

STRATEGY

Matiang'i in talks with Uhuru party leaders

Former Interior CS Fred Matiang'i met Jubilee officials yesterday ahead of the party's special national delegates meeting scheduled for Friday/ **P.7**



Families sue State, school over fire that killed 21 boys in Nyeri

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The number of affected families that have signed the court petition

Backed by the Kenya Human Rights Commission and Elimu Bora Working Group, the families accuse the government and owners of Hillside Endarasha Academy of neglecting safety measures leading to the tragedy on the night of September 5, 2024. **SEE PAGE 10**



DAILY NATION

Emergency From education to healthcare, the public system is in turmoil, with the government struggling to quell unrest

A nation in crisis



Health: Private hospitals turn away patients unable to pay cash after cutting credit to SHA, citing past debts. Tutors and police face denial of services



Education: Learning in public varsities paralysed after lecturers went on strike to demand Sh8bn salary arrears. Schools in a cash crunch



Counties: Thousands of employees are going without salaries, with the devolved units blaming the Treasury for delays in release of funds

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Queries on how tycoons bagged Sh15bn rice import tender

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Grand reception for Kenya's athletics champions



Left: Lilian Odira, women's 800m gold medalist, is lifted as she arrives during a reception ceremony at JKIA from the World Athletics Championships yesterday. Above: Beatrice Chebet, women's 5000m and 10000m gold medalist, displays her medals.

National News

Directive Kenyans who are fully paid up on SHA decry being asked to pay in cash as hospitals implement directive Families stranded as hospitals reject SHA

Patients and relatives struggle to pay cash for health services as hospitals say they will be forced to shut down if claims remain unpaid

BY NATION TEAM

Sylvia picks the call outside a hospital in Machakos County. On the other end, someone waits for an update about a crisis that has become all too familiar across Kenya's healthcare landscape. Beside her, her mother watches with the quiet concern of someone who understands that in this moment, hope hinges on money they don't have.

Sylvia's cousin delivered via caesarean section the night before following a medical emergency at a smaller facility in Nairobi County. What should have brought relief has become another chapter in the healthcare nightmare plaguing the country.

"We got here yesterday using an ambulance. We had to pay for it out of pocket. We were hoping that since it was an emergency case, they would refer my cousin to the Kenyatta National Hospital. We don't know what happened, but this facility was the only one available at the time," Sylvia says.

The obstacle blocking their path to care is the Social Health Authority (SHA) system, designed to provide universal healthcare coverage but now leaving patients and hospitals stranded in a web of bureaucratic failures and unpaid bills.

"We were asked to make a down payment of Sh13,200 because SHA was not, and still is not working," she explains. The

family doesn't have that money and has to make several calls to friends and relatives to raise the amount before her cousin can receive treatment.

Now, with the newborn in critical condition, the hospital is making fresh demands.

"My cousin was supposed to be discharged tomorrow. She can't go home without her child. We have been asked to pay another Sh10,700. The hospital insists SHA is not working," Sylvia says.

This unfolding drama stems from Monday's directive by the Rural and Urban Private Hospitals Association (Rupha) to its members to accept patients only on a cash basis due to mounting government debt.

At a hospital in Kajiado, frustration fills the administrator's office. A patient sits demanding answers about why she faces co-charges despite being a fully

paid SHA member.

"I have pain all over my body. My legs hurt. I was in an accident, and I have been having physiotherapy. When I came here, I was first told that there was a system delay with SHA and that I had to wait. When it finally worked, I was asked to go to the lab and pay out of pocket," she says. At the lab, she faces a Sh1,600 bill.

"I don't have that money. I have seen on the internet that the president said we should go to the hospital and we will be treated for free. This is not free," she adds.

The woman has already paid Sh7,800 for her parents in the village for the annual SHA amount. As the *Nation* interviews her, she receives a call informing her that her parents are unwell and need money for treatment.

"They are over 90 years old. I am now confused. What will I do? Who will I run to? I am now very stranded, and I don't know where to get the money for the lab. I'm not sure if I'll even get money for treatment and drugs," she says.

At the same facility, another man brought his wife for delivery on Monday evening. As a fully paid-up SHA member, he expected the government insurer to cover his bills.

"I was told SHA is not working. In the news, we are told SHA is working very well. Here at the hospital, we have been asked to pay Sh7,800 for my wife to deliver. We are deducted every month, but when we come to the hospital, we still have to pay," he says.

COMPLAINTS

Challenges hospitals are facing

1. Unpaid claims, some of which date back to the National Health Insurance Fund era.
2. Arbitrary and unexplained claims rejection by the Social Health Authority.
3. Difficulty in tracking lodged claims.



An administrator of a private facility, speaking anonymously for fear of reprisal by the Health ministry and SHA, reveals the extent of the crisis facing healthcare providers.

"Since SHA came on board, we have been suffering. The truth is, NHIF [National Health Insurance Fund] had our money. SHA had a legal obligation to pay that debt. To date, we have no clue about what SHA is doing about it," he says.

Under the SHA system, hospitals cannot track when they might receive payment for their claims. During the NHIF era, providers could monitor the system, and payments were made twice a month.

Hospitals also face numerous

rejected claims, with SHA unwilling to address their concerns. There is no provision for uploading evidence to prove that a hospital actually treated a patient when SHA raises queries.

"You can clearly see that the claim was at the payment stage, and then someone just says 'declined,'" he adds.

The administrator says hospitals are surviving on bank loans and overdrafts.

"If they [SHA] don't rectify this, most private hospitals will have to close. This means all these people will lose jobs, and access to healthcare will be a pipe dream. How are they going to achieve universal health care? If this continues, we are going to be bankrupt," he says.

In Kisumu County, some Rupha facilities continue offering services to SHA beneficiaries despite the association's directive. A *Nation* spot check at facilities like Nightingale Medical Centre, Synergy Medical Centre and Salama Cancer Centre shows smooth service delivery. Nancy Akinyi, a caregiver to a patient seeking services, says the hospital only asked if her ailing father is registered under SHA before admitting him.

However, a staff member at Kisumu Heart Centre says the facility is following Rupha's directive and has been taking cash payments for outpatient services since September 23.

"For inpatient services, SHA only settles patients' bed fees; the rest of the payment is done in

Students suffer as lecturers strike and funding is delayed

BY LYNET IGADWAH AND WINNIE OTIENO

Students in public universities have gone for one week without being taught after lecturers downed their tools on Wednesday last week demanding payment of Sh2.73 billion, being the Phase II arrears of the 2021-2025 collective bargaining agreement (CBA).

Today, the lecturers have planned to march from the University of Nairobi to Jogoo House, the headquarters of the Ministry of Education, to present a petition for payment of their dues. They also filed a case in court seeking citation of senior government officials for contempt of court and their imprisonment for non-adherence to court orders.

The lecturers insist they will not resume work until the money owed to them is paid.

"We are just lazing around campus and going to the library once in a while since no lecturers are showing up for classes," said a student at Kenyatta University.

Public universities are reeling under a financial and governance crisis that has affected learning, research and other operations across the 42 public universities and their constituent colleges.

The problems extend further to delayed disbursement of students' loans and scholarships and failure by the government to release all the money meant for students' tuition fees. These crises threaten the universities' stability and long-term survival.

According to the latest official data, public universities owe statutory bodies and creditors a staggering Sh85 billion, up from Sh75 billion a year ago.

Ironically, vice-chancellors of the universities were last week hosted at State House, Nairobi by President William Ruto and they painted a rosy picture of the situation in the institutions.

"The outlook is positive. I don't think it could have been better. Education is evolving, and so is the funding environment. In universities, the new funding model is a game-changer. Financial chal-

When I followed up with the finance department, I was told to pay what the government owes

University of Nairobi student



enges will always exist, but this model addresses them more effectively," said Prof Daniel Mugendi, the chairperson of the Public Universities Vice-Chancellors Committee.

Education Cabinet Secretary Julius Ogamba recently told Parliament that the Ministry of Education has initiated talks with the National Treasury to discuss suspension of historic debts owed to gov-

ernment agencies like the Kenya Revenue Authority and the possibility of securing partial waivers to relieve the debt burden. However, with the government itself facing a tight fiscal space, this is far from guaranteed.

The debt crisis has also affected private universities, with official figures showing they are owed by the government pending bills amounting to Sh65.5 billion. The debt was incurred during a programme in which government-sponsored students were placed in private universities.

The start of the academic calendar has not been without problems for students. Continuing students at the University of Nairobi, for example, complained that a number of them could not access their examination results because the government has delayed disbursement of its share of tuition.

"When I followed up with the finance department, I was told to pay what the government owes," said a quantity survey student. The student, who is in Band 3 of the funding model, said he had paid

his household contribution of Sh104,000 and received a student loan of Sh50,000, but was being asked to settle Sh69,000 to cover the scholarship component.

Another student in Band 2 shared a similar predicament, saying he had cleared his 10 per cent household contribution (Sh37,000), but his progression had stalled due to the outstanding government scholarship.

Yesterday, Mr Ogamba urged the striking lecturers to ensure learning resumes. He said the government had honoured its obligations under the 2017-2021 CBA by paying Sh2.73 billion to universities.

"The government has honoured its obligations by releasing Sh2 billion. Return to work or face disciplinary action, there's a court order which you must honour," said the CS.

Funding for basic education has also reduced significantly over the years. The MoE has been conducting a data verification exercise to clean up enrolment figures. Schools that have not been cleared are yet to receive funding.

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Rural and Urban Private Hospitals Association of Kenya Vice-chairman Joseph Kariuki, Chairman Brian Lishenga and Simon Mbugua address journalists on February 20 in Nairobi. BILLY OGADA / NATION

cash,"the staff member says."The hospital is struggling financially. We have not received SHA disbursements, but hospital activities must continue. We need the funds to keep us going."

In Mombasa County, facilities the *Nation* visited say they are on the brink of shutting down key services. A director of one hospital in Mikindani says the biggest concern is claim rejection without explanation.

"Almost a third of the claims we made, some dating back to February and March, were rejected in August without any concrete reason," the director says. "We are doing cancer screenings and very expensive tests that require external providers. We even signed MoUs, but now our credit limits with suppliers are exhausted. At this point, we can only offer emergency services."

At a facility in Chaani, a director admits they are struggling to keep the hospital running.

"We don't want to be quoted because we fear Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale might come after us," he says.

In Bamburi, a representative of a Rupha-affiliated hospital says: "When SHA replaced NHIF, we were told that outstanding NHIF debts would be settled. The president said debts below Sh10 million would be verified and paid so that we could continue serving. We had borrowed heavily from suppliers, hoping that once NHIF arrears were cleared, we would pay back. But up to now, that has not been done."

Services at Kerio View Hospital in Kabarnet, Baringo Central, continue normally, with dozens of patients queuing for treatment. This is despite being among health facilities directed by Rupha to serve patients only on a cash basis

"That is the directive, but we have freedom on how we will execute it," the hospital's administrator, Jackson Ronoh, says.

In Nakuru County, most Rupha facilities stand at a crossroads on whether to continue serving patients under SHA or demand cash payments. At Graceheal Health Care, in Njoro, CEO Abigael Nyanchera says SHA owes them Sh6.7 million.

"We do not have drugs or suppliers, and our staff are on our necks. Even electricity bills have gone unpaid, leading to disconnection," she says.

In Nyandarua County, Milka Njonjo, proprietor of Manguo Hospital at Mairo-inya market, has halted the SHA services. She adds that health service providers cannot follow up on payments from individual patients when SHA fails to pay.

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National Treasury blamed as county staff go for months without salaries

BY NATION TEAM

Treasury released Sh32.9 billion to counties in July and August, stocking up more undisbursed funds at a time the devolved units have been unable to implement their budgets over a procurement stalemate.

The amount released over the two-month period represents 7.9 per cent of the Sh415 billion equitable share of revenue that counties are entitled to during the year ending June 30, 2026, and is less than half of the Sh70 billion the devolved units expected by this time of the year.

Treasury did not release any cash to counties in July, with Cabinet Secretary John Mbadi last month indicating that disbursements for the month were wired on August 11.

"By June 26, the National Treasury had released all the money to cover for 2024/25 and we sent the July allocations to the CRF [County Revenue Fund] on August 11. Treasury has now become timely in sending money that's why counties are not complaining," Mr Mbadi said.

The latest statement of exchequer releases shows that Treasury did not disburse August funding to counties, meaning that it is operating a month behind schedule. The law requires that the national government disburses monthly equitable share of revenue funding to counties by 15th of the month, though Treasury has experienced delays in the past, in some instances triggering protests from governors.

While Treasury continues to delay disbursement, majority of the counties had not put their houses in order by preparing budgets in time for approval by the Controller of Budget, with the office indicating that only 21 counties had their budgets approved by August 21.

Siaya County staff remain unpaid for the month of August, with their last pay cheque issued in July. A county official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, confirmed that the August salaries are yet to be disbursed.

"We are still waiting for our August pay. The information we have is that the central government is yet to release the necessary funds," the officer said.

Addressing the press last week, Siaya Governor James Orengo attributed the delay to Treasury's failure to release funds in a timely manner.

"For the past 10 days, our CEC for Finance and the chief officer have been in Nairobi pursuing the release of funds. The delay is therefore not entirely the fault of the county administration," Mr Orengo said.

In contrast, workers in Homa Bay County have received their August salaries. Mr Emmadick Okeyo, Executive Secretary of the

IN NUMBERS

Delayed release of county funds



Amount in Kenya shillings that counties are expected to have received by this time. So far, they have only received Sh32.9 billion

Kenya National Union of Nurses in the region, confirmed that salaries had been paid by September 10.

"None of our union members has reported any delay in salary payments," he stated.

In Kisumu County, there were delays in disbursing both July and August salaries. Finance Ex-

ecutive George Omondi Okong'o attributed the delay to the transition between financial years, which involves the approval of new budgets by Treasury and the Controller of Budget.

"This happens annually, though this year's transition period was slightly longer than usual. We've now received all necessary approvals and completed payment of July salaries. We are finalising requisitions with the Controller of Budget for August salaries," Mr Okong'o assured.

In Tana River County, July salaries were paid in mid-September, leaving August dues still pending. Workers say the relief was short-lived, with most of the July pay swallowed by accumulated debts.

"We only cleared what we owed. Nothing meaningful was left," one staff member, who sought anonymity for fear of reprisals said.

Public Administration Chief Officer Ali Mluwa confirmed that Treasury's last disbursement catered only for July salaries. He added that more funds are expected before the end of the week to ease the cash crunch.

Casual workers have borne the brunt of the delay, with many

struggling to meet daily needs. Some say they are forced to survive on credit as they await pay.

In Taita-Taveta County, the government has paid workers their August salaries but skipped payment for the month of July. Those who spoke to the *Nation* said their payslips showed that the salary was for August and not July, as expected.

"For now, the county government owes us salaries for the month of July and this September, which is nearly ending," said a staff member.

Previously, a letter from County Secretary Friday Mwafuga had asked the workers to be patient as they worked to settle their salaries. He blamed the national government for delayed disbursement of county funds.

Sources at the county government said Taita-Taveta received its last equitable share of revenue from Treasury for the month of July early this month.

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1) REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR PROVISION OF INFORMATION SYSTEM AUDIT

The Sacco is seeking proposals in a sealed envelope for the provision of Information System (IS) Audit as described as described below:

TENDER REFERENCE	REFERENCE NO. ASCCS/ICT/04/2025
Issue Date	Wednesday, 24 th SEPTEMBER 2025
Description	Request For Proposals (RFP) in a sealed envelope for the provision of Information System (IS) Audit
Clarifications	Requests for clarifications should be submitted in writing by way of email to procurement@apstarsacco.coop . Deadline for submission of clarification requests is 1 st October 2025 by 5.00 PM East African Time
Submission Deadline	NOT Later than Wednesday, 8 th October 2025 (12.00 Noon)
Tender Documents	Tender documents are available from the society's Procurement offices located at 4 th floor of Ukulima Co-operative House located on Uhuru Highway/Haile Selassie junction. Interested Tenderers shall be required to pay a non-refundable fee of Kshs 3,000.00 payable at FOSA branch Nairobi for each set of documents before they are issued with the hard copy of the tender document.

The Complete tender document is available at our website: www.apstarsacco.coop.

Completed tender documents MUST be delivered so as to reach the undersigned:

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
APSTAR DT SACCO SOCIETY LIMITED
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NAIROBI.**

Tenders shall be opened in the Boardroom immediately thereafter in the presence of candidates or their representatives who choose to attend.

The Organization reserves the right to reject or accept in whole or in part any tender and is NOT bound to give reasons for its decision.

2) CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Society invites interested persons to apply for the positions listed below:

JOB TITLE	REFERENCE	GRADE	NO. OF POSITION(S)
1. Procurement Officer	ASCCS/HR/PROC/03/2024	UC5	1
2. Field Marketing Representatives	ASCCS/HR/PROC/03/2024	Commission based - Contract	15

Details of key requirements for the two positions are available at our website: www.apstarsacco.coop.

Each application should be accompanied by a detailed CV, copies of relevant academic and professional certificates, National Identity Card, testimonials and other relevant supporting documents.

Applications should be submitted both through email at recruitment@apstarsacco.coop and hard copies of the same to the following address on or before Wednesday 8th October 2025 by 5.00 PM;

**The Chief Executive Officer
Apstar DT Sacco Society Limited
P.O. Box 44071 - 00100
NAIROBI**

Only shortlisted candidates shall be contacted



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National News

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Queries on how tycoons bagged

Fresh storm brews as KNTC's rice imports echo a familiar tale of secrecy, sidelined bidders, diplomatic lobbying

BY BRIAN WASUNA

Barely a year after an import scandal saw its CEO, Pamela Mutua, sacked, the Kenya National Trading Corporation (KNTC) has hired four firms to ship in 250,000 tonnes of white rice under unclear circumstances, edging out 16 others that were initially contracted.

The government revised its valuation of grade one white Pakistani rice to \$460 (Sh59,409) per metric tonne, which means the consignment the four contractors will import is valued at approximately Sh14.8 billion.

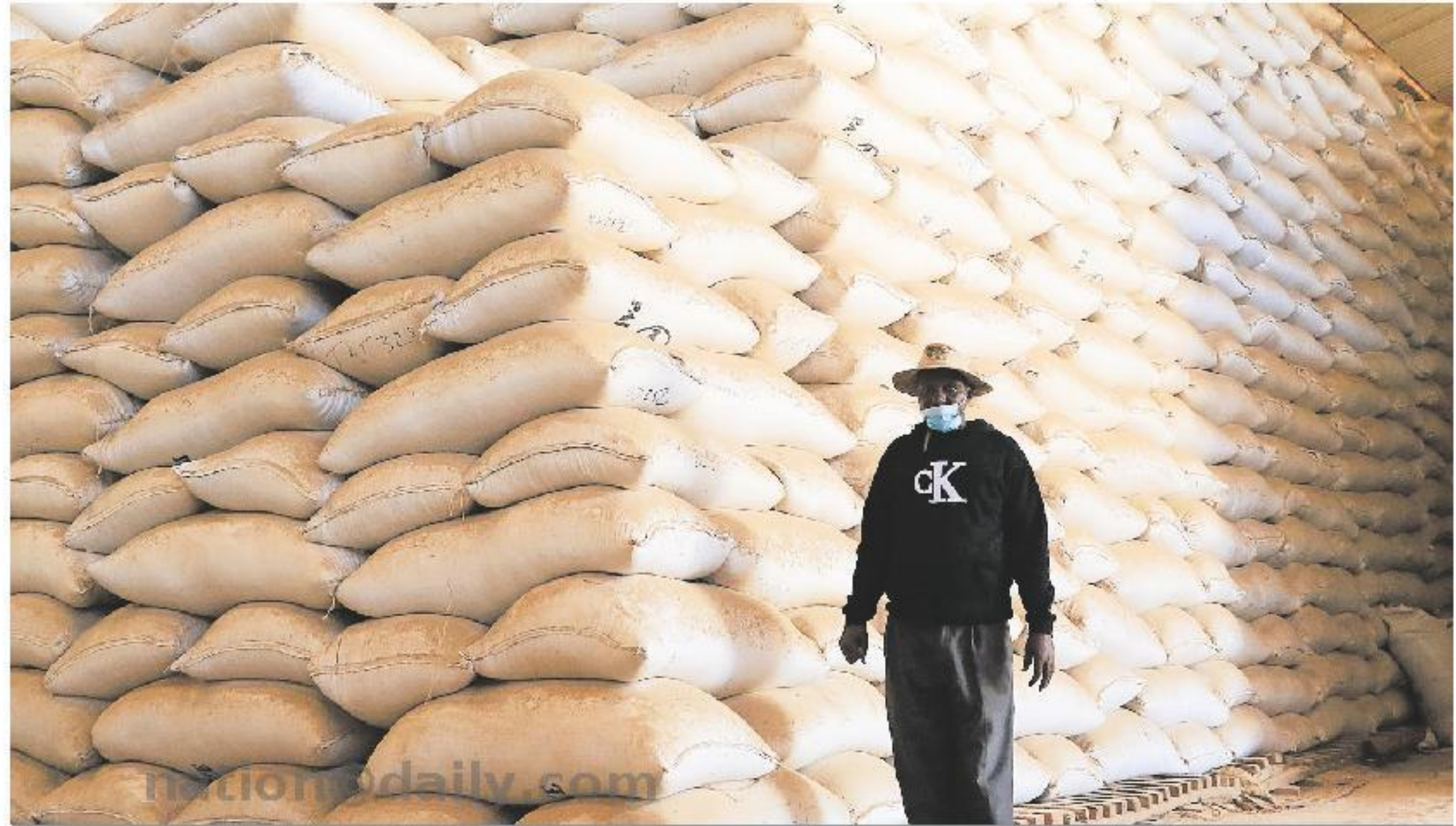
Import duty will be waived for the imports, an annual ritual through which Kenya usually seeks to plug a rice deficit of nearly 800,000 tonnes.

