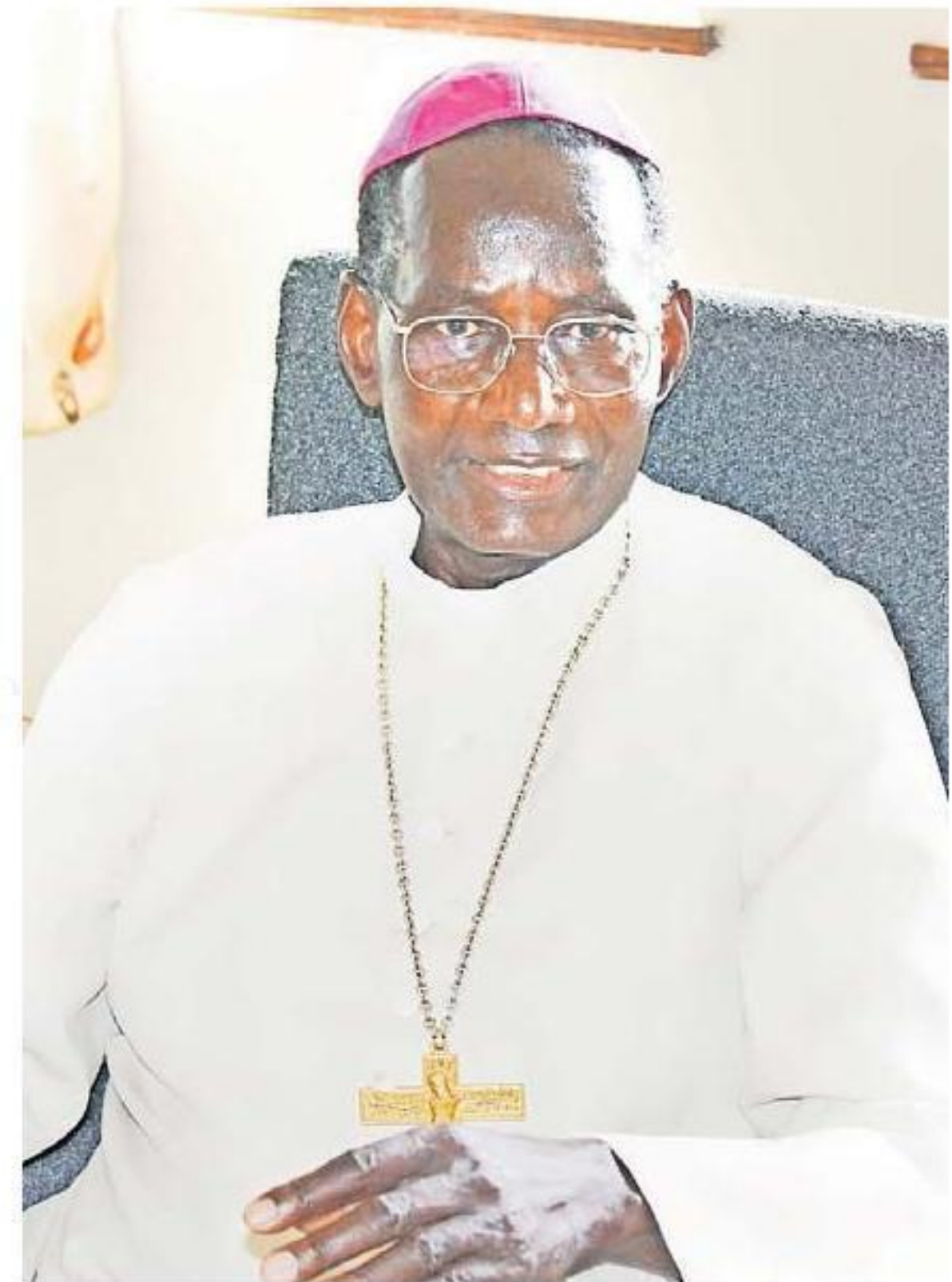
After the 1994 surgery in Italy, believing his health too frail, he offered his resignation to Pope John Paul II. The Pope refused.

"He told me I must reach Calvary as our blessed Lord Jesus Christ did. That sometimes it is good for a diocese to have a sickly bishop," he said.

Years later, he asked Pope Benedict XVI to allow him to retire. Again, the answer was no. Ironically, Benedict would resign in 2013.

"My resignation was only accepted when I turned 75," he said.

He had announced his wish to retire as early as November 2012. It was



Bishop Philip Sulumeti during a past interview. FILE | NATION

in December 2014 when Pope Francis appointed his successor that Sulumeti's episcopal journey formally came to an end.

If his pastoral achievements defined one half of his life, the other half was written in the politics of the nation. His reputation for calm judgment and fairness led to his appointment as chair of the consensus-building committee during the Bomas talks.

At a time politicians could barely sit in the same room, Sulumeti's task was to find middle ground. The Sulumeti Committee proposed that the president retains executive authority but act in consultation with the PM and Parliament. The panel also recommended three tiers of devolution instead of four.

But the delegates at the National Constitutional Conference were in no mood for compromise. On March 15, 2004, Vice-President Moody Awori and Justice Minister Kiraitu Murungi led 138 delegates in a walkout from Bomas. They accused the conference

of rejecting the Sulumeti Report and undermining consensus.

Raila Odinga, then Minister for Roads, defied the Cabinet and stayed in his seat, voting against the government position. The delegates voted 314 to 151 to throw the Sulumeti Report out, with one abstention.

Sulumeti took the humiliation with grace and continued to urge dialogue.

As a canon lawyer and theologian, he guided young priests and seminarians. Among those he ordained were future bishops and archbishops – Maurice Muhatia of Kisumu and Mark Kadima of Bungoma among them.

In his passing, Kakamega mourns more than a bishop. Western Kenya mourns a builder of generations. Kenya mourns a man who believed that service to God and country were one and the same.

He leaves behind the diocese he built from scratch, schools that bear his name, and hospitals that continue to heal the sick.

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Bishop Philip Sulumeti



National News

Health Benefits package includes overseas treatment for some conditions

Teachers divided over new SHA medical deal

Primary school heads attending their annual meeting accuse their unions and employer of rushing transition, keeping them in the dark

BY MERCY SIMIYU
AND WINNIE ATIENO

Just hours after top officials of teachers' unions signed a deal with the government to migrate medical insurance cover for over 400,000 teachers to the Social Health Authority, a section of teachers have expressed displeasure at the deal, citing lack of public participation.

The migration from the current medical insurance cover provided by a consortium led by Minet Kenya Ltd will take effect on December 1, 2025. It was announced when union leaders from the Kenya National Union of Teachers (Knut), Kenya Union of Post-Primary Education Teachers (Kuppet), and Kenya Union of Special Needs Education Teachers (Kusnet) met senior officials of the Teachers Service Commission (TSC) and SHA in Nairobi.

They said the SHA benefits eased the earlier apprehension among teachers, who feared being lumped together with the general public.

However, head teachers attending the Kenya Primary School

Heads Association (Kepsha) Annual Delegates Conference in Mombasa protested migration of their medical cover from Minet, saying it was done without their consent. They accused the unions of endorsing the transition without proper consultation or sensitisation.

Some of them walked out of the hall once word spread that the unions had formally agreed to the migration following an agreement with the TSC.

"We were not involved in this transition. How can something this important be signed behind our backs?" a visibly agitated delegate said, amid murmurs of discontent at the Sheikh Zayed Hall in Mombasa.

The head teachers warned of a backlash in the upcoming union elections, threatening to vote out officials who, they said, had "betrayed" their trust. Knut officials are expected to address the conference on Thursday while the acting CEO of the TSC Evaleen Mitei is expected today.

"There are many gaps that have not been addressed by SHA. Some diagnostic tests are not fully cov-

ered, and others have restrictive limits," said Mr Tobias Obuogo, the head teacher of Ugina Primary School in Homa Bay County.

He said the State should have piloted the scheme first before full roll-out. Sarah Mhonya of Zimbalo Primary School in Vihiga County said most teachers were in the dark about the new scheme. "The unions and associations should come to the grassroots and explain to us what SHA offers. So far, we don't understand it. They should tell us how it will work, especially the comprehensive cover for our families," she said.

A Kepsha official from Homa

Bay, Mr Moses Kadienge, added that the process appeared rushed and opaque.

"We hear that the agreement has already been signed in Nairobi. They should have waited to test the system before committing. There's too much haste and too little clarity," said the Ramba Comprehensive School head teacher.

Mr Kadienge said the SHA deductions had significantly reduced teachers' take-home pay. "SHA has depleted my pay slip. SHA has challenges," he lamented.

The teachers said that President William Ruto had promised them an improved medical cover and not a compulsory transition. "We are not against reforms, but the process must be inclusive," said another delegate. "Teachers have families and chronic conditions. This abrupt shift puts all that at risk."

SHA, which replaces the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF), is part of the government's Universal Health Coverage (UHC) plan, promising comprehensive health services for all Kenyans. But teachers say its implementation has been hurried and lacks transparency.

"Given that SHA's funds are reportedly not yet stable, why is TSC rushing this transition? What



measures are in place to ensure teachers don't lose access to medical care?" they asked.

The educators further demanded guarantees that their contributions would be ring-fenced and not diverted to other public health programmes. They also sought clarity on communication mechanisms and how the transition's success will be monitored.

Basic Education Principal Secretary Prof Julius Bitok, who was expected to address the delegates and clarify the government's position, did not attend yesterday's meeting. "We were waiting for him to explain why the State has short-changed us," one teacher said.

In Nairobi, the TSC boss tried to explain why the teachers will get a better deal under SHA than under the Minet-led consortium.

"We are working towards a smooth shift for all our teachers,

and we are happy that our SHA partners have given valuable input," said Ms Mitei.

The transition follows enactment of regulations under the Public Officers Medical Scheme Fund (POMSF), which formally mandates SHA to manage teachers' healthcare benefits. This marks a legal and administrative shift from a privately-managed insurance model to a government-administered fund.

Unlike the Minet arrangement, which operated as a commercial insurance plan, the new model is fee-for-service, where teachers will directly access care and have costs settled from their individual limits.

Under the new arrangement, teachers and their immediate families will receive comprehensive coverage that caters to the principal member, a spouse, and up to five children. Those with

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MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY



THIRD ASSEMBLY

PUBLIC HEARING AND SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA ON THE COUNTY ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR FY 2026 - 2027

Pursuant to Article 196 of the Constitution of Kenya, and the Murang'a County Assembly Standing Orders, NOTICE is hereby issued to the general public, civil society groups, community based organizations, private institutions and faith based organizations to attend a public hearing forum and submit their views on **The Murang'a County Annual Development Plan for FY 2026/2027**.

The public participation forum is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at PCEA Murang'a Town Hall at 10:00 am**.

Written memoranda may be submitted to the Clerk, Murang'a County Assembly, P.O. Box 731-10200, or emailed to murangacountyassembly@gmail.com by **Monday, November 17, 2025 at 4:00 pm**.

Copies of the proposed ADP for FY 2026-2027 can be obtained from the Office of the Clerk or the Assembly website; www.assembly.muranga.go.ke.

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Coverage & Family Inclusion	Healthcare Access	Medical Services & Treatment	Financial Coverage / Key Tariffs	Governance & Support	Exclusions	Additional Advantages Over Minet
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehensive coverage for the principal teacher, spouse, and up to five children. Additional dependants can be added at personal cost. Dependants with disabilities covered regardless of age. Students in full-time study remain eligible up to the age of 25. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expanded provider network: over 9,600 hospitals nationwide, up from 800 under Minet. Coverage includes public, private, and faith-based facilities, from level 2 to level 6 hospitals. Automated admissions and discharges, eliminating manual approval delays. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outpatient and inpatient care. Maternity and reproductive health services. Dental and optical services. Oncology, renal treatment (dialysis), physiotherapy, and rehabilitation for drug/substance abuse. Annual medical check-up for teachers and spouses (blood pressure, sugar, cancer, liver/kidney, heart health). Emergency evacuation by road or air. Specialised surgeries and critical care. Overseas treatment for conditions not manageable locally, including air travel, accommodation, and medical escort for one companion. Teachers on official duty abroad (up to six weeks) qualify for travel insurance with medical cover. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normal delivery: Sh10,000. Caesarean-section: Sh30,000. Dialysis: Sh10,650 per session. Oncology care: Up to Sh400,000 per member annually. Critical care: Up to Sh28,000 per day for 12 days. Specialised surgery: Up to Sh1.1 million. Overseas treatment: Up to Sh500,000 per year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structured governance at national, county, and regional levels for accountability. 24/7 support and dedicated officers for transition and queries. Clear cancellation clause: 30 days' notice, taking effect after three months. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treatments at non-contracted facilities. Alternative medicine (herbal, acupuncture). Self-prescribed medication. Cosmetic surgeries. Experimental or non-conventional procedures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faster service delivery. Prioritised attention for teachers' healthcare needs. Access to care for chronic conditions without pre-qualification requirements. Emphasis on total teacher awareness and buy-in of benefits.

more dependants will be guided on how to add extra members, at a personal cost. Dependants with disabilities will be covered regardless of age, and those in full-time study will remain eligible up to the age of 25.

Under the SHA cover, teachers will get expanded access to healthcare, from about 800 hospitals (under Minet) to more than 9,600 across the country. The network includes public, private, and faith-based facilities ranging from Level 2 to Level 6 hospitals.

The new system also automates admissions and discharges, doing away with manual approvals.

"So we will actually have an expanded network of providers. This will be much improved from the current offering that Minet has," said SHA CEO Mercy Mwangangi.

The benefits also include overseas treatment for conditions that cannot be handled locally. The package covers air travel, accommodation, and medical escorts for patients and compan-

ions. Teachers on official duty outside the country for up to six weeks will qualify for travel insurance, which includes medical cover abroad.

"It is now official that teachers medical cover will now be comprehensively undertaken by SHA. This is a comprehensive cover exclusively for teachers, extending beyond treatment in dispensaries to include overseas care, air travel, and access to specialised personnel for the sick. It is a scheme that many of our teach-

ers will truly appreciate," said Kuppet secretary-general Akello Misori.

According to the benefits package, SHA will cover outpatient and inpatient care, maternity and reproductive health, dental and optical services, oncology and renal treatment, physiotherapy, and rehabilitation for drug and substance abuse. It also includes an annual medical check-up for teachers and their spouses, which covers a full physical examination and key tests for blood

pressure, sugar levels, cancer, liver and kidney function, and heart health.

Further, the emergency evacuation by road and air, funeral benefits for teachers, and coverage for specialised treatment such as dialysis, chemotherapy, and transplants are also included.

"Looking at the presentation we received today, the key factor is that this scheme will significantly improve on what we had earlier. The additional benefits were clearly addressed, and we

want to ensure that this remains a comprehensive cover for teachers, not for everyone, as some perceptions suggest. We are also keen to manage any shortfalls to make sure things work well," said Knut secretary-general, Collins Oyuu.

The scheme includes governance structures at regional, county, and national levels, ensuring accountability and efficient management.

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4	Supply, Installation and Maintenance of CCTV, Access Control and Intruder Alarms
5	Supply of Drinking Water and Dispensers
6	Supply of Toiletries
7	Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Air Conditioners
Provision of Services	
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9	Provision of Repair and Maintenance of ICT Equipments Services
10	Provision of Internet Service Provider (ISP) Services
11	Provision of Website Development and Maintenance Services
12	Provision of Datacenter and Data Recovery Site Colocation and Management Services
13	Provision of Preventive Maintenance Services for IT Related Equipment
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24	Provision of Company Secretarial Services

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National News

Dispute The Wiper party leader has claimed the State corporation is one of the country's most profitable entities

Kalonzo opposes KPC sale amid Thange oil spill row

The spill contaminated a seasonal river, farmlands and the wider environment

BY PIUS MAUNDU

Wiper Party leader Kalonzo Musyoka has opposed the proposed privatisation of the Kenya Pipeline Company (KPC), describing the state corporation as one of the country's most profitable entities.

The plan by President William Ruto's administration to partly sell KPC has entered an advanced stage. According to the Privatization Commission, the move aims to unlock the company's full potential and reduce Kenya's dependence on loans.

Mr Musyoka, a 2027 presidential hopeful, said the proposed sale of KPC is set to become a major campaign issue.

Last month, he directed Makeni Senator Daniel Maanzo to challenge the privatisation

in court, arguing that the government is not justified in selling a revenue-generating parastatal.

He spoke during a visit to Thange Village in Makeni County, the epicentre of a 2015 oil spill caused by a punctured KPC pipeline. The spill contaminated a seasonal river, farmlands and the wider environment.

Mr Musyoka was accompanied by Mr Maanzo, Makeni Governor Mutula Kilonzo Junior, Kib-

Sh2.1bn

Amount of money the Environment and Land Court ordered KPC to pay residents of Thange affected by an oil spill that contaminated a local river.

wezi East MP Jessica Mbalu, and Thange MCA Eric Katumo. Four months ago, the Environment and Land Court in Makeni ordered KPC to pay Sh2.1 billion to 3,075 Thange residents affected by the spill. The court also directed the company to pay Sh900 million to the National Environment Management Authority (Nema) for environmental restoration.

Medical reports have linked the spill to serious health issues, with more than 100 residents dying from liver and kidney complications associated with hydrocarbon exposure. Numerous others have been diagnosed with diabetes and liver diseases.

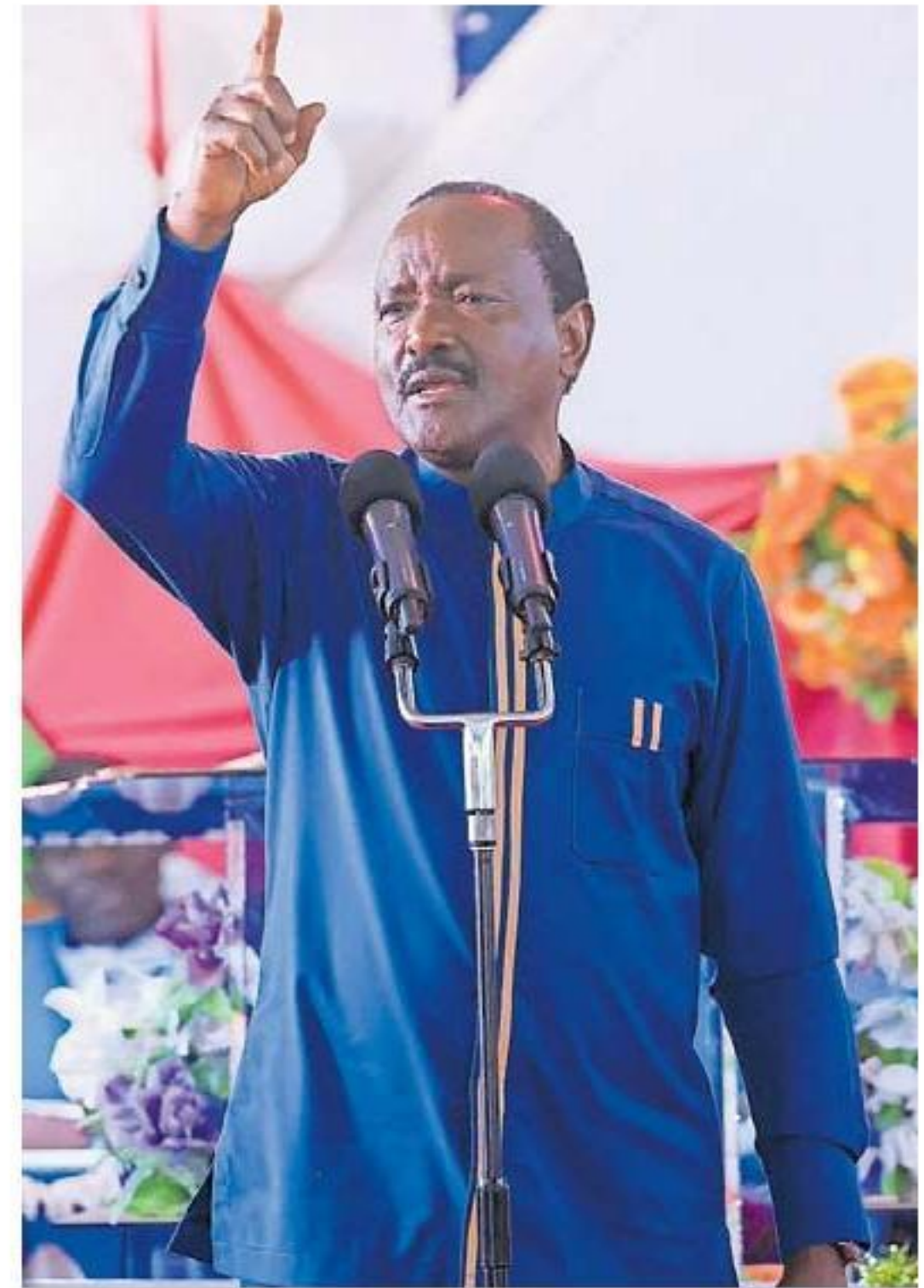
"The deliberate spill by cartels determined to siphon oil from the KPC pipeline poisoned our land, water, and health. Justice remains delayed. The Environment and Land Court ordered compensation, but KPC still denies responsibility. This is not just pollution—it is a crime against a com-

munity," Mr Musyoka said while touring affected farmlands.

Residents welcomed the visit as a sign of hope amid frustration over the delayed compensation and the government's perceived inaction. KPC has indicated plans to challenge the July 11 court ruling, raising fears that justice could be further postponed.

"The government has forsaken us," said Muindi Kimeu, a peasant farmer and lead petitioner against KPC. Mr Kilonzo Jr called for the arrest and prosecution of KPC directors for criminal negligence. "The plight of Thange residents has been a cat-and-mouse game, with KPC denying responsibility while Nema sits on the fence," he said.

Mr Musyoka called for immediate action to resolve the environmental and health crisis. "Thange deserves justice, clean water and accountability—not excuses," he said, urging both the government and KPC to prioritise the community's wellbeing.



Wiper leader Kalonzo Musyoka speaks at Ambassador Church, Ciagiini village, Kirinyaga County on October 12, 2025. FILE IN ACTION

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Stolen identities and shattered lives: How Kenyans are trapped in rising fraud wave

Fraudsters exploit weaknesses in verification systems to register SIM cards, take out loans, and even sell property

BY JOSEPH WANGUI

Boniface Wachira's life took an abrupt and unexpected turn in March 2020 when he visited a bank in Eldoret seeking a loan to expand his business.

To his shock, the application was denied—not because his business lacked potential, but because his name had been flagged as a loan defaulter in the Credit Reference Bureau (CRB) database.

Further inquiries revealed the cause: a mobile phone number registered under his national identity card had been fraudulently used by a stranger to borrow money from a digital lender.

The loan was never repaid, leaving Mr Wachira's financial reputation in tatters almost overnight.

"As a result of the fraudulent registration, the plaintiff sustained serious financial losses, mental distress, anguish, and has suffered great shame and damage to his reputation and borrowing ability," his lawyer told the High Court in Eldoret, where Mr Wachira sought justice.

Although the court dismissed his case in December 2024, ruling that telecom companies cannot be automatically held liable for unauthorised lending, his ordeal highlights a growing crisis in Kenya: identity theft that ensnares innocent citizens in crippling debt and protracted legal battles.

Identity theft in Kenya has evolved into a sophisticated criminal enterprise. Fraudsters exploit weaknesses in verification systems to register SIM cards, take out loans, and even sell property under stolen identities. Kenya's mobile-driven economy has become fertile ground for these crimes. Fraudsters harvest personal data through theft, phishing scams, SIM-swap fraud, or corrupt registration agents, then weaponise it to access credit facilities in victims' names. Digital lending platforms—valued for speed and convenience—have become low-hanging fruit.

Victims often discover the fraud only when loans are denied, police summon them, or they confront unexplained debts. In many cases, crimi-

nals impersonate property owners, duping buyers into fraudulent land transactions. One Nakuru landowner's ordeal demonstrates the scale of the problem. On June 18, 2019, he was summoned by the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) over allegations that he had sold his property in Miti Mingi, Mbaruk, but failed to transfer ownership to the buyer.

The fraudster had registered three SIM cards under the victim's ID, using one to receive a deposit. The property owner was unaware of the fraudulent registrations or the person attempting the land sale.

At the DCI office, he faced accusations of receiving Sh20,000 from the purported buyer via mobile-money transfer, an amount actually collected by the fraudster. Though he proved his innocence, the ordeal left him with reputational damage and significant legal fees.

In another case, a man who lost his ID found four SIM cards registered fraudulently in his name, one of which borrowed Sh300 from a digital lender. After a lengthy legal battle, the High Court awarded him Sh500,000 in damages. Even beneficiaries of government programmes are not spared. A suspect was convicted last year for stealing Sh732,033 from elderly Inua Jamii recipients using cloned ATM cards. Operating between July 2018 and May 2022, he withdrew funds by impersonating beneficiaries.

Account drained

One victim, an elderly guardian, arrived at a bank to find his account drained, with records falsely indicating he had withdrawn the money himself. Investigations revealed the accused held 10 ATM cards and used fingerprint impressions to access accounts illegally.

"The actions of the appellant were extremely unlawful, considering that the government is using taxpayer and donor funds to make the lives of vulnerable Kenyans bearable," the High Court in Nyandarua ruled in May 2024, upholding the conviction under the Computer Misuse and Cyber Crimes Act.

Amid rising cases, the DCI has intensified operations against identity theft syndicates. Recently, six suspects were arrested for call spoofing—where fraudsters mimic bank helplines to trick victims into revealing personal information. Another six were apprehended in Molo with 2,464 IDs and 3,000 SIM cards, suspected of running a large-scale mobile fraud ring. A Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) report shows fraud incidents surged to 353 cases in 2024, with mobile banking losses soaring 344% to Sh810.68 million. SIM-swap scams, phishing, and malware at-



Amid rising cases, the DCI has intensified operations against identity theft syndicates. PHOTO | SHUTTERSTOCK

tacks peak late at night and on weekends, when vigilance is low.

While courts have awarded damages in some cases, victims argue that telecoms, digital lenders, and CRBs must strengthen verification processes. Legal experts suggest implementing biometric authentication for SIM registration and stricter oversight of digital lending platforms. For now, thousands of Kenyans remain caught in a vicious cycle, fighting to reclaim identities buried under debts they never incurred.

Mr Wachira's case illustrates the broader systemic failure: despite clear evidence of wrongdoing, justice is often elusive, leaving victims to bear financial, legal, and reputational scars. Identity theft in Kenya is no longer confined to petty scams. It has matured into a multi-layered threat targeting financial systems, property ownership, and even government welfare programmes. Fraudsters' ability to exploit gaps in verification and regulatory oversight means ordinary citizens face real risks to their livelihoods and reputations.

The rise of digital lending and mobile-driven transactions has made everyday financial life both conven-

ient and vulnerable. Fraudsters have become increasingly sophisticated, combining technical knowledge with opportunistic timing, targeting weekends or night hours when monitoring is lax.

Even as authorities take steps to arrest syndicates and prosecute offenders, experts warn that preventive measures remain inadequate.

Biometric authentication, enhanced CRB monitoring, and stricter digital-lending oversight could mitigate the risks, but implementation has been slow.

In the meantime, victims continue to navigate legal labyrinths, endure stress, and incur costs to prove innocence. For many, the consequences are long-lasting: damaged credit scores, lost business opportunities, and tarnished reputations.

Mr Wachira's ordeal underscores the human cost behind statistics. The systemic gaps in identity verification, credit reporting, and digital-lending oversight allow criminals to operate with impunity, while ordinary Kenyans bear the burden.

As Kenya's economy increasingly relies on mobile transactions and digital credit, addressing identity theft

is no longer optional—it is essential to protect the financial and social well-being of citizens. Until robust safeguards are in place, cases like those of Mr Wachira and other victims will remain a stark reminder of a system struggling to keep pace with criminal innovation.

Identity theft in Kenya is a sophisticated, multi-faceted threat that affects individuals, businesses, and public institutions. Fraudsters exploit gaps in technology, regulation, and oversight, leaving victims to grapple with debts, legal challenges, and reputational harm.

While enforcement actions and court rulings provide some redress, the system remains reactive rather than preventive. Biometric verification, stringent lender oversight, and improved CRB processes are critical to curbing the menace.

For Kenyans like Boniface Wachira, the journey to reclaim identity, reputation, and financial credibility remains fraught with hurdles, highlighting the urgent need for systemic reforms to protect the innocent from modern-day financial predators.

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Boniface Wachira's lawyer



National News

Diplomacy For Kenya, the development offers a chance to affirm its independent yet cooperative foreign policy

Why JD Vance won't be coming to Kenya

The directive by Donald Trump has attracted international attention

BY STEVE OTIENO

United States Vice-President James David Vance has cancelled a planned visit to Kenya, marking an unexpected diplomatic shift weeks before his scheduled arrival.

Through a statement by the Office of the Prime Cabinet Secretary and Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs on Monday afternoon, the US government informed Kenya that Vance's visit, which was to take place later this month, would no longer happen.

The cancellation, the statement explained, comes after President Donald Trump barring American officials from attending the G20 Summit in Johannesburg, South Africa, where Mr Vance was to lead the US delegation before flying to Nairobi.

"The Government of the Republic of Kenya, through the office of Musalia Mudavadi, the Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, has been informed by the Government of the United States of America of the cancellation of the planned visit to Kenya by ... JD Vance, which was to take place later this month," the statement read.

The directive by President Trump has drawn international attention, highlighting the administration's shifting approach

to multilateral diplomacy.

Despite the twist coming with the high-profile cancellation, Nairobi struck a calm and measured tone, affirming the strength of its partnership with Washington, DC.

Mr Vance's visit was expected to reaffirm Washington's growing engagement with East Africa, coming when Kenya has positioned itself as a regional anchor for stability, innovation and trade.

The VP was to meet President William Ruto and senior government officials for talks on investment, security and trade, particularly under the US-Kenya Strategic Trade and Investment Partnership, a framework designed to deepen commercial relations beyond the African Growth and Opportunity Act.

He was also expected to discuss



US Vice-President JD Vance (with child) and his wife Usha at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland on October 17, 2025. His visit to Kenya and South Africa has been cancelled. PHOTO | REUTERS



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KAJIADO

KAJIADO COUNTY ASSEMBLY
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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FORUMS ON THE KAJIADO COUNTY FINANCE BILL, 2025

Pursuant to the Provisions of Article 196(1) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, and Standing Orders No. 121(3) of the County Assembly Standing Orders, the Kajiado County Assembly will facilitate public participation forums on the Finance Bill, 2025, as set out in the schedule below;

KAJIADO SOUTH SUB-COUNTY

NO	DATE	Ward	VENUE	TIME
1.	Tuesday 18/11/2025	Rombo, Kuku & Entonet Lenkism	Loitokitok Social Hall	9:00 AM
		Kimana & Imbirikani	Kimana social hall	2:00 PM

KAJIADO EAST SUB - COUNTY

NO	DATE	Ward	VENUE	TIME
3.	Wednesday 19/11/2025	Kenyewa/Poka & Imaroro	MCA Office - Mashuuru	9:00 AM
		Kitengela, Oloosirkon/Sholinke & Kaputiei North	Esidai Hotel - Kitengela	2:00 PM

KAJIADO CENTRAL SUB - COUNTY

NO	DATE	Ward	VENUE	TIME
3.	Thursday 20/11/2025	Matapato North, Matapato South & Purko	Oldonyo Orok Polytechnic - Mile Tisa	9:00 AM
		Dallalekutuk & Ildamat	Kajiado Open Air Market	2:00 PM

KAJIADO WEST SUB-COUNTY

NO	DATE	Ward	VENUE	TIME
4.	Friday 21/11/2025	Mosiro & Ewuaso-Oonkidong'i	MCA Office - Ewuaso	9:00 AM
		Keekonyokie, Iloodokilani & Magadi	Dominion Church - Goshen Land Kiserian	2:00 PM

KAJIADO NORTH SUB-COUNTY

NO	DATE	Ward	VENUE	TIME
5.	Saturday 22/11/2025	Ngong, Oloolua & Olkeri	NG-CDF Hall Ngong	9:00 AM
		Nkaimurunya & Ongata Rongai	Rongai Social Hall	2:00 PM

Members of the public are invited to the forums whereat they may make presentations to the Committee either orally or through written memoranda. Copies of the Kajiado County Finance Bill, 2025 can be obtained from the Office of the Clerk of the County Assembly during official working hours. Soft copies of the Finance Bill can be downloaded from www.kajiadoassembly.go.ke. The Bill will also be available at the forums. Written memoranda may be submitted through info@kajiadoassembly.go.ke.

Leboo Saisa
Clerk, County Assembly of Kajiado

cooperation in counter-terrorism, clean energy, education and digital transformation – sectors the two countries have long collaborated.

Mr Mudavadi said Kenya is confident in its partnership with the US despite the diplomatic reshuffle.

"Kenya and the United States enjoy a deep and historic relationship anchored on mutual respect, shared democratic values and common interests," he said in the statement.

"While scheduling changes sometimes occur in diplomacy, our cooperation with the US continues robustly across all sectors, from trade and security to education and technology."

Balancing act

He added that Kenya remains focused on advancing strategic engagements that benefit both countries and the region.

"Our commitment to constructive dialogue and international collaboration is unwavering. Kenya will continue to be a reliable partner in promoting peace, prosperity and shared growth," he said.

Mr Mudavadi's remarks came as part of an effort to underscore Kenya's foreign policy approach amid shifting global alignments.

The ministry emphasised that the cancellation would not disrupt bilateral initiatives and that the two governments are explor-

ing new dates for high-level engagements.

The G20 Summit in Johannesburg is expected to centre discussions on global economic resilience, sustainable development and Africa's role in shaping world markets.

To many, the absence of a US delegation underscores the Trump administration's scepticism towards multilateral institutions and its preference for bilateral diplomacy aligned with its "America First" doctrine.

Still, Nairobi and Washington have reiterated that working-level engagements will continue uninterrupted.

Kenya and the US have had more than six decades of cooperation in many fields.

America remains one of Kenya's largest trading partners and an important supporter of its counter-terrorism operations in the Horn of Africa, while thousands of Kenyans live and work in the US, contributing to strong diaspora linkages.

For Kenya, the latest development offers an opportunity to guarantee its independent yet cooperative foreign policy stance.

The government appears determined to maintain balance between engaging long-standing Western allies and exploring new partnerships with emerging international players in Asia, the Middle East and within Africa.

While the cancellation of Mr

G20 FALLOUT

Trump accuses S. Africa of 'abuses'

President Trump said no US government official would attend the G20 summit, because of "human rights abuses taking place in South Africa". South Africa later described the decision as "regrettable" and repeated its rejection of Trump's claims that Afrikaners face persecution in the Black-majority country. Trump has taken issue with South African domestic and foreign policies – ranging from its land policy to its case accusing Israel of genocide in Gaza. South Africa reiterated Pretoria's rejection of the accusation that Afrikaners are oppressed. "The claim that this community faces persecution is not substantiated by fact," the ministry said.

Vance's trip may have postponed high-profile meetings, it has not dimmed Nairobi's commitment to strengthening relations with Washington, officials in the Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs said.



JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION REPUBLIC OF KENYA



INTERVIEWS NOTICE

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Reference is made to the advertisement on 9th June, 2025 for the following positions:

- i) Judges of the Court of Appeal (15 posts)
- ii) Judges of the High Court (20 posts)
- iii) Judges of the Environment and Land Court (10 posts)

It is notified for general information that the Judicial Service Commission will be conducting interviews for the three positions from **12th January, 2026 to 23rd March, 2026, at the JSC Boardroom, 12th Floor, CBK Pension Towers, Harambee Avenue, Nairobi.**

The **interview schedule** indicating the names of the candidates and the specific dates and time of the interview can be accessed from the JSC website: www.jsc.go.ke.

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INVITATION FOR SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA THE AGRICULTURE PRODUCE (MINIMUM GUARANTEED RETURNS) BILL, 2025 (SENATE BILLS NO. 17 OF 2025)

The **Agriculture Produce (Minimum Guaranteed Returns) Bill, 2025 (Senate Bills No. 17 of 2025)** was read a First Time in the Senate on Wednesday, 28th October, 2025 and thereafter stood committed to the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries 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 establish a framework through which county governments can guarantee farmers a minimum return on their produce in order to cushion them against unpredictable market fluctuations. The Bill also seeks to promote food security and facilitate equitable agricultural development across counties.

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 Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries 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 agriculturecommittee.senate@parliament.go.ke to be received on or before **Monday, 24th November, 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,
CLERK OF THE SENATE.



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BACKGROUND

Our client, **Credit Information Sharing Association of Kenya (CIS Kenya)** is the country's leading institution dedicated to advancing a transparent, responsible, and inclusive credit market. Established in 2013, it aims to build a financial system where credit is extended based on data, trust, and fairness.

Over the years, CIS Kenya has evolved from being a compliance platform into a national leader, uniting banks, microfinance institutions, SACCOs, fintechs, and regulators to strengthen Kenya's credit culture and broaden access to finance.

At its core is **ValiData**, an innovation developed by CIS Kenya to enhance the integrity and accuracy of credit data, enabling lenders to make informed decisions, improving portfolio quality, and supporting efforts to reduce Non-Performing Loans (NPLs) across the financial sector.

Beyond data, CIS Kenya also plays a convening role - shaping discourse on credit reporting, financial literacy, and consumer empowerment, and shifting perceptions of Credit Reference Bureaus (CRBs) from a punitive tool to a resource for risk management and protecting borrowers from over-indebtedness.

Today, CIS Kenya serves as a trusted authority in the credit information sharing industry, promoting innovation and collaboration to ensure a robust, inclusive credit market for the future. It is against this background that CIS Kenya is now seeking to recruit a strong, dynamic and visionary leader to drive change, innovation, and transformation of the Association.

STRATEGIC ROLE OF THE CEO

The Chief Executive Officer of CIS Kenya will position the organization to a new and coveted level as the convener of national discourse on credit market issues across all sectors. To achieve this status the CIS Kenya team, under the CEO's leadership, will ensure to:

- a) Champion national conversations around enhancing private sector credit particularly to MSMEs, driving down NPLs and lowering credit pricing.
- b) Drive full and effective implementation of the ValiData across all sectors of the credit market.
- c) Galvanize public appreciation of CRB scores as an enabler of easier access to credit.
- d) Lead the development and execution of a new strategic plan for CIS Kenya.
- e) Work closely with industry experts to achieve organizational objectives.
- f) Mitigate compliance risk among members by activating the self-regulatory structures that have been put in place.
- g) Achieve promulgation of a National CIS Policy and associated legal and regulatory reforms.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CEO

Reporting to the Governing Council, the Chief Executive Officer will be responsible for the implementation of the Council's decisions in a results-oriented and timely manner to achieve CIS Kenya's goals, objectives and performance targets by:

- a) Providing strategic leadership to CIS Kenya to achieve its renewed mission and guarantee financial sustainability.
- b) Ensuring efficient running of the affairs of the Governing Council and General Meetings with utmost diligence and efficiency.
- c) Playing an effective role as spokesperson for CIS Kenya on matters of CIS policy and implementation.
- d) Promoting efficiency, effectiveness and quality in the CIS Mechanism.
- e) Leading out in lobby efforts towards a strong policy and legal framework that also provides for growth of the effective ADR mechanism;
- f) Securing sustainable funding through membership, programs and partnerships to guarantee financial sustainability; and;
- g) Any other responsibilities that may be necessary to achieve CIS Kenya's objectives.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- a) Bachelor's degree in Accounting, Economics, Law, Banking, Finance, Financial Economics, Business Administration, or other relevant discipline.
- b) Master's degree in a relevant discipline.
- c) Minimum of ten (10) years' experience at a senior level management in the banking or finance sector.
- d) Be a practicing professional member with relevant professional body;
- e) Demonstrable expertise in matters relating to non-profit Associations, credit information, banking, governance and related expertise.
- f) Ability to build and manage complex/delicate relationships, and to build consensus among a diverse range of stakeholders with disparate and sometimes competing interests.
- g) A results-oriented and self-driven leader with a strong track record in strategy formulation, managing change, organizational growth, and performance management
- h) Practical experience in building and managing a team of high performing technical and operational staff.

CONTRACT DETAILS

The successful candidate will be employed on a 5-year contract that is renewable based on performance.

If you believe you possess and can clearly demonstrate your ability in the required relevant criteria for this role, please submit your application, including copies of relevant academic and professional certificates and testimonials, your curriculum vitae, details of current position, current remuneration, as well as email and telephone contacts of three (3) referees who can speak of your competence, character and integrity to info@atarahsolutions.co.ke. Applications should be received on or before **24th November 2025**.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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National News



Health CEC Suzanne Silantoi.

Landlords in trouble over failure to repaint buildings

BY KEVIN CHERUIYOT

The owners of 19 buildings in Nairobi Central Business District (CBD) risk being prosecuted for failing to repaint their buildings.

Nairobi County Executive Committee Member for Health Suzanne Silantoi said yesterday that a 14-day ultimatum to repaint the buildings expired a week ago and some property owners had not complied with the directive.

Ms Silantoi, who spoke after touring the

CBD, said most of the buildings that had not been repainted were in downtown Nairobi, including Kirinyaga Road. She added that county officials continue to hold negotiations with owners so that the buildings are given a fresh coat of paint.

"We cannot name these buildings for now, but the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions has already approved 19 statements for prosecution. We will reveal the names once the files are officially out," Ms Silantoi said.

City Hall issued 158 notices to the own-

ers of specific buildings asking them to comply with the orders by the county government, but only 41 adhered to the directive while 28 cases are under review.

At the same time, Ms Silantoi said that the landlord of a building that hosts the offices of a leading bus company has been arrested for ignoring the notice.

"We have given notice and adequate time for property owners to act. Those who continue to ignore the directive will face penalties, closure, or prosecution under the Public Health Act," she said.

"This is not just about inspection; it's about public health. Some of these buildings have not been painted for decades, while others pose serious health hazards. This is the capital city, we must keep it clean and safe," the minister added.

During the operation, Public Health Chief Officer Tom Nyakaba said that the crackdown will continue in phases.

"Apart from public health concerns, we are also assessing the architectural safety of buildings. We'll issue vacation notices for structurally unsafe buildings," he said.

Mediheal probe report to be out in a month: MPs

BY COLLINS OMULO

A parallel report of an inquiry into allegations of unethical organ transplant practices at Mediheal Hospital in Eldoret will be ready in a month, the National Assembly Health Committee has said.

Committee chairperson, Seme Member of Parliament James Nyikal, said that the panel is at the tail-end of investigations.

Speaking to the media yesterday, Dr Nyikal said the committee is currently analysing a report by the hospital.

The committee met with the management of Mediheal Group of Hospitals and its legal representatives.

Dr Nyikal said that two months ago the committee met some individuals who donated their organs in Eldoret. The parliamentary committee also visited other hospitals that are allegedly linked to the matter.

Local, foreign patients

The Seme MP said that the voluminous report by Mediheal shows that the facility conducted 470 organ transplants, including kidneys.

The report also has details of patients — both donors and recipients — as well as their nationalities.

"We are positive that we have a detailed report that will help us reach a conclusion. We are going to scrutinise it. Expect the committee's report in a month," said Dr Nyikal.

The second-term legislator said that at the moment, the committee is unable to conclusively say if the transplants were illegal or not.

However, Dr Nyikal said it was evident that organ transplants were done at the facility. The patients were both locals and foreigners, he said.

Vanished without a trace Witness to be cross-examined by the defence lawyers

KWS rangers planned fisherman Odhiambo's abduction, court told

Senior officer says there is no sufficient evidence to support theory of his escape

BY JOSEPH OPENDA

Six Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) rangers planned the abduction of missing Nakuru fisherman Brian Odhiambo, a court has heard.

A top detective told a Nakuru court yesterday that investigations revealed how the officers brutalised Mr Odhiambo after seizing him outside the Lake Nakuru National Park in broad daylight.

Mr Odhiambo vanished on January 18 at Manyani after being arrested by the KWS officers for allegedly trespassing into the national park.

However, the rangers have maintained that the fisherman escaped from custody and he has not been found.

But appearing before Senior Principal Magistrate Kipkurui Kibellion, Chief Inspector Julius Muhui sought to deconstruct the narrative by the rangers. He accused the officers of planning the abduction of Mr Odhiambo.

He said that there was no sufficient evidence to support the rangers' theory of the fishermen escaping.

Senior Sergeant Francis Wachira, Alexander Lorogoi, Isaac Ochieng, Michael Wabukala, Evans Kimaiyo, and Abdulrahman Sudi have been charged with Mr Odhiambo's abduction.

Chief Inspector Muhui, who is the chief investigating officer in the case, said that Sgt Wachira, who was in charge of the operation, conspired with the rest of the officers to execute the plan to abduct the fisherman.

"From our investigations we established that Francis Wachira took part in assisting in the disappearance and abduction of Brian



Alvy Okello, the wife of fisherman Brian Odhiambo, at the scene where he was arrested. BONIFACE MWANGI | NATION

PROCEDURE

Alleged escape was not recorded

According to Mr Muhui, the procedure demands that once a suspect escapes while in their custody, an entry is supposed to be made in the OB. He said that since that was not done, that was an after thought. "If you check the OB, such cases are made as an incidence and not as a remark. They ought to have made an entry on the nature of occurrence. No report of an escapee in the OB was kept by the KWS. With that evidence, we decided to charge the six suspects," he said.

Odhiambo. Other officers collaborated and executed the abduction," said Mr Muhui.

He said that the initial report from the complainants stated that Mr Odhiambo had been caught by the rangers while escaping in the park; he was beaten up, dragged and bundled into a Toyota Land Cruiser.

Mr Muhui told the court that he went to Bondeni Police Station where the report had been made. There, he found that the Officer Commanding the Station had already circulated a report of a missing person.

On checking the Occurrence Book (OB) at the station, Mr Muhui learnt that nine people had been arrested by KWS officers and booked at the station, but Mr Odhiambo was not among the suspects.

His team later requested the duty roster from the KWS for the of-

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Chief Inspector Julius Muhui



ficers who were at work on the material day.

The six suspects, who are facing charges, were on duty. They were

part of the team that carried out the operation to arrest illegal fishermen at Lake Nakuru.

Mr Muhui recorded statements from the officers. The statements showed that upon arresting Mr Odhiambo, they drove towards a place called Vietnam, where they met another Land Cruiser with er more officers.

Sgt Wachira instructed the officers to transfer Mr Odhiambo to the other vehicle which was being driven by Mr Abdulrahman Sudi who was left to guard him.

However, in his statement, Mr Sudi said that as he was driving towards Sewage area while carrying Mr Odhiambo at the back of the vehicle, he sought permission to relieve himself.

"Sudi claimed that the suspect pushed him and escaped into the park immediately he untied him. He said that he tried to pursue him in vain," said Mr Muhui.

However, he said that the officers could not prove that Mr Odhiambo had escaped since they never recorded such information in their Occurrence Book.

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The court further made a site visit to the scene where the fisherman is said to have been abducted before the detective testified.

The case will continue with the witness being cross-examined by the defence lawyers.

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Pursuant to provisions of Article 196 (1) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, Section 105 (1) (d) of the County Governments Act, 2012 and the Kitui County Assembly Standing Orders, the County Assembly of Kitui invites members of the public to attend the upcoming public participation sessions and give their views on the proposed **Kitui County Annual Development Plan (ADP)** for Financial Year 2026/2027, and the **Kitui County Finance Bill, 2025**.

The dates, time and venue for the meetings are as follows:-

Date	Time	Sub-County	Ward / Venue
Monday, 17 th November 2025	10.00 a.m.	Mwingi North	Tseikuru Ward – Tseikuru Resource Centre
		Mwingi Central	Kivou Ward – Mwingi Resource Centre
Tuesday, 18 th November 2025	10.00 a.m.	Mwingi West	Migwani Ward – TSC Hall
		Kitui West	Kauwi Ward – AIC Kauwi
Wednesday, 19 th November 2025	10.00 a.m.	Kitui East	Zombe Ward – Zombe AIC
		Kitui South	Mutomo Ward – Mutomo Chief's Camp
Thursday, 20 th November 2025	10.00 a.m.	Kitui Rural	Kyangangi Ward – Kyangangi Market Shed
		Kitui Central	Kyangwithya West Ward – Sokomoko IPHC Church

One may as well submit a written memorandum with his/her views to the Office of the Clerk of Assembly, **County Assembly of Kitui, P.O Box 694-90200, Kitui** or emailed to [kituiassemblies@gmail.com](mailto:kitiuassemblies@gmail.com) or info@kituiassembly.go.ke to be received on or before **Friday, 21st November, 2025** during working hours.

Soft copies of the Kitui County Annual Development Plan (ADP) (2026-2027), and the Kitui County Finance Bill, 2025 can be downloaded from the Kitui County Assembly official website: www.kituiassembly.go.ke

Members of the public are also invited to give their submissions through an interactive virtual meeting on Google meet platform vide this link: <https://meet.google.com/pxm-hdnc-luj> scheduled for Friday, 21st November 2025 starting at 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m for ADP, and from 12.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. for Finance Bill.

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Justice Court says club failed to show when the decision to exclude advocate was made

Why court ordered Muthaiga Club to pay lawyer Sh1 million

Club says it was established to provide members and their guests a venue for social events, accommodation

BY SAM KIPLAGAT

Failure by Muthaiga Country Club to give sufficient explanation to city-based lawyer Donald Kipkorir after denying him entry last year violated his right to dignity, the High Court has said.

While ordering the club to pay the lawyer Sh1 million, the court said the decision to turn him away on August 9, 2024, was humiliating, "piercing his human dignity and violating the core of his right".

"The humiliation, coupled with the lack of justifiable reasons, injured the petitioner's right to human dignity in violation of Article 28 of the Constitution," the court said.

The court also cited Article 47(2) of the Constitution, which provides that when a person's rights or freedom are adversely affected by administrative action, the individual is entitled to written reasons for the action.

Mr Kipkorir told the court that the incident was a continuation of an earlier one in October 2022, when he was denied access to the club but was later allowed in after complaining.

He added that on the day in question, he was treated "like a stray dog, a homeless hound that had trespassed on the hallowed grounds of the privileged elite".

The lawyer said he had been attending meetings at the club for more than 20 years without restrictions.

Though he is not a member of the club and has no intention of joining, he argued that he should not be barred from accessing the premises to meet his clients who happen to be members.

In its defence, Muthaiga Country Club said the petition sought to interfere with the rights of a private members' entity to determine who it admits.

The club said granting Mr Kipkorir's request would effectively compel it to allow access to non-members, contrary to its by-laws.



Nairobi-based lawyer Donald Kipkorir. Muthaiga Country Club said Mr Kipkorir is a habitual abuser of the court process who uses litigation to advance personal interests. The court rejected the argument. FILE | NATION

HIS TAKE

The complaints against Muthaiga Country Club

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According to Mr Kipkorir, the incident was a continuation of an earlier one in October 2022 when he was denied entry.

It added that membership is limited to registered members, their invited guests and members of reciprocating clubs.

Muthaiga Country Club told the court that the reasons for denying the lawyer entry were communicated to his hosts and lawyers after the first incident.

It said it has a membership of more than 6,500 from diverse ethnic and national backgrounds and that members are free to invite guests.

"Muthaiga Country Club was established to provide its members and their guests a venue for social gathering and accommodation," the club's lawyer told the court.

It claimed that Mr Kipkorir's social media posts had damaged its image and brand, and that his conduct influenced its decision to deny him access.

The club described the lawyer as a "ha-

bitual abuser of the court process who uses litigation to advance personal interests".

According to the club, it does not perform any public function, and therefore its internal decisions cannot be subjected to constitutional interpretation or scrutiny.

However, the court rejected the argument, insisting that the Bill of Rights binds not only the state and its agencies but also private entities and individuals.

The court added that the club failed to show when the decision to exclude the lawyer was made or whether it occurred before or after his invitation.

It said Mr Kipkorir's host was informed he would not be allowed in only after the lawyer had arrived and been turned away.

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Industry

Inside bid to assemble Chinese cars locally

BY COLLINS OMULO

A Chinese firm has set eyes on Kenya's vehicle market, announcing plans to begin local assembly next year.

The decision by the company called Chery aims to create jobs and strengthen Kenya's manufacturing base, amid a market dominated by second-hand imports.

The announcement by Chery's local partner, Caetano Kenya, is a significant step in Kenya's efforts to boost local vehicle production through incentives, part of a broader import substitution strategy.

"2026 will see the beginning of local assembly of Chery vehicles," said Aurélien Glay, Managing Director of Caetano Kenya.

"This is designed to create jobs, enable transfer of skills, accelerate industrial growth and generate greater local value."

Local assembly – known in the industry as Completely Knocked Down (CKD) operations, where vehicle parts are imported and assembled locally – offers Kenya advantages.

It creates jobs, develops technical skills and reduces the final cost of vehicles compared to importing fully-built units.

Kenya's automotive market has long been dominated by imported used vehicles, primarily from Japan.

The government has been implementing policies to encourage local assembly, including tax benefits for manufacturers.

The launch introduces Chery SUV models to the Kenyan market. The vehicles will be backed by a seven-year or 200,000-kilometre warranty.

KWS moves animals from the expansive Kedong Ranch



KWS rangers restrain a giraffe during a mass capture and relocation of animals from Kedong Ranch in Naivasha yesterday. They were taken to Nairobi National Park. BONIFACE MWANGI NATION

BY MERCY KOSKEI

The Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) has begun translocating wild animals from Kedong Ranch in Naivasha, Nakuru County, citing risks from poaching and uncontrolled land use.

KWS officials said the animals are being moved to Nairobi National Park and other conservation reserves as land division at the ranch is disrupting migration corridors.

Kedong Ranch, which stretches from Mt Longonot and Hell's Gate national parks towards Suswa in Narok and Kajiado counties, is private property and has not been registered as a wildlife conservancy.

The operation, conducted in partnership with The Safari Collection, follows high-level stakeholder meetings over the fast pace of

land sales in the ranch.

The animals being moved include giraffes, zebras, gazelles, elands and wildebeests.

Dr Dominic Mijeje, a KWS veterinary officer, said the translocation would help protect animals from poachers and reduce human-wildlife conflicts.

The risks

"Most of the ranch has been sub-divided and sold, affecting wildlife habitats. Animals are displaced, water sources are scarce and human activity has increased insecurity," he said.

The exercise began a month ago, with more than 200 zebras, 10 giraffes, 40 wildebeests, 20 elands and 100 gazelles moved so far.

The phased approach allows animals to return to thickets before the next move. KWS

plans to relocate more than 1,000 animals in the exercise that continues into 2026.

For decades, Kedong Ranch has been an important corridor for wildlife moving between Mt Longonot and Hell's Gate national parks, also connecting to Lake Naivasha for water and pasture.

KWS assessments indicate species risk becoming homeless without intervention, which would also affect predators like lions, leopards and cheetahs.

The Giraffe Conservation Foundation, with support from The Safari Collection, is fitting giraffes with Global Positioning System collars to monitor their movements and identify habitats for future protection.

"Without such intervention, Kenya risks losing entire wildlife populations," Dr Mijeje told the *Daily Nation*.

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Strong conviction Githii believed that the press answered not to the State but to the public

He was an institution—a force of nature who combined intellect, defiance, and discipline to define what political reporting meant in post-independence Kenya

The death of George Githii in Canada on 7 November 2025 closed a vital chapter in Kenya's journalistic history. To those who worked under him at the Nation newspaper, he was more than an editor-in-chief. He was an institution—a force of nature who combined intellect, defiance, and discipline to define what political reporting meant in post-independence Kenya. He could be charming or ferocious, unpredictable or avuncular, but above all, he was the journalist's editor: a leader who inspired, provoked, and protected his reporters while setting the profession's moral compass.

His career spanned Kenya's most turbulent years. He believed, with missionary conviction, that the press answered not to the State but to the public. When other editors trimmed their sails to the prevailing political wind, Githii stood firm. The image endures: the elegant man in a bow tie—urbane, witty, yet unafraid to cross swords with power. To his critics, he was "the mad man"; to his newsroom, he was simply "GG".

He had an uncanny eye for talent. Githii could spot a promising journalist before the journalist spotted himself. Many of Kenya's finest writers passed through his newsroom: Philip Ochieng, whom he lured from the late 1960s into a column that dissected the young republic's foibles; Julius Njoroge, recruited from the Kenya News Agency and later promoted to group managing editor at the Standard. "GG was my mentor," Njoroge recalled. "He recruited me, trained me, and gave me the confidence to lead. I use the communication skills he taught me to this day."

I, too, was a beneficiary. In the early 1970s, while lecturing at the University of Nairobi's School of Journalism, I received an unexpected offer from Githii to join the Sunday Nation as assistant editor. I had no newsroom experience, but that did not deter him. He valued curiosity, not credentials.

He also prized balance. My first encounter with him came in 1967, during a student strike. He turned up on campus alone—no driver, no entourage—and spoke quietly with students before writing an editorial that captured their grievances and the government's excesses with equal precision. Years later, when I joined the paper, he drilled that same discipline into me. During the Arab-Israeli war, he asked me for an editorial on the conflict. I wrote passionately for the Arab cause. He read it, smiled, and said: "With the same eloquence that you've used to put the case for the Arabs, put the case for the Israelis." That lesson in fairness stayed with me for life.

He could be eccentric. One morning I found him composing an editorial with two boiled eggs and a bottle of Pilsner beside his Olivetti typewriter. "It clears my head," he explained—though I never saw that breakfast again. He was disarmingly humble. When I married, he came to the reception and insisted on washing glasses in the kitchen. Hierarchy meant little to him.

Yet behind the affability was a steely protector of his reporters. In 1974, after my investigation into corruption at the Central Government Medical Stores (now KEMSA) led to a senior official's conviction, police



Veteran newspaper editor George Githii. FILE | NATION



Ms Ruth Wambui Kimani at the Milimani Law Courts in Nairobi yesterday. BILLY OGADA | NATION

Widow, 75, charged with fraud in fight over prime land

BY RICHARD MUNGUTI

A 75-year-old widow has been charged with conspiring to defraud politician Agnes Kagure Kariuki of a Sh200 million parcel of land in Nairobi. Ruth Wambui Kimani denied two counts before Milimani Law Courts Principal Magistrate Rose Ndombi. She told the court the disputed land belonged to her late husband, Francis Kimani Muigai.

According to the prosecution, Ms Kimani conspired with another person, who is yet to be charged, to defraud Ms Kagure of land reference number 209/4843/10 (IR No. 15372), measuring about 0.3252 hectares along Jogoo Road. In a second count, she is accused of forging a national identity card in the name of her late husband, purporting it to be genuine.

Seeking lenient bail terms, Ms Kimani's lawyer, Mr Peter Mirie, said his client is a widow, elderly, and the administrator of her husband's estate. He argued she was only performing her legal duty in managing the property.

Mr Mirie told the court the land ownership is the subject of an ongoing case before the Environment and Land Court (ELC), where Ms Kimani seeks to revoke the title issued to Ms Kagure, a former Nairobi gubernatorial aspirant. He said the widow is asking Justice Charles Mbogo to nullify the 2015 sale of the property, allegedly done without her knowledge, for Sh10 million.

The ELC case is scheduled for hearing on November 19 and 20, 2025. Mr Mirie also cited Ms Kimani's frail health and compliance with police directions, noting she was earlier released on a Sh100,000 cash bail after her arrest last Friday.

The prosecution did not oppose bail. Ms Ndombi granted Ms Kimani a Sh100,000 cash bail or a bond of Sh1 million with one surety, citing her age and health. The case will be mentioned on December 8, 2025, for pre-trial directions.

George Githii: Editor who dared challenge the State

Githii could spot a promising journalist before the journalist spotted himself.



Peter Mwaura |
Tribute

arrested me for questioning. Three days later, I was released to find Githii's driver waiting to take me home. I later learned that he had intervened personally with President Jomo Kenyatta to secure my freedom. He never bragged about it.

Courage defined him. He had once served as Kenyatta's personal assistant and knew power's psychology intimately. But that never blunted his independence. In 1967 he was caught drafting an obituary for the still-living president, who was recovering from a heart attack. When the Attorney-General, Charles Njonjo, alerted Kenyatta, Githii was "properly reprimanded and intimidated following orders from above." But, sure in the knowledge he was doing what is standard practice in journalism, he remained undeterred.

After disagreement with the 'Nation' board, he crossed over to The Standard, where he continued to cause waves. In an editorial in July 1982, he severely criticised the government of President Daniel

arap Moi and its increasing intimidation of the press and the detention of individuals without trial. He was dismissed from his position as editor shortly after the editorial was published due to the controversy it caused. "For governments that fear newspapers, there is one consolation. We have known many instances where governments have taken over newspapers, but we have not known a single incident in which a newspaper has taken over a government," he said in the editorial. The line became his most famous declaration, a touchstone for Kenya's press freedom.

Politicians hated him, which was proof enough of his success. "George Githii may be one of the most disloyal Kenyan personalities we have in responsible positions today," thundered MP Maina Wanjigi in 1973. But Githii was loyal only to truth. Despite being newly appointed to The Standard, the famous editorial denounced touched on the most sensitive issue at the time—detentions without trial and "fear and insecurity in the body politic". Vice-President Mwai Kibaki called the article destabilising; Njonjo branded it "diabolical". And within months, following the August 1, 1982, coup attempt—a failed attempt to overthrow Moi's government—he left for exile—first to Vienna in Austria to take up a communication job with the International Atomic Energy Agency, later to Ottawa in Canada.

Legend has it he carried a pistol. His nephew, Ciugu Mwagiru, recalled: "He was a fighter. People remember him as a guy with a gun in his coat pocket." The weapon was less machismo than insurance. As former Nation editor Gerry Loughran wrote, after Githii had been arrested for preparing Kenyatta's premature obituary, he decided never again to be caught unprepared.

Those who knew him well, like I did, saw not a gunman but a gentleman—articulate, dapper, and deeply courteous.

Exile changed him. In Canada, he became a street preacher, returning to the faith of his father, a Presbyterian minister. "He quit alcohol nearly four decades ago," said his nephew. "He became a deeply religious man." The combative editor had found a different pulpit.

To place him in context is to recall Hillary Ng'weno, his predecessor at the Nation and the paper's first African editor. Ng'weno built the intellectual foundations of Kenyan journalism; Githii built its muscle. One supplied analysis, the other defiance. Together, they gave the post-colonial Press both a conscience and a spine.

When news of his death broke, Joseph Odindo, a later editorial director of Nation Media Group, rightly called him "one of the most consequential journalists to have led a Kenyan media stable". Githii, he said, "resisted the abuse of power by Kenyatta's courtiers, stood up against detention without trial by Moi, and defended media freedom even from proprietor interference."

That judgment and then some stands. George Githii taught his reporters that journalism was not a job but a public trust, a vocation worth its risks. He proved that an editor could lose his post, his country, and his comfort, yet still keep his integrity. His voice is silent now, but the courage it embodied echoes in every Kenyan newsroom that still dares to speak truth to power. Rest in power, George Githii, in the enduring belief that a free press remains essential to a healthy democracy.

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Human-centred care best in substance abuse war, not AI

Scroll, tap, and ask. For a generation weaned on the instant gratification of the internet, it's the default rhythm of problem-solving. From recipe hacks to life advice, the answers are just a query away. But now, a deeply concerning trend is emerging from the digital shadows: young people are turning to Artificial Intelligence for guidance on substance use. It's a dangerous gamble with digital dice, a quiet crisis where the allure of anonymity and speed is overriding the fundamental need for accurate, human-centric care.

Just this week, news broke internationally of a leading AI company being legally compelled to ban its platform from dispensing medical and legal advice. This isn't a minor update; it's a screaming red siren. Regulators are finally catching up to a terrifying reality: these systems, for all their cleverness, can and do hallucinate, fabricate, and provide lethally misleading information. Imagine a vulnerable teenager, anxious about a friend's overdose symptoms or seeking a way to "manage" their own addiction, receiving a confidently-stated but dangerously incorrect answer. The consequence isn't a failed homework assignment; it's a potential tragedy.

The statistics paint a stark backdrop for this trend. Globally, the World Health Organization estimates that over 280 million people struggle with substance use disorders. Here in Kenya, Nacada own data signals a persistent challenge, with alcohol remaining the most abused substance and the age of initiation falling alarmingly. Concurrently, a 2023 report on internet use showed that Kenyan youth are among the most connected in Africa, spending significant hours online, often seeking information and com-



An algorithm can process data, but it cannot heal a spirit.

So, to every young person out there feeling lost and typing a desperate question into a chatbot: stop. Your life is too valuable for a beta test



Simon Mwangi | Therapy



munity. This creates a perfect storm: a pressing, stigmatised health issue collides with a population adept at seeking digital solutions in spaces free of judgment.

This is the core of the appeal. An AI doesn't raise an eyebrow, doesn't preach, and doesn't threaten to tell your parents. It offers a cold, clinical, and seemingly unbiased ear. But this is an illusion. An AI cannot understand the tremor in your voice, the look of despair in your eyes, or the complex web of trauma, peer pressure, and mental health that often underpins addiction. It cannot replicate the empathy of a counsellor in a rehab centre, the shared strength in a group therapy session, or the life-saving intervention of a qualified doctor.

The fight against substance abuse is, at its heart, a human one. It's about connection, understanding, and tailored support. It's about the proven efficacy of treatment and rehabilitation centres across the country, from Nairobi to Mombasa, where real people help forge real recovery. An algorithm can process data, but it cannot heal a spirit.

So, to every young person out there feeling lost and typing a desperate question into a chatbot: stop. Your life is too valuable for a beta test. The information you need is not in the cloud; it's in the community. Reach out to a trusted adult, call a helpline, walk into a health clinic. Choose the messy, compassionate, and ultimately life-saving path of human intervention. Don't let a machine algorithmize your survival.

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On climate, time to act is now

Over the years, environmental degradation, greenhouse gas emissions, global warming and climate change have become the order hence adverse effects on ecosystems and biodiversity. Consequently, nowadays, storms, floods, wildfires and other natural hazards and risks continue to wreak havoc on earth, human beings, plants and animals thanks to wanton human activities on earth. For instance, apart from destroying infrastructure, floods displace populations and spread communicable diseases like cholera and typhoid. Natural disasters cause massive devastation, fatalities and they have far-reaching consequences affecting billions of people in their wake. The latest catastrophic landslide in Elgeyo-Marakwet that left 32 people dead and 17 missing is still fresh in many Kenyans minds.

As world leaders converge in Belem, Brazil for the 2025 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP30) on November 10-21, 2025, themed "Cooperation and Implementation", there is unprecedented urgency to address the devastating effects of climate change in the world. It is unfortunate that the world has been doing some blue sky thinking on how to reduce the effects of climate change. Failure by the industrialised countries to pay a separate annual sum of \$100 billion has left the vulnerable nations

The latest catastrophic landslide in Elgeyo-Marakwet has left 32 people dead



Joseph Muthama | Disaster



exasperated and disillusioned. As if that is not bad enough, the description of climate change as "world's greatest con job" by US President Donald Trump is not only repugnant, but profoundly disturbing. Worse even, the 2015 Paris Climate Accord — which was ratified by 196 countries and came to force in November 2016 — and whose aim was to keep global warming well below 2 degrees Celsius ideally 1.5 degree Celsius by the 2100, remains a dead letter.

The time to mitigate negative effects of climate change is now, tomorrow may be too late.

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We must practise humanity and embrace fair and healthy competition in everything we do



Fr Richard Wanyeki | Competition

Let's rediscover the spirit of fair competition

In the past, Kipchoge Keino inspired Kenyans to wake up early to watch him run and win. Today, Faith Kipyegon carries on that tradition. Every time she races, we all hold our breath. When she wins, we celebrate as if we were the ones on the track. That's the beauty of Kenyan pride, her victories feel like our own.

Just like its athletes, Africa is full of untapped potential. The Congo has oil, Tanzania has tanzanite, Zambia has copper and Nigeria has crude oil. These riches have turned Africa into a playground for global powers both Western and Eastern to compete for influence. China and the United States, the world's tech giants, both want to win Africa's heart.

This kind of competition isn't new. Back in the 19th century, the Scramble for Africa saw European powers sit around a table and divide the continent amongst themselves. Borders were drawn carelessly, cutting through communities such as the Maasai and Luo, separating families. In that race, Britain won most of East Africa.

Competition is part of life. When one person slows down, another speeds up to win. But not all competition has to be cruel. You can compete fairly, without bringing others down. True sportsmanship means admitting defeat gracefully or trying harder next time; it doesn't involve throwing insults or cheating to cover up failure.

Healthy competition keeps life moving. It pushes us to do better. Even if you try to ignore it, life will remind you perhaps when your child tells you that their friend's family has just bought a bigger TV. Suddenly, you feel challenged. That's how society works everyone wants to be number one.

In Kenya, being the best is a big deal. Every secondary school dreams of sending its students to the University of Nairobi. Every politician dreams of becoming president the ultimate number one. However, the desire to win should not make us lose our humanity, or *utu* as we call it. Competition should build us up, not tear us down.

Without competition, we risk stagnation. As students take their exams in October, we are reminded that cheating has destroyed the healthy rivalry that used to exist. If we remove all competition, our schools, leaders and society will become weaker. However, competition can be fair: contracts can be awarded without corruption, schools can excel without cheating, and polls can be fought without insults.

Kenya has one of the highest literacy rates in East Africa at over 82%. We should compete with ideas, not insults. True education teaches diplomacy, patience and respect. Unhealthy competition has the opposite effect it turns us against each other.

Ultimately, two things matter most. Firstly, we must practise humanity and embrace fair and healthy competition in everything we do. Secondly, we must realise that not all competition is genuine. Some are just traps to exploit our insecurities for financial gain, such as schools that buy exams in the name of being the best. That's when competition stops being noble and becomes corruption. Healthy competition builds people up. Dirty competition breaks them. The choice is ours.

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DAILY NATION

Fix hitches, alarm on school infrastructure

The academic year is about to end as the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) examination candidates complete their tests before the end of the month. The other students are already enjoying their longest holiday.

But for the Education authorities and the school heads, the festive season and New Year celebrations will not be so nice, as they have a tall order ahead. This is preparing for the new academic year to begin early in January.

Primary school heads attending their annual national meeting in Mombasa have sounded the alarm over inadequate infrastructure in their institutions. They are also concerned about the uneven deployment of teachers to schools.

The teachers want the government to ensure a smooth transition from junior to senior school under the Competency-Based Education (CBE). They have cited inadequate laboratories, workshops, and ICT facilities as major obstacles.

These shortcomings are particularly acute in the remote areas and for learners with special needs, and will only hamper the effective implementation of the CBE system. The regions seriously reeling from these shortcomings have been traditionally marginalised.

The education sector challenges, including reduced capitation funds, call for urgent government intervention and collaboration among all the stakeholders to ensure no child or school is left behind. After all, access to education is both a human and constitutional right.

Also of concern are the senior school implementation guidelines released last week, especially on the boarding school fees that many fear will be too steep for poor families. However, Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Ogamba has denied that there are new fees for boarding schools, but this is not a matter that can be easily ignored.

The Education ministry should effectively steer the sector to enable the sharpening of skills to provide the employable manpower the country needs for its development.



Avert clash over counties

The Senate's constitutional mandate is to oversee the allocation and use of national revenue in the 47 counties. This is crucial as the devolved units play a pivotal role in enabling countrywide development.

However, monitoring the revenue generated in the devolved units, which is minimal in many of them, is the job of the county assemblies.

Indeed, devolution has enabled the highest transfer of funds from the centre to the grassroots since independence six decades ago.

A looming clash between the senators and governors over a proposed county funds oversight Bill is, therefore, hardly surprising. The senators want to establish oversight offices in the counties to keep an eye on the billions disbursed.