But the KNTC's decision to contract Zyan Agencies, Ecoview Commodities, Njema Commodities and Solid Commodities has attracted controversy, as the four firms were not among the 60 companies that the State corporation was initially to pick from.

By edging out the initial 16 bidders, the KNTC could have exposed itself to court action, with the risk of paying millions to firms that expected to import rice after being notified that the State corporation would contract them.

It has also emerged that KNTC dismissed lobbying by the Pakistan High Commission to give an edge to Islamabad-registered firms which were angling for the annual multibillion-shilling rice import programme.

Islamabad had, through its High Commission in Nairobi, written to KNTC CEO Lucy Anangwe



Bags of rice at the Mwea Rice Growers Multipurpose Cooperative Society stores in Wang'uru, Kirinyaga County, in 2021. The government has now hired four firms to import 250,000 tonnes of white rice. FILE | NATION

with the request, and to seek clarification on the procurement process for the rice deals.

"In this regard, the High Commission of Pakistan requests your esteemed corporation's favourable consideration in granting preferential treatment for the allocation of rice imports in the just-granted 250,000 MT duty-free rice quota,

for the period ending October 31, 2025," a Pakistan High Commission official said in a letter to Ms Anangwe on September 12.

"The High Commission further seeks clarification on the specific procedures and guidelines governing the issuance and administration of this quota, to enable Pakistani exporters

to engage with the Kenyan market with confidence and clarity. This will not only serve to further strengthen the existing robust trade relations but also demonstrate the continued value placed on this vital partnership," the official added when lobbying business for Pakistani rice dealers.



PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
WENDANO MATUU COMPANY LIMITED

Business Registration Service (BRS) attention has been drawn to a notice published in the Daily Nation on **Tuesday, September 2, 2025**, convening an Extraordinary General Meeting of Wendano Matuu Company Limited on **Thursday, September 25, 2025**. The meeting is hereby cancelled.

In compliance with the Court Order dated 14th July 2025, directing the Registrar of Companies to supervise and conduct elections, the Registrar shall communicate the decision it shall make to comply with the order through the BRS website, www.brs.go.ke, and national newspapers.

DAMARIS LUKWO, OGW
Ag. REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES
Tuesday, September 23, 2025

THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF NYAMIRA

Public Participation
Office of the Clerk

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON THE NYAMIRA COUNTY FINANCE BILL, 2025

Pursuant to Articles 196 and 209[3] of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and as stipulated in sections 87 of the County Governments Act, 2012, the County Assembly of Nyamira hereby invites members of the public for public participation of the **Nyamira County Finance Bill, 2025**, as tabulated hereunder:

DATE	TIME	SUB-COUNTY	VENUE
1 st October, 2025	9:00 am	Borabu	CDF Hall - Kijauri
		Nyamira North	Ekerenyo Ward Offices
		Nyamira South	Nyamaiya Ward Offices
		Masaba North	Gesima Ward Offices
		Manga	Kemera Ward Offices

Members of the public and interested groups are hereby notified to download the Finance Bill, 2025 at: www.nyamiraassembly.go.ke and present their views and memoranda.

The Public views/memoranda may be forwarded to;

The Clerk,
County Assembly of Nyamira,
P.O. Box 590-40500,
Nyamira.

OR

Hand delivered to the Office of the Clerk, County Assembly Buildings at Nyamira, or emailed to: info@nyamiraassembly.go.ke; to be received on or before **1st October, 2025 at 5.00 PM.**

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CLERK - COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF NYAMIRA



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Conditions of sale:

- The vehicles are sold on an "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"
- Bids with full contact details should be submitted via email address to: bids@gab.co.ke
- The bids should reach the committee not later than **Wednesday, 1st October 2025.**
- All interested buyers are requested to view the motor vehicles prior to submitting their bids
- Only offers sent on or before the specified closing date will be considered
- Sales will be subject to reserve price or nearest offer

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Sh15 billion rice import deal

On September 9, KNTC sent emails to 16 firms informing them that they were the successful bidders, and that the process would be done on the Agriculture, Food and Fisheries Authority (AFFA) procurement portal.

"You are hereby advised to proceed with your importation by applying for: 1. Pre-shipment approval on AFA-IFMIS 2. A cereal master permit on the TFP 3. Consignment Cereal Import Clearance permit. Kindly note that the consignment should be imported into the country on or before October 31, 2025," read a letter to one of the 16 bidders.

The following day, KNTC officials called the 16 firms and informed them that the State corporation had chosen to go a different route.

Ms Anangwe, who succeeded Ms Mutua at the KNTC corner office, did not pick up calls or respond to text messages sent to her known mobile phone number.

KNTC Board chairperson Evans Kidero had also not returned calls or responded to text messages by the time of going to press.

Aside from inquiring about the procurement process used to select the four firms, the Nation had sought to establish the quotas allocated to each of the importers.

Records from the Business Registration Service indicate that Ibrahim Murie Ibrahim owns all the 1,000 shares of Zyan Agencies, which was incorporated on November 30, 2018. The BRS records show that the company is based in an

undisclosed building along Nairobi's Standard Street.

When the Nation dialled the phone number attributed to Mr Ibrahim in the BRS records, a woman picked the call but said she neither knew Mr Ibrahim, nor Zyan Agencies.

Njema Commodities was incorporated on May 31, 2021. The company is owned by Abdinasir Siyad Mahamud (70 shares) and Muhudin Ibrahim Hassan (30 shares).

Mr Abdinasir picked our calls, but insisted that he could only respond on Wednesday. We sent

him a follow-up text message asking him whether Njema Commodities had bid for the import quota allocation, but he did not respond.

Aden Abdullahi Hussein owns all 1,000 shares in Ecoview Commodities. The firm was incorporated on October 18, 2023.

Solid Commodities is owned by Haroon Omar Bachoo, who holds all the 100 issued shares. The company was incorporated on October 29, 2024. Njema Commodities, Ecoview Commodities and Solid Commodities are all based in Mombasa County.

KNTC initiated the procurement process in September after High Court judge Edward Mureithi allowed the State corporation to import 250,000 tonnes of grade one white rice by October 31, 2025.

Former PS Irungu Nyakera's Farmers Party had filed a case at the Kerugoya High Court on August 7, seeking to quash a gazette notice published by the National Treasury and which waived import duty on imported white rice under the KNTC rice import programme, for a period of six months which was to end on December 31.

The Farmers Party argued that the imports scheme would hang local growers out to dry, as imports would flood the market.

Justice Mureithi pronounced himself on August 19, cutting the allowed imported quantities to 250,000 tonnes, and set a new October 31 deadline.

The judge held that his decision was informed by the State's argument that the imports were aimed at averting a looming shortage, as the locally produced grain was insufficient to satisfy the Kenyan market.

The KNTC imports scheme last year saw Ms Mutua and other officials working at the State corporation charged with violation of procurement laws after investigations found that some of the contracts were awarded to politically connected individuals.

Purma Holdings, Charma Holdings, Enterprise Supplies and Evertec General Trading Company – then owned by Athi Water Works Development Agency Board chair Mary Wambui Mungai – were awarded contracts worth Sh6.85 billion for the supply of rice, beans and edible oils in 2022 and 2023.

Dubai firms Lone Trading FZE, Multi-Commerce FZE and Invest Africa were also awarded contracts for the supply of rice, beans, edible oils and fertilisers.

Last month, Principal Magistrate Charles Ondieki allowed prosecutors to drop cases against other KNTC officials, leaving Ms Mutua alone in the dock.

None of the contractors was charged.

That episode of KNTC's procurement mess was funded by a Sh24 billion loan.

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National News

Conference Gates Foundation announces new pledges of \$912m to Global Fund to help prevent TB, malaria, HIV/Aids deaths

Ruto calls for community-led healthcare to fill funding gap

President makes the remarks on sidelines of 80th United Nations General Assembly

BY HELLEN SHIKANDA

Despite having robust policies, countries pursuing Universal Health Coverage face significant financial challenges, President William Ruto has said.

Speaking on the sidelines of the 80th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), the president said funding constraints—some attributed to the withdrawal of donor money—have exposed vulnerabilities while offering valuable lessons for the future.

"Ownership matters. When communities set priorities, monitor spending and contribute through local mobilisation and volunteerism, resilience is strengthened," he said.

President Ruto told delegates that Kenya is building a system that is less dependent on external aid, moving towards domes-

tic solutions and community leadership.

Dr Ruto advocated greater social participation in health issues, stating that while laws may appear comprehensive on paper, their implementation determines their real impact on citizens.

He supported the World Health Assembly Resolutions on Social Participation (2024) and Social Connection (2025). These resolutions, endorsed during the 77th World Health Assembly, aim to implement and sustain regular, meaningful social participation in decision-making processes at all levels of the health system.

"The health of nations depends not only on the strength of their hospitals, but also on the strength of their citizens' voices. Kenya aspires to a future where no child is left behind, no community is unheard, and no citizen is denied



President William Ruto addresses the US-Kenya Business and Investment Roundtable meeting, bringing together CEOs of leading American multinationals on the margins of the 80th United Nations General Assembly in New York, USA. PHOTO: IPSC

their right to health," he said.

The president emphasised that involving communities in policy development addresses real needs rather than imposing remote directives.

When citizens participate in decision-making processes, he said, accountability and transparency improve as resource utilisation is tracked.

"Health systems grow stronger, more resilient and are trusted by the very people they serve, especially the most vulnerable," Dr Ruto said.

Citing the Universal Health Coverage laws he enacted in 2023—including the Primary Health Care Act, the Social Health Insurance Act, the Facilities Improvement Financing Act, and the Digital Health Act—the president said these measures were taken to ensure all Kenyans access healthcare services.

In spite of his advocacy for Universal Health Coverage legislation internationally, domestic challenges with the Social Health Authority (SHA) persist. Nearly a year since SHA's rollout, ongoing issues with service providers continue to impact patient care.

On the sidelines of the assembly, the Gates Foundation presented a plan for saving children's lives by 2045 through life-saving innovations.

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the Global Fund for the 2026-2028 replenishment period, funding that will prove crucial in preventing deaths from HIV/Aids, tuberculosis and malaria.

The foundation acknowledged shrinking donor funds, citing a study by the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation.

The research shows that global development assistance for health fell by 21 per cent between 2024 and 2025—reaching a 15-year low.

"Humanity is at a crossroads. With millions of children's lives on the line, global leaders have a once-in-a-generation chance to do something extraordinary," said Bill Gates.

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Politics Jubilee is considering quitting the Azimio la Umoja-One Kenya Coalition Party

Jubilee prepares for Matiang'i takeover, eyes Ruto showdown

Jubilee has floated Dr Matiang'i as its preferred candidate to challenge President Ruto's re-election bid

BY MOSES NYAMORI

Former Interior Cabinet Secretary Fred Matiang'i has given the clearest signal yet that he may seek the presidency in 2027 on a Jubilee Party ticket, under the stewardship of retired President Uhuru Kenyatta.

On Tuesday, Dr Matiang'i met with a section of Jubilee leaders at Safari Park Hotel in Nairobi, ahead of the party's Special National Delegates Conference (NDC) set for Friday. The meeting appeared to reinforce reports that Mr Kenyatta is preparing to hand over the reins to the former minister in readiness for the next General Election.

Among those present were Jubilee Secretary-General Jeremiah Kioni, former Kiambu Governor James Nyoro, ex-Nyeri Town MP Ngunjiri Wambugu, former Gatanga MP Joseph Nduati, and former Molo MP Njenga Mungai.

Mr Kioni described the meeting as part of Jubilee's broader strategy to re-energise its grassroots networks.

"The discussions promise to shape the political landscape permanently at this pivotal moment in Kenya. As the government-in-waiting, looking towards 2027, we are confident that Kenyans will give us the opportunity to faithfully serve them," he stated.

Jubilee has publicly floated Dr Matiang'i as its preferred candidate to challenge President William Ruto's bid for a second term.

Mr Wambugu, who recently broke ranks with former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua, told *Nation* Tuesday's meeting marked the first phase of the party's comeback strategy.

"Remember Matiang'i was the primary technical implementer of the Jubilee manifesto for 10 years. In fact, I doubt we have anyone today in the party outside Uhuru who understands more about what Jubilee



Former Interior Cabinet Secretary Fred Matiang'i (left) confers with Kisii Governor Simba Arati at Nyamache Main SDA Church in Kisii County last Saturday. WYCLIFFE NYABERII/NATION

stands for, and plans to do for Kenyans, than him," he said, adding, with past legal battles settled, the party can now focus fully on planning for its next phase of political engagement.

Mr Kenyatta has convened Friday's NDC at Ngong Racecourse to, among other things, review the party's constitution, make radical leadership changes, and decide on whether to endorse Dr Matiang'i as leader and flagbearer for 2027.

Nation has established that Jubilee may also consider quitting the Azimio la Umoja-One Kenya Coalition Party, which sponsored Mr Raila Odinga's unsuccessful 2022 presidential bid.

Some Azimio affiliates, including Martha Karua's Narc-Kenya—now rebranded as the People's Liberation Party (PLP)—and the Democratic Action Party-Kenya (DAP-K), have already initiated formal exits. Narc-Kenya resolved to leave Azimio at its November 2024 delegates' conference.

In anticipation of realignments, Jubilee is said to be exploring new alliances with other opposition outfits, including DAP-K, United Progressive Alliance (UPA), Chama Cha Kazi of former Cabinet Secretary Moses Kuria, Kanu of Gideon Moi, and the Party of National Unity led by former Cabinet Secretary Peter Munya.

UPA, formed by Nyamira Governor Amos Nyaribo, has also been linked to Dr Matiang'i, with many of its members declaring him their preferred presidential candidate. Kisii Senator Richard Onyonka, a close ally of Dr Matiang'i, confirmed that Jubilee is actively considering installing him as party leader.

"It is a matter on the table. But we have agreed to do a SWOT analysis so that we weigh all the available options," he said. According to Mr Onyonka, opinions remain divided between those pushing for a Jubilee ticket and others preferring a home-grown vehicle such as UPA.

"If we can have a marriage between Jubilee and UPA and work together, so be it. Some of the options include

forming a coalition. But if the Jubilee NDC decides to make Fred [Dr Matiang'i] the party leader, we will be okay with it so long as the candidate himself is in agreement," he said.

Mr Kioni has previously argued that Jubilee offers Dr Matiang'i a national platform. "We want him to belong to the country, and that is why we want him to run on Jubilee, which has a national outlook," he said.

Dr Matiang'i himself has kept his cards close to his chest. In a July interview with Citizen TV, he said he was still consulting widely. "I honestly think that if I made a choice now and stuck to one political party, I would disadvantage the others with whom we are having a discussion," he said.

The decision by Jubilee's NDC is expected to have far-reaching consequences within the opposition. In May, Mr Gachagua, now a prominent figure in the anti-Ruto camp, urged Dr Matiang'i to avoid Mr Kenyatta's Jubilee Party and instead build a Gusii-rooted political vehicle.

"You need your own political party, one that is deeply rooted in Gusii," he said in an interview on Egesa FM, warning that, without such a base, Dr Matiang'i risked political vulnerability.

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Jubilee Sec-Gen Jeremiah Kioni



Packed agenda as lawmakers resume sittings

BY BENSON MATHEKA

The National Assembly resumed sittings this week after a prolonged recess, with Speaker Moses Wetang'ula at the centre of one of the busiest sessions in recent years.

The House faces a packed agenda, from high-stakes legislation and policy shifts to vetting key diplomatic and institutional appointments. Urging MPs to focus on their constitutional mandate, Mr Wetang'ula reminded them that "the nation looks to this House not for noise, but for solutions; not for excuses, but for results."

Among the first items up for debate are the approval of ambassadors, high commissioners, and consuls-general, alongside nominees for the Office of the Registrar of Political Parties and the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights.

The House will also consider Sessional Paper No. 2 of 2025, which proposes far-reaching policy measures including the privatisation of the Kenya Pipeline Company and a trade deal with the United Arab Emirates.

Legislation directly affecting citizens is also on the table. The Employment (Amendment) Bill seeks to introduce a "right to disconnect," protecting em-

ployees from work-related communication outside office hours. Other key proposals include the Coffee Bill, the Startup Bill, the Natural Resources (Benefit Sharing) Bill, and the National Disaster Risk Management Bill.

Equally sensitive is the Bicameral Relations Bill, which aims to ease turf wars between the National Assembly and Senate.

With more than a dozen Bills awaiting consideration, including measures on devolution, roads, and privatisation, Speaker Wetang'ula's leadership will be critical in steering consensus and keeping Parliament focused on service to Kenyans.



Former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua.

Gachagua's party rocked as Banisa candidate pulls out of by-election

BY MANASE OTSIALO

The Democracy for Citizens Party (DCP) led by former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has been dealt a setback after its candidate in the Banisa Constituency by-election, Mr Adan Mohamed alias Kiongozi, withdrew from the race.

Mr Mohamed, who had been unveiled by Mr Gachagua as the party's flagbearer in the contest to succeed the late MP Kullow Maalim Hassan, said he stepped down following pressure from community elders, Mandera Governor Mohamed Adan Khalif, and President William Ruto.

"I have listened to my community, who have asked me to shelve my ambition and allow the late MP's brother to run. I believe it is the right decision," Mr Mohamed told *Nation*.

He dismissed claims that he had been bribed to quit. "I hear rumours of Sh100 million being offered to me. If anyone can ask the President to give me that amount, I would gladly take it. But the truth is I was given nothing. My decision is purely based on community interest," he said.

The United Democratic Alliance (UDA) has fronted Mr Ahmed Maalim Hassan, the late MP's brother, for the November 27 by-election. Mr Ahmed was previously with the United Democratic Movement (UDM) before shifting allegiance. Mr Mohamed said he had informed Mr Gachagua and Wiper Party leader Kalonzo Musyoka of his decision, which both leaders accepted. He added that he had been assured of community backing for an "unopposed position" in the 2027 elections.

"Elders have pledged to support me in 2027. Their word is final, and I trust them," he said.

However, DCP Secretary-General Hezron Obaga accused State House of exerting undue pressure on their candidates. "Our aspirants are under immense pressure to step down. If Mr Mohamed has withdrawn, it confirms the scheme," Mr Obaga said, adding that those exiting are reportedly receiving payouts.

The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) has set October 2 as the deadline for parties to submit their nominated candidates. With Mr Mohamed out, Banisa now has three candidates: Mr Ahmed Hassan (UDA), Mr Nurdin Dalato of the United Progressive Party, and Mr Issack Malele of the People Progressive Party. Locals are divided over Mr Mohamed's exit. Some welcomed the move as a show of unity, while others saw it as political coercion. Governor Khalif maintained the community had resolved to back Mr Hassan, saying: "We want our candidate to go unopposed."

Diplomacy Gazette notice was published barely 24 hours before President William Ruto flew to New York

Muslim Brotherhood: Kenya's gamble in US-Gulf tension

Outlawing the group may please US but risks unsettling Muslims at home

BY NYABOGA KIAGE

Interior Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen has placed a high-stakes diplomatic wager by outlawing the Muslim Brotherhood, thrusting Kenya into the middle of a geopolitical du-

el between its Gulf allies and US President Donald Trump. Mr Murkomen's gazette notice was published on September 19 – barely 24 hours before President William Ruto flew to New York to attend the 80th UN General Assembly.

Isaac Mwaura termed our inquiries “sensitive security questions” and declined to respond in detail. The Muslim Brotherhood was founded in Egypt by Islamic scholar Hassan al-Banna in 1928. Egypt outlawed the group in 2013. Its leaders are spread out in different Gulf countries such as Lebanon, Qatar and Turkey. Qatar has consistently declined to designate the Muslim Brotherhood a terrorist organisation. Doha has been linked to supporting Muslim Brotherhood activities, but it maintains that it only supports legitimate Islamic movements. Qatar's diplomatic ties with Nairobi have seen Doha invest in Kenya.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's administration has openly backed the Muslim Brotherhood and shares strong diplomatic ties with Kenya. For Gulf monarchies such as Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), the Brotherhood represents a political threat. Egypt under President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, one of Kenya's key African partners, has outlawed the group and views it as existential opposition. For David Monda, an international relations scholar, the decision speaks volumes about Kenya's foreign policy orientation and its delicate balancing act between local realities and global alliances.

“Kenya is trying to remain in the good books of the Trump administration,” he argues, noting that US Senator James Risch's recent critique of Kenya's reliability as a Major Non-NATO Ally has heightened pressure on Nairobi to align itself closely with Washington's counter-terrorism agenda. Prof Monda was referring to an amendment by Mr Risch, which seeks to review Kenya's designation as a Major Non-NATO Ally on account of alleged interactions with institutions hostile to the US, and the harsh crackdown on youth protests since 2024 criticising President Ruto's administration.

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Interior Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen during the Jukwaa la Usalama at Tom Mboya Labour College, Kisumu, last week. Mr Murkomen has outlawed the Muslim Brotherhood through a gazette notice. ALEX ODHIAMBOI/NATION

Some analysts see this as part of President Ruto's calculated steps to lobby the Trump administration, a move that could strain Kenya's friendship with Gulf allies such as Turkey and Qatar, which are viewed as backers and associates of the Muslim Brotherhood. Mr Murkomen's declaration came barely two months after Texas Senator Ted Cruz introduced a Bill to declare the Muslim Brotherhood a foreign terrorist organisation (FTO). Public statements by President Trump's Secretary of State, Marc Rubio, have sent strong signals that Washington would prefer that Mr Cruz's Bill sails through the US Senate. Foreign Affairs Principal Secretary Korir Sing'oei declined to

Kenya is trying to remain in the good books of the Trump administration

Prof David Monda

comment on Mr Murkomen's move and its potential diplomatic impact, instead passing the buck to the Interior CS. Mr Murkomen's media relations team promised to send the CS's remarks after he presides over the ongoing Jukwaa la Usalama forum in Mandera County. Government spokesperson

Governors fault Treasury on e-procurement

BY ANTHONY KITIMO

The Council of Governors (CoG) has accused the national government of frustrating county governments by micromanaging funds meant for devolved units, leading to a halt in several services. CoG chairman Ahmed Abdullahi accused the Treasury of failing to obey court orders to stop implementing the electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) system integration framework, which he said has led to the suspension of several services at the county level. Mr Abdullahi, who is also Wajir governor, said despite CoG going to court and obtaining an injunction on the implementation of e-procurement, the Treasury has continued to call for the system's adoption against the court orders, which allowed the use of both electronic and manual processes. “There is a lot of misinformation out there that CoG is refusing to adopt the e-procurement system because they want to run away from accountability. Those are very lame accusations. The problem is not accountability but the system itself, which is not working as envisaged or in a seamless manner,” said the chairman. Speaking in Mombasa during a joint consultative meeting with governors from 24 Arid and Semi-Arid counties, Mr Abdullahi said the counties have no problem with automation. The challenge, he added, is that the process was rushed, creating user problems, micromanagement, and centralisation of procurement processes through the back door. “If this system can work by automating processes, creating a better audit trail, showing us a dashboard where we can compare things properly, and still respecting Article 6(2) of the Constitution,” said Mr Abdullahi. He added: “We urge the government to desist from spreading misinformation that CoG is opposing the process because they do not want transparency, or interfering with the manual process by plucking papers from procurement documents.”

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- vii. Any other duties assigned by Credit Manager or CEO

Qualifications & Skills

- i. Business related degree or its equivalent.
- ii. At least CPA PART 1 – Professional Qualification in credit management will be an added advantage.

- iii. At least 2 years' experience in SACCO credit operations.
- iv. Possess excellent analytical skills.
- v. Possess excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
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4. ASSISTANT CREDIT OFFICER

Key Duties and Responsibilities

- i. Review loan applications to ensure that they are complete and accurate in accordance with the Credit policy.
- ii. Submit applications for verification and recommendation by the Head of Credit and the CEO.
- iii. Handle customer complaints and inquiries and take appropriate action to resolve them
- iv. Analyze applicants' financial status, credit, and property evaluations to determine feasibility of granting loans.
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- vi. Explain to members the different types of loans and credit options that are available.
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- xii. Preparation of member statements and issuing them to respective members in a timely manner

Skills

- i. High degree of accuracy and attention to detail
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- iii. Communication skills
- iv. Strong analytical and interpersonal skills
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Qualifications (Academic)

- i. At least a Diploma in Cooperative Management or any Business related field
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THE EAST AFRICA COMPREHENSIVE WOMEN CANCER PROJECT (EA-CwCP)

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO CONDUCT EA-CWCP BASELINE SURVEY

Background

The East Africa Comprehensive Women Cancer Project (EA-CwCP) is a four-year regional initiative (2025–2029) led by Aga Khan Health Services (AKHS), aiming to strengthen and expand breast and cervical cancer services in Tanzania and Kenya. Building on the experience of the Tanzania Comprehensive Cancer Project (TCCP), EA-CwCP adopts a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model to integrate cancer services across public and private health systems. The project is being implemented in the regions of Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Mwanza, Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Zanzibar, and Shinyanga in Tanzania, and in Mombasa, Kisumu, Homa Bay, and Kilifi counties in Kenya, targeting underserved populations and aiming to reach approximately 7.4 million people. Its focus includes improving oncology infrastructure, expanding access to HPV vaccination, enhancing cancer screening through mobile outreach, and building the capacity of healthcare providers. It also promotes gender equity by engaging male partners to support women's health-seeking behavior and reduce stigma.

Funded by the Agence Française de Développement (AFD), the Gates Foundation (GF), and the Aga Khan Foundation (AKF), EA-CwCP includes a strong Behavior Change Communication (BCC) component that utilizes schools, CHWs, local leaders, religious groups, and mass media to promote cancer awareness, prevention, and early detection.

The project further supports the development of harmonized clinical guidelines, establishment of tumor boards and pathology networks, and deployment of mobile clinics to deliver services in hard-to-reach areas. Robust monitoring, evaluation, research, and learning agenda underpins the initiative, with the goal of informing national cancer control strategies and fostering sustainable, equitable health system improvements across the region.

Purpose of the Baseline Survey

AKHS is looking for well qualified professionals to provide consultancy services to conduct **EA-CwCP baseline survey** in Kenya (Mombasa, Kilifi, Kisumu, and Homa Bay counties). The survey aims to:

- Establish the initial values for key performance indicators outlined in the project's Results Framework;
- Generate insights on cancer service availability, community awareness, healthcare-seeking behavior, and institutional readiness before project interventions;
- Provide a reference point for tracking project progress and evaluating endline achievements.
- The baseline assessment will focus on health facility readiness, community perceptions, service utilization, and existing human resources in relation to cancer services. It will also evaluate gaps and inform targeted interventions for effective project implementation.

Specific Objectives

The baseline will determine the status of the following key indicators:

- Prevalence and incidence of the top 10 cancers, and their mortality rates (disaggregated by type, stage, sex, and age);
- Percentage of health facilities with capacity to provide cancer awareness, vaccination (HPV), screening for cervical and breast cancers, and palliative care;
- HPV vaccination uptake in the country and project implementation area
- Number of patients screened and percentage with suspicious findings;
- Referral patterns for suspected cases and timelines for accessing higher-level care;
- Infrastructure, equipment, and workforce readiness at mapped health facilities;
- Knowledge, attitudes, and practices (KAP) of healthcare workers related to cancer care;
- Knowledge, attitudes, and practices (KAP) of community members related to cancer services including: % of women who are aware that screening exists for cancers (disaggregate by type), % of women who are satisfied with cancer care services at target hospitals and % of women and men who know signs and symptoms of cancer (disaggregate by sex, age group, type of cancer)
- Functionality and efficiency of cancer-related referral systems;
- Baseline insights on community behavior, service demand, and barriers to care;
- Identification of risks, opportunities, and initial community or institutional strengths.

Expected Deliverables

The selected consultant will be responsible for delivering:

- Inception report and detailed work plan
- Draft and final baseline survey protocols
- Ethical clearance from relevant authorities e.g. KEMRI, MOH, and County Government
- Baseline data collection, transcription, and data management
- Preliminary findings report
- Stakeholder dissemination sessions
- Final baseline evaluation report,

Consultant Qualifications

- Lead evaluator with a master's degree or PHD in public health or related field, with at least 10 years' experience in baseline assessments or evaluations;
- Team members with minimum 5 years of field experience in data collection, research, or public health;
- Demonstrated skills in both quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis methods;
- Familiarity with the Kenyan health system, particularly in oncology;
- Proficiency in English and Swahili;
- Experience using digital data collection tools (ODK, Kobo, etc.);
- Ability to work in both urban and peri-urban/rural settings

Application Requirements

Interested firms/individuals should submit:

- Technical proposal (8–10 pages)
- Detailed financial proposal (1 page)
- CVs of team members and past experience summaries (6 pages max)
- Organization profile (if applicable)
- 3 references for similar assignments

Administration & Reporting

The consultant will report to the Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Manager and work in close coordination with the **EA-CwCP Research Committee**. All outputs must meet ethical standards and be approved by the EA-CWCP team. The expected consultancy duration is 4 months after signing the agreement.

Submission

Applications will be received on rolling basis and must be submitted as two separate PDF files (Technical Proposal and Financial Proposal) to the email kem.recruitment@akhkenya.org with the subject title "Expression of Interest for Baseline Survey Consultancy for the East Africa Comprehensive Women Cancer Project (EA CWCP) in Kenya", no later than **8th October 2025**



INVITATION TO TENDER

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The Society invites applications from interested eligible candidates for the pre-qualification of the under listed goods, services and works for the financial year 2025/26 –2027/2028

TENDER REFERENCE NO: ASCCS/TENDER/PROC/05/2025	
CATEGORY NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION
1. SUPPLY OF GOODS/GENERAL PURCHASE	
ASCCS/PREQ/001/2025/2028	SUPPLY OF GENERAL STATIONERY AND OTHER CONSUMABLES
ASCCS/PREQ/002/2025/2028	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF GENERAL PRINTING WORKS
ASCCS/PREQ/003/2025/2028	SUPPLY, MAINTAINANCE AND REPAIR OF FURNITURE AND OFFICE FITTING
ASCCS/PREQ/004/2025/2028	SUPPLY OF PROMOTIONAL & MARKETING MATERIALS INCLUDING NEWSLETTERS, BROCHURES, MAGAZINES, ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS, CALENDARS AND DIARIES, T-SHIRTS
ASCCS/PREQ/005/2025/2028	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF COMPUTERS, PRINTERS, UPS, COMPUTER CONSUMABLES AND ACCESSORIES.
ASCCS/PREQ/006/2025/2028	SUPPLY OF ICT SOFTWARES, LICENSES AND RENEWALS E.G MICROSOFT LICENCES, ANTIVIRUS ETC
ASCCS/PREQ/007/2025/2028	SUPPLY AND SERVICING OF CLEAN POWER, BATTERIES AND SOLAR POWER
ASCCS/PREQ/008/2025/2028	SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE OF FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT'S
ASCCS/PREQ/009/2025/2028	SUPPLY OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT'S - SAFES, STRONG ROOM DOORS, SHELVING METAL RACKS, ARCHIVING BOXES, BULK FILERS
ASCCS/PREQ/010/2025/2028	SUPPLY OF FAST-MOVING CONSUMER GOODS (GENERAL SHOP ITEMS) E.G. TISSUE PAPERS, LIQUID SOAP, BOTTLED MINERAL WATER, ETC
ASCCS/PREQ/011/2025/2028	SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE OF POWER COOLING EQUIPMENT I.E. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS, AUTOMATIC FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS, SMOKE DETECTORS
ASCCS/PREQ/012/2025/2028	SUPPLY OF KITCHEN SUPPLIES AND CATERING SERVICES
2. PROVISION OF SERVICES	
ASCCS/PREQ/013/2025/2028	PROVISION OF COURIER SERVICES
ASCCS/PREQ/014/2025/2028	PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF WEBSITE SERVICES
ASCCS/PREQ/015/2025/2028	DOCUMENTARY PRODUCTION, PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY SERVICES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC PRODUCTION
ASCCS/PREQ/016/2025/2028	PROVISION OF CORPORATE BRANDING SERVICES, OUTDOOR BRANDING AND SIGNAGE WORKS
ASCCS/PREQ/017/2025/2028	PROVISION OF SOCIAL MEDIA MONITORING SERVICES
ASCCS/PREQ/018/2025/2028	PROVISION OF EVENT, INTERIOR DESIGN, FURNISHING AND DECORATION
ASCCS/PREQ/019/2025/2028	PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF SECURITY SERVICES E.G GUARD SERVICES, ALARM BACKUP, AND CASH IN TRANSIT SERVICES
ASCCS/PREQ/020/2025/2028	PROVISION OF OFFICE CLEANING, SANITARY, GARBAGE COLLECTION, FUMIGATION AND PEST CONTROL SERVICES
ASCCS/PREQ/021/2025/2028	REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF ICT EQUIPMENTS, NETWORK SWITCHES, AIR CONDITIONERS, ROUTERS, PRINTERS AND PHOTOCOPIERS
ASCCS/PREQ/022/2025/2028	PROVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLE TRACKING SERVICES
ASCCS/PREQ/023/2025/2028	PROVISION OF DEBT COLLECTION AND AUCTIONEERING SERVICES
ASCCS/PREQ/024/2025/2028	PROVISION OF CREATIVE AND DESIGN SERVICES ON BOTH DIGITAL & PRINT FORMATS FOR PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS, CALENDARS, FINANCIAL REPORTS, BROCHURES, PRINTING AND EMBROIDERY OF T-SHIRTS, CAPS, UMBRELLAS, STAFF
ASCCS/PREQ/025/2025/2028	PROVISION OF MARKETING RESEARCH AND CONSULTANCY SERVICES
ASCCS/PREQ/026/2025/2028	SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND MAINTENANCE OF ICT COMPUTING HARDWARE, NETWORKING HARDWARE AND TOOLS
ASCCS/PREQ/027/2025/2028	PROVISION OF AND MAINTENANCE OF TELEPHONE SERVICES
ASCCS/PREQ/028/2025/2028	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF SOFTWARES AND LICENSING SERVICES (ANTIVIRUS E.T.C)
ASCCS/PREQ/029/2025/2028	PROVISION OF NETWORKING INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES
ASCCS/PREQ/030/2025/2028	PROVISION OF CYBER SECURITY SYSTEM SERVICES E.G (FIREWALLS, ANTIVIRUS, PROXY, EMAIL GATEWAY, VAC DATABASE FIREWALLS, E.T.C
ASCCS/PREQ/031/2025/2028	PROVISION OF INTERNET CONNECTION SERVICES
ASCCS/PREQ/032/2025/2028	PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF CCTV, ALARM SYSTEM, ACCESS CONTROL & BIOMETRIC SYSTEM, ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS REPAIRS.
ASCCS/PREQ/033/2025/2028	PROVISION OF INSURANCE SERVICES
ASCCS/PREQ/034/2025/2028	SUPPLY AND INTALLATION OF TELECOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENTS AND INFRASTRUCTURES, IP PHONES AND REPAIRS
ASCCS/PREQ/035/2025/2028	PROVISION OF LIFT SERVING AND MAINTAINANCE SERVICES
ASCCS/PREQ/036/2025/2028	PROVISION OF WIDOW CLEANING SERVICES
ASCCS/PREQ/037/2025/2028	PROVISION OF GENERATOR MAINTENANCE
ASCCS/PREQ/038/2025/2028	PROVISION OF SANITARY SERVICES
ASCCS/PREQ/039/2025/2028	PROVISION OF IMPLEMENTATION, CONFIGURATION SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE DYNAMICS 365 BUSINESS CENTRAL SYSTEM
ASCCS/PREQ/040/2025/2028	PROVISION OF MARKING OF ASSETS AND TAGGING
3. CONSULTANCY & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	
ASCCS/PREQ/041/2025/2028	PROVISION OF SERVER ROOM HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING SERVICES
ASCCS/PREQ/042/2025/2028	PROVISION FOR BUILDING CONSULTANTS AND CONSTRUCTIONS / ARCHITECTURE / ALUMINUM WORKS
ASCCS/PREQ/043/2025/2028	PROVISION, SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE OF POWER BACKUP SYSTEMS
ASCCS/PREQ/044/2025/2028	PROVISION OF DISASTER RECOVERY SERVICES
ASCCS/PREQ/045/2025/2027	PROVISION OF DATA ANALYTICS SERVICES
ASCCS/PREQ/046/2025/2027	PROVISION OF SACCO'S MEMBER TRAINING AND MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY SERVICES
ASCCS/PREQ/047/2025/2027	PROVISION OF TEAM BUILDING FACILITATION SERVICES
ASCCS/PREQ/048/2025/2027	PROVISION OF IN-HOUSE HUMAN RESOURCE CAPACITY BUILDING
ASCCS/PREQ/049/2025/2027	PROVISION OF AUDIT SERVICES e.g. SYSTEM, ENVIRONMENTAL, OSHA AUDIT, EXTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES (SERVICE PROVIDERS TO INDICATE THE SPECIFIC AREA/S OF SPECIALIZATION)
ASCCS/PREQ/050/2025/2027	PROVISION OF TAX & FINANCIAL CONSULTANCY SERVICES
ASCCS/PREQ/051/2025/2027	PROVISION OF QUANTITY SURVEY SERVICES
ASCCS/PREQ/052/2025/2027	PROVISION OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SERVICES
ASCCS/PREQ/053/2025/2027	PROVISION OF ICT, FINANCIAL FORENSIC INVESTIGATION SERVICES (SERVICE PROVIDERS TO INDICATE THE SPECIFIC AREA/S OF SPECIALIZATION)
ASCCS/PREQ/054/2025/2027	PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES
ASCCS/PREQ/055/2025/2027	PROVISION OF VALUATION AND REVALUATION SERVICES – MOTOR VEHICLE, LAND, FIXED ASSETS AND BUILDING
4. PROVISION OF WORKS	
ASCCS/PREQ/056/2025/2027	PROVISION OF GENERAL CONSTRUCTION WORKS (NOT LIMITED TO) MASONRY, PAINTING, CAPENTRY, PLUMBING, GARDENING AND ELECTRICAL WORKS

Interested suppliers may download forms from our website: www.apstarsacco.coop or collect them physically from our office during working hours (Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5: 00 p.m.). A non-refundable payment of **Ksh. 2,000/= per category should be made at Fosa Banking hall ground floor, Ukulima cooperative House** and attach Bank slip upon return of the form(s).

Duly completed tender documents to be put in plain sealed envelope and clearly marked PREQUALIFICATION OF GOODS, SERVICES AND WORKS INDICATE CATEGORY NUMBER AND NAME "ASCCS/TENDER/PROC/04/2025–2028 and addressed to:
The Chief Executive Officer, Apstar Sacco Society Ltd,
P.O. Box 44071- 00100,
Nairobi.

Please deposit in the tender box located at APSTAR SACCO OFFICES, Ukulima Cooperative House before Wednesday , 8th October 2025 at 12:00am EAST AFRICA TIME.

The Sacco reserves the right to accept or reject any applications.

National News

Legal redress Petitioners will file another civil suit today seeking damages for the loss of lives

Endarasha tragedy: Families sue State over the deaths of 21 boys

Court asked to compel the government to release its findings on the investigation into last year's dorm fire within 30 days

BY MERCY MWENDE

The families of the 21 boys who died in the Hillside Endarasha Academy dormitory fire in September last year have gone to court seeking to compel the government to release its findings on the tragedy within 30 days.

The suit has been filed by 10 out of the affected 21 families alongside the Kenya Human Rights Commission and Elimu Bora Working Group.

They have sued the school, its owners David Kinyua and Mary Wanjeri, the National Education Board, the Nyeri County Director of Education, the Nyeri County Education Board, the Cabinet Secretary for Education as well as the Attorney-General.

Boaz Waruku of Elimu Bora Working Group told *Nation* that the remaining families will be incorporated in the suit later.

"We couldn't get all of them by the time of filing the case because of the paperwork involved. The rest should be able to conclude as soon as possible and will be included. We're not leaving out anyone," he said.

In the constitutional petition filed before the High Court in Nyeri, they want the court to order the National Education Board, county education officials and the Ministry of Education to publicise their investigations report on the cause of the fire.

They are also seeking a comprehensive audit report on the school's fire safety preparedness and compliance.



Parents of the 21 boys who died in the Hillside Endarasha Academy dormitory fire gather at Conso-lata Cathedral Hall in Nyeri County for a memorial service on September 5, 2025. JOSEPH KANYI/NATION

The families accuse the respondents of neglecting their duties, saying their inaction led to the deaths of the 21 learners aged between 10 and 14 in the fire that broke out at about 10pm on September 5, 2024, just days after schools reopened for third term.

Members of the 10 families who lost their children, said that they first learnt about the tragedy from fellow parents, and subsequently, received little information from the authorities.

The government conducted DNA tests to identify the victims, but the families claim that they have never been given the results. Through lawyer Raphael Okubo, they further alleged that they

were compelled to bury their sons on September 26, 2024 or the following day with no option

Despite the government's promise to take swift action and ensure accountability for the fire, nothing of the sort has taken place to date

Lawyer Raphael Okubo



of choosing different dates or mortuaries, despite DNA identification having been completed.