Fuelling the differences is the County Oversight and Accountability Bill, 2024, by Narok Senator Ledama Olekina, which seeks to oversee the allocation, collection, use, and management of public funds in the devolved units.

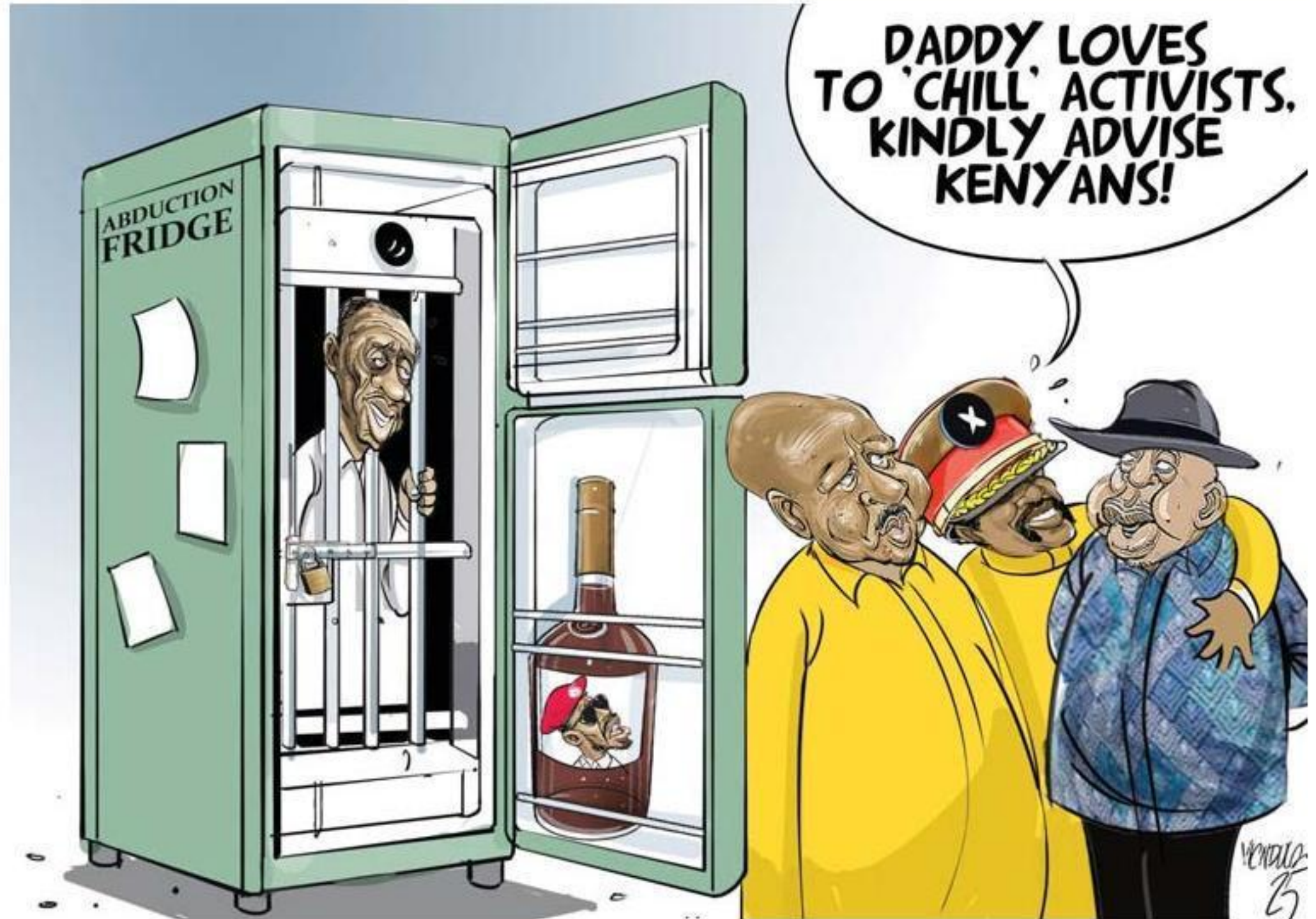
The plan is to establish a mechanism to oversee the operations of county governments to boost public participation and monitor compliance with national legislation on public finance.

Should the Bill become law, it will enhance the Senate's role in overseeing national government funds allocated to the counties. County budgets will be published to ensure that they do not merely serve the interests of governors.

The governors will definitely oppose any attempt to micro-manage their affairs, and yet they are elected by the people to serve them directly and not through proxies.

The counties have, in just over 10 years, done an excellent job, but have also gained notoriety for mismanagement, corruption, and blatant theft of public funds. They have also piled up pending bills, hampering their operations.

There is a need for all the stakeholders, especially the senators and the governors, to engage in productive discussions on how the devolved units can be strengthened to continue to play their crucial role in national development.



Why Vance should still visit Kenya

I was looking forward to the planned visit of US Vice President JD Vance. Sadly, it now looks like Mr Vance will not make it to Kenya after President Donald Trump pulled his country out of the G20 Summit taking place in South Africa on November 22 and 23.

With the United States withdrawing from the Summit on spurious grounds, it follows that Mr Vance will now not make the trip as there is right now no compelling business to bring him to our shores.

Under ordinary circumstances, many of us would be cheering that a representative of President Trump has been forced to cancel a visit to Kenya.

If there was ever a truth to 'The Ugly American' aphorism, it lies in the arrogant, racist and ignorant excuse for leadership exhibited by the Trump administration.

Chances are that Vice President Vance's visit to Kenya would not be an exemplar of strong and enduring economic, diplomatic and security relations between two sovereign nations, but an opportunity for bullying and blackmail.

The US does not see Kenya as a partner, but as a vassal state to be browbeaten into submission and forced to adjust her foreign policy and economic relationships to a script authored and enforced by Washington.

In his first term, President Trump controversially dismissed African nations as "shithole" countries. There is nothing to suggest that he has since gained a little education about this great continent and consequently adjusted his views.

For most American administrations, past and present, Africa is no more than a staging ground for superpower jostling; and of importance only for great underground wealth awaiting exploitation.

And probably more than other US leaders of contemporary times, President Trump makes no secret of his deep contempt and disdain for Africa and her peoples.

His policy on the continent is centred almost solely in the context of superpower rivalries, and particularly the new scramble

If VP Vance came to Kenya, he would find kindred spirits in President Ruto's State House where key state policies are often driven by Christian evangelical zealots who have monetised the faith



Macharia Gaitho | US ties

for Africa pitting the US against Russia and China.

There was a time, to be sure, that US interventions in Africa were welcome. During the early 1990s struggles for the 'Second Liberation'—the campaign against one-party dictatorship—the US played a critical role in supporting the cause of democracy, human rights, freedom of expression, political rights, the free media and other freedoms that are now so-well entrenched in Kenya and a few other countries.

Those principled policies played substantial roles in helping secure the freedoms we now enjoy. Under President Trump, however, the US has regressed into insular mindsets that see no need to project power and influence for advantage of those struggling against dictatorship and tyranny.

US Africa policy is also too often dictated by wild narratives peddled from loony, extremist corners of the racist, religious right, the American Taliban.

For instance, President Trump pulled his country out of the G20 Summit to protest alleged genocide, racism and property seizures supposedly targeting the White minority. In the first instance, his claims first

made when President Cyril Ramaphosa visited Washington in May, were immediately debunked as fake news.

Trump nevertheless went ahead to offer special dispensation for South African whites to get refugee status, at a time when he was shutting the doors to Africans, South Americans, Asians and other races fleeing persecution in various countries. His position was and remains clearly racist.

More recently, President Trump came up with bizarre threats to invade or attack Nigeria, one of Africa's most pivotal countries, on absolutely false claims that Christians were being subjected to genocide.

It is obvious that Trump gets his African information from extremely suspect sourcing. In the case of Nigeria, it is easy to see the hand of Christian evangelical cults out to exploit communal violence for their selfish fund-raising efforts.

On the South African case, it is remnants of the Afrikaner white-supremacist architects of Apartheid seeking support to regain their privileged colour status, or earn economic refugee status in the US.

If VP Vance came to Kenya, he would find kindred spirits in President William Ruto's State House where key state policies are often driven by Christian evangelical zealots who have monetised the faith.

He would also find a system where foreign policy, especially around mineral-rich conflict zones in the region, is driven by buccannery running transaction interventions to the exclusion of Foreign Office professionals.

But there would still be room for civil society, professional associations, business lobbies, media, and other independent groupings to educate him on the real needs and priorities for continuing links with Washington.

Outside formal engagement with government, that is where Mr Vance would have gotten essential lessons. Maybe next time.

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Letters

THE CUTTING EDGE by THE WATCHMAN

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A clash in styles • In street demonstrations, David Omollo notes, there is a striking difference between Kenyans and Tanzanians. "One remarkable contrast is that the Tanzanian protesters hold their cell phones above their heads, recording the unfolding events. This doesn't happen in Kenya, where thugs appear and snatch mobile phones during such protests." His contact is omollo-mole73@gmail.com.

Bounty in poverty • Giant telco Safaricom has reported a 52.1 per cent rise in its half-year profit, raking in a whopping Sh42.7 billion, says Peter Kamau. Many are wondering how it has managed to reap such a huge profit when subscribers can hardly afford basic needs. I know asking the Communications Authority of Kenya to investigate the tariffs will be futile." His contact is kamaupeter27@gmail.com.

Troubling times • The recent incident in which a taxpayer reportedly committed suicide in Kisumu Town "is just the tip of the iceberg", says Mohammed F. Hussein. "It should be investigated. Also, many businesses are making huge losses as the KRA has blocked their PINs and it takes a long time to restore them, thus hampering the efforts by these taxpayers." His email address is mohammed78611021@gmail.com.

A matter of taste • The recent unveiling of a specific type of wine to be used in the Catholic Church, Dr Kennedy Miyoro Mochabo finds quite interesting. Says he: "Can the church leaders also go ahead and say which types of candles should be used at the altar during Mass?" However, Dr Mochabo cautions: "At this rate, religion will become highly commercialised." His email address is kmochabo@hotmail.com.

Tourism gem • Western Kenya, Al-nashir D. Walji says, is blessed with flora and fauna and a string of lodges in its tourism circuit. "It's teeming with wildlife and the escarpment is breathtaking as traders sell items. The undulating expanses are a sight to behold. Scientists say lakes Naivasha and Nakuru are drying but agriculture is thriving. Let's pool resources." His contact is alnashird-walji@yahoo.com. Have a beautiful day, won't you!

LETTERS

Ruto claims on police killings hollow

President William Ruto recently declared that Kenya has moved past the dark days of extra-judicial killings. Yet this claim jars with memories of the 2024 Gen Z protests, when abductions, intimidation, and mysterious disappearances were rampant. Social media is awash with testimonies of activists seized by unknown people and later released with chilling tales. Such contradictions between official assurances and citizens' experiences expose the urgent need for genuine reforms and accountability.

Peter Ojwang', Siaya

Protect women, end the silence on GBV

As the campaign against Gender-Based Violence gains momentum, we must exercise greater care in how women are treated at home, in workplaces, schools and communities. Many women have bravely shared online their experiences of sexual, physical and economic abuse, often suffered in silence. Such violence leaves lasting trauma, yet perpetrators frequently go unpunished. Society must act firmly to protect women and ensure they live in safety, dignity and equality.

Naum Ndinda Muli, Machakos

Bad Bomet roads expose rot in county

There is clear evidence of mismanagement of funds meant for the repair and maintenance of rural access roads in Bomet County. During a recent visit to Kapkures Centre in Sotik, a five-kilometre journey from the Kaplong-Bomet road took me nearly an hour due to the deplorable state of the road. This reflects the misuse of devolved funds flagged by the Senate. Residents say they have resigned themselves to neglect by a rudderless and insensitive county leadership.

Onesmus Maritim, Kericho

TZ leaders must heed citizens' demands

The quest for human rights and the rule of law, however suppressed, can never be buried with victims. Recent events in Tanzania should alert leaders that the people's cannot be indefinitely restrained, and such pressure undermines meaningful socio-economic progress. Tanzania's historic role in Africa's liberation reminds us that civil liberties may be delayed but never denied. Authorities must seize this crucial moment, or risk eroding the nation's hard-earned reputation and slide into instability.

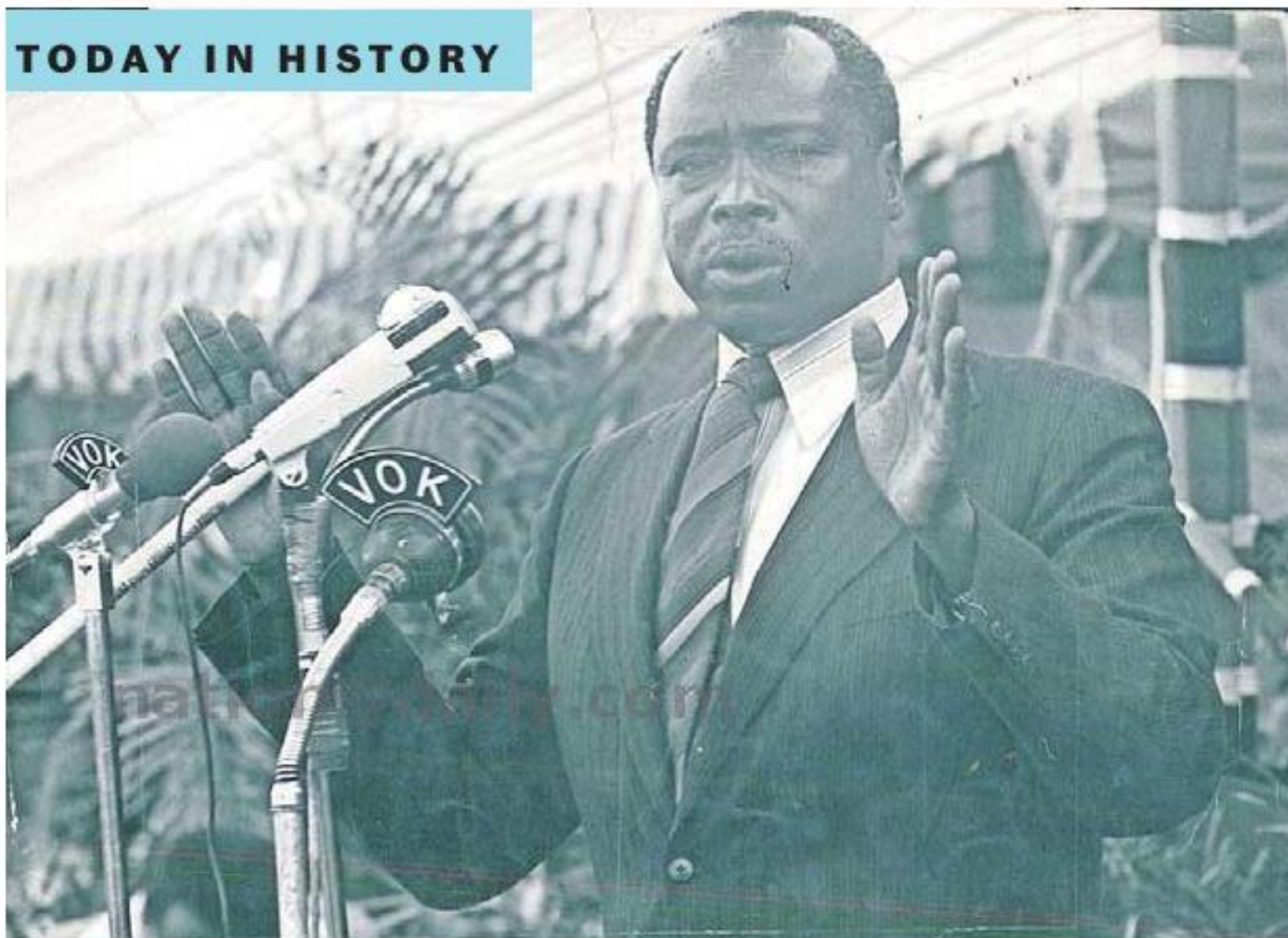
Muriithi King'au, Laikipia

State should end human rights impunity

The release of Nicholas Oyoo and Bob Njagi is a victory for human rights advocates, yet it exposes the state's failure to hold perpetrators accountable. Despite their freedom, no one faces justice for their abduction and alleged torture. Organisations like Amnesty International and the Kenya Human Rights Commission play a vital role but lack powers to prosecute. The government must investigate, prosecute, and punish those responsible, demonstrating that human rights violations will not go unchallenged.

Edwin Kariuki, Mombasa

TODAY IN HISTORY



November 11, 1978: President Daniel arap Moi warns that subversive night meetings must stop, saying he has the details of those attending and how they change cars to conceal their identities. Speaking while addressing a harambee meeting in Nairobi to raise funds for ACK St Barnabas Church in Langata, he urged citizens to follow the right path.

COMPILED BY MARIA WAMBUA

LETTER OF THE DAY

E. Africa is slowly descending into tyranny

It was deeply unsettling to hear Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni publicly admit that his government — specifically the military — had detained Kenyan activists Nicholas Oyoo and Bob Njagi for the 38 days they were missing. His words and demeanour reflected a leader dismissive of human rights. He boasted of Uganda's "good intelligence," claiming to know the two activists — though he momentarily forgot their names — and accused them of collaborating with opposition leader Robert Kyagulanyi (Bobi Wine) as "experts in chaos." It reportedly took sustained pres-

sure from the United Nations and the Kenyan Government for Kampala to release the duo, despite earlier military denials. Mr Museveni's remarks, read between the lines, appear to frame the activists as agents of Uganda's opposition — a convenient pretext to clamp down on dissent ahead of the country's next elections. Across the border in Tanzania, Kenyans working or doing business there face cancelled permits, arbitrary arrests and harassment. Some have even disappeared or lost their lives. Following Tanzania's disputed elections — condemned by SADC and African Union observers —

President Samia Suluhu Hassan blamed "foreigners" for causing unrest. Yet, Kenya's President William Ruto, the current East African Community chair, has remained conspicuously silent. Uganda's treatment of opposition figures is worsening. Veteran opposition leader Dr Kizza Besigye, once Mr Museveni's comrade and personal doctor during the NRM struggle, is again in military custody — reportedly after being seized in Kenya with Nairobi's tacit approval. Such developments paint a grim picture of a region increasingly gripped by authoritarianism. East Africa's leaders, who swore to

uphold their constitutions, now appear to be dismantling the rule of law. If presidents can violate international conventions and admit it openly, who will protect citizens' rights? The scars of Kenya's 2024–2025 Gen Z protests remain fresh, yet governments continue to trample basic freedoms. Only firm pressure from the international community can halt this descent into repression. The era of dictatorship should be long behind us — but history, and posterity, will judge today's leaders harshly if they fail to respect democracy and human rights.

David M Kigo, Nairobi



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Elgeyo-Marakwet Inside the search and rescue mission for landslide victims **P.20**

Negotiations Nurses in Lamu suspend three months' strike after striking deal with county **P.20**

Scouts honour Baden-Powell ahead of global assembly in Kenya



Scouts from various countries join their Kenyan counterparts at St Peter's Cemetery in Nyeri on November 10, 2025, to pay tribute at the grave of Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the World Scouting Movement. The visit followed a three-day Youth Assembly at Kamwenja Teachers College ahead of the 11th World Scout Parliamentary Union (WSPU) General Assembly in Nairobi. JOSEPH KANYI | NATION

Baringo Chebii pumped 10 bullets into the primary school teacher

Tutor's killing gets ex-police reservist 30 years in jail

A post-mortem report showed Simotwo suffered multiple injuries to vital organs

BY JOSEPH OPENDA

For going against the code of conduct and taking a life he was expected to protect, Wilson Chebii – a National Police Reservist – will spend 30 years in prison.

On May 1, 2022, news of the murder of Wycliff Simotwo – a teacher – during an attack in Terrein Nginyach, Baringo County, shocked locals.

Like past raids, nobody knew the bandits.

However, Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) detectives later made an unexpected discovery.

The attack was masterminded by Chebii, a police reservist from Elgeyo Marakwet County.

Chebii not only organised the raid but also killed the teacher and made away with livestock.

Chebii's arrest at his home in Marakwet West Sub-County on July 20, 2023 followed investigations that took more than a year.

He was then arraigned for the murder of the primary school tutor, a charge he denied.

Testimonies by three witnesses, however, blew his cover, bringing to light the identity of the man, who shot the teacher 10 times.

One of the witnesses said he was with two other teenagers grazing animals when Chebii's group ambushed them.

"I saw him shoot the teacher. After killing him, he and his friends drove the cattle away," the witness told the court.

"I was watching from a bush and escaped death narrowly that day. We then ran in different directions.

The witness added that he later told his father and other villagers what had happened.

Arriving at the scene, the villagers found the teacher's body in a pool of blood. At least 125 cows were stolen that day.

The witness said he identified Chebii because they had met on grazing fields before.

A post-mortem by Dr Wangare Wambugu showed Simotwo suffered multiple injuries to vital organs.

The pre-sentencing report tabled showed Chebii was feared in the community.

He denied taking part in the attack, saying he was a police reservist and could not harm locals.

"After witness testimonies, the court has established beyond reasonable doubt that you were involved in the attack. Your involvement in the fatal shooting of the teacher amounts to a breach of public trust," the court said in the November 7 ruling.

Machakos

Man's wife, sons seized over his murder

BY SAMMY KIMATU

Detectives are holding three family members following the killing of a retired senior police officer Paul Kalima Tumbo at his home in Ngelani village.

Machakos Central Sub-County Police Commander, Joseph Nderitu Muturi, said those in custody are Tumbo's wife and two sons.

Mr Muturi said the three were rescued from a mob that accused them of involvement in the killing of the 61-year-old Tumbo.

"Police officers intervened swiftly and took them into custody for their safety and to assist with investigations," Mr Muturi said.

Detectives found several items



Ngelani and surrounding areas have witnessed insecurity in recent months. PHOTO | SHUTTERSTOCK

believed to have been used in the killing, including a rope, a panga and sticks, during a search of the house.

The officers said the motive for the killing is yet to be established, though preliminary re-

ports point to a family dispute. Residents described Tumbo as a social man who supported many people during his years in the police service.

"He was respected by everyone in the village. The death is shock-

ing," a neighbour told the *Daily Nation*.

Journalists were barred by family members from filming or accessing the compound.

Area Assistant Chief Noel Kilonzo could not be reached for comment.

Tumbo's body was later taken to Machakos Level Five Hospital mortuary.

Mr Muturi and other senior police officers appealed for calm, assuring Ngelani residents of thorough investigations.

"We are pursuing all leads. Anyone found to be involved in Tumbo's death will face the full force of the law," the police commander said.

Ngelani and surrounding areas have witnessed insecurity in recent months.

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When the attack took place in Terrein Nginyach, Baringo County. The raid was masterminded by police reservist Wilson Chebii

County News

Tragedy At the time of reporting, teams were concentrating along the riverbanks

Inside the search and rescue mission for landslide victims

Each morning, youths split into groups to cover different areas and later meet to compare notes

BY FLORAH KOECH

At about 8:30am on Saturday, Leonard Kanda gathered a dozen youths at Chesongoch shopping centre in Kerio Valley to continue the search for 11 people still unaccounted for after a devastating landslide struck the area over a week ago. The tragedy has already claimed 37 lives.

Armed with rudimentary tools — jembes, machetes, spades, and sticks — the group waded through rocks and debris along the Enou River before heading towards Kipkirwon village. Among those missing is their peer, Martin Kiptoo, a university student at Egerton, along with other villagers believed to have been swept away while asleep.

Other search teams were combing areas along different routes cut off by the landslide, accessible only on foot. Saturday marked the eighth day of the search, with teams digging through heaps of debris, alert to foul smells or swarming flies that could indicate decomposing bodies.

From the morning after the landslide, rescue efforts had begun at the Tirap escarpment, where the disaster originated, extending more than 40 kilometres to River Kerio in the hope of locating the missing.

“For a week, we have combed the escarpment down to the river. We are now focusing on digging through soil and debris that may have covered bodies under rocks, trees, and other materials deposited by the landslide,” said Kanda.

At the time of reporting, teams were concentrating along the riverbanks.

“Though we have yet to find the three missing people in this village, we wake every day hoping that today will bring results,” he added.

Each morning, the youths mobilise, splitting into groups to cover different areas, before reconvening at St Maurus Academy to share their findings.

“The first two days were extremely challenging. The terrain was muddy and littered with rocks, and roads were impassable. We could only cover small areas on foot. At night, exhaustion overwhelms you, but you have to rise the next morning and continue the search,” Kanda explained.

Among those joining the search was 68-year-old Jeniffer Yano, who lost three granddaughters

aged between two and 12. One child's body was recovered shortly after the landslide, while two — a grade seven pupil and her two-year-old sister — remain missing.

Yano recalled the night of the disaster. She had been asleep with her grandchildren when she heard a roaring sound from the nearby river. Moments later, large trees crashed into her compound. “I woke my grandchildren and tried to flee, but trees being carried downstream forced me back. I clung to reeds and reached safety, only to see my son's and neighbour's houses swept away,” she said.

In the morning, villagers rescued her son, Philemon Kiptoo, his wife, and one child trapped in the mud by the river. Another child had died, while the two youngest remained missing. The survivors are receiving treatment at Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital (MTRH) in Eldoret.

Yano now joins the search party daily, hoping to find her granddaughters. She and the youths dig through debris where items such as neighbours' clothing have been recovered.

“There is no place I have not searched, no stone left unturned, even along the river tens of kilometres away. I have yet to detect any smell of decomposing bodies. I believe the children may still be buried under mud close to home,” she said.

“I pray to God we recover them. Even if only bones are found, I will be satisfied. Without this, how can I give them a proper burial and find closure?” she added, her voice trembling.

The landslide flattened the area where Martin Kiptoo lived. Only some of his muddy clothing was recovered along the river.

Joining Yano was her 75-year-old husband, Yano Cherop, determined to locate their missing grandchildren.

“I cannot stop searching while my grandchildren are missing. I will not tire until I find them,” he said.

Raynold Ruto, elder brother to Martin Kiptoo, said he was at KMTC Iten when he received urgent calls from villagers about the disaster. Returning home the following day, he found their house and his brother's residence swept away. Some of Martin's clothing was recovered from the river.

“We also lost livestock. We continue searching for my brother's remains. He was my only sibling, and I will not rest until he is



IN NUMBERS

37

The confirmed death toll from the devastating mudslide tragedy in Chesongoch. Eleven people are still unaccounted for amid a desperate search.

40km

The expanse of the landslide that originated from the Tirap escarpment and extended to River Kerio.

found,” he said.

Susan Kaino, Martin's mother, also joined the search, instructing teams to dig around debris atop a tree along the river, hoping her son could be trapped there.

“I am drained physically and emotionally. I have searched every possible spot, yet I still believe he will be found,” she said.

Philemon Kiptotich, a local leader coordinating the search, explained that teams are assigned daily areas to cover.

“We end our search at 5pm each day. We continue walking, hoping for results. Even finding bones would bring relief, as our customs do not permit burials for missing persons,” he said.

Shelpha Cherop Yano, a survivor, pauses during a search on Saturday for her two missing grandchildren after their home was swept away by mudslides in Kipkirwon Village, Chesongoch, Elgeyo Marakwet County on the night of October 31. Three other grandchildren died, and their bodies were recovered downhill. The children's parents are injured and recuperating at Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital in Eldoret. JARED NYATAYA | NATION

He acknowledged the work is not for the faint-hearted. “Sometimes, despite all our efforts, we find nothing. But the hope of success the next day keeps us going,” he added.

Locals said the military deployed sniffer dogs on Monday and Tuesday, only to withdraw them after it was noted they could only trace living people. “Most bodies recovered after Sunday were decomposed. Lacking protective gear, including face masks, we sought help from the Red Cross, who retrieved the bodies. Many involved in the search face mental health challenges, particularly family members confronting decomposing remains without counselling,” a local said.

He highlighted the urgent need for psychosocial support, as most local counsellors finish work before search teams return from missions.

As of Saturday, Elgeyo Marakwet County Commissioner Julius Maiyo reported more than 28 deaths in Kerio Valley, seven in Marakwet East, and two in Keiyo North sub-counties. Over 212 displaced families from Chesongoch are camped at a temporary facility at Chesongoch Primary School.

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Nurses in Lamu suspend three months' strike after agreement with county

BY KALUME KAZUNGU

At least 100 nurses across Lamu County have resumed work after ending their strike that lasted for 79 days.

This follows an agreement that was reached between the Kenya National Union of Nurses (KNUN) Lamu Branch and the County Government of Lamu.

The strike began on August 18 2025 as the health workers pushed for various grievances to be heard.

“The strike was suspended for 120 days to allow for implementation of the agreement between KNUN and the Lamu County Government. In fact, all our members have already resumed duty by today (Monday). We had given them 48 hours. We call on members of the public to visit health facilities confidently, as normal services have fully resumed,” said Lamu Branch KNUN secretary Erick Otieno.

He added that the decision to suspend the strike for three months is as a result of a successful conciliation meeting held last week. Both sides signed a Return-to-Work Agreement witnessed by the County Labour Officer.

Lamu Branch KNUN Deputy Secretary Joel Obura noted that the union is hopeful that the agreed issues will be implemented fully and on time.

“To avoid future disruptions in health services, we encourage continued dialogue and timely response to nurses' concerns. The union remains open and committed to peaceful engagement at all times,” said Mr Obura.

Available resources

Lamu Deputy Governor Dr Mbarak Bahjaj, who doubles up as the County Health Executive, said the county government shall do what they had initially planned to do, particularly on medics' promotions and other matters as per the available resources.

“Actually, not all nurses were on strike. In fact, over 190 were at work. We had to adjust ourselves with the remaining nurses available just to ensure services in our hospitals go on normally,” said Dr Bahjaj.

Among the demands that prompted the industrial action are the implementation of the return-to-work agreement of 2017 that awarded nurses an increment of 15,000 on uniform allowance, 10,000 on nursing services allowance, and 1,150 on health risk allowance.

They also demanded implementation of six percent salary increments with arrears as per the Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC) salary review for the Financial Year 2024-2025. They are also demanding negotiation and signing of the 2017 Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) for the Lamu nurses.

Other grievances are employment of 200 nurses to bridge the gap of nurses' shortage in the county, conversion of contractual nurses to permanent and pensionable terms and the implementation of delayed promotions and re-designation.

Lamu has at least 34 health facilities. Among the key hospitals in Lamu are the King Fahd County Referral Hospital situated on Lamu Island, the Mpeketoni Sub-County Hospital in Lamu West, Faza Sub-County Hospital in Lamu East, the Mokowe Health Centre (Lamu West), and the Witu Health Centre also in Lamu West.

International

Pyrrhic victory Boiling point reached by societal soups that have been on a slow cooker

Leader 'who shattered nation's aura of stability'

AU and SADC say the election did not meet the required standards

DODOMA, MONDAY

Tanzania remains gripped by the aftermath of its worst post-election violence, a crisis that has shaken its reputation as a beacon of peace and stability in Africa.

It has also earned the country rebukes from regional and continental organisations.

In her inauguration speech on Monday, President Samia Suluhu Hassan said the vote was fair and transparent but acknowledged people had died. She blamed foreign actors for the deadly protests.

The death toll is not clear but families continue to search for or bury kin killed following the disputed poll that Suluhu won with 98 per cent of the vote.

The demeanour of the soft-spoken leader inspired optimism when she assumed power in 2021 after the death in office of president John Pombe Magufuli.

"Suluhu has pushed Tanzania to its thick winter of protests, instability and uncertainty," Prof Peter Kagwanja, a Kenyan policy analyst, said.

The protests, organised by young people, drew parallels with global Gen Z-led mobilisations against entrenched leadership and unresponsive governments.

Analysts say while the unrest was unprecedented for Tanzania,

it was preceded by a tense political climate marked by stalled reforms, years of simmering youth anger, power tussles in the ruling party and persecution of the opposition.

"The protests were a culmination of years of anger and grievances that have been bottled in by Tanzanians," Godfrey Mwampembwa, a Tanzanian-born cartoonist, popularly known as Gado, said.

Gado's satirical cartoons depicting Suluhu as authoritarian and intolerant of competition, have been circulated widely.

Veteran Tanzanian journalist Jenerali Ulimwengu described how the recent election "was the boiling point reached by societal soups that have been cooking for decades in a slow cooker without being noticed by an absent-minded ruler, submerged in the middle of its gravy train".

Similar sentiments were shared by Gado, who accused the ruling Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM) party of "burying its head in the sand" and being "tone-deaf" to growing calls for change.

"CCM has disenfranchised the masses and disregarded the state institutions that keep it in power," said the Kenyan-based satirist.

Charles Onyango-Obbo, political commentator, agrees that CCM "has long mistaken calm for maturity, but it is only age and arrogance hiding behind a glorious history".

"It confused the people's silence with peace, not realising it was the quiet of exhaustion," he wrote.

Unlike others in the region, CCM - which emerged from the Tanganyika African National



Samia Suluhu Hassan after taking the oath at Chamwino State House, Dodoma, on Monday last week. Her approach to leadership was initially admired at home and abroad. FILE | NATION

Union - is a post-colonial liberation party that has maintained a firm grip not only on the levers of power but also on the nation's psyche.

It is the nature of this latest election that has exposed a shocking new side of Tanzania, a country long seen as protest-shy, especially when compared with neighbouring Kenya.

In the months preceding elections, the CCM government worked to systematically eliminate any credible competition.

The two main opposition leaders were blocked from contesting - Tundu Lissu is in detention on treason charges, which he denies, while Luhaga Mpina's candidacy was rejected on technical grounds.

According to Prof Kagwanja, that alone negated what Tanzania and its founding President Julius Nyerere stood for.

"You don't jail your opponents,

you seek to get support from people against the opposition," he said.

The 65-year-old Suluhu now faces accusations of heading a government responsible for violently crushing historic protests.

Her approach to leadership was initially admired at home and abroad as she allowed opposition parties to organise rallies and criticise the government without the fear of grave repercussions.

She had pledged to reopen Tanzania to the world through her "4R" doctrine - reconciliation, resilience, rebuilding and reform.

Having been born and raised in Zanzibar, a semi-autonomous archipelago known for humility and hospitality, it was unsurprising that Suluhu inspired a sense of relief when she assumed power in 2021.

But analysts say as she set her eyes on a second term, she started seeing pressure within the

CCM and the resurgence of the opposition as threats.

For three years, she reshuffled the cabinet multiple times and replaced military and intelligence chiefs - moves seen as weeding out Magufuli loyalists.

"Within the CCM, she resorted to a Magufuli script of manipulating the party, centralising power and creating a cabal of loyalists as the fulcrum of power," said Prof Kagwanja.

For Onyango-Obbo, the myth of Tanzanian exceptionalism lies in ruins.

In a rare critique, the AU and the Southern African Development Community said Suluhu's electoral victory did not meet accepted democratic standards, citing ballot-stuffing, repression and systemic flaws.

The main opposition Chama Cha Demokrasi na Maendeleo dismissed the results as "fabricated". (BBC)

Zambia approves HIV/Aids drug

LUSAKA• Zambia has approved Lenacapavir, a long-acting injectable antiretroviral (ARV) drug for the prevention of HIV/Aids, with the government describing it as a milestone in the fight against the illness. Health Minister Elijah Muchima said the approval of the drug reaffirms the commitment of the government to ending HIV as a public threat through innovative technology by 2030. Lenacapavir is administered every six months and offers protection against HIV infection for the same duration. Muchima said the registration of the drug makes Zambia the second country in Africa, after South Africa, to do so. The minister noted that the introduction of the drug has implications for HIV prevention in Zambia, which continues to record about 30,000 new infections every year. (Xinhua)

AU urges respect for sovereignty

ADDIS ABABA• The African Union has expressed concern over claims by US President Donald Trump about Nigeria's complicity in the killing of Christians. The AU Commission rejected threats of military action against Africa's most populous nation, reiterating its "unwavering commitment" to Nigeria's sovereignty and its constitutional guarantees of religious freedom. The 55-member bloc stressed the principles of non-interference, religious freedom and the rule of law as enshrined in the AU Constitutive Act. "Nigeria is a valued member of the AU, playing a key role in regional stability, counter-terrorism, peacekeeping and continental integration," the statement said. (Xinhua)

BBC boss quits after criticism of Trump documentary edit

LONDON, MONDAY

The BBC's boss and its head of news quit on Sunday following accusations of bias at the broadcaster, including in the way it edited a speech by US President Donald Trump.

The publicly-funded BBC had been under pressure after an internal report by a former standards adviser, which cited failings in its coverage of the Israel-Hamas

war, transgender issues and a speech by Trump, was leaked to the *Daily Telegraph* newspaper.

Trump criticised the pair as "very dishonest people" after the BBC's flagship Panorama programme edited two parts of one of his speeches together so he appeared to be encouraging the Capitol Hill riot of January 2021.

Tim Davie, who has led the British Broadcasting Corporation since 2020, defend-

ed the organisation, saying its journalism is seen as the gold standard around the world.

But he said mistakes had been made and he had to take ultimate responsibility.

Deborah Turness, the Chief Executive Officer of BBC News, also quit.

"I want to be absolutely clear. Recent allegations that BBC News is institutionally biased are wrong," she said in an email.

Widely respected around the world, the

BBC still tops polls in Britain on the most trusted news brand and has huge reach in the country.

But the corporation, which is funded by a licence fee paid by all TV-watching households, comes under scrutiny from newspapers and critics.

It has recently been accused of failing to maintain its commitment to impartiality, struggling to navigate the fractious political and cultural environment. (Reuters)



World News

Guinea coup leader cleared to run for president

CONAKRY, MONDAY

Guinea junta leader Mamady Doumbouya (right) and eight other candidates have been approved to run in the presidential election next month, according to a list published by the Supreme Court.

Doumbouya vowed not to run when he seized power in 2021. But a new constitution pushed by the military-led government and approved in a referendum in September opened the door to his candidacy.

Two strong potential challengers – former President Alpha Conde and former PM Dalein Diallo – are ineligible because of age and residency rules in the new constitution.

Doumbouya put his name forward last week, a decision that could keep him in power for another five years. He will run as an independent.

The junta chief will compete against relatively low-profile candidates such as Abdoulaye Yero Balde, former minister of higher education and deputy governor

of the central bank, and Faya Milimono, an opposition leader critical of the junta.

Lansana Kouyate, a former prime minister whose candidacy was not accepted, plans to appeal, his party posted on Facebook.

In 2022, Doumbouya's government proposed a two-year transition to elections after negotiating with Ecowas, but it missed that deadline.

The December 28 vote is intended to cap a formal transition to civilian rule. (Reuters)



Gaza Strip launches vaccination campaign for children

GAZA CITY, MONDAY

Health authorities in the Gaza Strip have launched a vaccination drive targeting children under three.

They aim to prevent outbreaks of infectious diseases after two years of disrupted immunisation services caused by the war.

In a press release, Gaza health authorities said the campaign is being conducted at 150 health centres in coordination with the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and the Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS), with support from Unicef and the World Health Organization (WHO).

Authorities said the campaign would take 10 days and would be implemented in three phases, each separated by one month.

It expects to reach children who missed routine vaccinations since the outbreak of the war in October 2023.

Salim al-Qirm, medical director of PRCS al-Saraya Field Hospital in Gaza City, said approximately 45,000 children in Gaza have not received essential vaccines in the last two years.

"The interruption of vaccination programmes has increased the likelihood of serious infectious diseases," he said, adding that malnutrition and anaemia also weaken children's immunity.

Al-Qirm said hundreds of children have died in the last two years due to weakened immunity and poor health.

"The health situation of children in Gaza is dire due to shortages of vaccines, food and infant formula, in addition to the deterioration of care," he said.

He added that medical teams have begun administering vaccines for polio, measles, smallpox and hepatitis, with parents responding positively.

At a vaccination point near the PRCS hospital, Aya Abu Obeid said she brought her two-year-old son to receive his first vaccine since 2023. (Xinhua)

COP30 Some 3.7m square kilometres were burnt between March 2024 and February 2025

Climate science: From faster warming to coral collapse

Climate-denying Trump wants to slash funding for agencies that collect and monitor weather data

BELEM, BRAZIL, MONDAY

With the pace of climate change speeding up, extreme weather and other impacts are taking an increasing toll on populations and environments across the globe.

Here are some of the developments in climate science this year.

Global temperatures are not just climbing, they are climbing faster than before, with new records logged for 2023 and 2024, and at points in 2025.

That finding was part of a study in June that updated baseline data used in the science reports done every few years by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

The research shows the average global temperature rising at a rate of 0.27 degrees Celsius every decade – or almost 50 per cent faster than in the 1990s and 2000s when the warming rate was around 0.2C per decade.

Sea levels are rising faster now too – at about 4.5 millimetres per year over the last decade, compared with 1.85mm measured across the decades since 1900.

The world is now on track to cross the 1.5C warming threshold around 2030, after which scientists warn we will likely trigger catastrophic, irreversible impacts. Already, the world has warmed by 1.3-1.4C since the pre-industrial era, according to the World Meteorological Organization.

Warm-water corals are in an almost irreversible die-off from suc-

cessive marine heatwaves – marking what would be the first climate tipping point, when an environmental system begins to shift into a different state.

Researchers in October warned that the Amazon rainforest could begin to die and transform into a different ecosystem, such as savannah, if rapid deforestation continues as global warming crosses 1.5 C, which is earlier than previously estimated.

They said meltwater from the thawing ice sheet in Greenland could help cause an earlier collapse in the ocean current called the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation, that keeps winters mild in Europe.

Consistent definition

In Antarctica, where ice sheets are under threat, scientists are worried about declining sea ice surrounding the southernmost continent. Similar to what is happening in the Arctic, ice loss exposes dark water that can absorb more solar radiation – which amplifies the overall warming trend.

It also jeopardises the growth of phytoplankton that consume much of the world's CO2. Along with heatwaves and drought, wildfires threaten to be frequent and severe. This year's State of Wildfires report, counted 3.7 million square kilometres as having burnt between March 2024 and February 2025 – an area about the size of India and Norway combined.

That was slightly less than the annual average burnt for the last two decades. But the fires produced higher



CO2 emissions than before, as more carbon-dense forests burnt.

Researchers are working on ways to assess heat-related health risks and tolls, as UN health and weather agencies estimate about half the world's population is already struggling.

There is no consistent international definition for a heat-related death, but technology advances are helping to bridge data gaps and compare conditions from place to place.

The US administration under climate-denying Donald Trump is hoping to slash funding for agencies that collect and monitor climate and weather data, worrying a scientific

community that says American leadership will be hard to replace.

Trump's 2026 budget request, yet to be approved by Congress, proposes halving the annual budget for NASA Earth Science to about \$1 billion and cutting NOAA's spending by more than a quarter to \$4.5 billion while eliminating its climate research arm, among other cuts.

Elsewhere, however, public science spending is increasing, with record budgets for science research in China, the UK, Japan and the European Union. The EU also last month opened its real-time weather data monitoring to public access. (Reuters)

Brazil's Finance Minister Fernando Haddad during the ministerial preparatory meeting ahead of the COP30 Summit, in Brasilia on October 13. PHOTO | REUTERS

Kremlin wants to end war 'but Kyiv has stalled peace process'

MOSCOW, MONDAY

The Kremlin said on Monday it wants the war in Ukraine to end as soon as possible but efforts to resolve it have stalled.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov was responding to remarks by US President Donald Trump, who said at a meeting with Hungarian PM Viktor Orban on Friday: "I think we agree that the war is going to

end in the not too distant future."

Peskov restated the Kremlin's position that the war could end once Russia achieves its goals, and it would prefer to do so by political and diplomatic means.

"But there is a pause. The situation is stalled not through our fault," he said, blaming Ukraine.

Ukraine and its European allies reject Moscow's charge that it is blocking peace efforts. No face-to-

face talks between Russia and Ukraine have taken place since July 23.

Trump has attempted to persuade Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian leader Volodymyr Zelenskyy to meet, but the Kremlin has said such a summit could only take place in Moscow – a condition Zelenskyy rejects.

He has repeatedly said he does not believe President Putin is serious about seeking peace. Peskov

said it is Kyiv that does not want to continue the conversation.

"They are being egged on in every way by the Europeans, who believe that Ukraine can win the war and secure its interests by military means," he said.

He added that it is a delusion, given the situation on the battle front. As the war approaches the end of its fourth year, Russia holds about 19 per cent of Ukrainian territory. (Reuters)

Business Sh9m

Average size of a mortgage with a repayment period of 11 years

KRA names Obell to head small taxpayers unit

BY CONSTANT MUNDA

The Kenya Revenue Authority has appointed George Obell as Commissioner for Micro and Small Taxpayers Department (MST) following conclusion of a competitive recruitment process.

Mr Obell, a seasoned tax administrator with 28 years' experience, becomes the second substantive commissioner to be appointed under the ongoing restructuring at Times Tower, in a bid to "strengthen institutional capacity, enhance service delivery and drive organisational excellence".

The appointment of the head of the Micro and Small Taxpayers unit tightens the ongoing major organisational revamp at the KRA, and follows last September's hiring of Nancy Ngétich as Commissioner for Shared Services.

Recruitment for three more commissioners and 12 deputy commissioners is ongoing, according to board chairman Ndiritu Muriithi.

The pending commissioner jobs are in three departments of Large & Medium Taxpayers (currently held in acting capacity by Doreen Mbingi), Business Strategy, Technology & Enterprise Modernisation under Alex Mwangi also on interim basis and Investigations & Enforcement, currently led on temporary terms by Levi Mukhweso.



George Obell, newly appointed KRA Commissioner for Micro and Small Taxpayers unit. PHOTO | POOL

Software and Artificial Intelligence Summit



Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi (second left), Uasin Gishu County Governor Jonathan Bii (left), two-time Olympic Marathon Champion Eliud Kipchoge (second right) and Information and the Digital Economy CS William Kabogo during the opening of the inaugural Kenya Software and Artificial Intelligence Summit 2025 at Moi University Annex Campus in Eldoret, Uasin Gishu County yesterday.

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Survey Only 4.23% of pensionable members can afford Sh10m house loan

Only 4pc of Kenyans can afford Sh10m mortgage

Rising home prices and costly mortgage have locked out a majority of Kenyans

BY EDNA MWENDA

Only 4 per cent of Kenyans have the income to afford a mortgage of Sh10 million amid the rise in home prices.

A new survey by pension firm Zamara, the Centre for Affordable Housing Finance in Africa and Financial Sector Deepening Kenya show that only 6,146 of 145,205 pension scheme members can afford a house loan of more than Sh10 million, representing 4.23 per cent of the respondents.

This is in line with Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) data that shows that the average home loan has increased to Sh9 million from Sh6.9 million in 2013 and Sh7.5million in 2014, a jump blamed on expensive

homes and upfront fees.

Besides rising home prices, the survey reckons that stagnant pay and costly mortgage have locked out a majority of Kenyans from bank-financed housing.

CBK data shows the average size of a mortgage is Sh9 million with a repayment period of 11 years at an interest of 14.9 per cent.

This type of loan will attract a monthly installment of at least Sh140,000 and one would require a gross monthly salary in excess of Sh420,000, given that banks demand that borrowers retain a third of the pay after all deductions.

Over 85 per cent of Kenyans earn less than Sh100,000 per month, official data shows.

"High interest rates, strict eli-

IN NUMBERS

4%

Estimated percentage of Kenyans who can afford a house loan of more than Sh10 million

Sh9m

Average size of a mortgage with a repayment period of 11 years at an interest of 14.9 per cent

85%

Percentage of Kenyans earn less than Sh100,000 per month

gibility criteria, and low income levels push most households to rely on short-term, high-interest personal loans or informal financing, which are not ideal for long-term housing projects," the report read in part.

Banks have pointed at low level of income against high cost of property purchase, as a major impediment to the growth of Kenya's mortgage market. The banking sector had issued 30,016 mortgage loans against a formal employment of 3.4 million Kenyans.

According to the Zamara survey, 22.7 per cent of respondents can afford a Sh3 million house with a favourable 25 year repayment period and at 9.5 per cent.

"Under the subsidised Kenya Mortgage Refinance Company rate of 9.5 per cent, a household earning Sh100,000 per month can qualify for a mortgage of Sh3.4 million enough to purchase a typical Affordable Housing Programme unit."

BRIEFLY

AUTOMOTIVE

Dealer invests Sh1.4bn in China SUV assembly

Global Motors Centre, the distributor appointed to sell Jetour brand of cars in the Kenyan market, is investing Sh1.4 billion to start assembling the Chinese models in Mombasa from first quarter of 2026. Local assembly will see the firm benefit from several tax incentives, enabling it to cut introductory showroom prices that are lower than the sticker prices of some rival Japanese and European brands in the same categories.

Dennis Musau

COURT

Residents seek contempt against Taifa Gas bosses

A Mombasa court has been asked to hold Taifa Gas Investments SEZ Ltd, its directors, contractors or agents in contempt over alleged disobedience of court orders temporarily stopping the construction of a Sh16 billion liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) plant at Dongo Kundu, Mombasa. In an application at the Court of Appeal, Likoni residents want the directors committed to civil jail for a term not exceeding six months.

Philip Muyanga

COURT

Recorded Zoom meet costs Liquid Sh700,000 in fine

Internet Service Provider Liquid Telecommunications has been found in breach of data privacy laws, for recording a Zoom meeting with a former employee despite his denial of consent. The Office of the Data Protection Commissioner faulted the firm for retaining the recording even after one of the participants requested its deletion. The ODPC ordered the telco to pay Andrew Alston, its former chief technology officer, Sh700,000 for violating his data privacy rights through the unlawful recording.

Vincent Owino

Stocks

NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE

Last 12 Mths		Security	Prices		
High	Low		Yesterday	Previous	Shares

AGRICULTURAL

23.00	10.00	Eaagads Ord 1.25	19.65	20.15	290
440.00	240.00	Kakuzi Plc Ord. 5.00	400.25	400.25	106
424.25	81.00	Kapchoruar Tea Kenya Plc Ord	203.00	210.25	2,606
430.00	320.00	The Limuru Tea Co. Ord 20.00		423.50	
32.60	13.60	Sasini Ltd Ord 1.00	18.90	19.00	5,346
350.00	120.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	165.50	164.75	4,045

AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES

56.75	18.50	Car & General (K) Ord 5.00	57.75	58.25	8,653
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BANKING

23.75	10.00	ABSA Bank Ord 0.50	25.50	25.85	420,258
42.00	26.50	BK Group Ord 0.80	42.55	42.80	7,189
109.25	43.05	Diamond Trust Bank Ord 4.00	115.00	115.25	39,135
60.25	33.70	Equity Group Holdings Ord 0.50	68.75	69.75	213,116
11.30	2.80	HF Group Plc Ord 5.00	10.55	10.85	1,777,223
45.00	15.80	I&M Group Ord 1.00	45.95	45.95	267,657
59.75	15.00	KCB Group Ord 1.00	69.50	70.00	1,414,202
100.00	28.50	NCBA Group Ord 5.00	86.00	85.00	15,907
202.50	90.00	Stanbic Holdings Ord. 5.00	194.75	194.75	16,242
347.50	134.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ord. 5.00	310.25	311.50	8,440
21.55	10.10	The Co-op Bank of Kenya Ord 1.00	22.95	22.90	400,884

COMMERCIAL & SERVICES

0.45	0.45	Deacons (East Africa) Ord 2.50		0.45	
1.88	0.59	Eveready EA Ord 1.00	1.30	1.32	8,469
10.00	2.70	Express Kenya Ord 5.00	7.26	6.94	3,509
4.66	4.66	Homeboyz Entertainment Plc Ord 0.50		4.66	
9.18	3.65	Kenya Airways Ord 1.00	3.80	3.77	705,695
3.46	2.00	Longhorn Publishers Ord 1.00	2.87	2.92	1,942
5.00	1.58	Nairobi Business Ventures Ord 1.00	1.51	1.50	107,629
22.40	10.60	Nation Media Group Plc Ord. 2.50	12.90	13.00	36,519
17.00	1.80	Sameer Africa Plc Ord. 5.00	14.15	14.95	21,871
10.80	4.50	Standard Group Ord 5.00	6.42	6.02	22,809
18.70	10.85	TPS Eastern Africa Ord 1.00	17.00	17.00	536
0.41	0.16	Uchumi Supermarket Ord 5.00	0.36	0.39	543,088
3.95	1.80	WPP ScanGroup PLC Ord. 1.00	2.71	2.76	100,717

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	60.00	1,023
3.27	0.72	E. A. Cables Ord 0.50		1.71	
64.25	4.38	E.A. Portland Cement Ord 5.00	60.50	60.50	63

ENERGY & PETROLEUM

10.40	1.94	KenGen Ord 2.50	10.45	10.50	2,844,523
15.80	1.30	KP & LC Co Plc Ord. 250	14.30	14.40	1,674,777
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	
47.00	14.55	TotalEnergies Marketing Kenya Ord 5.00	44.00	44.85	6,491
24.75	6.30	Umeme Ltd Ord 0.50	7.68	7.56	38,334

INSURANCE

9.28	4.01	Britam Holdings Ord 0.10	8.98	8.80	508,010
5.50	1.60	CIC Insurance Group Ord. 1.00	4.79	4.79	604,350
332.00	142.00	Jubilee Holdings Ord 5.00	324.75	323.75	28,192
3.77	1.05	Kenya Re Insurance Ord 2.50	3.23	3.21	5,292,296
12.20	3.30	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ord 1.00	10.46	10.45	24,519
11.00	4.00	Sanlam Kenya Ord 5.00	8.68	8.86	2,008

INVESTMENT

16.50	7.60	Centum Investment Co Ord 0.50	16.00	16.40	24,633
1.83	0.27	Home Afrika Ltd Ord. 1.00	1.16	1.16	192,625
1,500	1,500	Kurwitu Ventures Ltd Ord. 100.00		1,500.00	
7.46	1.91	Olympia Capital Holdings Ltd Ord. 5.00	7.12	7.50	5,238
1.78	0.29	Trans-Century Plc Ord. 0.50		1.12	

INVESTMENT SERVICES

16.50	5.22	Nairobi Securities Exchange Ord 4.00	20.85	20.65	146,773
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MANUFACTURING & ALLIED

140.00	65.00	B.O.C Kenya Group Co. Ord 5.00	129.00	129.75	197
495.00	325.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Ord 10.00	449.25	450.00	2,034
30.10	11.00	Carbacid Investments Ord 1.00	31.10	30.65	206,556
244.00	100.00	East African Breweries Ord 1.00	244.00	245.25	126,045
2.33	0.86	Flame Tree Group Holdings Ord 0.825	1.78	1.81	27,732
80.00	10.40	Africa Mega Agricorp Ord 5.00	65.25	65.25	1
0.27	0.27	Mumias Sugar Co. Ord 2.00		0.27	
31.00	12.00	Unga Group Co. Ord 5.00	22.75	24.45	4,903
8.56	5.90	Shri Krishna Overseas Plc 0.20	8.04	7.48	11,210

TELECOMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY

31.00	11.50	Safaricom Ltd Ord. 0.05	29.10	29.50	4,212,402
20.00	20.00	Lap trust I-Reit Co. Ord 20 .00		20.00	
5800.00	1880.00	Absa New Gold ETF	5155.00	4980.00	465
844.00	761.00	Satrix MSCI World Feeder ETF	851.00	846.00	142

NSE ALL SHARE INDEX.01st Jan 2008 -100 Dwn 1.54pts -190.54NSE 20-Dwn 14.91pts -3238.94.01st sep 2015-4101.67 Dwn 34.12pts 5172.36 NSE 20-SI -30 Aug 2023=1000 Dwn 18.66pts -1993.38 Dwn 116 pts to close at 209.17

COMMERCIAL BANK RATES

		Euro	\$	£	C\$	SF	IR	JY	ZR
ABC	buy	149.12	129.00	169.61	91.91	159.85	1.45	83.81	7.43
	sell	149.96	129.50	170.53	9.27	160.67	1.46	84.19	7.50
Absa	buy	149.05	129.10	169.50	91.94	159.88	1.46	83.79	7.46
	sell	149.54	129.30	170.10	92.21	160.53	1.46	84.02	7.48
Co-op	buy	148.57	128.5	168.59	91.08	159.55	1.44	83.90	7.28
	sell	150.16	129.9	170.47	92.07	161.28	1.46	84.87	7.61
Equity	buy	148.21	129.00	168.06	91.30	159.16	-	83.90	7.39
	sell	148.68	129.40	168.76	91.61	159.77		84.17	7.42
NBK	buy	149.21	129.00	169.73	92.00	160.03	1.45	83.86	7.47
	sell	149.41	129.40	169.98	92.18	160.38	1.45	84.02	7.48
KCB	buy	149.29	129.03	170.09	92.11	160.21	1.46	84.00	7.51
	sell	149.70	129.43	170.67	92.40	160.78	1.46	84.00	7.53
NCRA	buy	149.00	128.90	166.55	91.90	159.85	1.45	83.75	7.46
	sell	149.68	129.40	170.25	92.25	160.60	1.45	84.10	7.49
Stanbic	buy	149.04	128.95	169.57	91.81	160.18	1.45	83.78	7.47
	sell	149.57	129.40	170.16	92.13	160.71	1.46	84.08	7.57
Prime	buy	149.10	129.00	169.70	91.90	160.20	1.45	83.70	7.50
	sell	149.60	129.50	170.20	92.40	160.70	1.46	84.30	7.60

CBK RATES

	Exchange Rate	Swiss Franc	160.8328
US Dollar	129.2372	100 Japanese Yen	84.4246
1 Sterling Pound	170.1408	1 Swedish Kroner	13.5579
1 Euro	149.4665	1 Norwegian Kroner	12.7164
South African Rand	7.4644	1 Danish Kroner	19.8735
Ksh/USH	27.0820	1 Indian Rupee	1.4568
Ksh/TSH	18.9961	1 Hongkong Dollar	16.6243
Ksh/RWF	11.2489	1 Singapore Dollar	99.3406
Ksh/BIF	22.8299	1 Saudi Riyal	34.4573
1 UAE Dirham	35.1857	1 Chinese Yuan	18.1449
1 Canadian Dollar	91.8791	1 Australian Dollar	83.7522

UNIT TRUSTS

		Daily Yield	Annual Rate
African Alliance Kenya Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	6.89%	7.11%
African Alliance Kenya Enhanced Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.63%	7.91%
Britam Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.00%	10.52%
Britam Money Market Fund	USD	4.44%	4.54%
Absa Shilling MMF	Kenya Shilling	7.58%	7.85%
Absa Dollar Fund MMF	USD	3.94%	4.01%
Gulfcap Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.41%	10.92%
Gulfcap Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.95%	11.51%
Gulfcap Shari'ah Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	6.93%	7.15%
Old Mutual Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.24%	10.74%
Old Mutual Dollar Money Market Fund	USD	5.51%	5.65%
Etica Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.07%	11.71%
Etica Money Market Fund	USD	5.22%	5.36%
CPF Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.93%	9.34%
Co-op Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.95%	8.27%
Co-op Bond Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.82%	10.32%
Arvocap Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.28%	10.78%
Arvocap Alimasi Fund	Kenya Shilling	1.38	1.39
Mayfair Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.96%	8.28%
Mayfair Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	15.82	15.82
Erwealth Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.62%	11.16%
CIC Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.22%	8.53%
CIC Wealth Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.00%	7.00%
CIC Dollar Fund	USD	4.85%	4.96%
Equity Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	4.89%	5.00%
Kuza Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.37%	10.92%
Kuza Money Market Fund	USD	5.73%	5.90%
Madison Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.53%	9.99%
Madison Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.79%	11.39%
Orient Kasha Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.52%	11.20%
Jubilee Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.73%	10.17%
Jubilee Money Market Fund	USD	4.96%	5.07%
Lofty-Corban Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.84%	11.49%
Lofty-Corban Money Market Fund	USD	5.00%	5.11%
Lofty-Corban Bond Fund	Kenya Shilling	13.19	13.19
Cytonn Money Market	Kenya Shilling	11.34%	12.01%
NCBA Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.52%	7.78%
NCBA Dollar Fixed Income Fund	USD	3.64%	3.70%
ICEA LION Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.31%	8.66%
ICEA LION Dollar Fixed Income Fund	USD	104.76	104.76
ICEA LION Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	123.87	123.87
Britam Special Fixed Income Fund (3 months)	Kenya Shilling	10.01%	10.49%
Britam Special Fixed Income Fund (6 months)	Kenya Shilling	10.03%	10.51%
Britam Special Fixed Income Fund (12 months)	Kenya Shilling	10.21%	10.70%
SanlamAllianz Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.76%	9.15%
SanlamAllianz US Dollar Fund	USD	5.23%	5.37%
Apollo Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.13%	9.56%
Genghis Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.03%	8.36%
GenAfrica Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.47%	9.89%
KCB Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.01%	9.39%
KCB Money Market Fund	USD	4.94%	5.05%
Nabo Africa Fixed Income Fund	USD	5.66%	5.83%
Nabo Africa Money Market Fund	USD	5.43%	5.58%
Nabo Africa Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.18%	11.83%
Nabo Africa Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.23%	11.08%
Dry Associates Money Market Fund	USD	5.60%	5.75%
Dry Associates Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.36%	9.77%
Dry Associates Special High Yield Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.59%	12.64%
Faulu Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.77%	

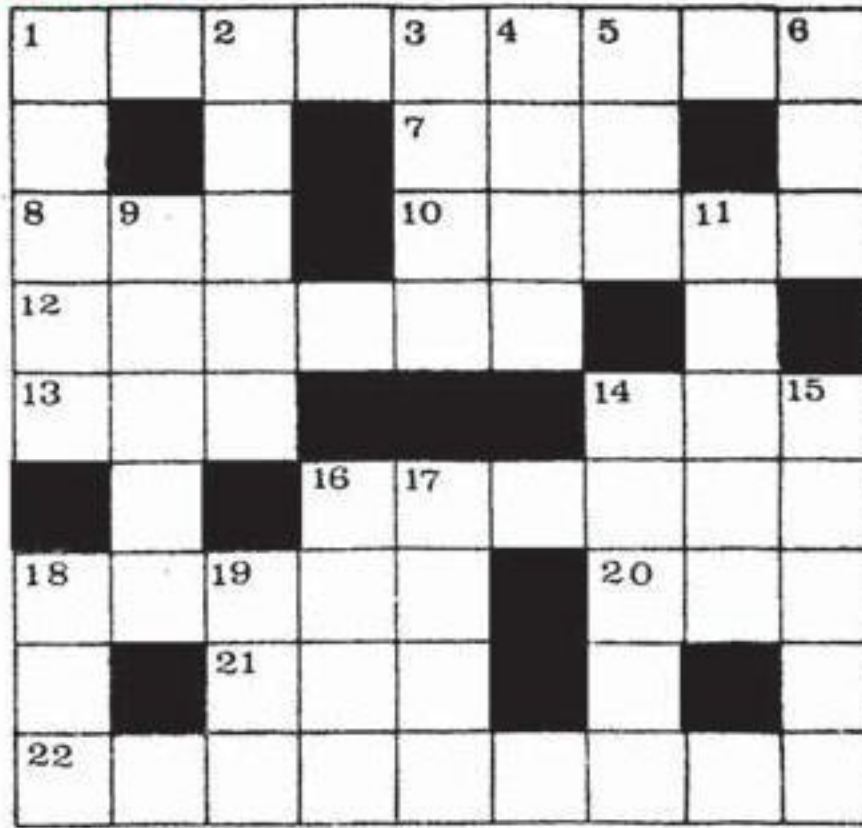
SIMPLE CROSSWORD

ACROSS:

- 1. Pagan holiday observed annually on October 31st.
- 7. Green legume
- 8. Spherical object or shape
- 10. Awake and out of bed
- 12. Hard silvery-white magnetic metal, atomic number 27
- 13. Grass mown and dried for use as fodder
- 14. The bleat of a sheep, onomatopoeically
- 16. Sacred songs or hymns
- 18. Small isle
- 20. Donkey
- 21. One or some indiscriminately of whatever kind
- 22. Highly confidential, especially in espionage (3-6)

DOWN:

- 1. Alcoholic drink, especially inferior or illicit whisky
- 2. A large waiting room or reception area
- 3. Precious stone
- 4. Occident
- 5. Consume
- 6. Conjunction that is used with 'neither' for two or more alternatives



- 9. Wanders
- 11. Prayer leaders in mosques
- 14. Prime Minister of the UK from 1997-2007
- 15. Valuable person or thing
- 16. Writing implements
- 17. Inflammation of the eyelid
- 18. Information and Communication Technology (abbreviation)
- 19. One circuit of a racecourse or track

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

- 1. Epsilon
- 7. Inane
- 8. Conceit
- 10. Hie
- 11. Ooze
- 13. Run
- 14. Asia
- 16. Moa
- 18. Rigging
- 20. Chose
- 21. Nettles
- DOWN:**
- 1. Each
- 2. Sine
- 3. Lie
- 4. Onion
- 5. NATO
- 6. Pete
- 9. Oils
- 12. Zion
- 13. Raise
- 14. Arch
- 15. Iron
- 16. Mill
- 17. Ages
- 19. Get

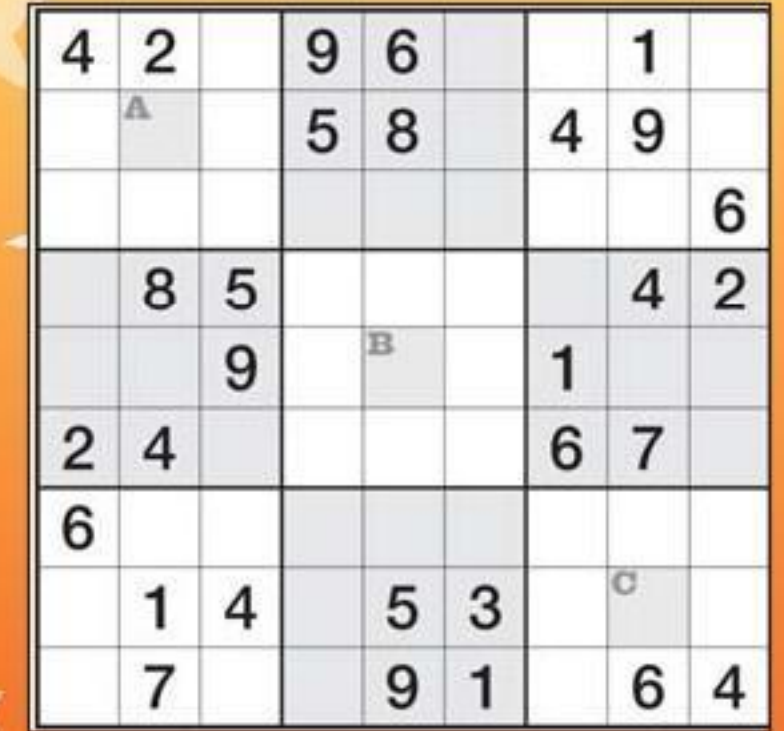
SUDOKU

Enjoy the Sudoku Game Daily

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

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

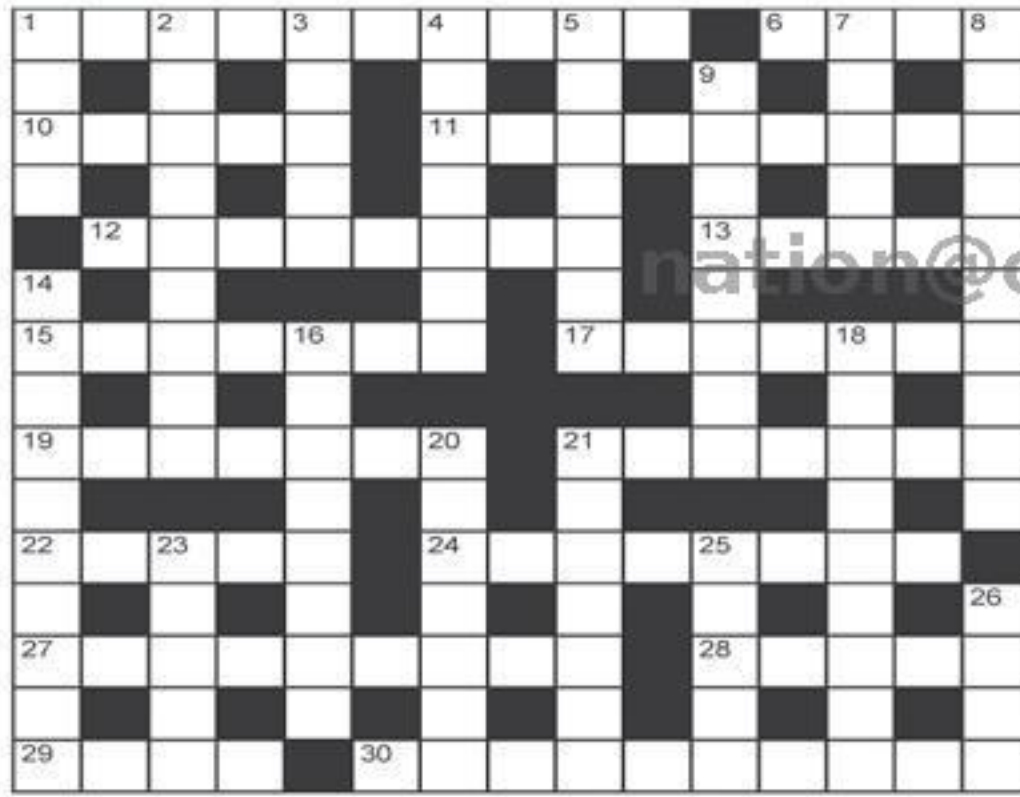
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1	6	8	9	2	3	5	4	7
7	3	5	1	4	8	2	6	9
3	2	7	4	9	6	1	5	8
8	9	1	3	5	2	6	7	4
4	5	6	7	8	1	9	2	3



COMPLEX CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Large parcel oddly wrapped in blue blanket (10)
- 6 Tot's play cut short (4)
- 10 Is certain Republican leaving problem? (5)
- 11 Government intended heartless announcement (9)
- 12 Good-looking workers and ordinary me (8)
- 13 Cowboy might throw this woman out, initially (5)
- 15 In secret I rediscovered what you did at bedtime (7)
- 17 Reading genuine cases about Information Technology (7)
- 19 Requiring new engine crossing Germany (7)
- 21 Begging primarily benefits dogs (7)
- 22 Hard work editor expected (5)
- 24 Swede perhaps eaten up - or abandoned, lacking time (8)
- 27 Almost sorry cheat upset group of players (9)
- 28 Perfect card player's declaration? (5)
- 29 Return if shoe has half cut off sole? (4)
- 30 Royals in clubs repressing urges? On the contrary (10)
- DOWN:**
- 1 Fancy week with that fellow? (4)
- 2 Pull down idlest man's pants



- (9) 3 Genesis without number one in pop career (5)
- 4 Reply about relative entertains papa and daughter (7)
- 5 Non-specialist friend admitted by a university with little resistance (7)
- 7 King tries ignoring river birds (5)
- 8 Still without formal proposal? (10)
- 9 Casts back shows (8)
- 14 Nice baker might give you this (6,4)
- 16 Animal's controlled here, as Cockney says (8)
- 18 Adolescents irregularly eat greens (9)
- 20 Bigger electronic cutting utensil used by chef (7)
- 21 Steal goat I regularly found in shed (7)
- 23 Chooses things guitarists might use (5)
- 25 Sit, maintaining one's composure (5)
- 26 Positive quality luxurious hotel's missing (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

- ACROSS**
- 1 Wet the baby's head
- 9 Roast beef
- 10 Enter
- 11 Desktop
- 12 Elapse
- 15 Learners
- 16 Pele
- 19 Suit
- 20 Bewilder
- 23 In toto
- 24 Retrain
- 26 Rehab
- 28 Soap opera
- 29 Catherine Howard
- DOWN:**
- 1 World-class
- 2 Translation
- 3 Hatstand
- 4 Bleepers
- 5 Buffet
- 6 Seesaw
- 7 Eat
- 8 Dart
- 13 Speed camera
- 14 Hearing aid
- 17 Decrease
- 18 Virtuoso
- 21 Double
- 22 Bonsai
- 25 Croc
- 27 Hut

CODEWORD

Each number in our Codeword grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. For example, today 3 represents G every time the figure 3 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.