"Despite the government's promise to take swift action and ensure accountability for the fire, nothing of the sort has taken place to date," lawyer Okubo told the court.

The petition referred to a safety audit conducted by the Ministry of Education that revealed most boarding schools were not complying with fire safety regulations.

The families say this amounted to an admission of dereliction of duty on the part of the Cabinet Secretary. The petitioners also point to an audit report released

in September 2020, which painted a grim picture of fire preparedness in schools. They argued that Hillside Endarasha ignored both the safety manual and infrastructure standards.

Lawyer Okubo says that the deaths have caused the families deep emotional, psychological and health problems.

The suit comes just a month after Interior Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen, while speaking at the Jukwaa la Usalama Forum in Nyeri on August 26, announced that the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) had resolved to present the matter to court as an inquest.

However, addressing journalists outside the Nyeri Law Courts yesterday, Mr Okubo said they had not received any official communication from the government regarding the inquest.

"We are yet to receive any communication from the ODPP on the inquest. There have only been rumours, but even so, an inquest is different from our constitutional and civil suits. The law allows both processes to run concurrently, and we believe the route we have taken is the most viable because of the orders we are seeking from the court. An inquest only determines whether someone can be held criminally liable for the fire," he explained.

Mr Okubo said the petitioners will file another civil suit today under the Fatal Accidents Act and the Law Reform Act, seeking damages for the loss of lives.

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Restricted area

KPA workers banned from taking videos and photos while on duty

BY ANTHONY KITIMO

Employees of the Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) have been warned against taking photos or videos at work, following the circulation of images online showing an American military aircraft landing at the Mombasa port terminal.

KPA Manager of Security Services Tony Kibwana, in a notice to workers, said it goes against international practice of securing the restricted facility.

The memo dated September 22, came a few hours after a video of a Bell Boeing V-22 Osprey executing a precision vertical landing at Berth 21 surfaced online.

"The Port of Mombasa and all other port facilities under KPA, including inland container depots, are restricted areas and any photography and videography is prohibited unless under explicit permission and clearance from management. In compliance with the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code, the authority has strategically placed information and warning signs on restrictions of photography and video in these facilities," said Mr Kibwana.

An offence

He warned members of staff and port users who have been using their mobile devices and other electronic media to take photos and videos without clearance to desist, as it is an offence punishable by law.

The video raised questions about the American aircraft's mission at the port. According to reliable sources, six such aircraft are expected to land before September 25. Thereafter, they will be loaded onto a naval ship. However, their destination remains unclear.

The Bell Boeing V-22 Osprey is the world's first production aircraft to utilise tilt-rotor technology. This technology allows the V-22 to take off and land vertically like a helicopter.

It has a combination of helicopter and aeroplane features. It is the first rotorcraft designed to meet the requirements of four agencies: the Marine Corps, the Air Force, the Navy and the Special Operations Command.

Kenya has played a key role in peacekeeping missions worldwide, including collaborating with the US and other governments globally.

Uasu wants Mbadi, Ogamba jailed over pay row

BY LYNETH IGADWAH AND RICHARD MUNGUTI

University lecturers want three Cabinet secretaries to be jailed for failing to implement orders by the Employment and Labour Relations Court on their salary review.

The Universities Academic Staff Union (Uasu) called for the imprisonment of Education Cabinet Julius Ogamba, Treasury CS John Mbadi, and Labour CS Alfred Mutua for the "blatant defiance of court orders".

Also listed are Attorney-General Dorcas Oduor, Salaries and Remuneration Commission Chief Executive Officer Margaret Njoka, Inter-Public Universities Councils Consultative Forum Chairperson Prof Fred Simiyu Barasa as well as the consultative forum's secretary, Prof Daniel Mugendi.

Uasu, which filed the case, also called the strike by the lecturers which began last Wednesday.

In the suit filed by Uasu lawyer, Mr Titus Koceyo, the union said the top government officials failed to implement payment of Phase II arrears of the 2021-2025 collective bargaining agreement (CBA) amounting to Sh2.73 billion.

Mr Koceyo told Justice Stephen Radido that the officials had also failed to fully implement the 2017-2021 CBA, de-

spite a judgment delivered on July 3, 2020.

Mr Koceyo said that the court had directed the salaries commission to work together with the Inter-Public Universities Councils Consultative Forum Implementation Committee, the Ministry of Education, and the Treasury to make provisions for additional budgetary allocation for implementation of the CBAs.

Uasu further accuses the government officials of failing to negotiate, conclude, register, and implement the 2025-2029 national CBA, contrary to the law and the recognition agreement signed on October 28, 2019, between the union and the consultative forum.

The union now wants Justice Radido to compel Mr Ogamba, Mr Mbadi, Dr Mutua, Prof Mugendi, Ms Oduor, Ms Njoka, and Prof Barasa to personally appear in court on October 6, to explain why they should not be jailed for six months for openly defying a court order.

"That the alleged contemnors be punished for contempt of court by committal to civil jail for a period not exceeding six months, or be directed to pay a fine of Sh200,000 each, in accordance with the law," Uasu states in the suit papers.

The union is also challenging a declaration by Justice Radido, terming the lecturers' strike illegal, following Mr Ogamba's announcement confirming the release of Sh2.73 billion in pending salary arrears.

Uasu argues that the announcement created the impression that "this dispute is now spent and settled, with no pending issues to be determined by a conciliator upon release of the funds."

In the suit, Inter-Public Universities Councils Consultative Forum has been named as the respondent, while the Ministry of Education, National Treasury, the salaries commission, and the Ministry of Labour are listed as interested parties.

In his supporting affidavit, Uasu Secretary-General Dr Constantine Wasonga notes that the union is dissatisfied with the order by the Employment and Labour Relations Court given that the consultative forum procured it through deliberate concealment of facts.

The union says the matter had been litigated all the way to the Court of Appeal, adding that a conciliator cannot rewrite a duly registered CBA or overturn a legal opinion issued by the Attorney-General.



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KAJIADO

KAJIADO COUNTY ASSEMBLY
P.O BOX 94-01100, KAJIADO



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FORUMS ON THE KAJIADO COUNTY ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR FY 2026 - 2027.

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 196(1) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, and Section 126 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, the Kajiado County Assembly will facilitate public participation forums on the Kajiado County Annual Development Plan for FY 2026 - 2027 as per the schedule below;

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE FOR THE KAJIADO COUNTY ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR FY 2026/2027

NO.	DATE	SUB-COUNTY	WARD	VENUE	TIME
1.	Wednesday 1 st October, 2025	Kajiado East	Kitengela/ Oloosirkon	African Inland Church (A.I.C) Ereteti	10:00 AM
			Kaputiei North	Isinya Multipurpose Social Hall	2:00 PM
2.	Thursday 2 nd October, 2025	Kajiado Central	Matapato North & Matapato South	Matapato South Ward MCA Office - Namanga	10:00 AM
			Purko	Anglican Church of Kenya (A.C.K) St. Michael-Kumpa	2:00 PM
3.	Friday 3 rd October, 2025	Kajiado West	Iloodokilani	Iloodokilani Ward MCA Office - Mile 46	10:00 AM
		Kajiado Central	Dalalekutuk & Ildamat	Kajiado Open Air Market	2:00 PM
4.	Monday 6 th October, 2025	Kajiado East	Imaroro/ Kenyawa Poka	Imaroro Ward MCA Office - Mashuuru	10:00 AM
		Kajiado South	Imbirikani	Free Pentecostal Fellowship in Kenya (FPFK) Church, Nabulaa	2:00 PM
5.	Tuesday 7 th October, 2025	Kajiado South	Rombo	Rombo Ward MCA Office - Rombo	10:00 AM
			Kuku	Catholic Church, Inkisanchani	2:00 PM
6.	Wednesday 8 th October, 2025	Kajiado West	Entonet- Lenkisim	Entonet - Lenkisim Ward MCA Office - Olchorro	10:00 AM
		Kajiado Central	Kimana	Kimana Social Hall	2:00 PM
7.	Thursday 9 th October, 2025	Kajiado West	Ewuaso Oonkidongi & Mosiro	Ewuaso Oonkidongi MCA Office - Ewuaso	10:00 AM
9.	Monday 13 th October, 2025	Kajiado West	Magadi	Gospel Recovery Centre International (GRCI) Church - Naserian	10:00 AM
			Keekonyokie	Chief's Camp - Oltinka	2:00 PM
10.	Tuesday 14 th October, 2025	Kajiado North	Ngong	NG-CDF Hall - Ngong	10:00 AM
			Olkeri	Chief's Camp Nkoroi	2:00 PM
11.	Wednesday 15 th October, 2025	Kajiado North	Oloolua	Embulbul Open-Air Market	10:00 AM
			Ongata Rongai/ Nkaimurunya	St. Mary's Catholic Church - Nkaimurunya	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 Annual Development Plan can be obtained from the Office of the Clerk of the County Assembly during official working hours. Soft copies of the Annual Development Plan can be downloaded from www.kajiadoassembly.go.ke. The plan will also be available at the forums. Written memoranda may be submitted through info@kajiadoassembly.go.ke.

Leboo Saisa
Clerk, County Assembly of Kajiado



NAKURU WATER AND SANITATION SERVICES COMPANY (NAWASSCO)

Enriching Life

JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NAKURU

Nakuru Water and Sanitation Services Company Ltd (NAWASSCO) is a Company established under the Companies Act (Cap 486, Laws of Kenya) and is wholly owned by the County Government of Nakuru. The objectives of the Company are broadly and extensively formulated in the Memorandum and Articles of Association and cover a wide range of activities directly related to or associated with the provision of water and sanitation services within Nakuru East and Nakuru West Sub counties and its environs in the City of Nakuru. The Company is seeking to fill the following Positions with individuals who are customer service oriented, qualified and experienced and who seek to be part of a result oriented team.

RECR/HR/01/2025: LABORATORY TECHNOLOGIST/HEAD OF LABORATORY SERVICES

Job Purpose

Management and Strategic direction of all aspects of the laboratory, ensuring availability of adequate resources while applying cutting edge technology and developing appropriate analytical techniques to produce water quality data and information that ensure water quality monitoring and compliance meet national and international standards in-line with the strategic objectives of Nakuru Water and Sanitation Services Company.

Knowledge, Skills and Experience Required

- Degree in analytical Chemistry OR Biochemistry OR Microbiology qualification from a recognized institution.
- At least Five (5) Years' progressive experience in water and waste water quality monitoring and two (2) years in Managerial role.
- ISO/IEC 17025 Certification will be added advantage.
- Have demonstrated ability, initiative and competence in performing the duties of a Technologist.
- Have shown high integrity and sense of responsibility in performing duties.
- Computer literacy and familiarity with standard office computer application.
- Ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines.

Key Duties and Responsibilities

- Lead and provide day-to-day management to the Laboratory Staff, ensuring effective team performance, project delivery, and high-quality service to clients.
- Planning and implementing water and waste water quality monitoring programmes.
- Maintaining required laboratory standards.
- Plan, Manage and support Laboratory staff through regular meetings, performance appraisals, coaching, and career development initiatives.
- Provide technical, scientific, and regulatory support across laboratory teams to ensure compliance with industry standards and best practices.
- Implement process excellence initiatives to improve laboratory operations, increase productivity, and reduce costs.
- Develop and implement monitoring programs for raw water quality, drinking water surveillance and waste water to confirm efficiency and effectiveness in treatment processes.
- Establish relevant parameters for testing to assess the quality of the water and waste water from the water and sewage treatment plants respectively plus industrial effluents.
- Prepare monthly and quarterly reports.
- Ensure compliance with ISO/IEC 17025 or relevant accreditation standards.
- Regular Maintenance and calibration of Laboratory Equipment.
- Develop, Plan and implement a marketing and outreach plan for the laboratory.
- Identify target markets and new business opportunities for the Laboratory.
- Set and achieve monthly/quarterly revenue targets.
- Operate analytical instrumentation in the analysis of metals.
- Adhere to any required quality control procedures specified in the quality management system and satisfactory analysis on unknown samples as documented according to Water Quality Testing Laboratory's test methods.
- Adhere to health, safety and security rules and regulations at all times.
- Any other duties that may be assigned from time to time.

Contract Terms: 3 years Renewable

RECR/HR/2/2025: WATER PRODUCTION ENGINEER

Job Purpose

To co-ordinate water production and Electro-Mechanical operations efficiently and in a cost effective manner in-line with the strategic objectives of Nakuru Water and Sanitation Services Company.

Knowledge, Skills and Experience Required

- Degree in Water Engineering OR Civil Engineering OR Mechatronic Engineering from a recognized Institution.
- Five (5) Years Progressive experience in relevant field - two (2) must be in senior management.
- Proficiency in Water Quality Analysis and Preventative Maintenance of Pumps and other electronic equipment OR: Higher National Diploma in Civil Engineering OR Mechatronic Engineering with seven (7) years Progressive experience in relevant field - (3 must be in senior management).
- Proficiency in Water Quality Analysis and Preventative Maintenance of Pumps and other electronic equipment.
- Water Operators Training with KEWI will be an added advantage.
- Computer proficiency with a working knowledge of office applications.
- Good analytical & presentation skills.
- Good interpersonal and communication skills.

Key Duties and Responsibilities

- Carry out on schedule PPM programs for all the electro-mechanical plant.
- Prepare work schedules, performance appraisals, job cards and supervise staff.
- Ensure that spares are collected from stores and work teams or staff are provided with required tool and accessories to carry out their tasks effectively.
- Ensure work done meets the required standards.
- Help in preparation of bills of quantities for internal and external works/projects.
- Assist in the inspection of stores deliveries to ensure procurement of proper quantity and quality of material.
- Assist the technical manager in inspection of outsourced work or any capital works and ensure that the completed works conform to the required standard (IEE regulations).
- Ensure sound occupational health and safety practices are maintained for all activities in the section.
- Prepare daily, weekly and monthly maintenance reports and submit to the Water Technical manager.
- Keep proper inventory of all electromechanical equipment and plants and maintain proper maintenance records.
- Ensure that all the activities and programs are cost effective to achieve the overall Company objectives.
- Prepare the draft budget for the section.
- Assist in efficient operation of production wells and water treatment plants.
- Plan and supervise Water Operators.
- Assist in the implementation of operational procedures and guidelines for water production systems.
- Ensure that good quality water that meets national standards are produced and that water production targets are achieved on a daily basis.
- Request for water production inputs e.g. chemicals etc. from stores and responsible for their proper utilization and safety.
- Monitor water treatment processes and ensure water treatment chemicals are applied optimally.
- Assist in Ensuring security of the plant and water treatment systems.
- Reports all plant breakdowns or malfunctions to the technical manager.
- Assist and Follow up maintenance of broken down equipment and plants with the responsible officers.
- Keep proper operational records for all production plants.
- Prepare daily, weekly and monthly reports on production and chemical usage. These shall be sent to the technical manager.
- In liaison with the technical manager, Assess infrastructural needs of the Production Facilities.
- Ensure sound occupational health and safety practices are maintained for all activities in the section.
- Ensure cleanliness at all water production sites.
- Any other duties that may be assigned from time to time.

Contract Terms: 3 years Renewable

RECR/HR/3/2025: GIS ASSISTANT

Job Purpose

Capturing, storing, maintaining, analysing and displaying/disseminating water utility assets and any other related info & data of spatial nature.

Knowledge, Skills and Experience Required

- Degree in GIS & Remote sensing from a recognized institution.
- At least 3 years' active experience in using GIS for Water applications.
- Conversant with GIS software (ArcGIS PRO, ArcGIS ONLINE, QGIS).
- Conversant with remote sensing software (ERDAS, ENVI, SNAP).
- Conversant with data collection tools (Kobo collect, Field maps, Survey123, QField, Workforce, SW Maps, RTK).
- Programming (Python, HTML & CSS, R).
- Good analytical & presentation Skills.
- Good interpersonal and Communication skills.

Key Duties & Responsibilities

- Performing data capture and analysis of GIS product and interpret spatial and Geographic data for use.
- Create and maintain detailed maps of water infrastructure, including pipes, valves, hydrants, reservoirs, treatment plants, and pump stations. This allows for better visualization and management of assets.
- Ensure all Geospatial data and metadata is created, stored, organized and maintained according to corporate standards, and consistent with GIS industry best practice.
- Maintaining updated GIS databases and utilizing the GIS software to analyse the spatial and non-spatial information in the database.
- Establishing and ensuring adherence to spatial data structure and standards for the company utility assets.
- Help track the condition and maintenance history of water assets, making it easier to schedule repairs, upgrades, or replacements, ultimately extending the lifespan of infrastructure.
- Identify obstacles related to the collection, analysis, and dissemination of information and develop appropriate improvement strategies.
- Analyzing the water distribution network and sanitation infrastructures to identify inefficiencies, such as areas with low pressure, high leakage rates, and weaknesses within the system. This kind of analysis will help in optimizing water and sanitation systems and ensuring consistent service to customers.
- Design, program, or model Geographic Information Systems (GIS) applications to perform digital manipulation of topographic information by querying, viewing, evaluating, and downloading digital data.
- Assist users in formulating Geographic Information Systems (GIS) requirements or understanding the implications of alternatives or procedures.
- Carry out any GIS-relevant needs within projects.
- Any other duties that may be assigned from time to time.

Contract Terms: 3 years Renewable

RECR/HR/4/2025: ELECTRICIAN

Job Purpose

To ensure effective and efficient electrical services in all installations.

Knowledge, Skills and Experience Required

- Diploma in Electrical Engineering OR Electronics Engineering OR Mechatronic Engineering from a recognized Institution.
- At least three (3) years' progressive experience in the relevant field with at least one year's experience at supervisory level.
- Should be licensed holder minimum C2 as per EPRA requirement.
- Be very conversant with measuring instruments like insulation resistance testers, multimeters, thermal scanners, earth insulation resistance tester, etc.
- Have adequate knowledge remote monitoring systems in-line the new upcoming Technology.
- Have to be a champion of green energy systems management and monitoring.
- Have to be excellent in the use of hand and powered tools as well as specified diagnostic equipment.
- Should be excellent in problem solving through troubleshooting skills.
- Computer literacy and familiarity with standard office computer applications.
- Excellent interpersonal & communication skills.
- Ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines.

Key Duties & Responsibilities

- To ensure continuous availability of a balanced electrical power supply.
- Analyse reports from the ground and feedback.
- To ensure that equipment are in good working condition all the time.
- To recommend use of electrical machines that are economical and power saving.
- To carry out trouble shooting and repairs using right standards of material.
- To carry out new installations as per IEE regulations and tie schedules.
- To assist the electro/mechanical superintendent in preparation of working to implement safety and security.
- Ensure zero incidences of injuries resulting from improper use of protective devices and tools and not following precautions.
- Safe custody of tools and equipment under him and report loss of tools and equipment.
- To conform to IEE regulations.
- Precision in every task necessary to prevent costly errors. Ensure quality installations that meet safety standards.
- To ensure strong mathematical and analytical skills for precise measurements calculations and evaluation of data.
- To ensure strong Technical skills with deep understanding of electrical theory.
- To understand Technical plans and blueprints allowing for accurate installation of Circuits, outlets panel boards.
- To maintain and interpret manuals and plant related to his work.
- Adhere to health, safety and security rules to his work.
- Any other duties that may be assigned from time to time.

Contract Terms: 3 years Renewable

RECR/5/2025: WATER OPERATOR

Job Purpose

Responsible for water treatment and proper functioning of the pumping equipment to avoid interruption of supply.

Knowledge, Skills and Experience Required

- A/O Level Certificate
- Certificate in Water Engineering
- Computer literate
- Interpersonal and communication skills
- Ability to work under pressure

Key Duties & Responsibilities

- Responsible daily operations of the water treatment works/production sites while on duty and maintain operational records i.e. inflow and outflow meter reading, reservoir valve regulations, electricity, down-time, repairs/ services done chemical usage, analytical etc.
- To report on any irregularities in the stations, transmission rising/gravity mains and makes corrective measures
- To perform daily chemical tests to meet water quality standards eg chlorine, PH, turbidity, Jar test etc.
- To maintain equipment, pumps and apparatus in good working condition.
- To undertake backwashing and desludging operations
- To conduct educational tours
- To administer optimum chemical dosing strength and flow rate at all times to meet set quality standards
- Any other related duties as may be assigned from time to time.
- Responsible for safety of tools, equipment, apparatus and plant while on duty
- Ensure proper functioning of pumping equipment in order to avoid any interruption of supply/operations.
- To monitor reservoir levels and ensure adequate supply at all time
- To ensure general cleanliness of the dosing facilities, control rooms and booster station where applicable.
- Adhere to health, safety and security rules and regulations at all times
- Any other duties that may be assigned from time to time.