1	2	3	4	3	5	1	14						
2	1	6	7	7	8	5	9	10	1	11	12	2	15
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6	1	15	10	16	10	10	6	2	6	19			
11	2	17	9	10	17	2	7	20					
21	22	9	1	7	13	14	8	21					
7	23	14	21	10	14	8	24	13	2	10	21	10	23
25	2	1	8	11	26	21	11	24					
10	22	7	6	22	10	9	10	24	13	11	10	12	25
8	9	10	8	10	21	13	26						
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z													

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

1	A	G	3	O	E	L	F	T	8	U	B	D	N	S	C
14	R	M	I	H	W	V	X	Q	P	Z	J	Y	K		

YOUR STARS

AQUARIUS | JAN 21 - FEB 19

There's activity in area of your chart governing past lives, dreams, karma, and institutions, so it's a particularly fertile time in the unconscious realm. You may discover that you have a hidden talent for financial planning (even if the cash isn't quite there yet), which may be a remnant of the past.

PISCES | FEB 20 - MAR 20

You like to compartmentalize your life, with money over here and work over there. But now some of your compartments may have to merge a little bit in order to get everything done. You may be thinking about becoming more responsible about your finances in general. You're also battling the fact that the cash well is a little drier than usual.

ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20)

Aspects indicate a time of restriction and limitation when it comes to expressing yourself. You may feel unable to share all

parts of your fascinating personality now, but the Universe is asking you to clamp down temporarily to make a point. It won't do to play the clown or the people-pleaser anymore.

TAURUS | APR 21 - MAY 20

With a focus on travel, higher learning, and foreign cultures, it's a great time to consider how you might earn extra money by appealing to foreign buyers. If your company isn't doing business online, perhaps it's time to suggest it. You may also decide to further your education to deepen your skills. It's time to consider other work options.

GEMINI | MAY 21 - JUNE 21

This week is about other people's money and debt as well as politics, social groups, hopes, and dreams. The money may not quite be there to put a long-held dream into motion, but that doesn't mean you should hang it up. Networking activities, can help attract the donors you need to make it happen...

CANCER | JUN 22 - JULY 22

This week is about balancing your working life with your need to be with friends, family, and your significant other. Aspects affecting the area of your chart governing spouses, mentors, bosses, and other important unions will pull your energy in this direction, which may not leave a lot of "you" time. No problem.

LEO | JULY 23 - AUG 22

You may want to make some home improvements or even get into the real estate market. Before you decide to become a professional home flipper, weigh the pros and cons of this type of investment. Wanting to assert your will could make you overly confident when it comes to negotiating.

VIRGO | AUG 23 - SEP 23

You're in the midst of some serious rethinking when it comes to spending. You're wondering how to protect your family over the long term. It may prompt you to consider hiring

a financial adviser or other expert. Other members of your tribe may have surprisingly good ideas about how to save and invest for your shared future.

LIBRA | SEP 24 - OCT 23

Planets in your communication sector this week may make you a lot chattier than normal. Your work may depend on your ability to get your message across in a concise, powerful way. But since an unsupportive aspect constricts your day-to-day work, it's best to find a balance between your need to stand out and your need to make money.

SCORPIO | OCT 24 - NOV 22

It's a bit of a sticky week. You want to take action, particularly when it comes to spending on your home. Doing things in the most traditional or conservative way yields the best results when it comes to your bottom line. Pushing too hard for what you want is likely to be rebuffed by stronger energies.

SAGITTARIUS | NOV 23 - DEC 21

You're raring to go this week! This provides a huge burst of energy best put toward aping up your advertising to attract new buyers or moneymaking endeavours, like starting a new business. If you're seeking a new position, ask upfront about salary lest you be disappointed after weeks of interviewing.

CAPRICORN | DEC 22 - JAN 20

This week is about tension affecting your home life as well as your deepest inner emotions, Capricorn. You're being asked to become very responsible in both areas. If you're behind in your mortgage or rent, it won't stay hidden anymore.

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**THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA
IN THE HIGH COURT OF UGANDA AT LUWERO
HCT-17-CV-CS-0094-2023**

**1. BWESIGYE JULIUS
2. KAGGWA ANDREW** PLAINTIFF
VERSUS

**1. PALM OIL TRANSPORTERS LTD
2. LUMUMBA ASUDI MASHETI
3. COMESA YELLOW CARD SCHEME** DEFENDANTS.
ORDER

This matter coming up for hearing this **26th day of August, 2025** before Hon **Lady Justice Faridah Bukirwa Shamillah Ntambi** in the presence of **Arthur Ayorekire Counsel** for the Plaintiffs in the absence of the Defendants and their counsel.

IT'S HEREBY ORDERED THAT;

1. The Plaintiffs are granted leave to serve summons outside the jurisdiction of Uganda on the 1st and 2nd Defendants who are domiciled in Kenya.
2. The 1st and 2nd Defendants to be served with summons by the Plaintiffs through the Kenya High Commission in Kampala.
3. The Plaintiffs are additionally granted leave to serve the summons on the 1st and 2nd Defendants in the Daily Nation Newspaper in Kenya.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of this court this 30th day of September 2025.

Catherine Agwero

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals and the chargees in exercise of statutory powers of sale we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned property as follows:-

On 26th November 2025 at Scorpio Business Centre Office 4th floor room FF10 Nairobi 11.30am.

FINANCIER - VERSUS - EUGINIAH WANJIRU WAWERU

The property **TITLE NUMBER RUIRU/RUIRU WEST BLOCK 3/1813** is located within Neema Court, Membley Park Estate, (Kirere), off the Eastern Bypass, Ruiru Sub County, Kiambu County. It is positioned approximately 600 meters north east of St. John Paul II Catholic Church, Membley, Magunas Membley Express and Legends Restaurants along the Eastern Bypass are each about 600 meters to the North West and north east of the property respectively. Magunas main membley Supermarket and Thika Super highway are roughly 0.8km to the North East and 2.3km to the east. The GPS coordinates are **-1.162834°, 36.940303°**. The property measures **0.0297Ha** and is Registered in the Name of **Euginiah Wanjiru Waweru**. This is on **leasehold interest for a term of 99 years with effect from 1st may, 1997**. This is a residential rectangular shaped murram soils parcel of land whose boundaries are marked by a stone perimeter wall fence. Access to the property is via a double leaf solid metal sheet gate. Improvements on the property is a four bedroomed maisonette. Mains electricity and water services are connected to the property. Foul drainage is assumed to be to a septic tank if not connected to the newly done sewer line. Immediate access roads are murram surfaced connecting to the tar surfaced eastern by pass road approximately 600 Meters away.

Condition for sale

1. Interested bidders are advised to view the property to verify details for themselves as the same are not warranted by the auctioneers.
2. The declared purchaser of the property **MUST** pay a deposit of **25%** of the purchase price to the charge in **Cash or bankers cheque** at the fall of the hammer. The balance will thereafter be payable within **(Ninety Days) 90 days** from the date of sale to the chargee.
3. The sale shall be subjected to reserve price.
4. A refundable deposit of Kshs 100,000 must be paid to obtain a bidding number.

Upstate Kenya Auctioneers
Head Office: Spur Mall, Ruiru 2nd Floor, Room S.46, Thika Road Exit 13 P.O. Box 1333 - 00232 Ruiru Tel: 010-4 806 381 / 0796 120 812 / 0771 941 901 Email: info@upstate.co.ke / Website: www.upstate.co.ke Branches & Storage Yard Locations: Meru: Along Meru - Nairobi Highway Geo co-ordinates: (0.0202, 37.0628) Sagana: Along Sagana - Kituu Road Geo co-ordinates: (-1.05449, 37.2322)

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals the chargee, we shall sell by Public Auction the under mentioned property together with all improvements and developments erected thereon on **28/11/2025 at 11.00 A.M** at our offices **Spur Mall, Ruiru 2nd Flr Room S.46 Thika Rd Exit 13**

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All that leasehold interest residential property known as **TITLE NO. L.R. NO. 28250/10 (L.R. NO. 186231)** Kiambu County registered in the name of **STEPHEN KIMANI NJOGU** of P.O. BOX 217 - 00222, NAIROBI. The plot measures approximately **0.0295 HA** and IT'S DEVELOPED WITH A FOUR BEDROOM MASONETTE AND AN EXTERNAL ABLUTION. The property is in Breeze Park Estate, Kenyatta Road area, Juja Sub-County, Kiambu County. It is approximately 3.5Km off and to the right of Thika Superhighway, deviating at Kenyatta Road underpass. It lies along Serengeti Lane of the said Estate. **For exact location and directions; using a smart phone, google (-1.134222,37.023917), then tap maps.** Mains water and electricity are connected to the subject property.

CONDITIONS FOR SALE

1. All interested purchasers are requested to view the property and verify the details as the auctioneer and the Chargee do not warrant these.
2. A refundable deposit of **Kshs.100,000/-** in cash or bankers cheque must be paid at our offices for one to be allowed to participate at the auction.
3. The highest bidder shall be declared the purchaser at the fall of the hammer subject to compliance with all the set conditions of sale.
4. The declared purchaser shall be required to pay 25% of the bid price in **cash, EFT/RTGS or bankers cheque** to the chargee after acceptance of the bid by the chargee and the balance within **Ninety (90) days failure whereof the 25% deposit paid shall be forfeited.**
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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our Principals, the **CHARGEES**, in exercise of its statutory power of sale, we shall sell by public auction the property described herein together with all the developments and improvement erected thereon

1. PRIME RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY IN MASHUURU AREA, NAIROBI COUNTY

ON **26th NOVEMBER, 2025, STARTING AT 11.00AM AT OUR OFFICES SITUATED ALONG UNIVERSITY WAY, COLLEGE HOUSE, 2nd FLOOR SUITE 3**, All that Freehold property known as **L.R. NO. KAJIADO/KAPUTIEI CENTRAL/1748 ARROI GROUP RANCH MASHUURU AREA, KAJIADO COUNTY** and registered in the name of **ISAAC LAJOS ONGONDO OGA** of P.O. Box 30491-00100 NAIROBI. The property extends **(40.46)** Hectares or **(99.977)** acres approximately. The un-developed property is situated within Arroi Group Ranch in Mashuuru area approximately 26kms due West of Sultan Hamud Township under GPS Co-ordinates **2.042325, 37.20133E**. Mains electricity and Water are available in the neighbourhood. The immediate access road is of earth surface connecting to the main tarmac road at Sultan Hamud about 26kms away.

2. PRIME RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY IN KILIMANI AREA, NAIROBI COUNTY

ON **26th NOVEMBER, 2025, STARTING AT 11.00AM AT OUR OFFICES SITUATED AT COLLEGE HOUSE 2nd FLOOR SUITE 3 ALONG UNIVERSITY WAY**, All that Leasehold property known as **APARTMENT NO. 4B2 FOURTH FLOOR ON L.R. NO. 2/710 GOLDEN GARDENS APARTMENTS ELGEYO MARAKWET ROAD, KILIMANI AREA, NAIROBI COUNTY** and registered in the name of **TWAWAM KENYA LIMITED** P.O. Box 9612-00200, 60455-00200 NAIROBI. The property extends **(0.019)** Ha or **(0.48)** Marakwet road approx. 100 M off Argwings Khodhek road, Nairobi County under GPS Co-ordinates **1.29158S, 36.77964E**. The property is easily identified as Apartment No. 4B2 situated on the fourth floor of Golden Gardens Apartments, along Elgeyo Marakwet road approx 100m from Argwings Khodhek road, Kilimani area, Nairobi County. It is developed with Three (3) bedroom. Mains Electricity and water is connected into the property. Plastic water tanks have been provided for additional water storage. Foul drainage has been directed to the mains sewer line. The immediate access road is of tarmac standard.

3. PRIME RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY IN LANET AREA, NAKURU COUNTY

ON **27th NOVEMBER 2025, STARTING AT 11.00AM AT THE OFFICES OF LEGACY AUCTIONEERS, NAKURU TOWN ALL** that Freehold property known as **L.R. NO. 15751 (IR NO. 71620) OFF NAKURU-NAIROBI HIGHWAY LANET AREA, NAKURU COUNTY** and registered in the name of **TELVIN KARANJA THUKU** of P.O. Box 1076-20100 NAKURU. The property extends **(0.1860)** Hectares or **(0.465)** acres. The un-developed property is situated within Lanet area, outskirts of Nakuru town, Nakuru County. The property is located approximately 800m North Eastwards of the Stern Hotel under GPS Co-ordinates **0.3124S, 36.14361E**. Mains electricity and water services are available in the immediate neighborhood for connection. Foul drainage would be into a septic tank. The immediate access road is murram surfaced road joining the tar surfaced Nakuru-Nairobi Highway approximately 270m away at Eagle Petrol station.

CONDITIONS OF SALE:

1. All interested Purchasers are required to view the property and verify the details as these are not warranted by the Auctioneers or the Principals.
2. Interested bidders are required to pay a deposit of **Kshs. 500,000/-** to obtain a bidding number and catalogue at the auctioneer's offices, before the auction date.
3. The declared purchaser **MUST** deposit **25%** of the purchase price by banker's cheque by close of business on auction day. The balance will thereafter be payable within (90) days to the Chargees. **PLEASE NOTE** that failure to pay the balance by the confirmed purchaser will result in forfeiture of all Deposits paid.
4. Sale is subject to reserve price and necessary consent.
5. Further details and conditions of sale are available on request at our offices and viewing of the property can be done during normal working hours by prior arrangements.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

PRIME RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES AT KOGONY & KISIAN AREAS WITHIN KISUMU TOWN.

ON **TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2025 STARTING AT 12.00 NOON AT OUR OFFICES/ YARD SITUATED IN MILIMANI, DIRECTLY OPPOSITE PANDIPIERI CATHOLIC CENTRE ALONG RING ROAD IN KISUMU TOWN.**



1. All that parcel of land known as **L.R NO. KISUMU/ KOGONY/4634** registered in the name of **GEORGE OKOTH ONYANGO G/T GLADYS ADHIAMBO OMONDI** P.O. BOX 1218 - 40100 KISUMU. The property is situated directly opposite **Tulip Hotel** about 485m off Mamboleo junction - Riat Airport road at a turn off opposite Kanyamedha Secondary School, some 2km due north east of Kisumu International Airport within Kanyamedha area in Kisumu town; GPS Co-ordinates: **0°4'0.44"S, 34°44'26.96"E** Google Link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/j55jfhjZiFhzqBu6>. It measures approximately **0.03Ha** or **0.074Acres** and is developed with a four bedroomed maisonette and a detached one bedroomed DSQ. The title is freehold interest



2. All that parcel of land known as **L.R. NO. KISUMU/ OJOLA/ 6549** registered in the name of **STEPHEN ONYANGO OKWENGU G/T VILMA CREATIONS LTD** P.O.BOX 83021/ 3166 - 80100 MOMBASA. The property is situated within Kisian area of the larger Kisumu Municipality, off Kisian - Bondo road, Kisumu County. It lies approximately 540m South of Kibwayi Primary School and approximately 11.9km due North West of Kisumu Town Centre; GPS Co-ordinates: **0°04'41.0"S and 34°39'40.2"E**. It measures approximately **0.30Ha** or **0.7413Acres**. On the plot are a semi-permanent residential house and other semi - permanent structures. The title is freehold interest.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. All intending purchasers are requested to view the property and verify the details as these are not warranted by the auctioneer or client.
2. A deposit of **10%** must be paid in cash or bankers cheque at the fall of the hammer. The balance will thereafter be payable to the chargee within **ninety (90) days** from the date of sale.
3. The sale is subject to a Reserve Price and Land Control Board Consent (where applicable).
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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals (the financiers) we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned vehicles on Wednesday, 19th November 2025 starting from 11:00 am at our offices, Ngara Flats, Suite No. 2, 1st Floor, Ngara road, Nairobi.

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5.	KDA 072A	HYUNDAI HD72 LORRY	2020	STARTRUCK STORAGE, KIAMBU ROAD
6.	KCY 201F	HYUNDAI HD72 LORRY	2019	ELDORET SUPERMAX STORAGE
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8.	KCY 203F	HYUNDAI HD72 LORRY	2019	LEAKEYS STORAGE, MOMBASA ROAD
9.	KCY 277C	HYUNDAI HD72 LORRY	2019	BLACKBIRD STORAGE, KISUMU
10.	KCY 061Z	MITSUBISHI FUSO F1V1 TRUCK	2019	STARTRUCK STORAGE, KIAMBU ROAD
11.	KCY 386F	HYUNDAI HD72 LORRY	2019	STARTRUCK STORAGE, KIAMBU ROAD
12.	KCY 381F	HYUNDAI HD72 LORRY	2019	STARTRUCK STORAGE, KIAMBU ROAD
13.	KDA 079A	HYUNDAI HD72 LORRY	2020	LEAKEYS STORAGE, MOMBASA ROAD
14.	KDA 076A	HYUNDAI HD72 LORRY	2020	BLACKBIRD STORAGE, KISUMU
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16.	KDA 073A	HYUNDAI HD72 LORRY	2020	LEAKEYS STORAGE, MOMBASA ROAD
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20.	KCY 205F	HYUNDAI HD72 LORRY	2019	LEAKEYS STORAGE, MOMBASA ROAD
21.	KCY 278C	HYUNDAI HD72 LORRY	2019	LEAKEYS STORAGE, MOMBASA ROAD
22.	KCY 284C	HYUNDAI HD72 LORRY	2019	LEAKEYS STORAGE, MOMBASA ROAD
23.	KCY 382F	HYUNDAI HD72 LORRY	2019	LEAKEYS STORAGE, MOMBASA ROAD
24.	KCY 281C	HYUNDAI HD72 LORRY	2019	LEAKEYS STORAGE, MOMBASA ROAD
25.	KCY 209F	HYUNDAI HD72 LORRY	2019	LEAKEYS STORAGE, MOMBASA ROAD
26.	KCY 383F	HYUNDAI HD72 LORRY	2019	LEAKEYS STORAGE, MOMBASA ROAD
27.	KBM 994G	TOYOTA NOAH AZR60G S. WAGON	2003	LEGACY YARD, NAKURU
28.	KBN 922C	TOYOTA MARK II GX115 SALOON	2003	LEGACY YARD, NAKURU
29.	KCB 061B	LEXUS RX350 S.WAGON	2007	LEGACY YARD, NAKURU
30.	KCC 271X	TOYOTA PASSO S. WAGON	2008	LEGACY YARD, NAKURU
31.	KCL 114U	FORCE TRAVELLER AMBULANCE VAN	2017	LEGACY YARD, NAKURU

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3. Other terms and conditions available on our catalogue

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
IN THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT NYERI
ELC CASE NO. E004 OF 2025.

ANDREW WAIRAGU PLAINTIFF/APPLICANT
-VERSUS-
THOMAS WARUIRU MUYA 1st DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT
PETER MWANGI GICHANGA 2nd DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT
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SUMMONS TO ENTER APPEARANCE
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TAKE NOTICE that a claim has been filed in MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT NYERI ELC CASE NO. E004 OF 2025. With the parties outlined above, in which you are named as second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh Defendants service of the summons upon you has been ordered by means of this advertisement a copy of the summons may be obtained from the court registry at NYERI or the Plaintiff Advocate's office M/S GETANGE ONDARI & CO ADVOCATES. Take Notice that unless you enter appearance within 15 days from the date of this advertisement the case shall proceed to hearing your absence notwithstanding. TAKE NOTICE

AND TAKE NOTICE that the suit is scheduled for MENTION on the 12th DAY OF November 2025 AND UNLESS you appear in person or through a legal representative, proceedings shall be taken your absence notwithstanding.

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REPUBLIC OF KENYA
IN THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT MILIMANI NAIROBI
MILIMANI COMMERCIAL COURTS
CIVIL SUIT NO. E1292 OF 2024

PENINAH MUTINDA MWANGANGI PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
VINCENT MOCHAMA 1st DEFENDANT
MOGO AUTO LIMITED 2nd DEFENDANT

THIRD PARTY NOTICE
(Order 1 rule 15(3) of the civil Procedure Rules 2010)

To:
ALEXANDER NGUTUKU SOKORI
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TAKE NOTICE that this action has been brought by the Plaintiff against the 2nd Defendant. In it the Plaintiff claims against the 2nd Defendant in accordance with the attached Plaintiff. The 2nd Defendant claims against you for indemnity on the grounds that ground that:

- a) At the time of the accident herein, the 2nd Defendant had financed you to acquire the subject vehicle where you signed an Asset Financing Loan Agreement and a security Agreement.
- b) The subject motor vehicle had already been released to you and you had taken insurance in your own name.
- c) At the time of the accident, the 2nd Defendant was not in possession and/or control of the vehicle and neither were you managing the vehicle with the authority of the Respondent.
- d) The respondent did not cause the accident herein as it was merely a financier.

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Dated at Mombasa this 15th day of May 2024

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PRIME PROPERTIES FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our PRINCIPALS, THE CHARGE AND/OR THEIR ADVOCATES, Pursuant to the Statutory Provisions; under which Seizure/Repossession* and sale is authorized: Under Section 96 of the Land Act, 2012, Section 108 of the Registration Act, 2012 and the 2016 Amendments, 90 (3) (e) and 96 (1) of the Land Act, 2012 and in conformity with the Auctioneers Act & Rules more specifically Rules: 11, 15, 16, 17 and 18 of the said Auctioneers Rules - 1997 together with other applicable Laws of Kenya, your under-mentioned property together with all the improvements erected thereon, will be sold by public auction on:-

A. WEDNESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2025 - AT OUR OFFICES AT KILELESHWA ESTATE, ALONG KANDARA ROAD OPPOSITE WHITE STAR CENTRE - NAIROBI COUNTY - STARTING AT 11.00 A.M.

1) A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY (THREE BEDROOM BUNGALOW) FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION SITUATED WITHIN VILLA V - KITENGELA KAJIADO COUNTY.

HOUSE NO. 10 ON SALE WITHIN STATUS VILLA V ESTATE - KITENGELA

TITLE: TITLE NUMBER: KAJIADO/KAPUTIEI NORTH/43056 KITENGELA STATUS VILLA V - KITENGELA KAJIADO COUNTY.
SITUATION: The property is easily identifiable as House No. 10 situated within Kitengela STATUS VILLA V ESTATE, Kitengela area, Kajiado County. Kitengela Status Villa V lies about 328 metres off and to the right of Nairobi-Namanga Road deviating at Total Energies Kitengela Service Station. The subject property lies about 290 metres South West of Vision Empowerment Training Institute. Title is held on a Freehold interest under the Land Act 2012.
AREA: The entire plot extends to 0.0348 of a hectare or 0.0859 of an acre approximately.
REGISTERED OWNER: The property is registered in the name of THOMAS LETANGULE.
IMPROVEMENTS: Erected on the plot is a three-bedroom bungalow with a servant quarter. Other sections of the plot are covered with concrete cabro pavements or manicured lawns.
SERVICES: Mains electricity and piped water from a neighbouring borehole are connected into the subject property. Foul disposal is into a septic tank. The immediate access road is earth surfaced.

C. FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2025 - KISUMU CITY, OUTSIDE THE MAIN POST OFFICE - STARTING AT 11.00 A.M.

3) 6.177 ACRES OF AN AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION SITUATED WITHIN FORT TERNAN AREA MUHORONI CONSTITUENCY, KISUMU CITY.

6.177 ACRES AGRICULTURAL PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED WITHIN FORT TERNAN AREA OF MUHORONI SUB-COUNTY, KISUMU COUNTY.

TITLE: TITLE NO. KISUMU/FORT TERNAN/327 FORT TERNAN AREA MUHORONI SUB-COUNTY, KISUMU COUNTY.
SITUATION: The subject property is situated about 2 kilometres off the Londiani-Muhoroni Road in Fort Ternan Area within the larger Koru Area of Muhoroni Sub-County, Kisumu County. It lies about 1.2 kilometres to the north of St. Augustine RC Kandege Secondary School and about 1.6 kilometres to the north of Kandege Shopping Centre.
AREA: The parcel measures approximately 2.5 Hectares or 6.177 Acres.
TENURE: The property is a Freehold Interest that is held on Absolute Proprietorship Basis
REGISTERED OWNER: The title is registered in the name of JACOB OMBARA OMORO.
IMPROVEMENTS: THE PROPERTY WAS DEVELOPED WITH TWO TRADITIONAL TEMPORARY-STRUCTURED BUILDINGS
THE LAND IS LARGELY SUBJECT TO A COFFEE PLANTATION WITH A MIXTURE OF YOUNG AND RELATIVELY MATURE COFFEE BUSHES.
SERVICES: Mains services of electricity and water are not connected to the subject property. Water supply is primarily from the stream or rain water harvesting. Foul drainage is to a pit latrine. The immediate access roads are earthen or murrum surfaced and connecting to the tarmacked Londiani - Muhoroni Road about 2 kilometres away.

D. TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2025 - AT OUR OFFICES AT KILELESHWA ESTATE, ALONG KANDARA ROAD OPPOSITE WHITE STAR CENTRE - NAIROBI COUNTY - STARTING AT 11.00 A.M.

4) A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY (THREE BEDROOM BUNGALOW) FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION SITUATED WITHIN VILLA V - KITENGELA KAJIADO COUNTY.

HOUSE NO. 57-72, SELF BUILT COURT - A FOUR-BEDROOM BUNGALOW IN GREENPARK ESTATE, MACHAKOS COUNTY.

TITLE: L. R. NO. 27409, HOUSE NO. 57-72, SELF BUILT COURT, GREENPARK ESTATE, MACHAKOS COUNTY.
SITUATION: The property is located within Self-Built Court, Greenpark Estate, along Mombasa Road, Athi River, Machakos County. It lies approximately 3.6 Kilometers South East of Devki Steel Mills.
TENURE: A leasehold interest for a term of 99 years with effect from 1st May 2006 (Except the last seven (7) days thereof absolutely).
AREA: L. R. No. 27409 measures approximately Sixty-One Decimal Eight Four Hectares (61.84 Ha) or thereabouts.
HOUSE NO. 57-72: The sub-plot measures approximately Quarter Acre (1/4 ACS) or thereabouts.
REGISTERED OWNER: The property is registered in the name of TIMOTHY ODHIAMBO OTIENO.
IMPROVEMENTS: ERECTED THEREON IS A FOUR-BEDROOM BUNGALOW AND A CONCRETE UNDERGROUND WATER TANK.
SERVICES: Mains electricity is connected to the property, water is from a borehole while foul drainage is to the estate sewer system. In addition, there is an underground concrete water tank and two (2) No. PVC water tanks. The estate is equipped with amenities such as commercial Centre, hotel, club house, swimming pool, children play area among others. Estate roads are either cabro or murrum surfaced. The estate fronts Mombasa Road.

E. FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2025 - KISUMU CITY, OUTSIDE THE MAIN POST OFFICE - STARTING AT 11.00 A.M.

2) AN AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION SITUATED WITHIN FORT TERNAN AREA MUHORONI CONSTITUENCY, KISUMU CITY.

20.4105 ACRES OF AN AGRICULTURAL LAND IN FORT TERNAN AREA MUHORONI CONSTITUENCY, KISUMU

TITLE: TITLE NO. KISUMU/FORT TERNAN/1108-KISUMU COUNTY.
SITUATION: The subject property is situated approximately 1.77 Kilometres from the main road (Londiani-Muhoroni road) in Fort Ternan Area, Muhoroni-Koru ward- Muhoroni Constituency, Kisumu County. Cheptuiyet Primary School, Fort Ternan Museum and Fort Ternan town are situated within the immediate neighborhood.
AREA: The parcel measures 8.26 Hectares which is approximately 20.4105 acres or thereabouts. This is a Freehold interest.
TENURE: The title is registered in the name of JACOB OMBARA OMORO.
REGISTERED OWNER: DEVELOPED ON THE PARCEL ARE TWO (2 NO.) RESIDENTIAL BUNGALOWS, COFFEE STORE AND SOME TEMPORARY STRUCTURES.
IMPROVEMENTS: Mains electricity is connected to the property. Water is drawn from a hand dug well within the property. Sewer is into a septic tank. The immediate access road is earth surfaced.
SERVICES:

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. All interested purchasers are required to view the above-mentioned properties and verify the details, as these are not warranted by the Auctioneer nor our clients.
2. SALE WILL BE ON "AS-IS - WHERE IS - BASIS".
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Physical & Land Use Planning Act No. 13 of 2019

CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner of plot No. Kakamega/Shikulu 2626 located along Sigalaga-Butere Road Kakamega County, proposes to Change Use from Agricultural to Light Industry (Petrol Filling Station) subject to approval by Kakamega County Government. Any individuals or institutions with comments or objections to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

The County Executive Committee Member Lands, Housing, Urban Areas And Physical Planning, County Government of Kakamega, P.O. Box 36-50100, Kakamega, Physical Planner: Isaac Nyamweno Reg. Plan.No. RPP 0131.

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To: PHILIP WANYOIKE KIBIRU

Take notice that a plaint has been filed in the Magistrate's Court at Kikuyu in Civil Suit No E307 of 2025 in which you are named as defendant. A request for judgement on you has been ordered by means of this advertisement. A copy of the request for judgement and the plaint may be obtained from the court at Kikuyu Law Courts.

And further take notice that, unless you enter an appearance within 14 days, the case will be heard in your absence.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Physical & Land use planning Act no.13 of 2019.

CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner of portion No. 2105 Malindi within Makaburini area, Malindi town, Kilifi County, propose to change use from freehold (agricultural) to leasehold (residential) subject to approval by Kilifi County Government. Individuals institutions or organisations with objections /comments to proposed developments should forward the date of this notice to:

The CECM-Lands, Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Development Kilifi County Government, P.O. Box 519 Kilifi Registered planner:Mr.J. M.OHAS-Reg No.0016

PUBLIC NOTICE

Physical & Land use planning Act no.13 of 2019.

CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner of parcel No. Kilifi/Jimba/1429 within Watamu area, Kilifi County, propose to change use from freehold(Agricultural) to leasehold (Residential) subject to approval by Kilifi County Government.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner of portion No.2906 & 2909 Malindi, located in Casuarina area, Kilifi County, propose to consolidate and change use from freehold (Agricultural) to leasehold (Residential) subject to approval by kilifi county Government.

Individuals institutions or organisations with objections /comments to proposed developments should forward the date of this notice to:

The CECM-Lands,physical planning, Housing and Urban Development Kilifi County Government, P.O. Box 519 Kilifi Registered planner:Mr.J. M.OHAS-Reg No.0016

PUBLIC NOTICE

Physical & Land Use Planning Act No. 13 of 2019

CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner of Land Parcel No. Mavoko Town Block 2/837 located Off Katani road, Katani Area, Mavoko sub county proposes to Change it's use from Residential single dwelling use to Residential multi dwelling use subject to approval by county government of Machakos. Any individual, institutions/ organization with objection are required to forward in writing within 14 days to:

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

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

Physical & Land Use Planning Act No.13 of 2019

CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner(s) of Parcel No. Kwale/Galu Kinondo/4304 Located in Diani Municipality, Kwale County proposes to change the use of the land from Agricultural to Residential subject to approval by The County Government of Kwale. Individuals, organizations, institutions, members of the public etc. with comments and/or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) Days of this notice to:

The CECM, - Lands, Environment and Natural Resources, County Government of Kwale, P.O Box 4, Kwale, Registered Planner: Alfred O. Eshitera RPP0119

PUBLIC NOTICE

Physical & Land Use Planning Act No. 13 of 2019

CHANGE OF USER

The owner(s) of Land parcel -NYANDARUA/ OL JORO OROK SALIENT/36397 located at Kwa kahii area, Oljoro orok sub county, Nyandarua County propose to change use from Agricultural to Commercial (Shops) cum Residential (One bedrooms) subject to approval/ comments by the County Government of Nyandarua. Individuals , Institutions or any interested party with comments or objections to the proposal should forward them in writing within 14 days of this notice to:

The County Executive Committee Member (CECM) For Lands, Housing & Physical Planning, Nyandarua County Government, P.O. Box 701-20303, Nyandarua.

A279 Notices

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
 IN THE HIGH COURT OF KENYA AT NAIROBI
 COMMERCIAL & TAX DIVISION
 MILIMANI LAW COURTS
 INSOLVENCY PETITION NO. E065 OF 2025

IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 393 (1) and (2), 424 (1)(a), (c) and (g) AND 425 (1) (a) OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT, 2015 AND IN THE MATTER OF REGULATION 77 (A) AND (B) OF THE INSOLVENCY REGULATIONS, 2016 AND IN THE MATTER OF HALCYON CONSULTING LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION FOR A LIQUIDATION ORDER HALCYON CONSULTING LIMITED.....PETITIONER

PETITION FOR LIQUIDATION. NOTICE is hereby given that a Petition for the liquidation of the above - mentioned Company, HALCYON CONSULTING LIMITED, a Limited Liability Company with its registered address at P.O. Box 10719 - 00100, Nairobi, was on the 23rd October, 2025 presented to the said court by HALCYON CONSULTING LIMITED care of Messrs. Madhani Advocates LLP, DTB Centre (Tower C, 3rd Floor), Mombasa Road, P.O. Box 3217 - 00100, Nairobi. Email litigation@mailp.co.ke.

That the said Petition was filed before the High Court, Commercial & Tax Division sitting at Nairobi, Milimani Law Courts and any other Creditor or Contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an order on the said Petition may appear at the time in Court either in person or by his advocate for that purpose and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any Creditor or Contributory of the said Company requiring such a copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

DATED at NAIROBI this 11th day of November, 2025.

MADHANI ADVOCATES LLP ADVOCATES FOR THE PETITIONER DRAWN & FILED BY: MADHANI ADVOCATES LLP, DTB CENTRE TOWER C, 3RD FLOOR, MOMBASA ROAD, PO BOX 3217 - 00100, NAIROBI. Tel: 011 1032100 Email: litigation@mailp.co.ke

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

Physical & Land Use Planning Act No. 13 of 2019

CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner of parcel no. CIS MARA/ KOIYAKI DAGURUGURUETI /2504 (part measuring 30 acres), situated in Narok West sub-county, Narok County, proposes to Change the Use of the parcel from Agricultural Land use to Commercial (Tented camps & Sceneries), subject to approval by County Government of Narok. 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-Lands, Housing & Urban Development, Narok County Government, P.O Box 545- 20500, Narok. Name of Registered Planner Onesimus Muiyoki Reg No. | 9229

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Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing on of Mrs. Judith Loyet Kuntai-Kobaal on Wednesday, 5th November 2025.

Beloved wife of Mr. David Kuntai Kobaa, Manager - Ngong Municipality.

Loving mother of Yvonne, Robert, Shirley, and Naomi, and doting grandmother of Dylan. She was a sister to many.

Until her demise, she served as Deputy Head Teacher at Kumpa Holy Mothers Primary School.

The burial will take place on Thursday, 13th November 2025, at her home in Ildamat, Kajiado Central.

1st Corinthians 7:40.



Judith Loyet Kuntai-Kobaai

Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with deep sorrow and in humble acceptance of God's will, we announce the passing on of Tony Calisto Okundi (Atari) of Sense of Africa Tours Company on 24th October 2025, at Nairobi West Hospital.

Son of the late Councillor Edward Okundi Ogana and the late Magdalene Agida of Kanyadhiang, Kendu Bay; Stepson of Mary and the late Peres Okundi.

Loving husband of Lydiah Okundi (Postbank) and Grace Ndung'u. Father of Crystal, Kelvin, Cynthia, Esther, the late Sam, Biden, and Nina Maggie. Brother of Rhoda, Monica, the late Gilbert Asoo, the late Sammy, the late Paul, the late Gasto, the late Emily Rebecca, the late Seder - Ndeko, Joshua, Kephher, Joanne, Rose, Phelicia, Nancy, Pamela, among others. Cousin of Lennox, Erick, Robert Onduto, and Omollo Abila.