Contract Terms: 3 years Renewable

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National News

Press freedom Records show that police officers are the main perpetrators of violence against journalists

Media regulator seeking Sh1.5bn for monitoring tool

Council says AI-powered tool will be key to checking vernacular language stations

BY SAMWEL OWINO

The Media Council of Kenya is seeking Sh1.5 billion for an artificial intelligence-powered media monitoring tool, even as it emerged that 90 per cent of media outlets in the country are struggling to pay salaries.

At a meeting with the National Assembly Committee on Communication, Information and Innovation, the council informed lawmakers that it needs to upgrade its monitoring system to ensure that no licensed entity operates outside ethical oversight.

Mr David Omwoyo, the council's chief executive officer, told the committee that there are currently 250 television stations in the country, some of which broadcast in vernacular languages.

"The current media monitoring

function, without significant enhancement, is demonstrably insufficient to effectively oversee all licensed media enterprises across the country," Mr Omwoyo said.

"This critical gap necessitates an urgent and strategic investment in an advanced media monitoring system capable of comprehensive and real-time coverage to ensure no licensed entity operates outside our ethical oversight," he added.

According to Mr Omwoyo, the new system will facilitate the real-time identification of any unethical conduct by media entities, especially those broadcasting in vernacular languages.

Currently, he said, the council has 37 media analysts who monitor all media outlets and bring any unethical conduct to the attention of the management.

It also emerged during the meeting that 90 per cent of media outlets are operating at a loss and cannot meet their basic financial obligations. The situation is so dire that Mr Omwoyo said most media outlets cannot even pay their electricity bills and some cannot pay their journalists' salaries.

"Less than 10 per cent of the media houses are operating optimally, 90 per cent of the media houses cannot even pay their license fee and remit statutory deductions," Mr Omwoyo said.

He attributed the situation to the proliferation of media houses in the country.

"We overcrowded the market

90%

Of media houses are unable to pay their journalists as well as other basic financial obligations

sometimes because of excitement and political reasons. We rolled out the licensing without a clear policy. We have a lot of clearing to do," Mr Omwoyo said.

He cited a community with nine clans that now has 42 vernacular TV stations serving it.

"In this place, there are more TV stations than the number of clans. It's like each clan wants its own station," Mr Omwoyo said.

On press freedom, the council stated that, up to September 2025, it had documented 84 cases of press freedom violations across the country. Documents presented to the committee show that 56 of the cases were physical assaults on journalists, which occurred during anti-government protests and political events.

Some 16 cases involved intimidation and threats, while eight cases involved censorship and denial of access to information. During the review period, three journalists were arrested and one was abducted.

Male journalists accounted for



Media Council of Kenya CEO David Omwoyo during a function in Nairobi on April 3. LUCY WANJIRU | NATION

65 of the assault cases, while their female counterparts accounted for 19.

According to the report, the police were the main perpetrators of violence against journalists, with 65 members of the press suffering at their hands. Meanwhile, 28 cases of assault were carried out by hired thugs and goons.

A total of 15 journalists were

harmed by government officials, including Cabinet secretaries and county government officials, while protesters harmed three journalists.

Other perpetrators include head teachers with three cases; politicians with two cases; and a governor and magistrate.

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Murder mystery The bodies of the child and her grandmother are lying at Murang'a Level Five Hospital mortuary

Family reeling after deaths of toddler and her grandmother

The double tragedy has devastated Ms Wanjiku and exposed the community to the harsh reality of violent crimes

BY MWANGI MUIRURI

In just seven months, grief has struck twice at the home of Ms Florence Wanjiku in Maragua town, Murang'a County.

Her three-year-old daughter, Elizabeth Wamaitha, was brutally murdered and dumped in a river.

Before the family could recover, her 60-year-old mother, also named Elizabeth Wamaitha, was found dead last week in Mariki Dam under suspicious circumstances.

The double tragedy has devastated Ms Wanjiku and exposed the community to the harsh reality of violent crimes that remain unresolved.

A postmortem conducted on February 10, 2025 by pathologist Waithera Mbau at Murang'a Level Five Hospital mortuary revealed that the toddler had been hit on the head with a blunt object.

She bore bruises around her eyes and neck, and her body showed evidence of defilement. Multiple injuries were found on her private parts.

The report further established that she was already dead before being dumped in the river, as no water was detected in her lungs, trachea or oesophagus.

Ms Wanjiku recalls feeding her daughter at 2pm on the day she disappeared.

The postmortem placed the time of death within four hours of that meal. "Just as I thought I was beginning to heal, my mother was found dead in Mariki Dam on September 22," she told *Nation*.



Florence Wanjiku (left) holds a portrait of her late daughter, Elizabeth Wamaitha, who was murdered on February 9, 2025. On September 22, 2025, her mother, also named Elizabeth Wamaitha (right), was found dead in Mariki Dam in Maragua town, Murang'a County. MWANGI MUIRURI | NATION

Maragua Senior Assistant County Commissioner Joshua Okello said the elderly woman was last seen on September 20 at Gachagi estate, where she lived.

"It is not yet clear what transpired in her final moments. Only a postmortem will reveal how she

died and guide our next investigative steps," he said.

Ms Wamaitha, Mr Okello added, had been battling depression since her granddaughter's murder and had a history of mental illness. Investigators were therefore considering both murder



AT A GLANCE

Questions left unanswered as child murdered

Florence Wanjiku's three-year-old daughter, Elizabeth Wamaitha, was brutally murdered and dumped in a river. Before the family could recover, her 60-year-old mother, also named Elizabeth Wamaitha, was found dead last week in Mariki Dam under suspicious circumstances.

what punishment, for what sin or mistake, and what atonement? If ever there was a time I needed God to renew my faith, it is now." She maintained her family had no disputes that could have provoked such violence. "My family is humble. We are not in shady deals and we hold no grudges. Our net worth is negligible. These tragedies leave us wondering: who is targeting us?"

Her 73-year-old uncle, Mr James Mburu, voiced his frustration. "Society and government seem to have conspired against us, leaving us in endless mourning. After little Wamaitha's murder, police promised no stone would be left unturned. Seven months later, no arrests have been made. Just as we had given up on jus-

tice, the elder Wamaitha is murdered," he said. Mr Mburu accused authorities of normalising murder by failing to apprehend suspects. "When killers are not arrested and graves keep multiplying, it reflects failure of government."

National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) member Wambui Nyutu described the killings as "too much pain for one family." Maragua MP Mary wa Maua said unresolved murders were tarnishing the government's image.

"I demand security as a right for my people. It is time we audited investigative failures. My constituency has become synonymous with gruesome murders that never get resolved," she said.

She cited the December 19, 2024 house fire at Gakoigo shopping centre, where four children died in an eight-by-eight-foot iron-sheet structure they called home.

Maragua Residents and Business Community Welfare Association coordinator, Mr Mohammed Maluki, accused police of chronic failure.

"We have been patient for too long. Police must now show us the faces of Maragua's killers. Let the DCI provide a register of all reported murders in the past five years and a catalogue of those resolved," he demanded.

However, Maragua Directorate of Criminal Investigations chief John Kanda defended his officers.

"We are working hard. All cases remain active, and when suspects are arrested, they will face justice. We urge the public to share any information that may help," Mr Kanda stated.

But Ms Maua dismissed his assurances as empty words.

"Enough is enough. We demand urgent action, not promises."

The two bodies, those of the child and her grandmother, now lie at Murang'a Level Five Hospital mortuary, grim reminders of a family caught in an endless cycle of grief. For Ms Wanjiku, the question remains: why her family, and why twice?

Outrage as Njoro teachers humiliate student in row over undergarments

BY MERCY KOSKEI

For Ms Eveline (not her real name), school was meant to be a safe haven for her daughters — a place to learn, dream and grow. On Tuesday, that hope was shattered. Her two daughters returned home traumatised after an ordeal at Kenana Primary School in Njoro, Nakuru County, leaving them too embarrassed to attend class.

Ms Eveline prepared her Grade Four daughter for school as usual, after her elder sister had already left home. Four hours later, her eldest arrived in tears, recounting a humiliating experience she and her younger sister had suffered at the hands of teachers.

According to Ms Eveline, a female teacher scolded the younger girl for wearing a plain trouser under her uniform to stay warm on a cold morning. The teacher al-

legedly ordered the child to remove it and dragged her to the staffroom. There, in front of more than 20 colleagues, including male teachers, the minor was paraded and mocked. The teacher allegedly announced that the girl had not worn undergarments, leaving her humiliated.

The elder daughter, a Grade Nine pupil, was soon drawn into the situation.

A teacher reportedly demanded to know whether she, too, had worn undergarments, while some male staff members allegedly volunteered to buy them for her.

"She came home crying, asking if her sister was safe. I was shocked — I thought something terrible had happened," Ms Eveline said. "As a mother, it broke me. I send my children to school expecting them to be safe, but they were stripped of their dignity. The teachers could have sent them home instead of humiliating them."

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Distressed parent



The extreme manner in which a minor uniform violation was handled has left both daughters refusing to return to school, citing fear and embarrassment.

On Thursday, Ms Eveline, accompanied by a neighbour, reported the incident to

the deputy head teacher, who said she had not been at school that day and was unaware of the events. The head teacher promised to follow up and "handle the matter internally."

"The fact that male teachers volunteered to buy her undergarments left her ashamed. The deputy dismissed us, questioning why my neighbour was involved since she is not a parent at the school," Ms Eveline said.

The elder daughter recounted her own ordeal.

"Two teachers found me outside the classroom and asked why my sister was not wearing undergarments. They asked how many my mother owns before taking me to the staffroom. In front of other teachers, they laughed at me. That broke me. I am just a child. They even wanted to strip me to confirm, but I ran away. I am about to sit my exams, but I don't think I

will ever go back to that school."

Ms Eveline's immediate concern is restoring her daughters' confidence and persuading them to resume school.

The incident has provoked outrage among local parents, many accusing the school of failing to protect learners from humiliation. Neighbour Deborah Chepkemoi said the girls had already missed classes due to stigma.

"The teachers could have called the parents instead of embarrassing the children. We send our children to school to learn, not to be shamed. We want them to walk into class with their heads held high, not in fear," she said.

Njoro Sub-county Director of Education George Karangu said the matter had not been formally reported to his office. He urged parents to do so, assuring that the ministry would guide them on the next steps.

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SHA and the mirage of universal healthcare

There is a glimmer of hope in President William Ruto's recent statement at a public rally that Kenyans will contribute "what they can afford" for health cover. It reflects, if only implicitly, an appreciation that contributions to financing universal health coverage must be fair, based on what people can pay, rather than a set amount pegged to proof of income or employment status.

Health equity and financing experts have been criticising the government's means testing approach to expanding the Social Health Authority (SHA) registration throughout the past year. They argue that health care purchasing needs to be financed through taxes primarily, and then citizens' contributions can be prorated on ability to pay, not penalising the working class or making access dependent on proving one's income or work status.

The principle behind means-testing lies in its ability to distribute subsidies effectively while promoting equitable access. But the system unfairly penalises informal workers whose income cannot be verified while creating additional obstacles for the poorest households that struggle to handle bureaucratic procedures. It also maintains a dual system that limits protection to people who qualify under State-defined criteria. Far from a "levelling of the playing field", such mechanisms serve only to cement existing inequalities that universal health coverage is supposed to end.

As long as SHA is not anchored in the actual fundamentals of social health insurance—solidarity risk pooling, predictable subsidies for the vulnerable and financing that leverages but also goes beyond payroll contributions—then progress on health coverage will be limited, fragile and unfair.

Kenya is not the first country to confront these questions. The World Health Organization has been making the argument for years that social health insurance functions as a potential avenue towards achieving universal health coverage, rather than being an ultimate objective. The label matters less than whether

Tethering access to contributions entrenches inequality by excluding precisely those who need care the most. Worse, those left out will continue to rely on catastrophic out-of-pocket payments



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the system produces better health outcomes, less inequality and fair financing.

Experience from mature insurance systems shows that no modern country finances health care exclusively through payroll deductions. Even in Europe's storied "Bismarckian" systems, general tax revenues have now been layered on top of contributions. Health needs and labour market changes combined with demographic shifts make payroll tax deductions inadequate for maintaining sufficient funding. The Kenyan system of payroll deductions may lead to persistent funding shortages resulting in overwhelming direct payments or increasing debt levels.

At the same time, SHA enshrines a transactional view of health care: a package of benefits to be delivered pegged on your contribution. Yet, health is not a commodity but a right and a public good. Tethering access to contributions entrenches inequality by excluding precisely those who need care the most. Worse, those left out will continue to rely on catastrophic out-of-pocket payments, perpetuating the very inequities SHA claims to solve.

Successful healthcare systems align financing mod-

els with local realities while widely distributing risk and providing funding support to the vulnerable population as well as merging contribution-based payments with tax-based funding mechanisms. Rwanda's experience with community-based schemes is a prime example. South Africa's failed attempt with social health insurance is another classical example; after years of technical committees, the model never gained traction because it did not remedy the deep inequalities in society, nor did it generate broad support. Kenya is on the brink of the same if it forges ahead without facing the structural facts on the ground.

If this government is serious about universal health coverage, it must move beyond political slogans and embrace a pragmatic mix of financing. Health financing cannot be built around contributions alone. General revenues through taxation must be the bedrock. Taxation shares risk more equitably, captures revenues from the informal economy, and avoids penalising workers in the dwindling formal sector.

Government promises of subsidies for the vulnerable must also be ring-fenced and predictable. Rwanda's example has shown that targeted subsidies, when supported by political will, can increase coverage in low-resource settings. At the same time, Kenya must integrate schemes instead of creating parallel structures. The country already has a patchwork of funds for civil servants, the military, and now SHA. Instead of creating another silo, resources should be pooled to maximise efficiency and equity.

Insurance, of course, is meaningless if there are no drugs in clinics, or doctors in hospitals. Financing reforms must be accompanied by investments in infrastructure, workforce and supply chains. And above all, the government must build public trust. Citizens will not support a system that they do not trust. Transparent management, defined benefit packages, and rigorous regulation of providers are non-negotiable.

This government can either continue to chase the mirage of contributory schemes that exclude the majority, or it can embrace a more inclusive vision of universal health coverage rooted in solidarity and fairness. As citizens, we must demand more than recycled announcements. We must insist that every shilling mobilised for health is pooled fairly, spent transparently, and delivers care where it is needed most. Because in the end, the true measure of any health system is not how much it collects, but whether it ensures that no Kenyan is left behind when sickness strikes.

The writer is a medical doctor and lawyer.

Digital inclusion key for women-led MSMEs

Micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) are the heartbeat of Kenya's economy. They employ over 80 per cent of the workforce and contribute a third of GDP.

According to a 2024 report by Safaricom and FSD Kenya, the country has 7.4 million MSMEs, providing livelihoods for almost 14.9 million Kenyans—over 90 per cent of the labour force. Women are at the heart of this story. Nearly half of Kenya's MSMEs are women-led, making them one of the most vibrant entrepreneurial communities on the continent.

Yet these businesses remain disproportionately small, informal and underfunded. Unlocking their potential is not only about fairness, but also about driving Kenya's inclusive economic transformation.

Women entrepreneurs face layered challenges. More than 60 per cent of women-owned MSMEs are unregistered, excluding them from government procurement opportunities. Women receive 30 per cent less credit than men, and only 7 per cent have access to formal financing. With just 1 per cent of land titles in women's hands, collateral remains elusive. As a result, women-owned enterprises earn just 57 per cent of the income of male-owned ones, employ fewer workers and are more likely to close within five years.

The digital divide deepens these inequalities. Only 35 per cent of women in Kenya use mobile internet compared to 50 per cent of men. For every 100 young men with digital skills, only 65 young women have the same competencies.

The Safaricom and FSD Kenya report highlights two critical challenges MSMEs face: limited access to mar-

E-commerce marketplaces such as Jumia and Masoko are integrating women into regional supply chains



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kets and lack of working capital. Both can be addressed through technology.

With training in e-commerce, digital payments and social media marketing, women-led MSMEs can expand their reach far beyond local boundaries. Already, platforms like Instagram, WhatsApp Business and TikTok are enabling women to reach customers nationwide. E-commerce marketplaces such as Jumia and Masoko are integrating women into regional supply chains. Digital tools also help businesses to compete on value rather than price. Customer relationship management systems, data analytics and targeted marketing strengthen customer relationships and build loyalty, essential in highly competitive markets.

Capital remains the biggest stumbling block. Nearly one in three MSMEs close due to lack of working capital. For women, the financing gap is even more severe. Here, digital credit scoring offers a way out. By analysing mobile money transactions, e-commerce sales and utility bills, lenders can build fairer credit profiles without demanding collateral. This expands access to fi-

nance and encourages women to formalise operations and adopt digital payments, strengthening their long-term resilience.

Encouraging signs of progress are emerging. Earlier this year, a Kenyan team won the Women in Technology Award at the 2025 Huawei Global ICT Competition in Shenzhen, China, a powerful demonstration of what happens when girls are equipped with digital skills. Out of the 12 Kenyan students who represented the country, four were young women, the highest number yet. At the inaugural roadshow at PC Kinyanjui Technical Training Institute held recently, the near 50-50 gender turnout was equally promising. Kenya is building this pipeline through initiatives such as the government-backed Jitume Labs giving young people free access to computers, internet and digital training. For many women entrepreneurs and students, these labs are the first step into the digital economy.

But transformation requires deliberate investment in digital inclusion—affordable internet access, targeted training for women and girls, inclusive innovation ecosystems and financing solutions that recognise women's realities. Public-private partnerships must expand training programmes, integrate digital credit scoring into financing systems, and create accessible platforms where women entrepreneurs can thrive.

By closing the gender gap in digital access and financing, Kenya can unlock the full potential of its 7.4 million MSMEs, turning resilience into growth and survival into sustainability.

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Move firmly to solve SHA medical crisis

The Social Health Insurance Fund (SHIF), which was expected to radically improve access to quality and affordable healthcare for the majority of Kenyans, has nearly a year since its roll-out stirred more controversy than it has achieved success.

Initially, there were logistical challenges that the Social Health Authority (SHA) encountered, with suggestions that the new technological system may have been rushed. Fully paid-up members transferred from the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) had to fork out cash to get medical treatment.

Then, some private hospitals were accused of siphoning billions out of the SHA, with Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale axing a number of them for fraud. But the problems seem to be intensifying despite assurances by President William Ruto and CS Duale that the SHA will deliver on its mandate to boost access to healthcare.

Instead, most health facilities have not received payments from the State insurer for over a year. It is even worse for the private hospitals, which are still owed a whopping Sh33 billion for treating Kenyans under the NHIF, which was last October replaced with the SHIF.

Now, members of the Rural Urban Private Hospitals Association (Rupha) have warned that they will not treat teachers and police officers when they transition from their current insurer to the SHA in December. They are demanding cash payments from other patients using the SHA cover over the failure by the government to settle their claims. The association is opposed the migration of teachers' and the police's medical schemes to SHA in December until the Medical Administrators Kenya Limited and Minet settle all their outstanding debts. It issued a 14-day notice to the authority a fortnight ago.

The association also wants CS Duale to reverse the rejection of its members' Sh10.6 billion in claims it says were valid. The government can no longer ignore the SHA crisis. It should prioritise the settling of debts, as many patients suffer while hospitals demand cash upfront. This healthcare mess must be cleared.

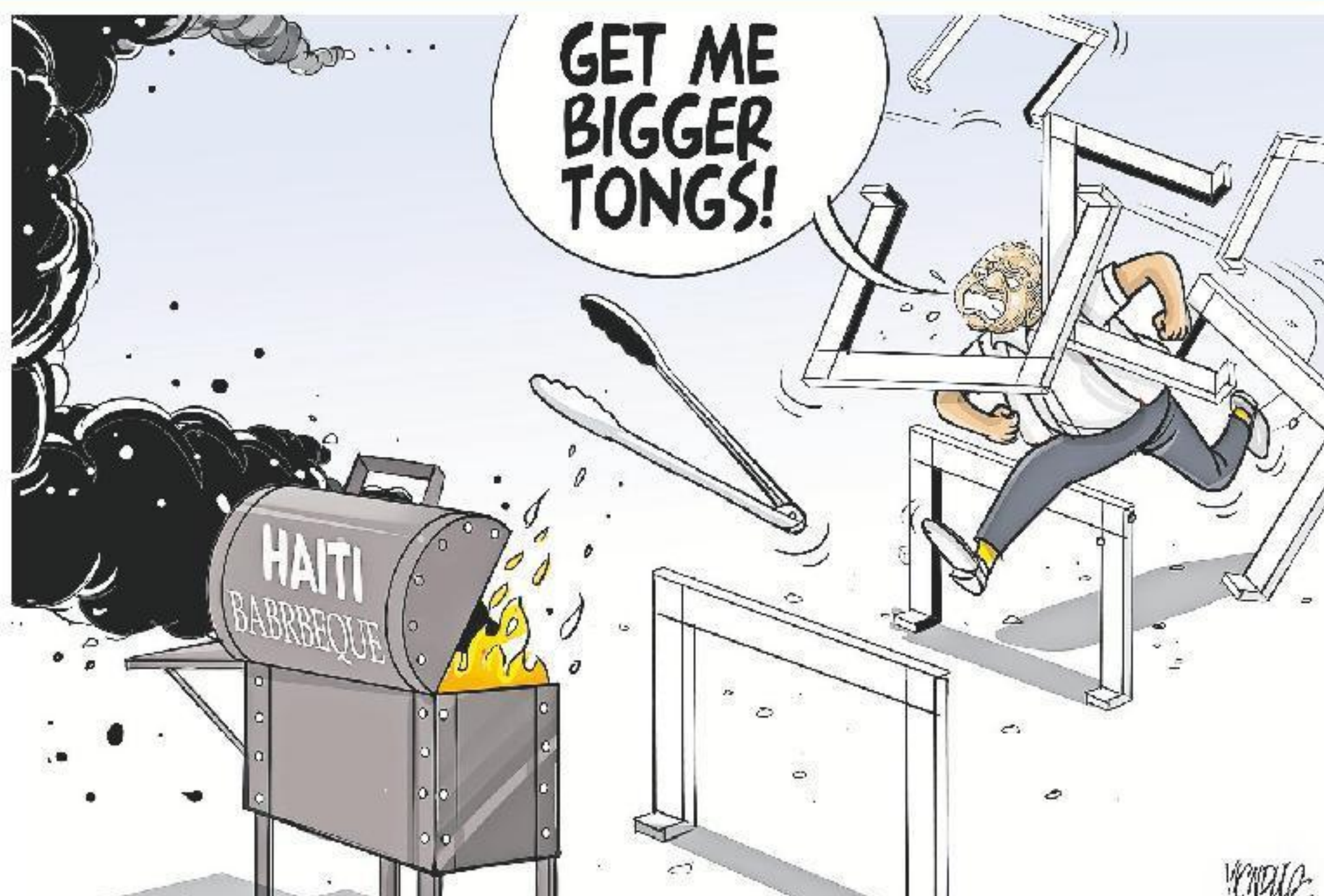
End junior school tussle

Although junior schools are pivotal in the transition to the Competency-Based Education (CBE), they have been dogged by controversy right from the very beginning. The first was over their location, which was eventually resolved with the decision to retain them in the primary schools. There were strong arguments for this, including keeping the young learners in familiar environments.

But this thrust junior schools into serious challenges, including staffing shortages and a lack of facilities. Indeed, in most of these schools, there has been inadequate learning. Limited resources, overcrowded classrooms, and access to quality education remain significant hurdles. In some cases, teachers found themselves being required to teach subjects they were not trained in. The adverse impact will definitely be left when the learners join senior secondary school. Three years after the junior school roll-out, the teachers remain unsettled, under-funded, and overworked. It is, therefore, hardly surprising that they are seeking autonomy, as they literally float between the junior and senior secondary school sections.

Indeed, there has been tension between the teachers and the heads of the primary schools, who manage both sections. The junior school teachers are complaining about unclear career progression, heavy workloads, and inadequate facilities. They want autonomy from primary schools. They would rather the junior schools were recognised as separate institutions. The teachers say the current arrangement has fuelled disrespect, harassment, and exploitation.

Last year, the teachers formed the Kenya Junior School Teachers Association (Kejusta) to agitate for their rights. But this has not prevented a tussle between the Kenya Union of Post-Primary Education Teachers (Kuppet) and the Kenya National Union of Teachers (Knut) over the junior schools, which many see as a fight for union dues. The turf wars by the unions will only worsen the junior school situation. The interests of the teachers and learners must be prioritised.



Let's weed out briefcase investors

n May, the government quietly paid a staggering Sh6.2 billion to the Vinci Group of France as termination costs for cancelling the Nairobi-Nakuru-Mau Summit toll road contract.

Earlier, the botched Airport Greenfield Terminal project ended with a Sh8.9 billion settlement. And just last year, state-owned power transmission company Ket-raco was ordered to pay Sh4.8 billion to Spanish contractor Ibensa after another project collapsed.

Add it all up, and one conclusion is clear: Kenya has been haemorrhaging tens of billions of shillings in recent years through out-of-court settlements and arbitral awards tied to botched contracts.

Yet a comprehensive inventory of these multi-billion shilling losses is almost impossible to find. The figures are scattered across the Auditor-General's reports, buried in Public Accounts Committee hearings, or whispered about in policy circles. But the trend is unmistakable: taxpayers keep footing massive bills for projects that either never got off the ground or collapsed midway.

The taxpayer is exposed on two fronts. First, most of these settlements are negotiated behind closed doors, in circumstances open to collusion and quiet deal-cutting. Second, a new class of political and business elites has emerged — "settlement entrepreneurs" who treat these claims as opportunities to cash in. Like vultures, they circle the public sector, looking for lucrative breaches and disputes to turn into billion-shilling payouts.

The big question we don't ask often enough is this: Does the government always get strong legal representation when negotiating these settlements? Are taxpayers' interests being aggressively defended by the Attorney-General's office or the private firms it hires? Or are lawyers, bureaucrats, and politicians cutting deals at our expense?

Call it what it is: negotiated corruption. The scheme works like this — a poorly conceived Privately Initiated Project (PIP) is allowed to drag on for years with-

Currently, the vultures may be circling again. A fresh dispute has erupted over the multibillion-shilling High Grand Falls Dam project



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out financing ever materialising. Eventually, the project collapses. The "developer" sues. And then, instead of fighting it out in court, the government opts for a back-room settlement. Billions are paid out for a project that never left the drawing board.

If the National Treasury and the PPP Directorate are serious about protecting taxpayers, the solution is simple: no settlement should ever be entertained with any developer who fails to reach financial close. Anything else only fuels the growing industry of negotiated corruption.

Currently, the vultures may be circling again. A fresh dispute has erupted over the multibillion-shilling High Grand Falls Dam project, with a developer moving to the Public Procurement Administrative Review Board to challenge its cancellation. If history is any guide, taxpayers had better brace themselves: this could turn into yet another expensive saga where we pay billions for nothing.

Here is a bit of background. The High Grand Falls multi-purpose dam has indeed been on the books since Kibaki's era, framed as a transformative "mega" water and power project. The GBM Consortium (UK) was the first to present a bid under a privately initiated proposal (PIP).

When the proposal from the British company was presented for review by Nation-

al Treasury-based PPP Review Committee, the ruling was that the project should go to open tender because it was not suitable as a PIP. That is how we ended up with two competing PIPs — the one from the British Company and another from EDF of France.

Now, the dispute has already landed before the Public Procurement Administrative Review Board. Depending on how it is handled, the vultures could indeed swoop in — using the same playbook to corner taxpayers into another hefty payout.

In both the Greenfield Airport Terminal and Nakuru Mau Summit Highway projects a settlement may have been the right option since a project agreement had been signed.

Today, settlements can be "negotiated" even where the law is in the government's favour. Such is the power and influence of today's settlement entrepreneurs that they are capable of forcing the government's hand even under circumstances where the developer and foreign investor do not have financial or technical capacity to deliver a project of this magnitude.

Here are suggestions. We should consider tweaking our laws and regulations to discourage briefcase investors who collude with corrupt elites to push paper projects, hoping for payouts through back-room settlements or from flipping the projects with big players and with the capacity to execute.

The taxpayer is not losing billions in contract settlement by accident. It is a mix of incompetently drafted agreements, weak legal representation by the AG's office and deliberate negotiated corruption.

When a developer comes to town with a PIP in his hand, the basic we should insist on is the following: First, we must assess capacity to deliver large infrastructure projects and ability to attract and commit long-term and concessional financing. We must ask: how many similar projects of this size have you done before and where? Can we see your bank statements?

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Letters

THE CUTTING EDGE THE WATCHMAN

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Marketing SHA • Can anyone, please, explain to Damson Opiyo Onger why it is President William Ruto and Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale have been at the forefront in marketing the Social Health Authority (SHA). He asks: "Why is this so, yet this is a state corporation with its own chief executive officer, Dr Mercy Mwangangi, and directors?" His email address is ongerdamson@gmail.com.

Ruto extravagance • At the height of last year's Gen Z protests, David Yator recalls, the president promised a leaner administration, and reduced public expenditure and borrowing. "Was that just hot air, considering the luxury flight to Addis Ababa after a trip to US last year that cost the taxpayers Sh212 million in extravagance? And there are 20 advisers in his office." His contact is davidyator14@gmail.com.

Lazy design • Observing the new high-rise buildings that are coming up in Nairobi's posh Kilimani, Kileleshwa and Parklands neighbourhoods, Mista Nyambati says, one can't fail to see that nearly all of them have similar designs. A lover of variety, he concludes: "It's because our architects are either not very creative, are half-baked or simply lazy!" He can be reached through mistanyambati@gmail.com.

Union deductions • The tussle over junior schools between the Kenya Union of Post-Primary Education Teachers and the Kenya National Union of Teachers is about union dues, says Chris Kiriba. "It's the benefit to either camp that matters, but not the JS teachers' welfare. They should refuse to be duped and form their own union." His contact is chriskiriba14@gmail.com.

Dependable • On the construction of infrastructure projects, Churchill Amatha says the military has shown in the past 15 years that it's simply the best. "There is an assurance of speedy implementation, better use and value for money. The military should be made the first choice in undertaking mega development projects. Why should we waste time and money?" His contact is c.amatha@hotmail.com. Have a competent day, won't you!

LETTERS

Fully address issues bedevilling SHA

The current standoff between the Social Health Authority (SHA) and private hospitals is hurting mwananchi. Taxpayers who have faithfully ensured that their SHA payments are now being asked to pay in cash for health services thanks to the impasse. SHA and the Health ministry should pay what is due to the private hospitals with immediate effect. If verifications are needed before disbursing the funds then this should be done swiftly with no any delays. At the same time, concerning the list of medical services unavailable in Kenya, the Health ministry and counties need to invest in the necessary equipment and expertise. In so doing, Kenyans won't have to go overseas for treatment thus saving millions.

Roselyne Karisa, Mombasa

Likelihood of sabotage in hospitals' ban

Recently the Health Cabinet Secretary claimed that some medical facilities are engaging in dubious billing. Upcoming medical facilities were the ones most affected by the ban imposed on accused medical facilities. There is, therefore, a high likelihood there was sabotage to cut competition. This is because private medical facilities are competing for money from health insurance providers, including the Social Health Authority. The government should have done proper investigations before taking such detrimental action against hospitals.

Mathias Masinde, Bungoma

There are many alternatives to attachment

Attachments are not always necessary, especially when it comes to achieving academic or career goals. Many people succeed through self-learning, volunteering, mentorship or short training programmes without formal attachments. What really matters is the skills, knowledge and practical experience gained. While attachments can be useful in some fields, they should not be seen as the only path to success. With commitment, networking, and continuous learning, a person can grow professionally and personally without undertaking industrial attachment.

Tracy Mwau Kalunda, Makueni

Boarding schools overtaken by modernity

It's high time for Kenyans to start thinking about phasing out boarding schools and converting them into day schools. Boarding school, a creation of colonial rule, has been overtaken by modernity. These schools are expensive, and many parents struggle to meet tuition and accommodation costs. The main reason we have boarding schools is because of discrepancies in the distribution of schools countrywide. Modern day students want to access social media, move freely and eat foods of their choice, which most boarding schools are ill equipped to afford. So when you see students rioting, that's the message they are conveying.

Robert Musamali, Nairobi

This is how to curb riots in schools

The rising cases of student riots and destruction of school property are worrying. Schools cannot thrive where rules are disregarded and authority undermined. Discipline must become the foundation of our education system. Parents should reinforce values at home, teachers must set firm but fair boundaries, and administrators must ensure rules are consistently enforced. At the same time, schools should create safe spaces where students can express concerns without resorting to violence. We instil discipline, nurture respect, and reinforcing accountability to secure the next generation of responsible citizens.

Ezekiel Kipyego Rotich, Nairobi

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TODAY IN HISTORY

September 24, 1971: Former Mayor of Nairobi Isaac Lugonzo (left) is conferred the Freedom of the City of Nairobi honour. Mayor Margaret W. Kenyatta said this was in recognition of the sterling work he had done for the city. "I cannot hesitate in declaring that in the last 25 years, Mr Lugonzo has put the interests of his people, the love of his country, and the pursuit of freedom and justice above his own personal aggrandizement," she said. COMPILED BY ANNIEL NJOKA

LETTER OF THE DAY

Civic education must go beyond elections

It is disheartening that in Kenya, civic education is treated like a seasonal crop—only conducted before elections. On matters that affect the daily lives of citizens, such as taxation and government accountability, there is deafening silence.

Take the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), for instance. Despite being a central player in our national development through tax collection, the agency has done little to ensure ordinary Kenyans understand their tax obligations, rights, or how their hard-earned contributions are utilised.

For many citizens, tax is just a monthly deduction or a business burden, not a civic duty tied to public services or national development. The system operates on fear and punishment rather than knowledge and empowerment. Compare this to the months leading to a General Election. Suddenly, the government, non-governmental organisations, and the media are all hands on deck, mobilising resources, air time and personnel to "educate" voters.

Why is the same energy not applied when there is no political seat to be won?

Recent attempts by KRA to expand the tax base by targeting digital content creators, small traders and informal sector players have faced backlash. Not necessarily because citizens are unwilling to pay tax, but because many feel ambushed. There's a disconnect between the taxman and Mwananchi. People are being asked to comply with systems they do not understand, and from which they feel excluded.

Moreover, with the high cost of living, ballooning public debt and endless corruption scandals, citizens are right to demand

transparency and education on where their taxes go. Taxation without accountability is simply legalised exploitation.

If the government and its agencies dedicated even half the civic education budget they allocate during elections toward continuous public education on governance, budgeting, taxation and citizen rights, we would create a more engaged, responsible and empowered citizenry.

Democracy is not just about the ballot box; it is strengthened through daily civic participation, and that begins with knowledge.

Joseph Katiku Kioko, Nairobi





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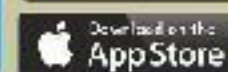
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Investigations launched into gruesome killings of girl, elderly woman

BY KASSIM ADINASI
AND GEORGE ODIWOUR

When George Onyango stopped by his sister-in-law's homestead in Umrembo village last Friday, he was not alarmed to find no one at home.

But after a third visit without success, his concern grew, especially when he realised that both his sister-in-law, Lucy Adhiambo, and her newly hired Ugandan farmhand were missing. The family launched a search, which ended tragically on Tuesday morning when Ms Adhiambo's body was discovered in a shallow grave inside her compound.

"The grim discovery was made when her son noticed freshly disturbed soil behind the house, where a kitchen garden once stood," said Erick Onyango, Assistant Chief of Kagonyia Sub-location. Villagers helped police exhume the decomposing body.

The farmhand, who had only recently been employed and was little known in the area, has since gone missing and is now the prime suspect. The killing has sent shockwaves through the county, coming just days after the murder of Japheth Oloo Owino, a 24-year-old student at Siaya Polytechnic who was also working as a security guard.

In neighbouring Homa Bay, the murder of 13-year-old Mary Triza has further deepened public anxiety. The Grade Seven pupil at Kamsama Junior Secondary School was reported missing last Tuesday, only for her body to be found dumped in a thicket at Rabuor village after 24 hours. Police said she appeared to have been defiled, doused with a corrosive chemical, and abandoned by the roadside.

Interior Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen, who toured the region days later, decried the rising cases of gender-based violence, warning against a culture of silence and complicity. "Children must not suffer in silence. Public officials must act without fear or favour," he said.

Governor Gladys Wanga and local leaders condemned the killings, urging swift justice. "We cannot live in a society that eats its own children," Ms Wanga said.

Homicide detectives from Nairobi are leading investigations into both murders.

BRIEFLY

NAIROBI

Anger over illegal building projects

Residents have decried construction projects that flout by-laws and environmental rules, exposing families to dust, noise, and safety risks. "We have reached out to Nema but no action has been taken. Nema is just across the road, yet look at what's happening," a local said. Kevin Cheruiyot

MURANG'A

Tourism drive toasts environment, health

The Kenya Tourism Board's Magical Kenya Trail Series, held September 4-7, blended sport, culture and conservation. Hikers, cyclists and runners tackled gorges, waterfalls and peaks, planting trees and celebrating unity, wellness and environmental stewardship. Nicholas Njoroge

NAIROBI

Crime drops on youth jobs deal

Makadara Sub-county has recorded a 67 per cent drop in crime in six months, attributed to the Climate-workx Programme that employed 2,950 youth in environmental work along Ngong River. Deputy County Commissioner Philip Koma said the initiative also trains youth in enterprise skills, curbs drug abuse, and supports housing and infrastructure projects under regeneration plans. Sammy Kimatu

MACHAKOS

Complete county projects, State told

Governor Wavinya Ndeti has urged the national government to fast-track stalled projects in the county and wider Ukambani region, saying her administration has provided land, submitted priority road lists, and maintained open cooperation. Speaking at Masinga Catholic Church, she also launched the third edition of the Wavinya Cup, highlighting its role in talent development, cohesion, and youth empowerment. She lauded Olympic champion Beatrice Chebet's double triumph, calling her an inspiration for young women athletes. Sammy Kimatu

Illegal dumping persists despite city's 'Green Nairobi' Initiative



County workers collect illegally dumped garbage along a road in Kahawa West during the "Green Nairobi" initiative yesterday. Despite sustained clean-up drives, illegal dumping remains widespread, underscoring the need for greater public responsibility. WILFRED NYANGARESII | NATION

Taita-Taveta Residents fear crisis could escalate, with even more land at risk

Locals join hands in efforts to stem rampant land theft

Taveta is at the centre of disputes pitting locals against private investors

BY LUCY MKANYIKA

A fresh land row is unfolding in Taveta. Residents and leaders are decrying what they describe as rampant land grabbing in one of the region's most fertile agricultural zones.

Taveta, long considered the heartbeat of the county's farming economy, is now at the centre of disputes pitting local communities against private investors, including influential politicians. Residents fear the crisis could escalate, with even more land at risk.

From Jipe to Buruma and Njukini, villagers accuse powerful individuals—who cannot be

named for legal reasons—of seizing community land.

In Jipe, more than 3,000 people were recently displaced, losing grazing grounds and access to water.

In Njukini, a 3,720-acre tract bordering Tsavo West National Park has also fallen into private hands, leaving long-time squatters facing eviction.

Clashes erupted in May when squatters disrupted a County Assembly Land Committee meeting, injuring a member of the assembly and forcing officials to flee.

The fertile lands, occupied for decades by Kamba, Maasai, Taita and Taveta families, have repeatedly triggered conflict.

To counter the encroachment, residents have formed the Nyario Ya Kididi cha Tuweta Community Land Management Committee (CLMC), a 15-member team representing elders, women and youth.

Its mandate is to document his-

torical ownership, petition authorities, and advocate for legal recognition of community land.

"Some of our land has been grabbed. That is unacceptable," said CLMC chairperson Reuben Metioni. "We must unite to reclaim what belongs to us. Our land should benefit the community, not cartels."

Fresh concerns have also emerged in Buruma, where farmers allege irregular acquisition of rice fields, and in Ma-

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CLMC chair Reuben Metioni



chungwani, where the expiry of a 99-year lease has sparked demands that 3,000 acres once leased to former MP Basil Criticos be reverted to the county government.

Civil society groups are supporting the initiative.

"Community land is protected under the Constitution, but enforcement has been weak," said Paul Oling'a of the Taita Resource Community Centre. "Only proper documentation and legal follow-up can secure these lands."

For many, the struggle goes beyond ownership.

"This is about our dignity and our future," said youth leader Mshenga Reuben.

Meanwhile, Taveta MP John Bwire has distanced himself from claims of land-grabbing, insisting he has fought for locals in court. He warned against what he termed false accusations.

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Kakamega

School accused of shielding teacher as girl defiled

BY TITUS OMINDE

A local secondary school is under scrutiny over allegations of covering up the defilement of a 16-year-old student by a teacher.

The girl's mother told *Nation* that, instead of receiving support, her daughter was suspended for alleged indiscipline, which she believes was intended to shield the teacher. The student claims she was attacked in an

office on a Sunday evening while others attended club activities, while the school accused her of stealing photocopy paper and ordered her to replace 10 reams. "My daughter was even caned by her teacher. Our attempts to seek help have only created hostility and led to her suspension," the mother said.

Medical reports seen by *Nation* indicate signs of defilement. Police have confirmed

investigations are ongoing.

Later, students marched from the school to education offices chanting "Justice for Mr [name withheld]", demanding the teacher's release.

The girl's mother now plans to transfer her for safety reasons, saying some students have turned against her.

Police said the case, reported in August, allegedly occurred in July.

International



Shutdown: Trump team quiet on backup programme

WASHINGTON, TUESDAY

With the US government eight days from its 15th partial shutdown since 1981, Washington is in familiar territory with an important difference: President Donald Trump's administration has not widely shared its plans for what functions will cease and what will continue if Congress fails to act.

The Office of Management and Budget this year asked federal agencies to update their contingency plans for how they will operate if funding runs out when the fiscal year ends on September 30. In past shutdowns functions like air-traffic control and law enforcement have continued, while financial regulators have furloughed the vast majority of their staffs.