Loving uncle of Evelyn, Mark, Eddie, Fiddy, Lynnet, Ronnie, Judy, Maj, Breznev, Nash, Brunner, Major, Stella, Maureen, and Yvonne.

Brother-in-law of Brigadier Onyango, the late Sylvester Obudho, Joe Nyamuthe, Aringo, Keturah, Irene, Gerald, Emmanuel, Monica, Rosina, Martha, Dinah, Gilbert, Henrietta, John, Jimmy, Rodgers, Davis, Michael, Saru, Leornard, Joyce, Geoffrey, Rose, Phyllis, Alex, Naomi, Morris, Ann and Ishmael.

Son-in-law of the late Raphael Mkoji, late Emily Mkoji, Charles Ndung'u, Josephine Ndung'u. Father-in-law of Geoffrey Olado, Beldine, Tom Ouko, Tevin. Grandfather of Tyrone, Teule, Arrielah, Jayden, Arayah, Lyric, Gian, and Reina.

The cortege leaves Umash Funeral Home, Nairobi, on Thursday, 13th November 2025 for burial on Friday, 14th November 2025, at his home in Gem West, Rangwe Sub-county Homa Bay County.

Psalm 34:18 The Lord is close to the broken hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.



Tony Calisto Okundi (Atari)

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Death and Funeral Announcement

We are saddened to announce the demise of Stella Gakii Thurairira.

Daughter of the late Benjamin Thurairira and Gladys Kirigo of Ntumburi Location Buuri Constituency that occurred on 23rd October 2025 after long illness.

She was wife of Robert Muia. Mother of Lilian Karimi, David Mwenda, Erick Musyoka, Rosyline Gatwiri and Fridah Kawira of Nairobi County Government. She was grandmother of Maxwell, Shantel, Jamila, Sheila, Shirleen, Shaelyn, Kayla, Aiden, Elijah, Israel, Farrell and Alvin.

She was sister of Karambu, Gikunda, Peris, Japheth and twin sister of Mercy Kagwira Thurairira of Mwiki Police Station. Step sister of Nkatha, Gacheri, Karwitha, Kirimi, Joseph, John and Gilbert. Sister-in-law of Nyamai, Ndinda, Syomiti, Mutinda, Nongoya, Kilonzio, Mutua, Mbinda, Muthoki and Makena. Mother in-law of Faith, Lucy, Dan, John and Bob.

The cortège will leave Cool Breeze Funeral Home on 13th November 2025 and burial to take place at her home in Kinoria Akuru Village, Ntumburi, Buuri Constituency, Meru County.

"Its God who gave us Stella Gakii and it is God who has taken her"



Stella Gakii Thurairira

In Loving Memory

It's been a year since you left us Dad, yet your presence still guides our lives. You were a strict disciplinarian-firm, principled, and corrected us when we strayed. Though your harshness was hard to understand, we now see it came from love and a desire to shape us into, responsible people. You always held our hands and rubbed our fingers a simple gesture that spoke of a softer love that you rarely showed in words.

We remember your neat suits and suspenders, your daily ritual of reading the newspaper, and your passion for sugarcane farming-the work that brought you pride and joy. You gave each of us names filled with meaning and pride. Your love for mathematics pushed us to master mathematical tables, a lesson in discipline and learning that remains with us. Beneath your stern exterior was a gentle heart. You cared for widows, orphans, and the less fortunate, giving freely and humbly. Your laughter, rare smile, and quiet kindness still warm our hearts.

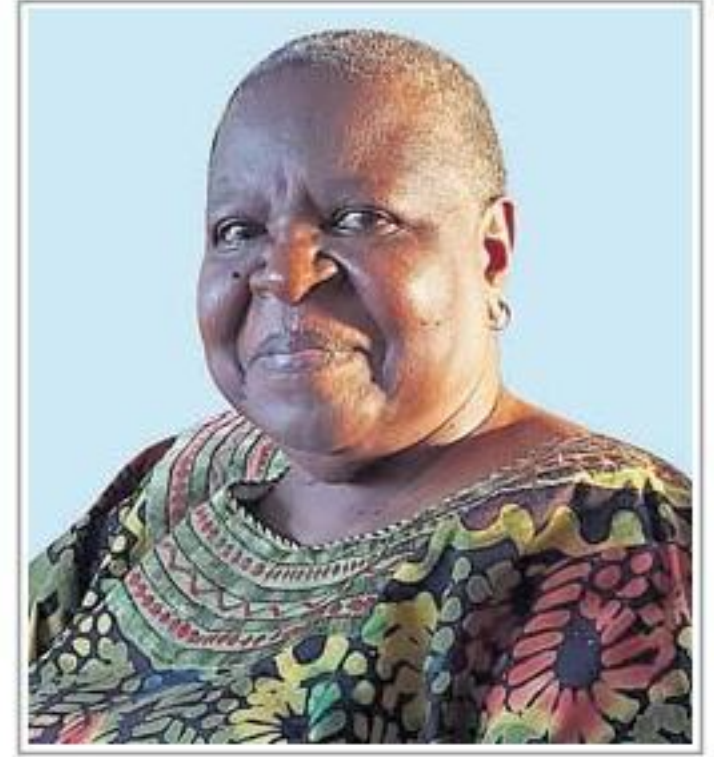
A year may have passed, but your spirit, lessons, and love endure. We honor you always, Dad.

Your Children: Dennis, Maureen, Emily, Bella, King, and Eunice Odhialo.



Daniel Jaoko Odhialo
Born: 23rd November
Died: 11th November 2024

Death and Funeral Announcement



Sabina Auma Otieno Oganga
11/10/1949 – 27/10/2025

We, the Oganga family, regret to announce that Mrs. Sabina Auma Otieno passed away peacefully on 27th October 2025. She was the wife of the late Ely Otieno Oganga.

Daughter of the late Laurenti Oresi, the late Maria Ogalo Olal and Flora Aludo Olal. Daughter-in-law of the late Jackton Oganga and the late Caren Miguwa Oganga. Sister of the late Sophia Olal, the late Anastasia Otieno, the late Paul Okombo, Rebecca Ojina, the late Regina Opundo, the late Rosalia Ayaga, Sophie Omondi, the late Josephine Olal, John Kennedy Olal, Merica Akinyi, the late Anton Olal, Romanus Olal, Mourine Olal and Paulo Olal.

Mother of Clara Oganga-Oluoch, Robert Oganga, Ezekiel Oganga and Thomas Oganga.

Mother-in law of Peter Oluoch, Ada Oganga and Kathy Kageni-Oganga.

Grandmother of Quintant, Ted, Eileen, Jonathan, Kizza-Marie, Melissa, Chelsea, Neema, Tamara, Timona, Kristianne, Travis and Timothy.

There will be a fund raiser at the Professional Centre on Tuesday 11th November 2025 from 5:00 pm.

The cortège leaves Kirindo Mortuary (Mbita) on Thursday 13th November 2025 at 1:00 pm for a requiem Mass at St. Joseph Ufira Catholic Church at 2:00 pm. Interment will be at her home in Luanda Village, Kamasengre West, Suba North, Homa Bay County on Friday 14th November 2025, with the requiem mass at 1:00 pm.

No one comes to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws them, and I will raise them at the last day – John 6:44

Death and Funeral Announcement

The Julius Otieno family announce the death of their Matriarch Mrs. Trufosa Amakobe Otieno which happened at the Coptic Hospital Maseno on 07/11/2025.

Trufosa was the cherished daughter of the late Joram Nyarima Olaka and Selina Omurunga of Ebukhoba, Khwisero, Kakamega County.

Trufosa was the devoted wife of the late Julius Otieno Owala of Seme Kowe, Kisumu County. Daughter in law of the late Erastus Owala and the late Nora Ayaya. She was the dotting mother of the late Apiyo and Adongo, Judith Akelo Agutu, the late Steven Job Onyango, Dr. Samuel Oduor Wendo, Chaplain Vicki Okumu, the late Grace Akinyi Oketch, Paul Polo Otieno, the late Amos Erastus Owala, Michael Barack Orwa and Isabelle Ayaya Otieno. Trufosa was the mother in law of the late Christopher Agutu, Grace Wendo, Joseph Okumu, the late Evans Oketch, Joan Polo, Mary Owala and Elizabeth Orwa.

Trufosa was a loving sister of the late Rumona Obando, the late Alice Wako, the late Agnes Oyungu, the late Joyce Munal, the late Hezron Malenya, the late David Olaka and Phance Ojera. Trufosa was a sister in law of the late Jael Auma Ojwan'g, the late Gideon Barack Orwa, Sabina Aoko Adamba, the late Nelson Obando, the late Dr. Daniel Wako, the late Fredrick Oyungu, the late Livingstone Munal, Rev Catherine Amakobe Olaka and John Ojera. Trufosa is an aunt of the Obandos of Maseno, the Wakos of Matayos, the Oyungus of Emmutsa, the Munalas of Ebushiekwe, the Malenyas of Ebukhoba and the Ojeras of Got Regea.

She was the grandmother of Irene Agutu, Martha Agutu, Job Agutu, Albert Agutu, Sahar Wendo, Tryphosa Wendo, Laura Wendo, Maggie Wendo, Julia Wendo, the late Arthur Clifford Okumu, Gloria Lilian Okumu, Dr. Rowland Okello, Kim Okumu, Barbara Okumu, Bernard Oketch, Nana Oketch, Vivian Oketch Arnold Oketch, Phosa Mamu Oketch, Terrence Oketch, Clifford Polo, Trufosa Polo, Jessica Polo Julius Otieno, Trufosa Owala, David Orwa, Esther Orwa, Ernest Orwa, Samuel Orwa and Jeffrey Julius Otieno.

Great grandmother of Christopher Ohany, the late Baraka Ohany, Jeff Obuya, the late Amelia Obuya, Gad Obuya, Judy Obuya, Sam Wendo, Paul Wendo, Izma Unisa, Eleanor Ndhere, Mark Wendo, Nathaniel Barasa, Bill Wendo, Jamie Polo, Imani Amila, Theo Sibour, Hawi Okello, Amani Okello, Wema Okello, Jedidah Okumu, Justina Ruth Kinda, Grace Nzula, Barbara Were, George Wendo, Kevin Sinyika, Grace Omondi, Chloe Omondi, Jay Cheumwe, Adrian Sinyika, Neema Wanjala, Christelle Sakari, Gabriel Sakari, Nimah Sakari. Trufosa was a great great grandmother of Millagra Ohany.

The cortège leaves Coptic Hospital Funeral Home Maseno on Thursday 13th November at 10am followed by funeral service at St Emmanuel ACK Kwoyo Church from 2pm to 4pm. The burial will be at her home in Kwoyo on Friday 14th November at 9am.

Collections can be channelled through Trufosa Otieno Funeral Fund
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Trufosa Amakobe Otieno
27/07/1931 ~ 07/11/2025

Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with deep sorrow and humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing of James Njoroge Kariuki (Major), who went to be with the Lord on 4th November 2025, surrounded by his family.

Beloved husband of Gladwell Wanjiku Njoroge, and devoted father of Antony Kariuki, Caroline Njeri Gitau, Wanjiru Njoroge, and George Kihara. Father-in-law of George Gitau Kariuki and Nyakiega Kihara.

He was the beloved son of the late Daniel Kariuki Gathinye and the late Elizabeth Nyakinyi. Cherished brother of Susan Ngatia, the late Joram Gathinye, the late Alphonse King'utu, Patrick Mbugua, the late Mary Mukuhi, Simon Ndung'u, and Johnstone Murunga. James also treasured the bonds he shared with his stepmothers, Nyambura and Njeri, and his step-siblings, who enriched his life with love and lifelong companionship. He was a son in law of the late Kihara Muthiora and Alice Gaceke.

Grandfather of Melissa, Abigail, Naomi, Ayanna, Arella, Suki, Zane, and Emi, and great-grandfather of Jabali, Jonah, and Jasmine. He was a dotting cousin, nephew, uncle and friend to many.

Family and friends are meeting daily at the family home in Thindigua and Iria-ini for prayers and funeral arrangements.

The cortège leaves KUTRRH Memorial Funeral Home (Bypass), 7:00 am for funeral service on Thursday, 13th November 2025, at Iria-ini Primary School grounds, followed by interment at his home in Iria-ini, Kiambu County.

"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus." – 1 Thessalonians 5:18
May the Lord rest his soul in eternal peace.



James Njoroge Kariuki
16th May 1945 - 4th November 2025

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

Heller Keller

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A Celebration of Life



Naomi Wia Milai
1935 ~ 2025

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of **Naomi Wia Milai** on 6th November 2025 after a long illness bravely borne. She was the devoted wife of the late Senior Assistant Chief Solomon Milai Katithi and the beloved daughter of the late Ngunga Kasivu and the late Nyalu Ngunga.

She was a co-wife of the late Mary Mukai, late Anne Syombus, late Faith Mutunyi, Ruth Kalwenge, late Alice Muia and Juliana Kavive.

A cherished matriarch, Naomi was the loving mother of Joyce Mbiti, Felistus Muthwi, Benrodgers Mwendwa, Benson Ngunga, Judy Mutave Musyoka, Maria Tito, Rebecca Vilita Muthengi, the late Alex Muange and Dr. Nicholas Mutua.

She was the sister of the late Kiseki, the late Ngami, the late Nguga, Alice Katuti the late Muniyithya, Mwikali Luusa and the late Mukonza. She was the mother in-law of the late Jones Mbiti, late Bernard Muthwi, Augustina Mwendwa, Mary Ngunga, David Musyoka, Tito Mwithi, the late Muthengi Kasamu, the late Munanie Muange and Juliana Mutua.

She was a proud grandmother of the Mwendwa's - Catherine & Dennis, Rachel, Mbiti & Diana, Penninah, Mukai & Myke, late Carolynne & Anthony, Milai & Anne, Debra & Lucky and Joan & Kennedy; the Muthwi's - Monica & Kiptoo, Elizabeth & Gabriel, David & Hellen, Faith & Lucas, Bridgid & Lintari, George and late Emmanuel; the Mwendwa's - Mutethya & Kimani, Milai & Anne and Kanyaa & Keith; the Ngunga's - Milai & Eva, Kithika & Lucy and Muniyithya; the Musyoka's - Kate, Innocent & Lineth, Vincent & Mercy and Joy; the Titos - Mwithi & Terresia, Kyalo & Damaris, Faith, Mercy, Mwendwa, Joy, Benson, Alex and Judith; the Muthengi's - Mwende and Tony; the Muange's - Muniyalo and Mawia; the Mutua's - Sheila and Sasha.

Step -mother of Titus Muniyoki, Kawasya Kinyala, Boniface Sammy, late Sospeter Mwangangi, Agnes Mwandikwa Mbuti, Rodgers Musyoka, Wilfred Musyngi, Anna Mbilu, Francis Peter, Mulalya Musili, Fredrick Musili, Patricia Nzuki, Winfred Ndumu, Pius and Mwanzia among others.

A dotting great-grandmother of Joy, Rooney, Ryan, Samantha, Keith, Daisy, Denise, Nicole, Nayla, Nigel, Leon, Ethan, Briana, Shanelle, Shawn, Shane, Othniel, Jovane, Kian, Naya, Alysna, Theo, Trevor, Joe, Jimmy, Jebet, Terrence, Sasha, Mwende, Samira, Tiffany, Zoe, Talicia, Kayla, Avery, Adriel, Tyler, Madison, Lindsay, Jerome, Geovannie, Fabian, Victor, Elvis, Christiano, Abigael, Myra, Maria and Skylar.

A dear aunt of Justina Mwendwa, Justus Muniyithya, Mutisya Muniyithya, Kanyaa Luusa- Gache, late Mulyungi Luusa, Ngunga Luusa, Mwende Nguga, Musili Nguga, Muteti Wali and others. Sister-in-law of late Muniyaka, late Mukunga, late Munima, late Kala, late Nzovi, Ndava Katithi, late Luusa and Wali Nzuki. She was also a cousin to many, and her warmth, wisdom, and grace will be remembered by all whose lives she touched. Her life was a blessing, her memory a treasure, and her legacy will continue to live on through her family and loved ones.

Friends and family are meeting daily at **All Saints Cathedral, Nairobi** and at her family home in **Musengo Village** for funeral arrangements. A fundraiser has been organized for **Wednesday 12th November 2025 at All Saints Cathedral, Nairobi from 5.00p.m.** The cortège leaves Montezuma Funeral Home on **Friday 14th November 2025 at 7.00 a.m.** for a memorial service at Musengo Primary School, Kitui West followed by burial at her home in Ngaani Village, Musengo Location, Kitui County.

Eternal Rest O God grant unto her... May Perpetual Light shine upon her soul and may she rest in peace. Amen

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

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson ~



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2025 Deaflympics Athletes converge on Tokyo for November 15-26 games



The Kenyan team that will compete in 2025 Summer Deaflympics poses for a photo at Ulinzi Sports Complex in Nairobi on Saturday after a training session. VICTOR OTIENO | NATION

First batch of Team Kenya athletes leaves for Tokyo

Kenya will compete in five out of the 21 disciplines that will be contested in Japan's capital city

BY VICTOR OTIENO

After close to a month of a rigorous residential training camp in Nairobi, the first batch of Team Kenya athletes leaves this evening for the 2025 Summer Deaflympics in Tokyo. The quadrennial multi-sport championships, which involves deaf athletes, will run from Tokyo from November 15 to 26.

Yesterday, Team Kenya's Chief Executive Officer Duncan Kuria told *Nation Sport* that the first batch of the 180-member contingent will depart for Tokyo this evening. The second batch will leave tomorrow, followed by the final batch on Thursday.

This year, the Deaflympics, which will run for two weeks, will



mark the 100th anniversary since the first competition was held in Paris in 1924. For Kenya, it will be its eighth appearance at the Games since making its debut at the 1997 edition in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Kuria said Team Kenya athletes have finalised their preparations for the competition, and said the delegation can look forward to a memorable experience in Tokyo.

"Our team is ready and we are very anxious to land in Japan

and see that we post better results than we did last time in Brazil (2022)," the retired boxer told journalists on Sunday at Ulinzi Sports Complex in Nairobi.

"We hope our athletes can acclimatise fast when they reach Tokyo. In terms of competition, we are up to the task. We will challenge the rest of the world and win as many medals as possible," he added.

The competition will attract approximately 6000 participants

from around the world, including athletes and officials. The Kenyan delegation includes athletes, team officials, interpreters and medics.

While 21 disciplines will be contested at the Tokyo Deaflympics, Kenya will only take part in five disciplines - athletics, women's basketball, men's handball, golf and swimming.

Initially, Kenya planned to compete in 12 disciplines but seven teams were dropped due to budget constraints. The teams that were dropped are women's football, bowling, badminton, tennis, table tennis, cycling and women's volleyball.

Team Kenya has been in a residential camp at Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani in Nairobi since October 19.

Kenya has performed well in past editions of the Games. A 24-medal haul in Brazil remains the country's best performance in the Games. In the 2017 Summer Deaflympics held in Samsun, Turkey, Kenya was top in Africa and ninth globally with 16 medals (five gold, five silver, and six bronze).

To ensure that the athletes' performance is not affected by lack of a suitable meal, the team officials plan to carry maize flour for preparing ugali during the duration of the annual competition.

Kenya women's deaf basketball team trains at Kasarani on September 29.
CHRIS OMOLLO | NATION

Esports Kenya Federation and 82 Sports team up for annual tournament

BY GEOFFREY ANENE

The Esports Kenya Federation (ESKF) has teamed up with grassroots football organisation 82 Sports in the organisation of Kenya Phygital Cup that will be held on December 6, 2025 at Jamhuri Primary School Astro Turf Grounds in Nairobi.

Kenya Phygital Cup blends e-sport and physical competition among the players. Players will play

playstation matches as well a five-a-side football match. In the partnership, 82 Sports will sponsor the tournament to the tune of Sh500,000 that will go towards the tournament's logistics, production, and prize money. The winning team will take home Sh70,000, and runners-up Sh30,000. Beyond the cash rewards, champions will also earn a fully sponsored trip to Astana, Kazakhstan, to represent Kenya in 'Games of the Future' competition.

Kenya Phygital Cup enters the second edition this year. The first edition was held in January, and was won by Issa Team which represented Kenya in Abu Dhabi in July. Speaking during the announcement of the partnership, Joash Okuto, CEO of 82 Sports, emphasized the company's vision for innovation and youth empowerment through sports. ESKF President Ronny Lusigi said the partnership reflects the growing confidence in the federation's work.

Opinion | Peter Njenga

Irony of no action on local rallying scene as 2026 Safari Rally draws near

From significant outstanding payments to escalating international competition, Kenyan motorsport finds itself on a critical edge, its cherished heritage imperilled by a confluence of global shifts and internal turmoil. Eight months have elapsed since the 2025 World Rally Championship Safari Rally, yet a stark silence surrounds preparations for the 2026 edition. This absence of updates has ignited public apprehension, raising serious questions about Kenya's continued relevance in the premium global motorsport arena.

The 2026 Safari is 120 days away, yet Kenyan motorsports is in a state of total disarray. The Kenya National Rally Championship (KNRC), once the pride of Africa, was not held fully in 2026 because of a confusion caused by the government, a first in over four decades. Court cases, ego wars, and apathy at KMSF raise the question of whether Safari Rally will survive in the World Rally Championship beyond 2026.

The impending arrival of a new World Rally Championship (WRC) promoter, described by Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) Vice President Robert Reid as "very positive for the sport" from 2026, signals a turning point for the championship, bringing with it an intensified focus on fiscal responsibility.

Unsettled financial obligations in the region of Sh1 billion owed by the WRC Safari Rally project to the outgoing WRC Promoter, various vendors, and staff, casts a long shadow on the future of the Safari Rally. The current WRC Promoter is transferring ownership, media, and commercial rights to the incoming entity which will undoubtedly demand a clean financial slate. This places Safari Rally Kenya, burdened by its history of arrears, in a vulnerable position.

The global motorsport landscape, particularly in Africa, is undergoing a seismic shift too. South Africa, which plans to return to F1 in 2027, has demonstrated its organisational prowess with the recent World Raid Rally Championship (W2RC) held from May 18 to 24. South Africa is bidding to host Formula One from 2027.

For years, Kenya has held a WRC slot, giving the sport a solid foothold in Africa. But South Africa's absence in the 2026 W2RC calendar might just be a strategic pause before a full-frontal assault on the WRC. That South Africa's W2RC event was explicitly branded "The South African Safari Rally" is telling. Beyond South Africa, Rwanda, having showcased its hosting capability with the World Cycling Championship from September 21 to 28, has committed a staggering \$1.2 billion (Sh154.8 billion), announced by President Paul Kagame last December, for its F1 hosting project, while Nigeria and Morocco are keen to build their own circuits.

The continent is awakening to motorsport's potential, and Kenya, once the undisputed gem of African rallying, risks being overtaken not just by the bigger F1 aspirations of other countries, but by a general surge in motorsport infrastructure and promotional investment elsewhere. The competition is global. Saudi Arabia is a new entrant in 2025 WRC, and USA joins in 2027. There is talk of China's impending entry. These nations arrive with deep pockets and a clear willingness to pay for the privilege of hosting a WRC event. For the new promoter, eager, well-funded hosts will be more appealing than an established, yet financially problematic event like the Safari Rally.

Gender in Sports Only a handful of openly transgender athletes have taken part in Olympics

No decision yet on eligibility of transgender athletes, IOC says

Working group set up in September is yet to conclude its discussions on the matter, spokesman says

BERLIN

The International Olympic Committee says it is still weighing universal rules for transgender athletes at the Games, as a growing number of sports bodies move to tighten eligibility criteria in a shift in sentiment that the IOC appears increasingly willing to get on board with.

The IOC, under new president Kirsty Coventry, did a U-turn in June, deciding to take the lead in setting eligibility criteria for Olympic participation of transgender athletes, having previously handed responsibility to the individual sports federations leading to a confusing patchwork of different approaches.

In September, Coventry set up the 'Protection of the Female Category' working group, made up of experts as well as representatives of international federations, to look into how best to protect the female category in sports.

"An update was given by the IOC's Director of Health, Medicine and Science to the IOC members last week during



International Olympic Committee President Kirsty Coventry. FILE | NATION

The working group is continuing its discussions on this topic and no decisions have been taken

IOC Spokesperson



the IOC commission meetings," an IOC spokesperson said yesterday.

"The working group is continuing its discussions on this topic and no decisions have been taken yet. Further information will be provided in due course."

Before Coventry's decision in June, the IOC had long refused to apply any universal rule on transgender participation for the Games, instructing international federations in 2021 to come

up with their own guidelines. Under current rules, still in force, transgender athletes are eligible to take part in the Olympics.

Only a handful of openly transgender athletes have taken part in the Games. New Zealand's Laurel Hubbard became the first openly transgender athlete to compete in a different gender category to that assigned at birth when the weightlifter took part in the Tokyo Olympics in 2021.

Some international federations have rules in place, but others have not yet reached that stage. U.S. President Donald Trump has banned transgender athletes from competing in sports in schools in the United States, which civil society groups say infringes on the rights of trans people.

Trump, who signed the "Keeping Men Out of Women's Sports" order in February, has said he would not allow transgender athletes to compete at the 2028 Los Angeles Summer Olympics.

Following Trump's decision, the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee also changed its rules accordingly, banning transgender athletes from taking part in women's sports.

Several federations have launched their own studies or changed rules to ban anyone who has gone through male puberty from competing in the female category at an elite level.

World Rugby has banned transgender athletes from competing at elite level, while World Athletics does not allow transgender athletes who have undergone male puberty from competing. World Aquatics allows transgender athletes who have transitioned before the age of 12 to compete, but not those who have done so after that age.

The situation remains somewhat murky in soccer, the world's most popular sport, with FIFA yet to announce an updated policy as some individual associations, including the English FA, have unilaterally banned transgender players from competing in women's competitions.

Boxing and athletics have also this year introduced mandatory tests for athletes in the female category to detect the SRY gene, which is on the Y chromosome and triggers the development of male characteristics in mammals. These moves are aimed at athletes with Differences of Sexual Development (DSD), who have been raised as female but sometimes carry some of the physical advantages of males. (Reuters)

EUROPEAN STANDINGS

PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Arsenal	11	8	2	1	20	5	26
2 Man City	11	7	1	3	23	8	22
3 Chelsea	11	6	2	3	21	11	20
4 Sunderland	11	5	4	2	14	10	19
5 Spurs	11	5	3	3	19	10	18
6 Aston Villa	11	5	3	3	13	10	18
7 Man Utd	11	5	3	3	19	18	18
8 Liverpool	11	6	0	5	18	17	18
9 Bournemouth	11	5	3	3	17	18	18
10 Crystal Palace	11	4	5	2	14	9	17
11 Brighton	11	4	4	3	17	15	16
12 Brentford	11	5	1	5	17	17	16
13 Everton	11	4	3	4	12	13	15
14 Newcastle	11	3	3	5	11	14	12
15 Fulham	11	3	2	6	12	16	11
16 Leeds	11	3	2	6	10	20	11
17 Burnley	11	3	1	7	14	22	10
18 West Ham	11	3	1	7	13	23	10
19 Nottm Forest	11	2	3	6	10	20	9
20 Wolves	11	0	2	9	7	25	2

BUNDESLIGA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Bayern München	10	9	1	0	35	6	28
2 Leipzig	10	7	1	2	20	13	22
3 Dortmund	10	6	3	1	16	7	21
4 Stuttgart	10	7	0	3	17	12	21
5 Leverkusen	10	6	2	2	24	14	20
6 Hoffenheim	10	6	1	3	21	16	19
7 Frankfurt	10	5	2	3	23	19	17
8 Bremen	10	4	3	3	15	18	15
9 Köln	10	4	2	4	17	15	14
10 Freiburg	10	3	4	3	13	14	13
11 Union Berlin	10	3	3	4	13	17	12
12 M'gladbach	10	2	3	5	13	19	9
13 Hamburg	10	2	3	5	9	16	9
14 Wolfsburg	10	2	2	6	12	18	8
15 Augsburg	10	2	1	7	14	24	7
16 St. Pauli	10	2	1	7	9	20	7
17 Mainz 05	10	1	2	7	10	18	5
18 Heidenheim	10	1	2	7	8	23	5

LA LIGA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Real Madrid	12	10	1	1	26	10	31
2 Barcelona	12	9	1	2	32	15	28
3 Villarreal	12	8	2	2	24	10	26
4 Atlético	12	7	4	1	24	11	25
5 Betis	12	5	5	2	19	13	20
6 Espanyol	12	5	3	4	15	15	18
7 Athletic	12	5	2	5	12	13	17
8 Getafe	12	5	2	5	12	14	17
9 Sevilla	12	5	1	6	18	19	16
10 Alavés	12	4	3	5	11	11	15
11 Elche	12	3	6	3	13	14	15
12 Rayo	12	4	3	5	12	14	15
13 Celta	12	2	7	3	15	18	13
14 Real Sociedad	12	3	4	5	14	17	13
15 Mallorca	12	3	3	6	12	18	12
16 Osasuna	12	3	2	7	9	13	11
17 Valencia	12	2	4	6	11	21	10
18 Girona	12	2	4	6	11	24	10
19 Levante	12	2	3	7	16	23	9
20 Oviedo	12	2	2	8	7	20	8

SERIE "A"

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Inter	11	8	0	3	26	12	24
2 Roma	11	8	0	3	12	5	24
3 Milan	11	6	4	1	17	9	22
4 Napoli	11	7	1	3	16	10	22
5 Bologna	11	6	3	2	18	8	21
6 Juventus	11	5	4	2	14	10	19
7 Como	11	4	6	1	12	6	18
8 Sassuolo	11	5	1	5	14	12	16
9 Lazio	11	4	3	4	13	9	15
10 Udinese	11	4	3	4	12	17	15
11 Cremonese	11	3	5	3	12	13	14
12 Torino	11	3	5	3	10	16	14
13 Atalanta	11	2	7	2	13	11	13
14 Cagliari	11	2	4	5	9	14	10
15 Lecce	11	2	4	5	8	14	10
16 Pisa	11	1	6	4	8	14	9
17 Parma	11	1	5	5	7	14	8
18 Genoa	11	1	4	6	8	16	7
19 Verona	11	0	6	5	6	16	6
20 Fiorentina	11	0	5	6	9	18	5

LIGUE ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Paris SG	12	8	3	1	24	11	27
2 Marseille	12	8	1	3	28	11	25
3 Lens	12	8	1	3	21	11	25
4 Strasbourg	12	7	1	4	24	16	22
5 Lille	12	6	2	4	23	15	20
6 Monaco	12	6	2	4	24	21	20
7 Lyon	12	6	2	4	18	15	20
8 Rennes	12	4	6	2	19	17	18
9 Nice	12	5	2	5	17	18	17
10 Toulouse	12	4	4	4	18	16	16
11 Paris FC	12	4	2	6	18	21	14
12 Le Havre	12	3	5	4	13	17	14
13 Angers	12	3	4	5	10	15	13
14 Metz	12	3	2	7	12	27	11
15 Brest	12	2	4	6	14	21	10
16 Nantes	12	2	4	6	11	18	10
17 Lorient	12	2	4	6	14	26	10
18 Auxerre	12	2	1	9	7	19	7

Germany have only World Cup qualification in sight

WOLFSBURG

Germany coach Julian Nagelsmann is in no mood to test anything in their remaining World Cup qualifiers and only wants to secure two wins that will punch their ticket for next year's tournament.

The Germans, who travel to Luxembourg on Friday before hosting Slovakia on November 17, will secure top spot in Group A and automatic qualification to next year's World Cup with two wins in their final two matches.

"We want to have a good balance (in the squad)," Nagelsmann told a press conference on Monday. "We want to cover every position double. The most important thing is...to be successful at these games, get the six points and qualify for the World Cup.

"We do not depend on other results, only rely on our team's performances. It is a good starting spot but we still have to make it successful."

Nagelsmann raised some eyebrows by ignoring VfB Stuttgart midfielder Angelo Stiller, but said the door for the 24-year-old, who has five caps, was not closed for next year's tournament.

"I talked to Angelo. His development is going in the right direction," Nagelsmann said.

"But on the six position with Felix Nmecha and Aleksandar Pavlovic, I see them slightly ahead at the moment. Angelo needs to continue his rising form. In March there is a new squad nomination. The door is not closed."

Nagelsmann had to replace Nadiem Amiri on Monday with the Mainz 05 player nursing an ad-

ductor muscle problem. Germany youth international Assan Ouedraogo received a late call-up to replace him.

Germany are in top spot in their group on nine points, ahead of second-placed Slovakia on goal difference. Northern Ireland are third on six, with Luxembourg last without any points. The group winner earns automatic World Cup qualification while the second-placed team goes into a playoff in March 2026.

The Germans -- four-time world champions -- are desperate for a deep tournament run and have set their sights on winning the trophy at the World Cup, co-hosted by the United States, Canada and Mexico, after their disappointing first round exits in the last two editions. (Reuters)



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Blunt striking force big worry for Bandari coach

BY ABDULRAHMAN SHERIFF

Worried by a dearth of goals at his team, Bandari FC's coach, Mohamed Borji, has embarked on sharpening the striking force with a view to making the most of the many scoring chances his players create in Football Kenya Federation Premier League matches.

An analysis by his team's coaching staff revealed that the team creates many scoring chances which are often not converted into goals, and he is determined to change this. Speaking after his team's 1-1 draw with KCB in the FKF Premier League match at Mbaraki Sports Club in Mombasa on Sunday, Borji said he was disappointed to see his strikers wasting clear goal-scoring opportunities.

"I've been training my players to use all the chances they get to score. Sadly, we have not succeeded on that front, but I'll continue to train them till they manage to score goals from every chance they create. I hope very soon, all my strikers can make the most of the chances that come their way during matches to score goals," the Moroccan said.

Borji acknowledged that the home fans have waited for long to see their team winning matches, especially those that they play at their home turf of Mbaraki Sports Club.

"I assure our fans that they will soon find joy in watching our matches. They will soon see their team scoring goals and winning matches. It is work in progress. We always aim at winning all the matches we play, with a view to climbing to the top of the table," he said.

Bandari is feeling the effect of the absence of key strikers, Beja Nyamawi and William Gitamu, who are injured. Last season, the team lost left back Mohamed Siraj to Gor Mahia, along with midfielder Fidel Origa and goalkeeper Byrne Omondi. Goalkeeper Farouk Shikhalo also joined Ethiopian club St George's.

More than anything else, Bandari FC's fan, Omari Salim, believes injuries to key strikers, Nyamawi and Gitamu, has kept them waiting for goals.

"Nyamawi and Gitamu's absence is being felt heavily at the club. Injuries to the two players have reduced the strength of our forward line. I hope they recover soon. Another reason is that most of our players who featured last season have signed elsewhere and it will take sometime for the new players to adapt with the team playing style," he said. The two are still nursing injuries.

"Siraj was a dependable defender who fed our forwards with balls to score," said Salim, who also rued midfielder Jackson Dwang's departure to Posta Rangers FC. Bandari is currently 14th in the league standings on seven points from seven matches. The team has won one match, drawn four and lost two.



Bandari's Rajab Omar controls the ball in their FKF Premier League match against KCB Bank at Mbaraki Sports Club in Mombasa on November 9. ABDULRAHMAN SHERIFF | NATION

Football Kenya will play two friendly matches in Turkish resort city of Antalya

Why Kenya chose Turkish City for its friendly matches

The location of Antalya is convenient to Equatorial Guinea's and Senegal's European-based players expected to join their teams

BY MICHAEL KIRWA

Turkey is one of three countries that Harambee Stars have played in before being hosted by the national team of that country. The other two countries are France and Spain, where Harambee Stars defeated Madagascar 1-0 and drew 1-1 with DR Congo in June 2019 respectively.