Those plans were often shared weeks in advance heading into past shutdowns. But as of Monday, the current versions have not been widely shared with Congress or the public and White House web page dedicated to those plans was blank.

Uncertainty

The White House and OMB did not respond when asked if these plans will be publicly released or if shutdown plans differ from previous years.

"Shutdowns create tremendous amount of uncertainty for federal workers and local economies," said Rachel Snyderman, managing director of economic policy at the Bipartisan Policy Center, adding these shutdown plans provide insight into who shows up to work with or without pay, and who is furloughed.

"There is no substitute for how the government would operate in a shutdown without the visibility that these plans provide," said Snyderman, who served at OMB as a career staffer across several administrations.

The Republican-led House of Representatives passed a stop-gap funding bill last week to extend funding through November 21, but it failed in the Senate where Republicans hold 53 of the 100 seats. Both chambers are out all this week. (Reuters)

Anti-Trump demonstrator silenced, yet defiant, at UNGA



A demonstrator grips a placard depicting US President Donald Trump between her teeth after being detained by police during a protest outside the 80th United Nations General Assembly in New York yesterday. PHOTO | REUTERS

Conflict The recognitions came during a UN high-level meeting in New York

France backs rising push on Palestinian statehood

Malta, Monaco and Luxembourg join the list of 150 countries in backing Palestine

UNITED NATIONS, MONDAY

France, Belgium and several other countries on Monday joined the growing list of nations that have recognised the State of Palestine, during a high-level UN meeting on the two-state solution.

"Today, France recognises the State of Palestine," French President Emmanuel Macron said at the High-Level International Conference for the Peaceful Settlement of the Question of Palestine and the Implementation of the Two-State Solution, co-chaired by France and Saudi Arabia on the opening day of the UN General Assembly (UNGA)'s High-level Week.

Warning that "We have reason to fear that the Abraham Accords and the Camp David Accords could be called into question by Israel, and that peace would become impossible for a

long time yet in the Middle East," Macron stressed the need to do everything "within our power to preserve the very possibility of a two-state solution - Israel and Palestine living side by side in peace and security."

Malta, Monaco and Luxembourg also announced their recognition at the meeting, bringing the number of countries to over 150 that have announced their recognition of the State of Palestine.

Saudi Foreign Minister Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud said the two-state solution "is the only way to achieve a just and permanent peace."

The recognition of the State of Palestine by France and many other countries, as well as the broad support for the adoption of the New York Declaration, reflects the international community's will to "render justice to the Palestinian people and consider their legal historic right" in line with international frameworks, UN resolutions and the Arab Peace Initiative, he said.

Speaking via videoconference, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said the historic New York Declaration "marked the beginning of an irreversible path to-

ward ending the humanitarian catastrophe and ending occupation," calling it "the embodiment of an independent State of Palestine." He expressed appreciation to all countries that have recognized the State of Palestine and called on those who have not yet done so to follow suit. Noting Palestine's readiness to work with the United States, Saudi Arabia, France, the United Nations and all partners to implement the peace plan adopted at the conference, Abbas called on Israel to im-

mediately sit at the negotiating table "to put an end to this bloodshed and bring about a just and comprehensive peace."

In his remarks at the conference, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said the Israeli-Palestinian conflict "has gone unresolved for generations." He noted that "dialogue has faltered. Resolutions have been flouted. International law has been breached," warning that "the situation is intolerable, and it is deteriorating by the hour."

"We are here today to help navigate the only way out of this nightmare: A two-state solution, where two independent, sovereign, democratic states - Israel and Palestine - live side-by-side in peace and security within their secure and recognized borders on the basis of pre-1967 lines, with Jerusalem as the capital of both states - in line with international law, UN resolutions and other relevant agreements," said Guterres.

Annalena Baerbock, president of the 80th UNGA session, said the General Assembly has been very clear: "We need an immediate, unconditional and permanent ceasefire in Gaza..." (Xinhua)

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French President Emmanuel Macron



BRIEFLY

NEW YORK

US-backed deal hasn't ended war, says Tshisekedi

DRC President Felix Tshisekedi said on Monday that a US-mediated peace deal signed with Rwanda in June has not calmed fighting in eastern Congo, though he thanked President Donald Trump for attempting to end the conflict. Congolese officials say the success of the deal hinges on Rwanda ceasing its support for M23. (Reuters)

DAKAR

Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger pull out of ICC

Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger have announced their withdrawal from the International Criminal Court, denouncing it as "a tool of neocolonial repression." The three countries, which are ruled by military, have already split from the West African regional bloc Ecowas and formed a new body. (Reuters)

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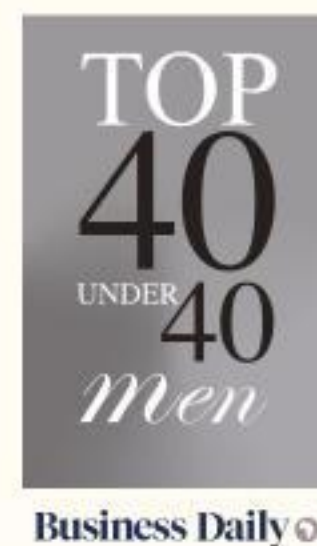
Mali in civil and military parade to celebrate fete

Mali celebrated the 65th anniversary of its independence with a seven-hour civil and military parade, preceded by a wreath-laying ceremony at the Independence Monument by President Assimi Goita. Goita congratulated the defence and security forces for their "sacrifice" in the fight against "forces of evilist groups." (Xinhua)

LILONGWE

Malawi Electoral Commission chief appeals for calm

Malawi Electoral Commission Chairperson Annabel Mtalimanja has appealed for calm as the main opposition leader and former president Peter Mutharika continues to lead in the general election. Mtalimanja made the appeal Sunday evening when she officially released partial results. (Reuters)



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Business

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KRA's income tax collection shortfall during the previous financial year.

Directline now wants Macharia jailed for contempt

BY SAM KIPLAGAT

The chief executive officer of Directline Assurance Limited now wants businessman Samuel Kamau (SK) Macharia found in contempt of court for ousting the board of directors and installing new officials.

Mr Macharia allegedly stormed the underwriter's offices at Nairobi's Hazina Towers, evicted the chief executive officer and board, and put in place a new team.

The court heard that the actions were not only illegal and in outright contempt of orders issued on October 4, 2024, but also put the public and the firm's policyholders at risk by halting operations and locking management out of the offices.

High Court judge Francis Gikonyo certified the application as urgent and directed that the matter be heard on December 13, 2025.

The judge cautioned parties to be mindful of existing court orders and to observe them accordingly. "The application is based on contempt of court. Thus, certified to be urgent," said the judge.

The company's CEO, Mr Sammy Kanyi, also wants the court to commit Mr Macharia to jail for removing the board of directors, contrary to earlier orders barring him from interfering with the company's management.

"That on 22nd September 2025, and notwithstanding orders prohibiting him from doing so, the 1st Defendant (Mr Macharia) physically entered the Plaintiff's offices and forcefully broke into the Principal Officer's office on the 19th Floor of Hazina Towers," Mr Maina said.

He submitted that the case should be heard on an urgent basis, so the court can direct the Central Police Station boss to enforce the order and remove the persons installed by Mr Macharia.

Kenya Aviation Workers Union issues strike notice



Kenya Aviation Workers Union Secretary-General Moss Ndiema (left) and Chairman Walter Ongeru address journalists at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, Nairobi, yesterday as they issue a strike notice. BONFACE BOGITA | NATION

Revenue Decision to stop double taxation lowers collections by KRA

SHIF, housing levy reforms cut income tax by Sh32bn

KRA fell short of its target of Sh1.125trn as it collected Sh1.093trn in the fiscal year

BY DOMINIC OMONDI

The decision to stop double taxation on housing and social health insurance levies contributed to a shortfall in the collection of income tax by Sh32.1 billion by the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) in the financial year ending June.

The National Treasury says in a new report that collection of income tax — which includes pay as you earn (PAYE) paid by regular workers and corporate income tax levied on businesses' profits — fell short of its target of Sh1.125 trillion as KRA collected Sh1.093 trillion in the fiscal year ending June 2025.

Beginning in December last year, deductions towards the

housing levy, the Social Health Insurance Fund (SHIF), and post-retirement medical funds were not going to be taxed twice.

Before that, even after deducting these statutory contributions from the gross salaries of employees, KRA still subjected these amounts to PAYE, increasing the tax liability of employees.

However, this was cured in the Tax Laws (Amendment) Act, 2024 which came into force on December 27, last year.

"The performance of PAYE was adversely affected by private sector's non-payment of annual bonuses in June 2025; the application of tax refunds by large taxpayers to offset current PAYE tax liabilities by a number of firms;

TARGET

558bn

What taxman was aiming to net in other income segment

and impact of policy change (adjusting SHIF and Housing Levy from a relief regime to allowable deductions before tax computation)," reads the 2025 draft Budget Review Outlook Paper (BROP).

A bonus payment drought by large corporations that was blamed for the larger shortfall in the previous fiscal year continued to be a drag on the performance of income tax in the review period, Treasury said in the draft 2025 Budget Review

and Outlook Paper (BROP).

The largest shortfall in income tax was on "other income," in which the KRA missed its target of Sh558.56 billion by Sh26.03 billion. This income tax category includes corporate income tax levied on the profits made by businesses. PAYE collection fell short of target by Sh6.1 billion, pointing to poor earnings by permanent employees.

However, the income tax collection shortfall was an improvement from the previous financial year when the KRA missed the target by Sh49.88 billion, with the Treasury attributing this to low PAYE remittances by the public sector due to delayed exchequer disbursements to various government entities, non-payment of bonuses by various firms was also blamed for the low collection of income tax.

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BRIEFLY

E-COMMERCE

Bolt eyes western, Coast in parcel delivery service

Ride-hailing and delivery startup, Bolt, targets to introduce its parcel delivery service in Mombasa and Kakamega, among other towns, as part of an expansion drive to capitalise on the country's growing e-commerce industry. The service, dubbed Bolt Send, which currently operates exclusively in Nairobi, allows customers to request deliveries the same way they book rides. Users able to track their parcels in real-time.

Marion Sitawa

TECHNOLOGY

Craft Silicon targets tourists with cashless app

Kenyan IT multinational Craft Silicon has unveiled an app that allows foreign visitors to pay with Visa or MasterCard through their NFC-enabled phones. The app, dubbed TouristTap, routes payments to mobile money wallets, tills, or bank accounts, offering a cashless option in markets and roadside stalls where cards are rarely accepted. The CBK reports card transactions rose to Sh538.5 billion in 2024.

Kabui Mwangi

MARKETS

Four firms get CMA permits to deepen services

The Capital Markets Authority has granted four new licenses to deepen services. CMA has licensed TPXM Global Kenya Limited as a non-dealing Online Foreign Exchange Broker; Point Forty Investment Advisory Limited as an Authorised Securities Dealer; Silverhouse Capital Limited as an Investment Adviser; and Enwealth Impact Debt Fund Limited as an Alternative Investment Fund.

Sylvia Kathoni

NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE

Last 12 Mths	Security	Prices	Shares
High	Low	Yesterday	Previous

AGRICULTURAL

23.00	10.00	Eaagada Ord 1.25	20.00	19.75	1,990
440.00	240.00	Kakuzi Plc Ord 5.00	395.50	395.50	4
350.00	81.00	Kapchoruar Tea Kenya Plc Ord	326.50	327.00	527
430.00	320.00	The Limuru Tea Co. Ord 20.00		374.75	
32.60	13.60	Sasini Ltd Ord 1.00	18.75	19.00	10,961
289.00	120.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Plc Ord 500	238.25	236.75	334

AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES

49.00	18.50	Car & General (K) Ord 5.00	35.50	35.60	1,074
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BANKING

23.75	10.00	ABSA Bank Ord 0.50	20.00	20.20	404,033
42.00	26.50	BK Group Ord 0.80	38.55	38.55	23
109.25	43.05	Diamond Trust Bank Ord 4.00	104.75	104.75	164,611
57.00	33.70	Equity Group Holdings Ord 0.50	54.75	54.25	550,699
11.30	2.80	HF Group Plc Ord 5.00	10.30	10.05	117,207
44.80	15.80	I&M Group Ord 1.00	42.80	42.90	293,519
55.00	15.00	KCB Group Ord 1.00	55.50	54.25	11,473,519
75.00	28.50	NCBA Group Ord 5.00	70.00	70.00	334,660
190.00	90.00	Stanbic Holdings Ord 5.00	181.25	182.75	69,779
347.50	134.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ord 5.00	285.25	287.00	438,345
21.55	10.10	The Co-op Bank of Kenya Ord 1.00	18.95	18.95	548,640

COMMERCIAL & SERVICES

0.45	0.45	Deacons (East Africa) Ord 2.50		0.45	
1.88	0.59	Eveready EA Ord 1.00	1.43	1.42	71,776
10.00	2.70	Express Kenya Ord 5.00	7.40	8.14	75,772
4.66	4.66	Homeboyz Entertainment Plc Ord 0.50		4.66	
9.18	3.65	Kenya Airways Ord 1.00	4.01	4.00	424,490
3.46	2.00	Longhorn Publishers Ord 1.00	3.02	3.02	5,900
5.00	1.58	Nairobi Business Ventures Ord 1.00	1.68	1.65	24,608
22.40	10.60	Nation Media Group Plc Ord 2.50	13.00	13.05	30,279
17.00	1.80	Samuel Africa Plc Ord 5.00	15.40	15.20	63,870
10.80	4.50	Standard Group Ord 5.00	5.44	5.82	10,813
18.70	10.85	TPS Eastern Africa Ord 1.00	15.95	16.65	2,786
0.41	0.16	Uchumi Supermarket Ord 5.00	0.35	0.34	2,627,894
3.95	1.80	WPP ScanGroup PLC Ord 1.00	2.88	2.89	18,612

CONSTRUCTION & ALLIED

5.55	5.55	ARM Cement Ord 1.00		5.55	
84.00	21.30	Bamburi Cement Ltd Ord 5.00		54.00	
52.75	29.00	Crown Paints Kenya Ord 0.50	51.00	51.00	30
3.27	0.72	E. A. Cables Ord 0.50		1.71	
64.25	4.38	E.A. Portland Cement Ord 5.00	58.25	57.25	9,576

ENERGY & PETROLEUM

10.40	1.94	KenGen Ord 2.50	9.14	9.20	706,235
14.90	1.30	KP & LC Co Plc Ord 250	14.15	14.30	430,093
4.20	4.00	KP & LC Plc 4% Pref 20.00		4.10	
6.00	6.00	KP & LC Plc 7% Pref 20.00		6.00	
39.90	14.55	TotalEnergies Marketing Kenya Ord 5.00	34.70	34.60	4,215
24.75	6.30	Umeme Ltd Ord 0.50	6.94	7.62	282,548

INSURANCE

9.28	4.01	Britam Holdings Ord 0.10	8.96	8.94	100,529
5.50	1.60	CIC Insurance Group Ord 1.00	4.28	4.12	926,408
320.00	142.00	Jubilee Holdings Ord 5.00	320.00	313.50	3,4320
3.77	1.05	Kenya Re Insurance Ord 2.50	3.18	3.17	2,478,929
12.20	3.30	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ord 1.00	10.50	10.25	1,608
11.00	4.00	Sanlam Kenya Ord 5.00	9.04	9.16	23,194

INVESTMENT

16.50	7.60	Centum Investment Co Ord 0.50	14.45	14.35	109,646
1.36	0.27	Home Afrika Ltd Ord 1.00	0.94	1.01	3,620,978
1,500	1,500	Kurwitu Ventures Ltd Ord 100.00		1,500.00	
7.12	1.91	Olympia Capital Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	5.50	5.46	34,730
1.78	0.29	Trans-Century Plc Ord 0.50		1.12	

INVESTMENT SERVICES

16.50	5.22	Nairobi Securities Exchange, Ord 4.00	13.75	14.05	69,112
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MANUFACTURING & ALLIED

130.00	65.00	B.O.C Kenya Group Co. Ord 5.00	120.75	120.75	6,382
495.00	325.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Ord 10.00	428.75	419.00	7,784
27.05	11.00	Carbacid Investments Ord 1.00	25.30	25.35	18,114
244.00	100.00	East African Breweries Ord 1.00	214.75	211.75	25,321
2.33	0.86	Flame Tree Group Holdings Ord 0.825	1.71	1.72	95,082
80.00	10.40	Africa Mega Agricorn Ord 5.00		65.00	
0.27	0.27	Mumias Sugar Co. Ord 2.00		0.27	
31.00	12.00	Unga Group Co. Ord 5.00	20.00	21.50	1,838
8.56	5.90	Shri Krishana Overseas Plc 0.20	8.48	8.32	13,345

TELECOMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY

31.00	11.50	Safaricom Ltd Ord 0.05	28.90	28.70	4,348,136
20.00	20.00	Lap trust I-Reit Co. Ord 20.00		20.00	
3330.00	1880.00	Absa New Gold ETF	4470.00	4490.00	2,101
761.00	761.00	Satrix MSCI World Feeder ETF	842.00	832.00	451

NSE ALL SHARE INDEX: 01st Jan 2008 -100 Up 0.92pts -174.32 NSE 20-Up 14.59pts -2916.97 01st sep 2015=4101.67 Up 26.53pts 4520.79 NSE 20-S1-30 Aug 2023=1000 Up 12.78pts -1731.24

COMMERCIAL BANK RATES

		Euro	\$	£	C\$	SF	IR	JY	ZR
ABC	buy	152.22	129.00	174.24	93.23	162.61	1.46	87.23	7.39
	sell	153.07	129.50	175.17	93.59	163.45	1.46	87.63	7.46
Absa	buy	152.24	129.10	174.31	93.49	162.78	1.46	87.29	7.43
	sell	152.74	129.30	174.83	93.77	163.45	1.46	87.54	7.45
Co-op	buy	149.62	128.50	172.01	91.42	160.62	1.42	86.40	6.50
	sell	154.81	129.50	176.45	95.15	168.49	1.58	89.62	8.37
Equity	buy	152.17	129.00	174.51	93.36	162.80	—	87.30	7.47
	sell	152.65	129.40	175.10	93.66	163.86	—	87.58	7.50
NBK	buy	152.35	129.00	174.41	93.35	162.90	1.46	87.35	7.44
	sell	152.57	129.40	174.63	93.53	163.24	1.46	87.49	7.45
KCB	buy	150.29	129.03	173.36	93.38	160.17	1.48	87.00	7.27
	sell	150.79	129.43	173.95	93.68	160.74	1.48	87.00	7.29
NCBA	buy	152.21	128.96	174.33	93.27	162.75	1.46	87.33	7.43
	sell	152.70	129.36	174.93	93.58	163.33	1.46	87.61	7.46
Stanbic	buy	152.14	129.00	174.18	93.32	162.96	1.46	87.29	7.44
	sell	152.63	129.40	174.72	93.61	163.47	1.47	87.56	7.54
Prime	buy	151.20	129.00	174.50	93.40	162.80	1.45	87.30	7.45
	sell	151.70	129.50	175.00	93.90	163.30	1.46	87.90	7.55

CBK RATES

	Exchange Rate	Swiss Franc	162.8281
US Dollar	129.2367	100 Japanese Yen	87.3811
1 Sterling Pound	174.5083	1 Swedish Kroner	12.9957
1 Euro	152.1310	1 Norwegian Kroner	13.1152
South African Rand	7.4560	1 Danish Kroner	19.0929
Ksh/US\$	27.0976	1 Indian Rupee	1.4658
Ksh/T\$H	19.10929	1 Hongkong Dollar	16.383
Ksh/RWF	11.2261	1 Singapore Dollar	100.7183
Ksh/BIF	23.0970	1 Saudi Riyal	34.4585
1 UAE Dirham	35.1856	1 Chinese Yuan	18.1670
1 Canadian Dollar	93.5752	1 Australian Dollar	85.1218

UNIT TRUSTS

		Daily Yield	Annual Rate
African Alliance Kenya Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.01%	7.23%
African Alliance Kenya Enhanced Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.73%	8.01%
Britam Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.04%	10.56%
Britam Money Market Fund	USD	4.63%	4.74%
Absa Shilling MMF	Kenya Shilling	7.83%	8.12%
Absa Dollar Fund MMF	USD	3.81%	3.87%
Gulfcap Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.55%	12.18%
Gulfcap Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.91%	12.59%
Gulfcap Shari'ah Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	6.93%	7.15%
Old Mutual Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.23%	10.73%
Old Mutual Dollar Money Market Fund	USD	5.00%	5.11%
Etica Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.37%	12.05%
Etica Money Market Fund	USD	5.55%	5.70%
CPF Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.71%	9.10%
Co-op Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.82%	9.22%
Co-op Bond Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.98%	10.49%
Arvocap Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.35%	11.96%
Arvocap Alimasi Fund	Kenya Shilling	1.35	1.36
Mayfair Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.05%	8.38%
Mayfair Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	15.73	15.73
Enwealth Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.57%	11.09%
CIC Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.22%	8.53%
CIC Wealth Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.00%	7.00%
CIC Dollar Fund	USD	4.61%	4.71%
Equity Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	5.04%	5.16%
Kuza Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.83%	11.43%
Kuza Money Market Fund	USD	5.66%	5.82%
Madison Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.22%	10.75%
Madison Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.04%	11.67%
Orient Kasha Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.68%	11.19%
Jubilee Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.92%	10.39%
Jubilee Money Market Fund	USD	4.90%	5.02%
Lofty-Corban Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.40%	12.09%
Lofty-Corban Money Market Fund	USD	5.00%	5.12%
Lofty-Corban Bond Fund	Kenya Shilling	13.64	13.64
Cytonn Money Market	Kenya Shilling	12.12%	12.88%
NCBA Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	7.82%	8.11%
NCBA Dollar Fixed Income Fund	USD	4.37%	4.46%
ICEA LION Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.67%	9.06%
ICEA LION Dollar Fixed Income Fund	USD	106.07	106.07
ICEA LION Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	126.08	126.08
Britam Special Fixed Income Fund (3 months)	Kenya Shilling	10.00%	10.47%
Britam Special Fixed Income Fund (6 months)	Kenya Shilling	10.02%	10.49%
Britam Special Fixed Income Fund (12 months)	Kenya Shilling	10.19%	10.68%
Sanlam Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.08%	9.51%
Sanlam US Dollar Fund	USD	4.85%	4.97%
Apollo Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.60%	10.07%
Genghis Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.36%	8.72%
GenAfrica Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.07%	10.54%
KCB Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.94%	9.31%
KCB Money Market Fund	USD	4.94%	5.05%
Nabo Africa Fixed Income Fund	USD	5.74%	5.91%
Nabo Africa Money Market Fund	USD	4.87%	4.99%
Nabo Africa Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.39%	12.08%
Nabo Africa Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.58%	12.28%
Dry Associates Money Market Fund	USD	5.07%	5.19%
Dry Associates Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.44%	9.86%
Dry Associates Special High Yield Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.99%	13.13%
Faulu Money Market Fund	Kenya Shilling	9.30%	9.71%
Britam Bond Plus Fund	Kenya Shilling	10.68%	11.27%
Zimele Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	12.30%	13.02%
Kuza Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	11.51%	12.19%
Orient Hifadhi Fixed Income Fund	Kenya Shilling	8.51%	8.82%
NCBA Equity Fund	Kenya Shilling	213.03	213.03
Nabo Africa Equity Fund	USD	56.85	58.00
ICEA LION Equity Fund	Kenya Shilling	147.21	147.21
ICEA LION Balanced Fund	Kenya Shilling	142.34	142.34
Equity Balanced Fund	Kenya Shilling	162.93	164.31
Zimele Balanced Fund	Kenya Shilling	16.58	16.10
Apollo Balanced Fund	Kenya Shilling	159.75	153.36

The EastAfrican In your paper this week

NEWS

Looming staff crisis at the EAC Secretariat

Kenya, which walked out of Council of Ministers meeting, insists that without the contribution of partner states, there will be no money to pay short-term staff – that is 44pc of the workforce – whose contracts had to be hastily cancelled.