Harambee Stars first played in Turkey on October 16, 2023, when they drew 2-2 with Russia in what was Kenya's second match against a mainland European nation since drawing 0-0 with Switzerland in Nairobi on December 6, 1983. Before the encounter against the Swiss, Kenya had played four matches against Reunion, the Indian Ocean territory that is an overseas department of France.

The last international break of 2025 has arrived, and Harambee Stars are set to travel to Turkey to play friendly matches against Equatorial Guinea (November 14) and Senegal (November 18). The two matches will be played in Antalya, where Kenya also played Russia two years ago.

According to Athanas Oballa, the Football Kenya Federation's Head of Projects and National Teams, the two matches will be played in Turkey because its location is convenient to Equatorial Guinea's and Senegal's European-based players.

"Playing the matches in Turkey will make travel and logistics easier for Equatorial Guinea and Senegal than playing them in Africa. It will be easy for them to get connecting flights," Oballa said.

After playing Harambee Stars, Equatorial Guinea will face Madagascar in their second match of the window on November 17. The match will also be played in Antalya. Senegal will land in Turkey for their match against Kenya from England after playing five-time world champions Brazil at the Emirates Stadium in London on November 15.

Playing the matches in Turkey will deny Kenyans an opportunity to watch Harambee Stars in action for the last time this year and there is still hope that Kenyans in Turkey will be allowed to attend the match.

"The match will most likely be played behind closed doors," Oballa said.

The scheduling of the two friendly matches in Turkey, coupled with the fact that Harambee Stars played their last two friendly matches against Chad in Morocco in June, also highlight the commercial intrigues that influence planning of friendly matches among African teams.

It is for that reason that Oballa ruled out the involvement of the Kenyan government in having



Harambee Stars players during training at Lycee Classique Cocody, in Abidjan on October 12. PHOTO | FILE

a hand with Kenya securing a historic friendly with Afcon 2021 winners Senegal. The two countries have never met in a friendly match before but have played against each other four times. All those four encounters came at Afcon tournaments, with Senegal defeating Kenya 3-0 at Afcon 2019, 2004, and 1992. Their meeting at Afcon 1990 ended in a 0-0 draw.

Their upcoming friendly match follows Senegal's president, Bassirou Diomaye Faye, visiting Kenya on October 20 as one of the invited guests for this year's Mashujaa Day celebrations which took place in Kitui. Faye's visit also preceded Kenya hosting the Africa-France Summit in May 2026, an occasion which will mark the first time that the event is taking place in an Anglophone country.

On October 21, President William Ruto announced that he and his Senegalese counterpart had signed an agreement which effected lifting visa restrictions between Kenya and Senegal. Ruto also said that the two countries will cooperate in sports with Kenya leveraging on the West African nation's expertise in infrastructure development, event management, and building of lasting sports legacies ahead of Afcon 2027, the competition Kenya will co-host with Tanzania and Uganda.

"By combining Kenya's strength in athletics and Senegal's prowess in football, we aim to uplift our youth and enhance cultural diplomacy," he said.

Yet, the friendly match between Kenya and Senegal is just coincidental and not a cog in the diplomatic and political relationships between the two countries.

"This match is a football business affair and I do not think it has the involvement of either the Kenyan or the Senegalese government," Oballa said.

"Our friendly matches against Equatorial Guinea and Senegal have been organised by McSport, which is a reputable match organising agency licensed by Fifa," Oballa said. "McSport organises friendly matches for top African teams and they also organised our two friendly matches against Chad in June," he added.

To emphasize Oballa's point on the commercialisation of friendly matches, in the last four years, Harambee Stars have played only one friendly match in Kenya, against South Sudan in September 2023. The other nine friendly matches they played in that period took place in Iran, Malawi, Mauritius, Morocco, Qatar, and Turkey.

The same is almost true for Senegal, who have played only two friendly matches in Senegal in the last four years.

On a sporting front, Oballa looks forward to Harambee Stars giving their best against Equatorial Guinea, who Kenya defeated 1-0 in their only previous encounter in 2018, and Senegal. "It will boost our profile and Fifa ranking," he said before confirming that Harambee Stars will leave for Turkey on Wednesday morning.

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Garden Dreams Limited founder Tom Ikoha at the nursery along Red Hill Road in Nairobi. BON-FACE BOGITA | NATION

From nothing to mega empire in landscaping

The entrepreneur now runs the business not only in Kenya, but also in Uganda, Tanzania and occasionally in Botswana, with more than 40 staff, including 13 full-time gardeners

BY LINET OWOKO

About 30 years ago, Tom Ikoha arrived in Nairobi with only a high school certificate and a friend's promise of a job of selling sukuma wiki in Ruaka.

"I wasn't looking for a specific job. I didn't even believe that I was coming to the city. I just wanted to find something that would earn me some money," says Mr Ikoha.

Today, he owns Garden Dreams, a collection of three roadside nurseries, with the United Nations, the Canadian Embassy and major brands like ArtCaffé among his clients.

"I am one of the landscapers who did the landscaping for all ArtCaffé's outlets," he says.

He now does landscaping not only in Kenya, but also in Uganda, Tanzania and occasionally in Botswana, and employs over 40 workers including 13 full-time gardeners.

His first major contract at Village Market paid Sh500 per month, to do landscaping for the Café Latino and Pomodoro restaurants, which later increased to Sh1,500 monthly. The first time he earned good money was a project he did in Runda, earning

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Sh40,000. "That felt like a fortune," he says.

He believes his business has grown because of his honesty. "I've never done marketing. Not even on social media. My clients spread the word for me. A client in Village Market once bluntly told him: 'You did a bad job, but you're a honest person.'"

She later became one of my most loyal customers."

His biggest breakthrough came in 2008 when a friend introduced him to the American Women's Association. There, he met someone who hired him to work at the Canadian Deputy Ambassador's residence.

"She convinced the embassy to give me smaller jobs. That's how doors started opening," says Mr Ikoha.

Among his most memorable projects are the landscaping he did for a private residence in Karen and another in Lakeview, which introduced him to one of the world's leading architects, who is now based in the United Kingdom.

"She has referred me to clients in Nanyuki and the Maasai Mara for large projects," he says.



Norfolk Island pine trees at Garden Dreams Limited nursery along Red Hill Road in Nairobi. BONFACE BOGITA | NATION

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At his nursery, located along Red Hill, Tom stopped counting the varieties of plants and flowers that he stocks. He has almost everything, from indigenous species, exotic collections, orchids, palms, to forest plants. It's like a living museum of colour and texture.

His favourite? The Mukuna plants. "The Mukuna is actually very expensive," he says. "I have both the red and purple varieties." Then there are the palms. "I once sold a Butia palm for Sh75,000," he says.

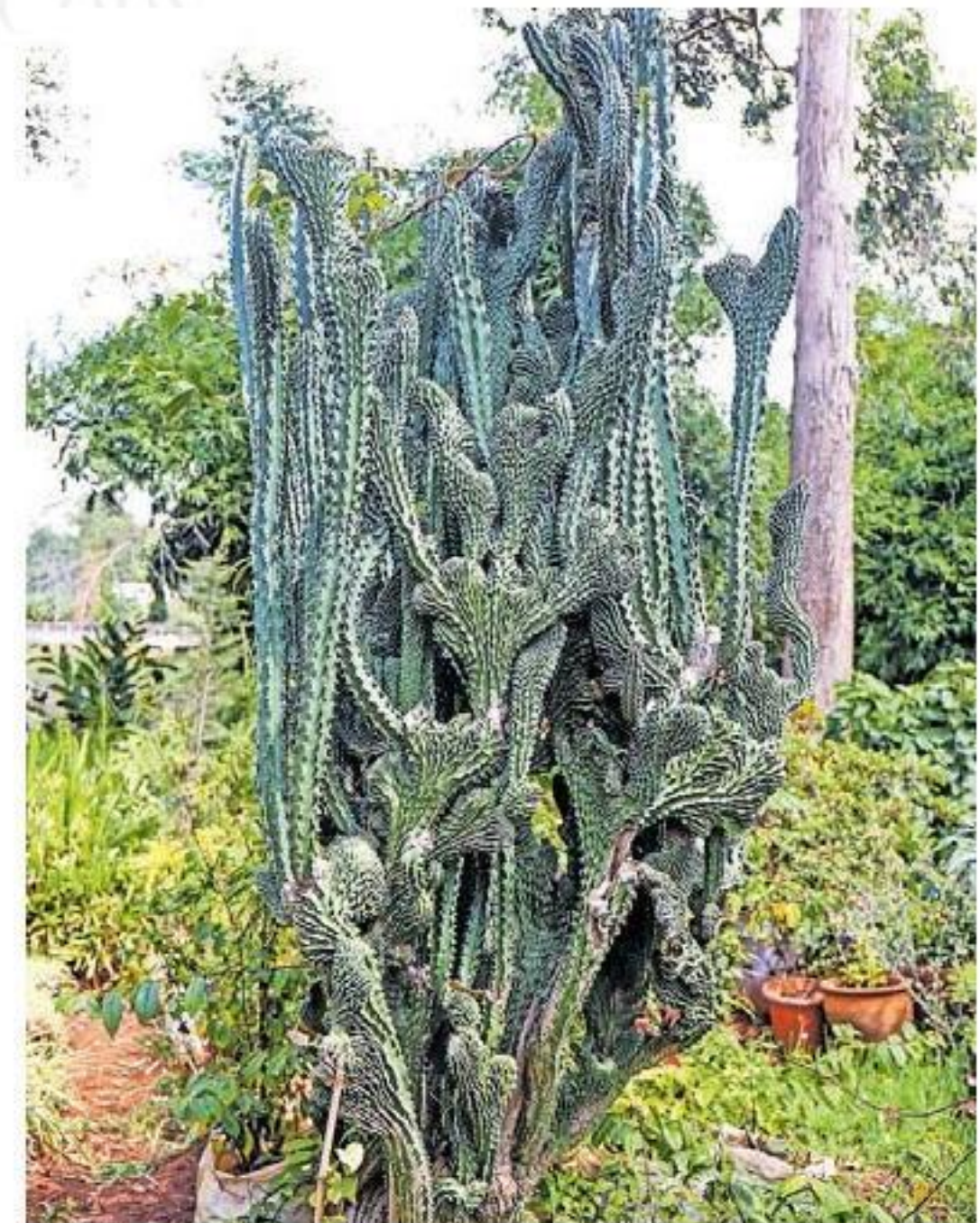
Golden palms cost around Sh25,000 to Sh30,000, depending on the size. Not everything here will empty your wallet, though. "For as little as Sh20, you can get a ground cover," he says.

What excites him most? Colour. "You see those azaleas? They're perfect. They're selling for Sh25,000. They're big enough and full of life," he says.

"I'm a plant collector. I hunt down unique species that you won't easily find elsewhere. I add something new every day. Clients are really into indigenous species now because they're rediscovering our native plants, after seeing the damage that exotic species have done to our environment."

Sales fluctuate with the seasons. "During the rainy season, business picks up because planting is easier. During the dry season, sales slowdown, but we still sell two to three plants a day."

But the journey to this success wasn't easy. Mr Ikoha grew up in Imbale, a small village deep in the Kakamega countryside. As the eldest of eight children, he took on responsibilities that would



A cactus plant at Garden Dreams Limited nursery. BONFACE BOGITA | NATION

have overwhelmed most young people. Even his school fees were his own burden to bear.

"I used to work on my aunt's farm during holidays in exchange for money for my education," he says.

After Form Four, he moved in with relatives and helped look after animals and work on farms. It was there that someone noticed his gift for plants.

"You're really good at farm work. What if I send you to college?" "The offer felt miraculous," says Mr Ikoha.

He had initially dreamt of becoming a teacher. "I thought my grades would only get me that far."

But life had other plans. Instead, he was enrolled for an agriculture course at the Kilifi Institute of Agriculture.

Powering SMEs



Blood leaf plant at Garden Dreams Limited nursery. BONFACE BOGITA | NATION



Pink Arrowhead plant pictured at Garden Dreams Limited nursery along Red Hill Road in Nairobi on November 7, 2025. BONFACE BOGITA | NATION

Fortunately, the government was sponsoring agricultural students. Mr Ikoha excelled, but he could not advance to the diploma level.

"My younger siblings needed support. Being the firstborn meant stepping back," he says. He again started looking for odd jobs.

"I wanted to do something related to agriculture. But at first, I even worked with a veterinarian, handling dogs, before I found landscaping." Months later, he started facing challenges at work and found himself job hunting, again.

Rossllyn River Garden Centre, one of Nairobi's premier landscaping firms, then hired him as an assistant nursery supervisor.

His starting salary was Sh2,800 monthly, a decent amount of money back then. "I bought a small house and felt so grateful. Life actually felt worth living," he says.

However, three months into the job, he quit. He then met a

young Indian entrepreneur who was starting her own landscaping business and hired him as foreman.

"It was an awesome experience. I could finally work without competing against anyone," he says.

Unfortunately, the business hit a roadblock, and the owner relocated to Uganda. He then joined Plants Galore in 1999 and managed their landscaping and nursery operations for two years. His many years working for different landscaping companies shaped him.

"I learnt professionalism and environmental consciousness. Landscaping made me see Nairobi's environment differently. It showed me that we can all do something to restore nature," says Tom.

In 2002, Tom was ready to start his own business. Using a bicycle gifted to him by a previous employer, he began delivering plants and grass across Nairobi.

He sourced the plants from farmers in Denderu and Ruaka and bought grass from friends in the industry.

"I carried everything on that bicycle," he says. "That bicycle made me feel like a millionaire. No one in my family had ever owned one."

After saving for months, he bought his own for Sh2,500. "I called my father immediately and told him that we had a brand new bicycle. I even knelt and prayed."

However, using a bicycle had its own share of challenges.

"I had a few accidents, but thank God I survived. It was also so slow. Imagine delivering 10 bags of grass, two at a time."

In just two years, he had saved Sh175,000, which he used to buy an old pickup: "For me, it felt like real progress."

Two years later, he registered his first business, TM Garden Realities. Later, he changed the name to Ecological Green Garden Landscape.

"Honestly, I didn't love either name," he says. "Then Garden Dreams."

However, when he started using that name, everything fell apart. All three of his children got sick at once. His first pickup was involved in a fatal accident, which landed him in court. His second vehicle was stolen.

"I lost everything: vehicles, staff, and the business itself. Everything just collapsed." For two years, he struggled to stay afloat. "But in 2008, I got back up."

He revived Garden Dreams with fresh determination. In 2009, he secured a bank loan for a new pickup.

Reflecting on his journey, Mr Ikoha says the key lessons have been courage and faith. "Fear kills dreams. Anyone can rise if they keep a positive mindset and stay focused."

His advice to young people is straightforward: Work hard. Be honest. Don't steal.

"Too many young people want quick money. But there's real power in honesty and generosity," says the 52-year-old.

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Janet Adongo finds new passion in keeping indigenous chickens after Trump's purge of US agencies hit the humanitarian jobs

How ex-UN employee reinvented herself through poultry farming

Self-styled 'Qienyeji Queen' rears more than 1,200 chickens on a quarter-acre property in Kiambu

BY ESTHER INTABO

When I first met Janet Adongo at her home in Kiambu County, what struck me was her easy, warm smile when she greeted my colleagues and me. She comes across as approachable, grounded, and full of cheer. However, beneath that warmth lies a resilient woman who has weathered some of life's hardest storms only to reinvent herself most unexpectedly.

Yet, if you pause long enough, you begin to notice something else, an unmistakable resemblance to her late father, Ambrose Adeya Adongo, the fiery former Secretary General of the Kenya National Union of Teachers.

"Besides the public man people knew, he was just my dad, a normal father and the best," Ms Adongo recalls.



Janet Adongo, popularly known as Qienyeji Queen, shares her journey in rearing 'kienyeji' poultry during a visit to her farm in Kahawa Sukari, Kiambu County, on September 19, 2025. WILFRED NYANGARESII | NATION

"We just had a normal middle-class upbringing. That's where I get my resilience from him, and my mom as well."

Her mother, a secretary at the

time, was retrenched after her father passed away. Suddenly, life became difficult. "That period was tough," recalls Ms Adongo.

"Our lives went down, and we

had to adjust. But that's where I learned never to give up. Reinventing yourself becomes the only option."

That zeal would later carry her



Indigenous poultry at the farm. The quarter acre farm has more than 1,200 chickens. WILFRED NYANGARESII | NATION

through the twists and turns of life from journalism to the United Nations, and finally, to a surprising new chapter as the self-styled 'Qienyeji Queen', a poultry farmer with more than 1,200 chickens on a quarter-acre plot.

Armed with a journalism degree from Daystar University, Ms Adongo, 45, began her career in the newsroom at KBC. Soon after, ambition and drive took her to Sierra Leone in 2003, where she interned before coming back into the country.

When she returned, she joined UNHCR in Nairobi as a public information assistant, a role she held for five years. Later, she ventured into television production, contributing to popular shows such as *Makutano Junction* and *Tinga Tinga Tales*, which were popular shows at the time. Not one to sit still, she eventually founded a photography company.

However, her calling seemed to pull her back to humanitarian work. In 2017, she rejoined UNHCR, this time as a team leader in South Sudan. For five years, she worked in the field before being reassigned to UN headquarters here in Nairobi.

It was fulfilling work, but it came with moments of great difficulty. "Covid in 2020 was the hardest," she remembers. "I was in South Sudan, in the middle of nowhere, with no Internet. I could hardly make calls. No communication, it was a difficult part of my career and as a mother too."

Then came the blow she never expected. After her contract ended, she applied for jobs tirelessly. But the timing was not favourable. The Trump administration in the US had announced drastic cuts to USAID, one of the largest funders of humanitarian and development assistance worldwide. Budgets were frozen.

Recruitments stalled. Even organisations from which she had received offer letters went quiet.

"No one was hiring. In fact, people were being laid off. I had never experienced such a big gap in my career. It was tough," she admits.

As her savings dwindled, the ripple effect touched her children. They were used to international schools, but she had to make adjustments.

"At some point, I removed them from school. We switched to tuition and private tutors because school fees were a problem. Everything had changed for me. It was a huge shift."

Enter the chickens. Funny enough, poultry wasn't even her idea. Her mother had always kept chickens at home. Ms Adongo would occasionally help, especially when the hens hatched eggs. Each time chicks survived and thrived, she found herself excited.

"I never saw myself rearing chickens full-time," she laughs. "I was an international humanitarian. Slowly, I started learning, mostly from YouTube videos, experimenting with feeds, and making mistakes along the way."

By 2023, she was still juggling poultry on the side. But in March 2024, she was running it full-time, with no new contracts on the horizon, and she decided to commit fully.

That's when the Kienyeji Queen brand was born. She started with just eight chickens. Today, her flock has grown to more than 1,200 chickens. With the help of a digital automatic egg incubator with a 320 egg capacity, she now produces day-old chicks for commercial purposes, a fast-growing business in the poultry sector.

"I wake up, I dress up, and I find something to do every single day to keep my life moving," she says. "I'm having fun in it. People call me 'mama kuku' and I like it."

She has employed one worker and has expanded her structures in the backyard of her house, selling both eggs and chicks. Her pricing is simple and deliberate. "The price is always sh1,500, but I make sure each bird weighs at least 1.5 kilos," she explains.

Still, it hasn't been without challenges.

"Chicken feed is very expensive," she explains. "They consume about 50 kilos a day, and one sack costs Sh3,500 in the market. That's before you even deal with rats, which love chicken food."

Despite the hurdles, she's determined to expand the business. "I haven't fully commercialised yet, but I plan to scale up. For now, I'm learning, testing, and reinvesting."

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Nairobi's rising youth suicides



Behind the cold doors of Nairobi Funeral Home, a generation's dreams are ending. With over 30 suicide cases recorded weekly, health officials are sounding the alarm over a mental health crisis that's claiming the lives of young people crushed by unemployment and hopelessness. P.4&5

Digital danger

Screens and poor sleep linked to rising heart disease risk in children

BY PAULINE ONGAJI

A new study has warned that excessive screen use, especially when combined with too little sleep, may increase the risk of developing heart and metabolic problems later in life. The findings, published in the *Journal of the American Heart Association*, revealed that prolonged use of electronic devices such as televisions, phones, tablets, and gaming systems among young people is strongly associated with higher risks of cardiometabolic diseases including high blood pressure, unhealthy cholesterol levels, and insulin resistance. Researchers from the University of Copenhagen's Copenhagen Prospective Studies on Asthma in Childhood (COPSAC) analysed data from over 1,000 participants drawn from two long-

term Danish studies, one group of 10-year-olds and another of 18-year-olds, to better understand how screen habits relate to heart and metabolic health. They found that every extra hour of recreational screen time was linked to a measurable increase in cardiometabolic risk. Among 10-year-olds, each additional hour of daily screen use raised risk scores by about 0.08 standard deviations, while among 18-year-olds, the increase was 0.13 standard deviations. "This means that a child spending three extra hours a day in front of a screen could have roughly a quarter to half a standard deviation higher risk than their peers," said lead author David Horner, a researcher at COPSAC. "It might seem small per hour, but over time, and across a population, it adds up to a significant shift in early health risks that can follow into adulthood." The researchers developed a composite cardiometabolic score that incorporated several health indicators, including waist size, blood pressure, HDL ("good") cholesterol, triglycerides, and blood sugar levels. They also used machine learning to identify distinctive blood metabolite patterns linked to screen exposure, what Dr Horner described as a "screen-time fingerprint."

Health outcomes These chemical signatures suggest that screen habits may trigger biological changes even in childhood. The study further found a positive trend between screen time and predicted cardiovascular risk in adulthood, particularly among adolescents. Notably, insufficient sleep appeared to amplify the effects of high screen time. Children and teens who spent long hours on screens and slept fewer hours had significantly higher risk scores. "In childhood, sleep duration not only moderated the relationship but also explained about 12 per cent of it," Dr Horner said. "This suggests that shorter sleep partly mediates how screen time contributes to metabolic changes." The researchers further warned that today's widespread screen use, often reaching five to six hours per day in adolescents, could be silently shaping long-term health outcomes. "Limiting discretionary screen time in childhood and adolescence may protect long-term heart and metabolic health," Dr Horner emphasised. "Our study shows that the connection starts early and highlights the need for balanced daily routines." Experts also say that addressing screen habits should become part of paediatric check-ups, alongside discussions on diet and exercise. Dr Amanda Perak, chair of the American Heart Association Young Hearts Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Committee, advises families to start small when cutting down on screens. "If reducing screen time feels overwhelming, begin by moving it earlier in the day and focusing on getting into bed earlier and for longer," she said. She adds that parents play a crucial role in setting examples: "All of us use screens, so it's important to guide children and teens to use them in healthy, mindful ways. Model good behaviour, put your devices away during meals, explain why, and encourage screen-free family time."



According to our statistics, pneumonia is at the top of what we call the 'sick child profile.' However, early oxygen therapy faces challenges. First, most nurses at Level 2 and Level 3 facilities lack the necessary tools. A Covid-19 assessment report highlighted this, noting they did not have pulse oximeters—a critical device for determining when an infant needs oxygen. Dr Ouma Oluga, Medical Services PS

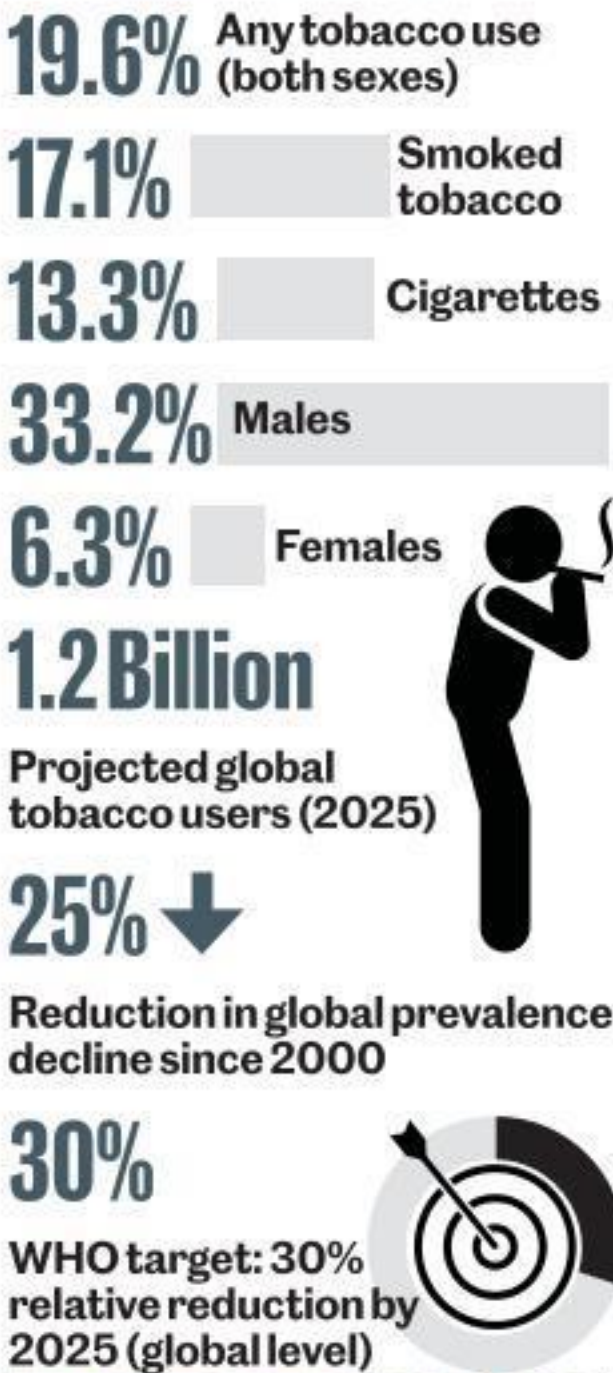


In six months, Kenya will face a nationwide contraceptive stock-out. Across the country, injectables and implants, two of the most commonly used methods in Kenya, are at critically low levels. For several months now, male condoms and the emergency contraceptives have been out of stock in multiple public facilities. Dr Stellah Bosire, medical doctor and lawyer

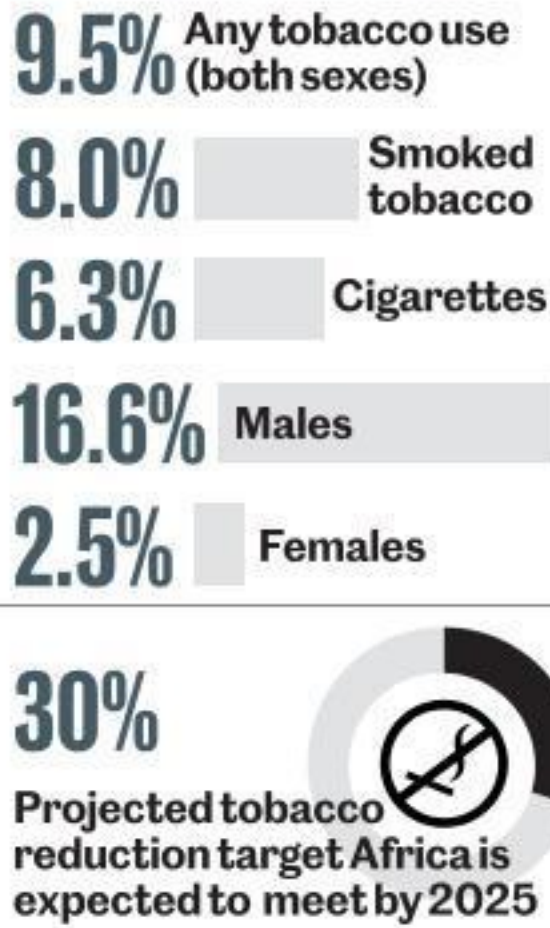
Global tobacco epidemic (2024)

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Commentary

How wastage is killing Kenya's UHC dream

BY DR NELLY BOSIRE

Last week, Nairobi hosted the 2nd Health Scientific Congress, an event that is rapidly gaining recognition locally and beyond.

This year's theme was 'Advancing Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Towards Attainment of Sustainable Development Goals 2030 for Nairobi'. This theme remains painfully relevant as Kenya approaches the 2030 deadline, with UHC still a distant promise.

This topic is yet to get old as Kenya grapples with the realities of the fast-approaching deadline of 2030 amidst a multitude of promises by top leadership, despite the fact that attainment of UHC remains beyond country's grasp.

The conversations kept circling back to healthcare financing and sustainability. Despite the conversations dominating such meetings, both locally and on the global platform, it is clear that we are not quite ready for the truth.

What does this mean? Unless these conversations are government-led and honest, we will continue to stagnate. Governments are not individuals; they are systems in place to gov-

ern the country. This little matter seems to escape us as Kenyans.

It takes decades of conscientious, deliberate, continued effort to build resilient, responsive and sustainable health systems; coupled with sustained fiscal and intellectual investment, consensus-building and nurturing of a national culture that ascribes to the same ideals and beliefs regarding what matters.

A state of continuous start-stop cycles that last an election cycle is absolutely no way to build a national health system. This is exactly what happens when health policies, strategies, and the interpretation of the spirit of these guiding documents, keep changing based on who is currently in charge.

Take the Aga Khan University Hospital for instance, a 67-year-old edifice, with an even older original masterplan. It has taken decades to get where it is, but no new expansion comes up is random. The construction and operationalisation of its Heart and Cancer Centre is a translation of an initial concept first spoken to in the masterplan; down pat, to the architecture.

This speaks to an organisation, founded on a clear long-term plan,

where the vision is not lost to the whims of the sitting administration, but rather, serves to guide them in their mandate for the duration they are the custodians on the execution.

What is ailing our health systems? Each sitting President has had their idea of what it means to achieve UHC. The biggest stumbling block has been the absence of a cohesive agreement on the strategy to deliver on this. It is akin to running a relay where the direction of each runner is not predetermined. Once the baton has been passed, each President independently decides which direction they wish run. In the end, the only assured fact is that the baton will be passed on, but net gain on ground covered remains minimal.

We need to agree on what it is the actual owners of the country, the citizens, envision as UHC; how to go about achieving it; and how to sustain it. That way, every President coming in stands guided. They can only build on what is already in place, but cannot change trajectory altogether. Otherwise, our destination will remain a mirage.

This is not a national government problem only. It is worse in the counties, where every governor wants a

pet project named after him. In three short election cycles, counties are littered with incomplete development projects, in various states of nakedness, based on the duration they have been undergoing decay since being abandoned; yet, that is a pile of taxpayer's moneys lying in waste with no legal means of recouping the incurred losses.

In healthcare, this derelict wastage is a direct cause of death. Money most urgently needed for keeping sick people alive and healthy people from getting sick remains a concrete scab on the landscape, a glaring reminder of just how deficient our laws are in protecting us from drowning ourselves in self-induced poverty.

New buildings

When our health sustainability conversations are centered on the usual mantra of public-private partnerships, digital care models, sustainable supply chains, use of data and building strong leaders, I am a little at a loss. These are all just the dessert on the menu. The main course that needs to be urgently served is reduction of wastage.

Is our Public Finance Management Act serving the Kenya we live in regarding health? World-renowned hospitals are not famous for the new buildings they are continuously putting up. Their fame is attributed to lives saved, morbidities averted, and new life-changing discoveries they made.

Should health facilities grow in number commensurate to the popu-

lation? By all means, yes! Should the number of healthcare facilities outnumber the health care providers who should be running them? There is no way this can ever make sense.

We need laws to put a freeze on construction of any new health facilities until the existing ones are completed and fully operationalised. The excuse of access does not hold water, unless we are talking of the decades-long neglected North. Regarding physical access, what changes is the population, not the land mass. Nothing that improving road, railway, boat and air access will not solve, while serving other sectors such as agriculture, trade and industry. Otherwise, the mantra of public-private partnerships is a lie when we are building a public dispensary on the same street with six private clinics.

Since the advent of the Social Health Authority, Kenya as a country has absolutely lost its right to list cost as a barrier to access to healthcare. To do so is to expressly contradict the government position that the National Social Health scheme is working.

Finally, the one position that the Cabinet Secretary holds that I totally concur with is the 'one bed, one patient' policy. As we complain about how this cannot work for public hospitals, I wish to remind us the bitter truth that public hospitals will categorically turn away a patient in need of a critical care bed because this is the one bed that cannot be shared by any means.

Enforcing this rule will not only restore patient dignity, but will force

public hospitals right back where we started; cutting the wastage, as the only way to comply. Why should patients scheduled for day surgeries be admitted in hospital to 'prepare them for the surgery'? Yet in private hospitals, they come in the morning for the same surgeries, get done, and leave the same day, with conveyor-belt efficiency.

Half the patients in medical wards are lying about, waiting for laboratory and imaging results to determine diagnosis before commencement or altering of treatment appropriately; causing undue delays. Worse still, when the results finally do come in, they may wait another day for the doctor's round, for appropriate prescription.

Let's not get started on the patients admitted for days before elective surgery. They then miss out on their surgery altogether due to flimsy reasons like no surgical linen or intravenous fluids; to job-termination-inducing absence of the surgeon/anaesthetist, or inadequate theatre nurses; and occasionally, to litigation-inducing lack of oxygen or an unserviced anaesthesia machines.

The next time we sit to discuss healthcare sustainability, let us excuse the development partners for a minute, close the doors, and have open, heart-to-heart conversations on how to save our health systems; because no one is coming to save us!

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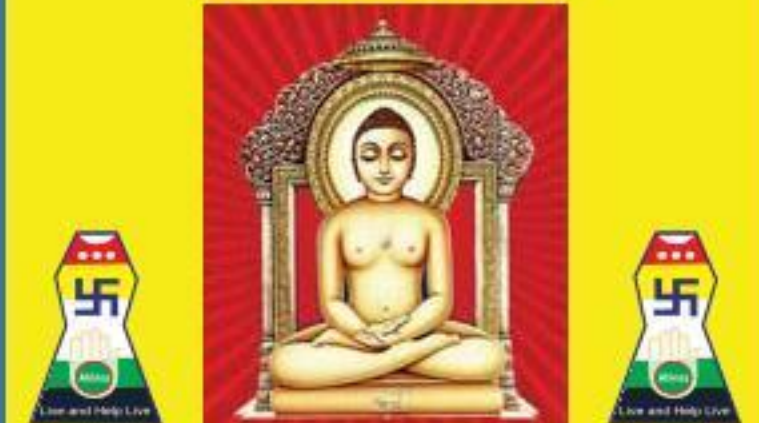
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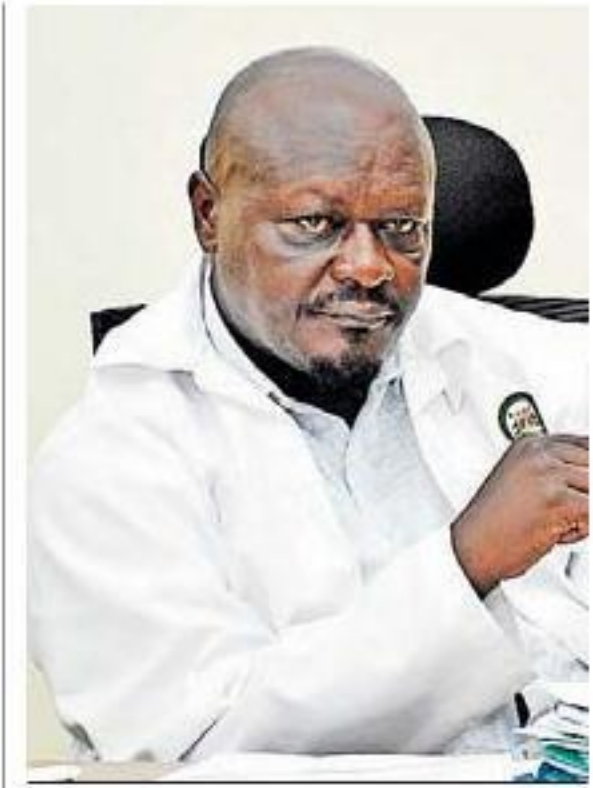
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Lost hopes, lost lives: The stories

A police vehicle parked outside the admissions area of Nairobi Funeral Home, located along Ngong Road, after delivering a body on November 7. PHOTOS | FRANCIS NDERITU



It is painful. Most of these young people had dreams. When their families arrive, the grief in that room is something you never forget

Patrick Kibuga



frustration over the lack of opportunities, but never lost hope.

"He used to tell me, 'mum, my day will come.' He believed things would get better. That is why it is still hard for me to understand what pushed him to this point," she adds, tears welling in her eyes.

For Jacinta, the loss is not only that of a child, but of a young man she believed had a future full of promise.

Our next stop is in Kayole, where we meet Jackline Muthama, 26. She is among the many young people who have attempted to take their own lives, driven by rejection and isolation.

She recalls her mother bringing the family from Kericho to Nairobi in 2013 hoping for a better life. However, things did not go as planned. Her mother struggled to secure employment and eventually, overwhelmed by stress, left Jackline behind with her two siblings in the unfamiliar place. "We came believing life would get better, but everything changed when my mother couldn't find a job. The pressure was too much for her. That's how she abandoned us," explains Jackline.

They were later taken in by a family that offered shelter, though life remained difficult. After completing high school, she found herself confronting a harsh and unforgiving world.

"My body (being intersex) is not like everyone else's. Because of that, many people in the estate looked down on me, mocked me, and insulted me. When I went out to look for work, most employers rejected me. In

BY FRIDAH OKACHI

It is around 11am on a Wednesday when the *Healthy Nation* team walks through the wide metal gates of Nairobi Funeral Home. The air outside is warm and still, but upon entering the mortuary complex, a cold quietness descends.

The corridors are silent, broken only by the persistent hum of refrigeration units. On one side, stainless steel doors line the wall, each sealing a life story that has reached its end. Dozens of bodies lie preserved, awaiting identification, paperwork, or the final preparations for burial. Some will be claimed within hours. Others will remain for weeks or months. A few may stay much longer—unknown, unnamed, and unclaimed.

Nairobi Funeral Home, formerly the City Mortuary, is the main public and government-run mortuary that receives a volume of cases, including unidentified, unclaimed, and forensic cases brought in by police.

The mortuary's Superintendent, Patrick Kibuga, leads the way with slow, deliberate steps. A veteran of this place, his movements are heavy and measured as if each day here requires a quiet, emotional negotiation. Without a word, he motions for us to follow him deeper inside.

"This section," he says, pausing before a row of numbered chambers, "is where we receive most cases from across Nairobi County."

He hesitates before opening one of the drawers, offering a moment to brace not just our bodies, but our emotions. The metal slab glides out,

From the steel drawers of Nairobi Funeral Home to grieving homes in city estates, a wave of suicides among 18 to 32-year-olds reveals a deep well of despair, triggered by joblessness, heartbreak and rejection

revealing a white-shrouded form — a young man whose life ended far too soon.

We move further, and the grim reality deepens. Drawer after drawer holds the bodies of young men, mostly in their twenties, some barely older, as documented. They were discovered in Eastlands estates, informal settlements, and even middle-class neighbourhoods across the city.

Mr Kibuga explains that bodies are delivered accompanied by police, who provide details in a document known as the Body Admission Register.

"When a body is brought here, the police first give us the information. We record the name of the deceased if it is known, their age, gender, where the body was found, and the time it was collected. We also note the circumstances of death; if it is a suspected suicide, we indicate it clearly. Then we enter the OB number from the police station handling the case."

Once this information is entered, the body is given a unique mortuary number, which serves as its identity in the facility. It is then placed in the cold storage chambers.

However, not all bodies arrive with known identities.

"If we cannot identify the person at

the time of admission, we label them as 'Unknown Male' or 'Unknown Female.' The police then start the process of tracing relatives. Sometimes it takes weeks, months," he explains.

Families are only allowed to collect the body after presenting identification documents, and once a postmortem has been conducted, along with police clearance.

Mr Kibuga notes that many suicides involving young people are brought in late at night, the news often shocking relatives who arrive to confirm the identity. "It is painful," he says quietly. "Most of these young people had dreams. When their families arrive, the grief in that room is something you never forget."

A mother's unending grief

In Jericho, one of the older estates, the buildings in Nairobi's Eastlands, have seen generations grow, stumble, and sometimes break. Inside one home, life has ground to a halt.

Here, we met Jacinta Njoki, a mother of five. She sits quietly in her small sitting room, her fingers absently twisting the hem of her dress. Her eyes carry the dull, faraway look of someone who has spent many nights awake, replaying a moment they cannot undo.

Two months ago, a distressing call from a neighbour's number delivered the news of her son's death. Overwhelmed and unable to wait for the caller to finish speaking, she rushed out, running to the scene in a desperate hope that it was not true.

"I couldn't wait for that phone call to end because I knew the distance from where I stay to where my son lived was not far. I ran there, and when I arrived, I confirmed it was him," she recalls, her voice breaking.

She found neighbours gathered outside in disbelief, others whispering quietly. Soon, police and local authorities arrived, cordoning off the area as they carried out preliminary investigations. They documented the scene and took statements from neighbours and family members.

After completing the standard procedures, the officers transported the young man's body to the mortuary for a post-mortem.

For Jacinta, watching her son's body being taken away marked the beginning of an unending grief. The pain remains fresh, the unanswered questions about his final moments a heavy burden.

She describes her son as a humble and determined young man who struggled to find employment. "He was a very good boy," she says, softly. "He never gave me problems. Even after finishing his studies, he kept trying to find work so he could help me and his siblings. Every day, he would wake up early and leave with his documents, going from one place to another hoping to be called for a job."

She recalls how he often expressed

behind youth suicide statistics

FYI

DECRIMINALISATION OF SUICIDE

On January 9, Kenya's High Court declared Section 226 of the Penal Code, which criminalised attempted suicide, unconstitutional. Justice Lawrence Mugambi ruled that this law violated constitutional rights to equality, dignity, and the highest attainable standard of health, as outlined in Articles 27 (equality and freedom from discrimination), 28 (human dignity), and 43 (the right to health) of the Constitution. Previously, individuals who attempted suicide faced up to two years in prison, a fine, or both. This punitive approach often deterred those in crisis from seeking help due to fear of legal repercussions and societal stigma.

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According to WHO, there are approximately 4 suicide deaths in Kenya every day.

703,000

Globally, suicide ranks among the three leading causes of death. An estimated 703,000 people take their own lives each year, and many more attempt to die by suicide.

the last two years, I have constantly battled thoughts of ending my life."

Discrimination and unemployment are among the main triggers of suicide among young people in areas such as Dandora.

Benard Otieno, 32, a boda boda rider, says his neighbourhood, commonly known as Kisumu Ndogo, has witnessed many young people take their own lives.

"What I've personally seen is that many are overwhelmed by heart-break. Just recently, my neighbour took his life because his partner left him. And there are many others who are unemployed... When you ask why they drink, many will tell you they have no work and life is too heavy."

In Pipeline Estate, Charity Mweu, a community health promoter, is on the frontlines, counselling unemployed youths struggling with substance use and hopelessness.

Charity says the situation has become so alarming that police officers are frequently seen collecting bodies of young people who could not hold on any longer.

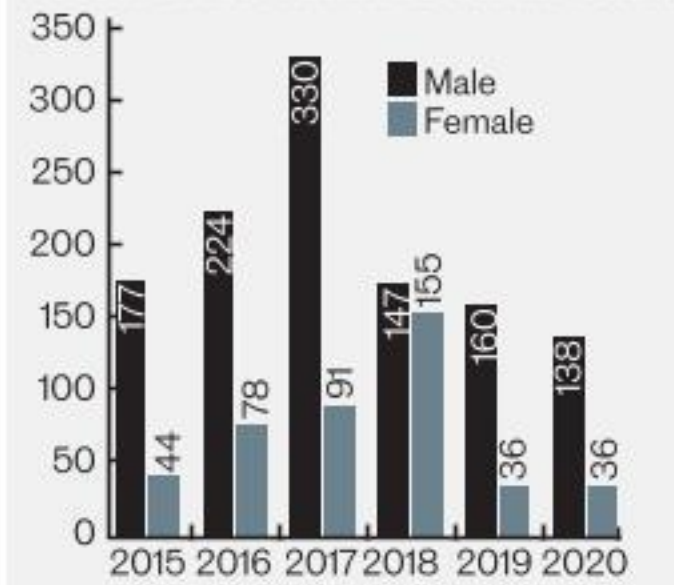
An official alarm

"Most of those we see are youths who are using hard drugs. Sometimes ambulances come to rush them to hospital when they are barely conscious. Other times, the police arrive to collect those who have al-



The freezers used to store bodies at Nairobi Funeral Home.

SUICIDE STATISTICS-KENYA
NUMBER OF PEOPLE ARRESTED FOR ATTEMPTING TO DIE BY SUICIDE BETWEEN 2015 AND 2020



Source: KNBS Economic Survey

SUICIDE CASES BETWEEN 2018 AND 2021



Source: Civil registration services
*These numbers might not be an accurate representation of the situation in the country due to criminalisation of suicidal attempts in Kenya then. Suicide was decriminalised in 2025.

ready died," she says.

She emphasises that a worrying number of young people in the area are jobless, leaving them vulnerable to depression, drugs, and despair.

Nairobi health officials have raised the alarm over a disturbing rise in suicide cases among young people in Eastleigh and surrounding estates.

According to Nairobi County Health Executive Tom Nyakaba, Nairobi Funeral Home has been receiving an unusually high number of bodies linked to suicide, with the majority being youths aged between 18 and 32 years.

Mr Nyakaba reveals that the facility, which has a capacity for 200 bodies, receives between 25 and 34 suicide-related deaths every week. Out of these, eight to 10 are youths; a trend he describes as deeply worrying and reflective of a widening mental health crisis in the city.

The rest of the bodies are of older people. "What is shocking is that

every week we receive young people who have ended their lives, most of them from Eastleigh and nearby estates," said Nyakaba.

But in the past six months, the facility has been receiving two to four bodies related to suicide deaths daily. On weekends, the facility receives about 34 bodies, out of which eight to 10 are recorded among the youth. "The biggest contributor is job-related stress and partying," says Mr Kibuga.

"These are individuals who are at the prime of their lives, yet they are silently battling emotional and psychological distress."

He notes that the trend is no longer confined to low-income areas. "One out of every eight bodies linked to suicide is now coming from high-end neighbourhoods, indicating that mental health challenges are cutting across social classes," he adds.

While Mr Nyakaba emphasises the county's ongoing efforts to strengthen mental health support through

public hospitals and community-based centres, he admits that more needs to be done. The rising numbers, he says, call for urgent intervention: more accessible counselling, youth support centres, and public conversations to break the stigma around depression. He urges families and communities to look out for signs of distress and encourage open dialogue.

For officers on the frontline, the crisis is taking a personal toll. Joseph Mwangi (not his real name), a police officer who frequently responds to suicide scenes in Eastleigh, finds the work emotionally draining.

"It is never easy," he confesses. "These are young people, some the same age as our own children. When you carry that body, you don't just see a case. You see a life that has ended too soon. It stays with you."

He describes the traumatic scenes of grieving families and shocked neighbours, where officers must re-

main composed under deeply disturbing circumstances. "We are expected to be strong, but we are human too. After you leave the scene, the images replay in your mind. Some of us struggle to sleep," he says.

He adds that repeated exposure to such incidents without proper counselling can lead to stress, anxiety, and emotional numbness among officers. "In many stations, there are no structured psychological support systems for officers dealing with trauma. Some speak among themselves or try to suppress their feelings altogether."

What hurts most, Joseph says, is seeing how common the cases are becoming among the youth in Eastleigh. For many officers, the hope is that communities, families, and mental health organisations can work together to address the growing crisis before more lives are lost.

Expert analysis

Jane Waithera, a counselling psychologist, counsellor supervisor, and certified mediator, links the rising suicide cases among young men in the eastern parts of Nairobi to a combination of social, economic, and psychological pressures.

She explains that many have grown up in environments marked by adverse childhood experiences, economic hardship, and exposure to violence. These factors create a high risk for mental health issues such as depression, anxiety, and chronic stress.

"A lot of young men are struggling with unemployment and financial frustrations. When someone feels they cannot meet basic needs or societal expectations as providers, it can lead to deep feelings of hopelessness."

She adds that this burden is worsened by family conflict, abandonment, and weak social support systems. Stigma often prevents young men from seeking help. "They are taught to be strong, to keep quiet. But silence can become heavy. When there is no outlet, the emotional pain becomes overwhelming," she notes.

Substance abuse, used as a coping mechanism, can intensify distress and impulsive behaviour. Compounding the issue, Ms Waithera highlights that Kenya's mental health system remains underfunded and inaccessible, with many deaths going unreported due to stigma and fear of blame. She emphasises that preventing suicide requires a community and systems-level response, not just individual effort. She recommends: "When families, schools, communities, and government agencies work together, we create safe spaces for young people to seek help. No one should feel alone or without options. We are losing too many young people, and families are left with questions that will never be answered."

A weight lifted

BY HELLEN SHIKANDA

Nancy* is seated on a bench outside clinic room 24 at Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH). She is here for her second clinic after a life-changing surgery that she had on September 22. The difference in her demeanour is striking. She looks happier, lighter. "How are you doing?" We ask.

"Very well, I am okay," she responds, a blush spreading across her cheeks as she adjusts her glasses.

Her recent medical review went well, and even without saying a word, her radiance speaks volumes: she is finally at her best.

Her mother, who had stepped away for a phone call, soon joins us, her smile ready to share the good news about her daughter's progress.

For 18 months, Naomi Mutendwa's 17-year-old daughter carried weight on her breast that she never imagined would one day feel light.

"When you looked at her, it was as if she was carrying two infants on both sides of her chest," says Naomi.

Nancy was diagnosed with a condition called juvenile gigantomastia, one which Dr Benjamin Wabwire, a plastic and reconstruction surgeon at KNH who also led the team that conducted a procedure that successfully removed 21 kilogrammes from her breast, says is a rare condition that leads to breast enlargement in a bizarre manner.

For context, a healthy six-year-old child weighs about 20 kilogrammes. Imagine carrying that weight on your chest for a year and a half, with no way to put it down.

Nancy's mother explains that her daughter initially had a normal puberty. Her breasts began to enlarge noticeably in Form One, but before then, they were of normal size. The accelerated growth started as she was transitioning to Form Two.

"I asked her if she felt any pain. There was none," says Naomi.

The mother was so stressed, and all she did was to cry and pray because she did not have the financial muscles to even take her daughter for check-up.

"I barely slept those days. I could close my eyes in bed but I was always in deep thought," she recalls.

Deep down, she knew that it was not normal for a child's breast to grow that big, so she borrowed some money from a pastor and took her child to the nearest hospital in their county.

At the hospital, an X-ray of Nancy's breast was taken and when there was nothing alarming to warrant treatment, they went home with no proper diagnosis.

She went to a second hospital, where she got a referral note to go to Kenyatta National Hospital.

"I brought my child all the way from Kitui to Nairobi. They did some tests and admitted her. I left her briefly to go home and came



Naomi Mutendwa, mother of a teenager who underwent gigantomastia surgery at KNH, interacts with her at the hospital on November 6. Far right: Nancy. PHOTOS | BONFACE BOGITA

Teenager gets her future back after surgeons remove 21 kilos from her chest

For a year and a half, Nancy carried a physical and psychological weight that made her a prisoner in her own body. Now, a life-changing operation that removed a bizarre breast enlargement has not only lightened her body but has also restored her confidence

back to an empty bed only to learn that she was in surgery. The wait was long, but I had faith that she was in good hands," she tells us. Nancy was in the theatre for 11 hours. She emerged stable and was taken straight to the wards. "I was so happy," her mother beams. "I could call her name on that first day after the surgery, and she responded."

Becoming a teacher

Nancy now has a chance to go back to school and fulfil her dream of becoming a teacher.

Dr Wabwire explains that Nancy's condition is classified as juvenile because during that period, breasts undergo pubertal development in young girls and they are expected to grow at a certain rate. If they exceed that rate, then a young girl may end up with a size that is abnormally large.

"This is different from cancerous growth or breast enlargement in a mature lady. Most of the time, the condition is caused by abnormal response of the de-

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In Nancy's case, she weighed about 57 kilos before the reduction. Dr Wabwire explains that after the surgery, she lost about 37 per cent of her weight.

veloping breasts through stimulation by the female hormones," he explains.

He notes that with the rapid growth comes issues such as physical strain to a young patient because of too much weight hanging from their chest.

"Even if they were to support it with a bra or something thing else, it still exerts a lot of physical strain on their shoulders, back muscles and the neck, and this can take a physical toll on their health," says Dr Wabwire.

There are also psychological effects because if someone was fitting in with their peers, they start feeling different.

"Given this is a stage where most young people will also be developing their self-esteem and identity, it can really hit them hard," he says.

Other complications that may come with rapid enlargement of the breasts include skin breaking and formation of wounds that are painful.

He says the condition is more



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Dr Benjamin Wabwire



When you looked at her, it was as if she was carrying two infants on both sides of her chest

Naomi Mutendwa

proving after the surgery. "We can tell by just looking at her. Simple things like a smile and having confidence means that the patient is doing well," says Dr Wabwire.

While gigantomastia is quite common, a significant barrier to treatment is that some private health insurers classify surgery for the condition as cosmetic, denying many the chance for essential medical care.

Nancy's treatment was covered by the Social Health Authority. Dr Wabwire encourages other insurers to include the procedure, given its long-term effects.

"People have now exploited this gap in access to services, becoming agencies to link people to medical care, even when some are not professionals," he cautions, highlighting the need for formal and accessible treatment pathways.

For Nancy, however, the future is now bright and full of promise, free from the weight that held her back for so long.

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Milestone

Kenyan solar cooler taking vaccines to remote villages earns global recognition

BY COLLINS OMULO

A Kenyan solar-powered innovation designed to safely transport and store vaccines in remote areas has earned global recognition, placing the country once again at the forefront of sustainable healthcare solutions.

The VacciBox, developed by the social enterprise Drop Access, has been named a finalist for the prestigious 2026 Zayed Sustainability Prize, one of the world's leading awards for sustainability and innovation.

This portable, solar-powered medical refrigerator ensures that vaccines, medicines, and blood supplies remain at stable, safe temperatures even in remote off-grid communities.

The impact is already being felt on the ground. In some rural Kenyan facilities, the introduction of VacciBox has helped triple vaccination rates by drastically reducing spoilage and enabling reliable outreach to remote areas.

To date, Drop Access's technology has enabled the safe storage and transport of more than 2.5 million vaccines, medicines, and blood bags, directly benefiting over one million people in Kenya. "In the face of climate change, VacciBox is promising to help reach the most underserved populations, where access to healthcare is often a critical challenge," said Norah Magero, co-founder and CEO of Drop Access.

The nomination of the Kenyan social enterprise underscores the country's continued leadership in sustainable innovation. Kenya has a strong history with the Zayed Sustainability Prize, with past winners including Bboxx, recognised for its breakthrough in affordable clean energy access, and M-KOPA, awarded in 2015 for its off grid solar finance model that has since connected millions of homes to renewable power.

Reliable storage

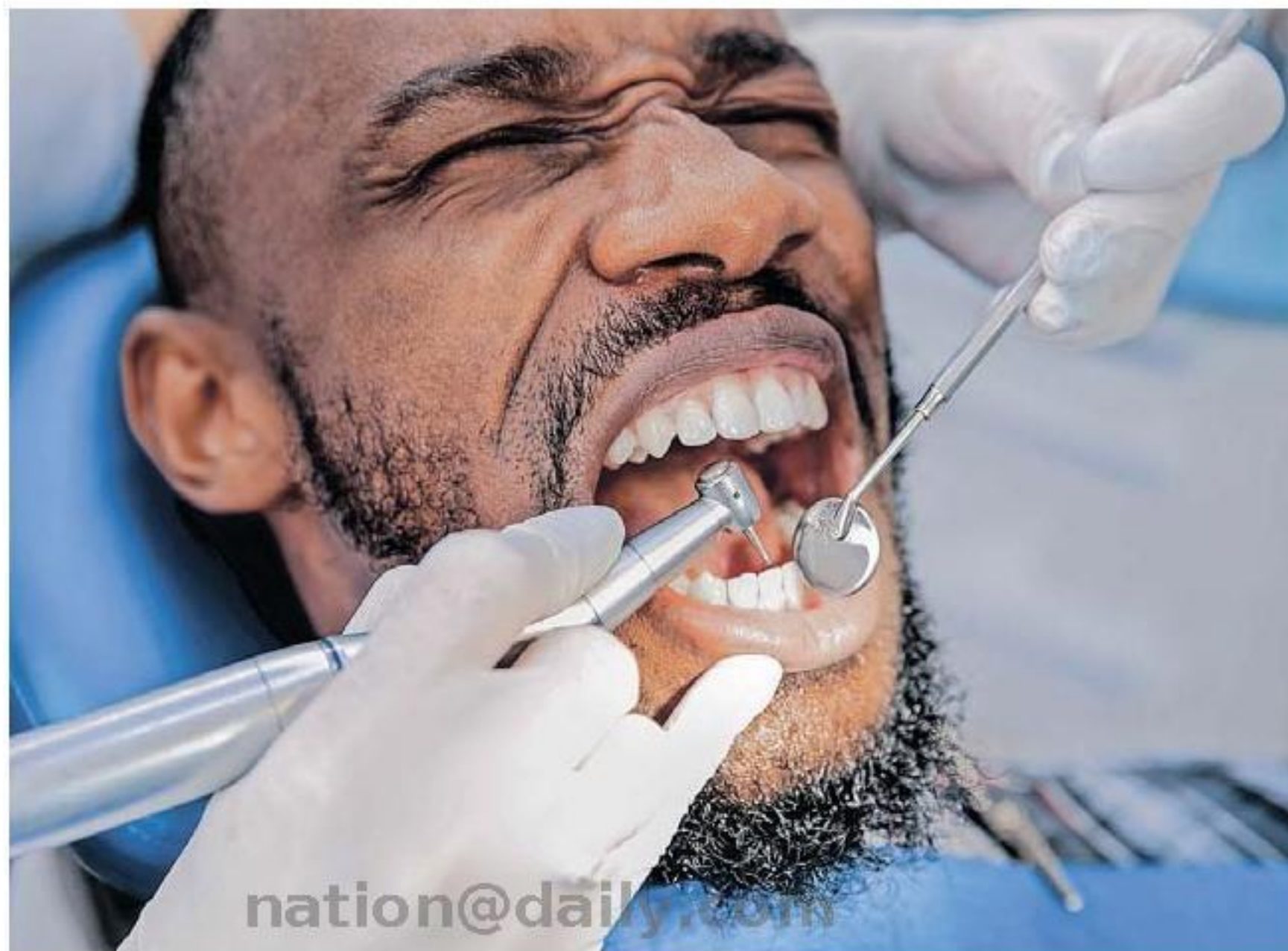
Over the past 15 years, through its 117 winners, the Prize has positively impacted the lives of 384 million people worldwide, empowering local innovators and scaling transformative ideas that accelerate progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals.

Designed and built in Kenya, VacciBox enables healthcare workers to preserve lifesaving medicines at stable temperatures between +2°C and +8°C, even in areas with no electricity. Powered entirely by solar energy and equipped with a smart battery backup, the compact and portable unit maintains cold chain integrity around the clock. Its adaptable design allows mounting on motorbikes, bicycles, or boats, making it ideal for last mile delivery to communities otherwise cut off from medical infrastructure.

Beyond reliable cold storage, VacciBox incorporates Internet of Things monitoring that tracks temperature, battery status, and performance in real time. Healthcare workers receive alerts if conditions deviate from the optimal range, while data is securely transmitted for remote oversight, ensuring safety and efficiency across the medical supply chain. By manufacturing its solutions locally and offering flexible 'cooling as a service' models, Drop Access also fosters sustainable development and economic empowerment. Its approach aligns with Kenya's and Africa's broader ambitions for renewable energy and equitable healthcare access.

Malpractice

Blacklisted: Five dental quacks maiming patients



An undercover investigation reveals how unregistered practitioners offering dangerous procedures like 'slimming wires' and cheap braces are operating with impunity

BY LEON LIDIGU

When *Nation* arrived at Smile4Life Dental in Nairobi's Buru Buru Phase 4 last Friday at 8.15am, staff were preparing for a community dental camp.

Bernard Mwangi, who described himself as an oral and maxillofacial surgery specialist at the facility, said they would be away until Monday. He invited the *Healthy Nation* team to return then for services, noting that braces cost Sh40,000. He can be reached via telephone at 0756737520.

The phone number together with 079431050 were flagged by the Kenya Dentists Association (KDA) in an official statement last Thursday. KDA boss Kahura Mundia disclosed that Smile4Life Dental is run by quacks who have been harming Kenyans.

This action followed public complaints on social media, which prompted investigations by KDA and the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council (KMPDC).

"We wish to formally bring your attention to cases involving Zoe Dental Clinic (mobile no. 0707367040) where individuals are reportedly masquerading and presenting themselves as dentists," case file no KDA007/2025 that has been investigated by KMPDC highlighted. The file also includes evidence from TikTok posts made by aggrieved Kenyans.

Dr Mundia stated: "KDA wishes to inform the general public that the persons operating under the name

Smile4Life Dental located in Buru Buru Phase 4 and advertising dental services under contact 0794314050 and 0756737520 are not known dentists registered to practice dentistry in Kenya.

He added: The public is strongly cautioned against seeking dental care from unregistered individuals passing off as dentists. Engaging with unqualified persons exposes patients to serious health risks."

He urged anyone who has been harmed by this or any other unregistered facility to notify KDA immediately "Report immediately to the nearest police station and notify KMPDC for regulatory action on illegal practice, masquerading, touting and causing harm to the public. To safeguard your health, always confirm that your dentist is registered and licensed by KMPDC. Verification can be done easily at <https://kmpdc.go.ke/>," the KDA boss added.

Sh10,000 for 'slimming wires'

At 10.30am, we went undercover at Peak Aesthetic Studio, located on the 2nd Floor of Kamakis Greenspot Tower along the Ruiru Bypass. The facility has been flagged by KDA for quackery following numerous patient complaints.

Dr Mundia stated: "Peak Aesthetic Studio uses an unknown treatment plan. They are involved in illegal and unethical dental practice, and their social media platforms hawk misinformed procedures performed by non-dentists."

In a disturbing sales pitch, Hellen Gumato, who claimed she could perform the dental work herself, invited

us to visit before 5pm or on a Saturday. She quoted the price for braces at Sh15,000 per jaw.

She also promoted a 'slimming wire' for weight loss at Sh10,000. "The wires tied to the back teeth can regulate how the mouth opens and the amount of food consumed," she claimed, explicitly stating they target individuals looking for a 'shortcut' to getting in shape instead of going to the gym.

However, Dr Mundia condemned 'slimming wires' as a dangerous and unapproved weight loss trend. He explained that the procedure involves using dental wires to lock the jaw shut, forcing a liquid-only diet. "While this restricts solid food, it is medically unrecognised for weight loss and can lead to serious health risks like malnutrition, oral damage, and jaw pain."

He confirmed that KDA has received numerous complaints from Kenyans who suffered severe complications after getting the procedure at the Kamaki-based facility, where it was performed by unqualified individuals.

The Roysambu oral health officer who masquerades as a doctor

According to an official letter from KMPDC CEO David Kariuki, referenced KMPDC/DEC/GEN2025/24, Kenyans have complained that the services offered by Dennis Onyango Mbae harmed them. The letter, which is in *Nation's* possession and addressed to Mbae, states: "KMPDC is in receipt of a formal complaint from KDA concerning your use of the title 'Doctor' while advertising and offering dental services under

'Celestial Dental Services'."

"From our preliminary investigations, we note that you are currently registered with KMPDC as Community Oral Health Officers. As such, you are not qualified to use the title 'Doctor'. Kindly note that such usage is misleading the public and contravenes section 22(2) and (3) of the Medical Practitioners and Dentists Act CAP 253, which constitutes an offence under Kenyan law," Dr Kariuki told Mbae.

Exposed to harm

"In light of the above, you are hereby directed to submit a written statement within seven days from the date of this letter responding to the complaint raised and provide copies of any current contracts or agreements you may have with healthcare or dental facilities where you are currently practicing," Mbae was told, with KMPDC maintaining that failure to respond may result in further regulation action as provided under the relevant laws.

Celestial Dental Care is located in Roysambu just five minutes off Thika Road Mall along Kasarani-Mwili road, according to KMPDC.

Dr Kariuki has also sent a similar letter to one Hedry Nyakundi of Baraka Smiles Dental, which is located in Kahawa Wendani. Nyakundi's case is also filed at KDA and referenced KDA/004/2025, while the case file for Mbae is referenced KDA/003/2025.

When *Healthy Nation* reached out to Baraka Smiles Dental via telephone on Friday evening, a lady who identified herself as Ms Wachira stated that she was the operations manager at the facility. She said Nyakundi has since left the facility.

"He no longer works with us," she said. Speaking to *Healthy Nation*, Dr Mundia stated that dental quackery has become rampant in the country, exposing thousands of Kenyans to harm. He urgently called on Public Health and Professional Standards PS Mary Muthoni to take immediate action. "The State Department for Public Health and Professional Standards and other regulatory bodies need to safeguard the public from medical and dental malpractice as a matter of priority. This has yet to be done," he said, adding:

"Case complaints are piling up at the KMPDC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee, and the number is now at an all-time high." He disclosed that KDA alone received over 500 complaints in October 2025, all of which were forwarded to the KMPDC.

Dr Mundia criticised the KMPDC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee and its Board for using excuses like a lack of capacity, staff, and budgetary allocation from Parliament. "Meanwhile, Kenyans are being conned and harmed because they unknowingly seek substandard services from charlatans."

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Report

BY SIAGO CECE

The World Health Organization (WHO) has sounded an alarm over the growing health impacts of climate change, urging governments to prioritise health as a core component of climate action.

This urgent call follows the release of the new *Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change* report, which found that 12 out of 20 key indicators tracking climate-related health threats have hit record highs globally.

The findings revealed that failure to take action on climate change is leading to loss of lives and overwhelming health systems while making inequality

Deaths soar as climate crisis takes a steep health toll

worse around the world.

"The climate crisis is a health crisis. Every fraction of a degree of warming costs lives and livelihoods," said WHO Assistant Director for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, Dr Jeremy Farrar. He added: "This report makes it clear that climate inaction is killing people now in all countries. However, climate action is also the greatest health opportunity of our time."

According to the report, heat-related deaths have risen sharply, with mortality rates increasing by 23 per cent since the 1990s. On average, heat now contributes to more than half a million deaths annually.

At the same time, extreme weather events such as droughts and wildfires have worsened food insecurity, leaving 124 million more people facing moderate or severe hunger in 2023 alone. Besides loss of lives, the report further highlighted economic losses, revealing that heat exposure caused the loss of 640 million potential working hours in 2024, leading to more than a billion dollars in productivity losses worldwide.

It also criticised governments for spending heavily on fossil fuel subsidies rather than investing in climate solutions, even though investment in the sector has already proven to be bene-

ficial. Lancet Countdown Executive Director at the University College London, Dr Marina Romanello, said while the situation is dire, the solutions are still within reach.

"We have the solutions at hand to avoid climate catastrophe,

and communities and local governments around the world are proving that progress is possible," she said.

She pointed to the growth of clean energy and city-level adaptations that are already saving lives by slowing global warming. Furthermore, a shift to healthier, climate-friendly diets and more sustainable farming could save over 10 million lives annually by reducing pollution, cutting emissions, and slowing deforestation.

The report's release comes as organisations intensify preparations for the upcoming COP30 climate conference in Brazil. The report came as organisations in-

tensify preparations ahead of the COP 30 to be held later this month in Brazil, where countries will gather to discuss solutions to the climate crisis.

According to WHO, it plans to build on this momentum through its COP30 Special Report on Climate Change and Health, which will offer a comprehensive assessment of the health impacts of climate change and highlight the benefits of urgent action.

Experts in Kenya have previously confirmed the close link between climate change and health, calling for responsible actions, including public awareness, to ensure the crisis is managed. Studies have also linked climate change to increased cancer cases, especially among children.

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Conservation

BY LUCY MKANYIKA

The Tsavo ecosystem, home to Kenya's largest elephant population, faces persistent threats from human-wildlife conflict, poaching, and deforestation. For years, conservation has been largely the domain of government agencies and NGOs, with local communities often sidelined due to limited awareness and resources.

To flip the script, a transformative initiative is now by empowering the community's most vital asset — its youth — to become active guardians of their natural heritage.

The African Wildlife Foundation (AWF), in partnership with the Wildlife Clubs of Kenya (WCK), is mentoring learners to become advocates against harmful practices and active protectors of local biodiversity.

More than 250 learners from 137 schools across Tana River, Kwale, Kilifi, Kitui, Makeni, Taita Taveta, and Kajiado counties are being equipped to shape the future of the Tsavo conservation area.

Through Shujaaz Zone Competition, a year-long initiative aimed at promoting conservation awareness, they are using essays, poems, photography, and drama to highlight environmental issues and propose local solutions.

The initiative's impact was celebrated at a recent award ceremony in Voi. Sub-county Director of Education Omari Mokaya noted: "It has given the learners a sense of responsibility and a clearer understanding of the environmental challenges facing their communities."

AWF's Associate Director for Conservation Education and Youth Leadership, Simangele Msweli, emphasised the strategic importance of engaging the youth. "For conservation to succeed in Africa, it must be led by Africans. And with 70 per cent of the continent's population under the age of 35, we must engage this demographic meaningfully," she said.

Ms Msweli noted that Kenya's youth make up 75 per cent of the population, a figure that highlights

New guardians of Tsavo: Students mentored to take charge of conservation

Over 250 learners from 137 schools across Tana River, Kwale, Kilifi, Kitui, Makeni, Taita Taveta, and Kajiado counties are being equipped to save the ecosystem, which is facing persistent threats



African Wildlife Foundation Associate Director for Conservation Education and Youth Leadership Simangele Msweli awarding one of the winners for the Shujaaz Zone Competition. PHOTO | LUCY MKANYIKA

the need to invest in young leaders. The results are already visible. Where wildlife was once seen only as a threat, students are now beginning to see it as part of their heritage.

Ms Msweli said the learners are already taking action in their homes and communities by speaking against harmful practices that significantly impact conservation efforts.



An elephant grazes in Tsavo National Park. PHOTO | BONIFACE MWANGI

"They are learning that conservation is not just about protecting animals, but also about securing their own future," Ms Msweli explained.

"Some are questioning practices such as eating wildlife like dikdiks. Others are recognising the role of bees and butterflies. These are signs of leadership."

Young advocates

The programme uses posters, activity books, and continuous mentorship to teach students how ecosystems function. A key goal is to build a self-sustaining network of young advocates.

The Shujaaz Zone Competition is part of a four-year AWF-WCK programme supported by Bob and Emmy King.

It seeks to strengthen school-based wildlife clubs and promote African-led conservation, building a network of young ad-

vocates who continue their work beyond the classroom. Ms Msweli said mentorship is a key part of the initiative where the learners are being connected to youth networks that allow them to stay involved even during school holidays.

"We want them to have a community where they can continue championing conservation action," Ms Msweli said, highlighting youth networks that keep students engaged even during holidays.

The competition included categories such as art and photography, poetry and essays, freestyle, and special awards for the best wildlife club patron and best club project. The entries reflected the learners' understanding of local issues and their commitment to finding solutions.

The initiative comes at a critical time. Zainab Salim, assistant director for Human-Wildlife Coexistence at the Kenya Wildlife Service, warned of the tangible consequences of harmful practices.

"It is unfortunate that men cut down trees while women use firewood to cook. We are seeing the impact," she said, urging communities to plant trees and protect wildlife.

"If we take care of the biodiversity, cases of human-wildlife conflict will reduce. If we don't, we will lose both the animals and the balance they bring."

By planting the seeds of stewardship in the youngest generation, this initiative is cultivating a future for Tsavo where conservation is not an external mandate, but a community-led legacy.

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