OTHER NEWS

- South Sudan fragile peace to be tested with Machar's treason charges
- Museveni, Bobi Wine among 12 approved for 2012 presidential race
- South Sudan-Uganda border dispute opens old wounds
- Egypt threatens action against Ethiopia as Gerh roars
- Lissu's treason trial a litmus test for Tanzania's democracy

MONEY



Gold, charcoal trade: South Sudan's loss is Kenya and Uganda's gain

OPINION LEADERS

How schoolchildren and herdsman built Africa's largest people's project in Ethiopia



■ CHARLES ONYANGO-OBBO

The small matter of consent and elections

■ ELSIE EYAKUZE

Leisure

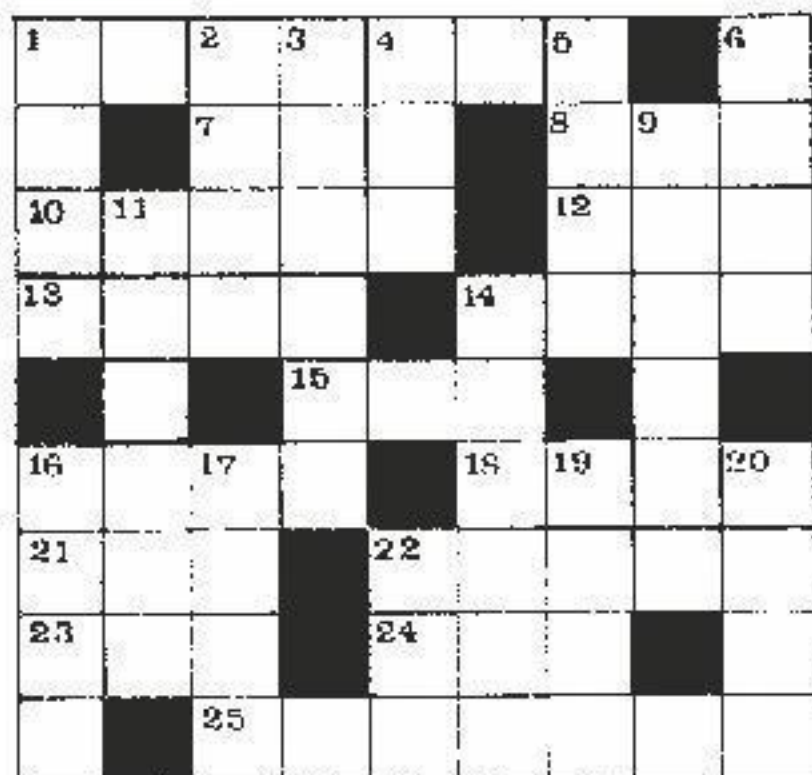
SIMPLE CROSSWORD

ACROSS:

1. Person with limb(s) removed
7. United
8. An affirmative answer
10. Extremely cold or icy
12. Conclusion
13. Lyrical poems
14. The goddess of fertility in ancient Egypt
15. Unconscious
16. To look at something carefully with the eyes or a machine
18. Weapons
21. Consumed
22. A fold in cloth
23. Voluntary Self Regulation (abbreviation)
24. Domestic hog
25. Indecent or repulsive

DOWN:

1. Jason's ship in Greek mythology
2. A native of Poland
3. Identity in musical pitch
4. Spread grass or hay to dry
5. Organs of sight
6. Boys
9. Mystery
11. Official orders or decrees
14. Sloping script
16. Rescue



17. Of or relating to the air
19. Karachunyo MP from 2007-2017
20. Inflammation of the eyelid
22. Presidential Press Service (abbreviation)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

- 1 Bollywood
7 Oil
8 Sat
10 Users
12 Retire
13 Age
14 Lad
16 Soweto
18 Psalm
20 Nag
21 Roe
22 Greenhorn
- DOWN:**
1 Basra
2 Latte
3 Your
4 Wise
5 Ole
6 Dos
9 Aegis
11 Reata
14 Lento
15 Dogon
16 Sloe
17 Omen
18 Pig
19 Are

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

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

2				6	3	1		
	A	1		9	3	2		6
		7						
				1	5		7	9
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	7	5		4	2			
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3		9	4	8		6	C	
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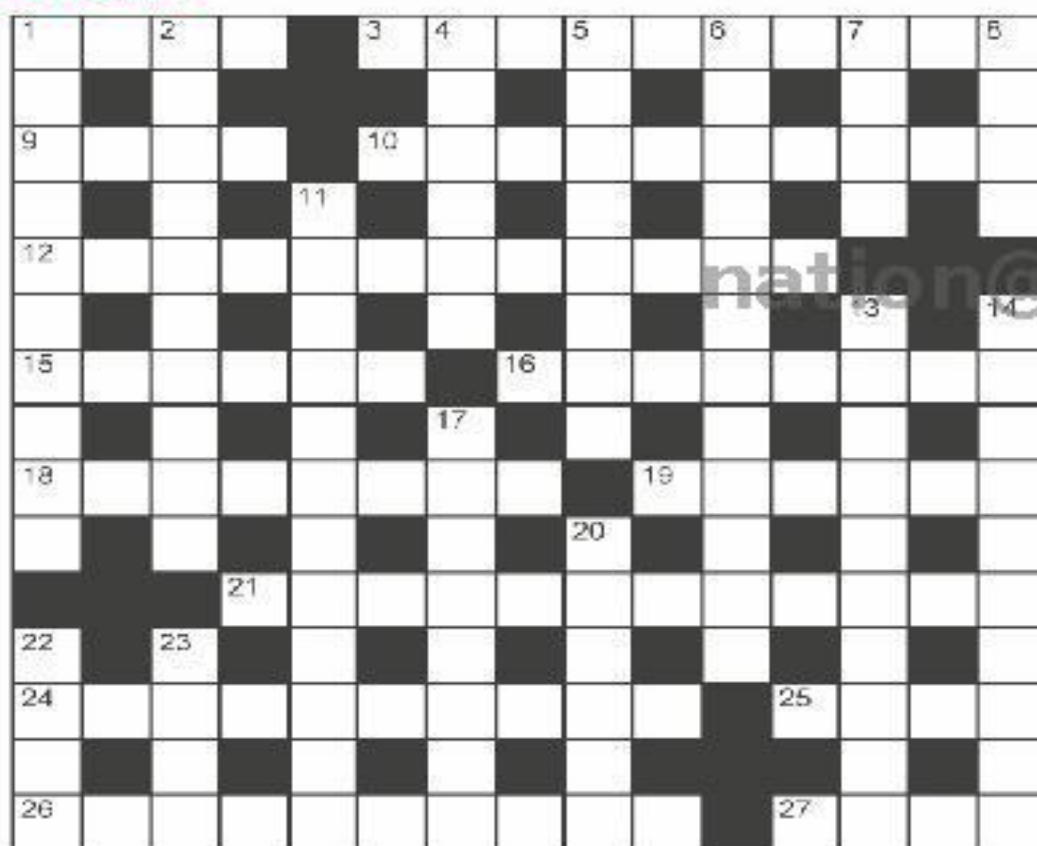
COMPLEX CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Perhaps Crafts dog commercial cut (4)
- 3 Type of lamp that guaranteed a broad smile? (6-4)
- 9 Compassion - mine and yours primarily (4)
- 10 Sugary confection - clean teeth after Charlie (with his brother?) (10)
- 12 A big beast, Brazilian legend knocked back Hampshire ale freely (8,4)
- 15 Rows involving 50 roofers (6)
- 16 Pud from America - I spoil it on the way back (8)
- 18 According to Spooner, rabbit takes the mickey out of rhino kept here (5,3)
- 19 Manager ran department charged with a commission (6)
- 21 Rock famously carved Sister Tharpe's sound (7,5)
- 24 Generous hands holding uniform large releases of eggs (10)
- 25 Fire old Russian cavalryman after leaving function (4)
- 26 A ghetto pod cast that describes Terry-Thomas? (3-7)
- 27 Grand prix perhaps featuring electronic vehicle reversing (4)

DOWN

- 1 Maybe 10 o'clock breaking news up (per Tim Ewart) (10)
- 2 Ninth bloke out not running



- properly (2,3,5)
- 4 Date - finally! - pin up English woman (6)
- 5 DPhil, say... fancy title (8)
- 6 One bristled at being described as very silly? (4,2,1,5)
- 7 An elite college, West Point has regular expulsions (4)
- 8 The compiler sets vacuous shambles (4)
- 11 Carrot and thyme mixed with first drop of oil - it's delicious in a salad (6,6)

- 13 Some ketchup in a cola, dad? That's a rum drink! (4,6)
- 14 Fresh UK leader? That is capital north of the border! (4,6)
- 17 Writer half the month sat on table (8)
- 20 Not about to punch card immediately (2,4)
- 22 Pine tree trunk felled around noon (4)
- 23 Ambush magistrate without hesitation (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS

- 1 New Testament
- 9 Affection
- 10 Tenor
- 11 Easels
- 12 Isolated
- 13 Tastes
- 15 Weakness
- 18 Treatise
- 19 Cobras
- 21 Backspin
- 23 Places
- 26 Enemy
- 27 Abundance
- 28 Nevertheless

DOWN:

- 1 Neatest
- 2 Wafts
- 3 Excellent
- 4 Twig
- 5 Minister
- 6 Natal
- 7 Knitwear
- 8 Brides
- 14 Sketches
- 16 Knowledge
- 17 Estimate
- 18 Tables
- 20 Sisters
- 22 Style
- 24 Canoe
- 25 Quit

CODEWORD

Each number in our Codeword grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. For example, today 14 represents B so every time the figure 14 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		1		5		6		14
7	4	8	2	4		2	9	10	4	1	9	10	2	15
7		2		2		11		10		12		2	3	16
4	13	14	14	2	4	8		1	6	15	2	12	4	17
1		1		9				16		8		2	5	18
8	2	11	3		11	17	5	18	10		19		8	19
		11		20		9		2		4			7	20
7			21	22	9	15	6		19	2	1	19	8	21
22		6		17				18		23		22	9	22
10	17	10	1	9		5	11	1	24	17	2	4	10	23
17		22		17		22		11		25		2	11	24
11	1	23	2	9	10	6		26	2	2	4	6	12	25
2		3		2		10		2		19		6	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	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
R	M	D	O	V	Q	F	W	X	J	Z	K	Y

YOUR STARS

AQUARIUS | JAN 21 - FEB 19

New ideas and thoughts encourage personal growth when the sun in Aries forms a textile with Saturn in your sign. Reading a book or article or listening to a speaker could change your opinion on an important issue. Keep exploring these new ideas by doing more research.

PISCES | FEB 20 - MAR 20

It's your lucky day when Jupiter forms a conjunction with Neptune in your sign on Tuesday. This is a powerful aspect because you can get a major boost of confidence and stamina to help you achieve anything you desire. Don't be afraid to reach for your dreams today, Pisces.

ARIES | MAR 21 - APR 20

While you might not see big changes this week, you will eventually see the fruits of your labours. Be gentle with yourself over the next six weeks after Mars enters Pisces and

your privacy zone on Thursday. Life will be moving at a much slower pace than you'd like, encouraging you to pause and reevaluate the journey your life is taking.

TAURUS | APR 21 - MAY 20

Wednesday is your lucky day because you might receive something you've been dreaming about when Jupiter forms a conjunction with Neptune in your social zone. This aspect brings windfalls as you achieve anything you want with ease. Share these good vibes with your friends to make them last.

GEMINI | MAY 21 - JUNE 21

Your physical energy becomes sluggish today, and unfortunately, this trend will continue through the next few months. There will be times when you are feeling strong, but overall, you may feel as if you are trying to run with a ball and chain on. It will be easier to present your products to a wider audience.

CANCER | JUN 22 - JULY 22

The week is likely to continue on a rather discombobulated note. Everyone around you seems to be a little off kilter thanks to the weekend before. Nothing seems to fit into place and people's actions are haphazard. Be patient and watch any tendency to make cutting remarks.

LEO | JULY 23 - AUG 22

Your management skills are strong, but you may be challenged by people who have strong egos or insist their way is the only option. Do your best to listen and create a group consensus. If you can't, your best option is to work independently. Thursday is a lucky day for teaching others or improving your own skills.

VIRGO | AUG 23 - SEP 23

This can be a very exciting time. Many areas that have stalled or suffered a lack of resources will at last begin to show progress.

If you're careful about following established procedures, your natural expansiveness is going to win you recognition on Thursday. An easy flow on Friday supports applying for a job or any sort of active marketing of your business interests.

LIBRA | SEP 24 - OCT 23

Your imagination is peaking, so use this to your advantage. Impress people with how well you can solve a problem using artistic and creative means, instead of doing things exactly by the book. Give a colourful presentation of your ideas. It's wise not to take personally other people's negative reactions.

SCORPIO | OCT 24 - NOV 22

Everything you do for the next few months will have a strong creative edge to it. A cycle begins today that will bring out your artistic nature and ask you to create with colours, shapes, patterns, and forms instead of words and numbers.

SAGITTARIUS | NOV 23 - DEC 21

You are automatically sceptical of a new-fangled idea that lands on your desk or is presented to you in a meeting. Your first instinct is to reject the plan without even looking at it closely. Don't be too quick to judge. There is merit here. A difficult boss can side-track best-laid plans this week.

CAPRICORN | DEC 22 - JAN 20

An unethical acquaintance could be spreading unfounded rumours. Don't take anything you hear today at face value. Get all the facts before drawing conclusions. Equipment being installed or acting up adds to the confusion in some work today.

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TREAT OF THE DAY



NOMA 8:00PM

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



4:00am Aljazeera
5:00am Off The Hook
6:00am Fixing The Nation
10:00am Your World
12:00pm Flaqo
12:30pm Business Redefined
1:00pm NTV Adhuhuri
1:30pm Love of my life
3:00pm Kwetu Mixx
4:00pm Beatz and Buzz
6:30pm NTV Mashinani
7:00pm NTV Jioni
7:30pm The Glam
8:00pm Noma
8:30pm Business Redefined - KETRACO
9:00pm NTV Tonight
9:30pm The Elevate Show
10:30pm Fixing The Nation
12:00am Aljazeera

Today's highlight:

BEATS AND BUZZ @4:00PM
THE ELEVATE SHOW @9.30PM



NTV TONIGHT 9:00PM

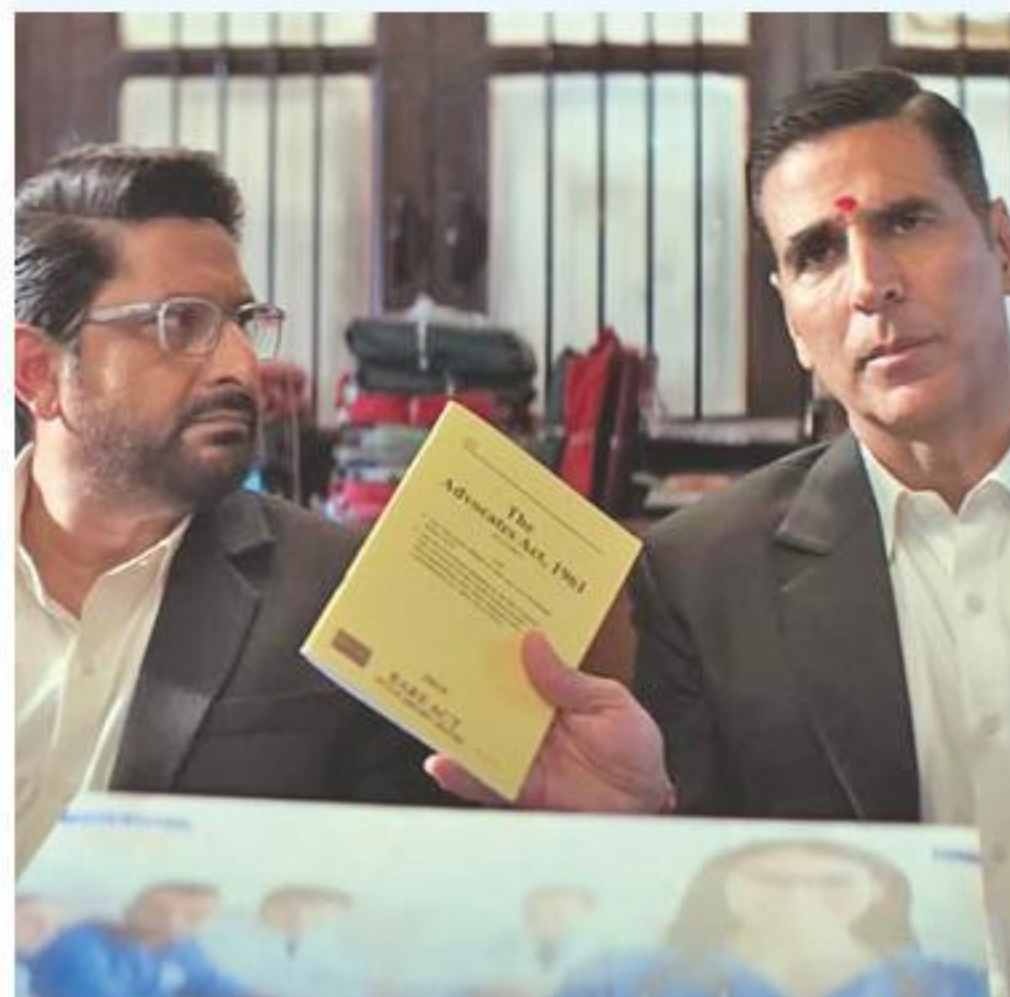
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NTV JIONI 7:00PM

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

CINEMA GUIDE



Jolly Lib 3.. Now showing in cinema halls across the country.

NAIROBI

ANGA DIAMOND PLAZA

Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba Infinity Castle

1PM, 4PM, 7PM, 10PM

Jolly 2D

1PM, 4PM, 7PM, 10PM

Sanghavi and Sons 2D

4PM, 9.30PM

The Conjuring Last Rites 2D

12.00PM, 7PM

ANGA SKY CINEMA, PANARI CENTRE

Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba Infinity Castle (Subbed)

12.00PM, 2.45PM, 5.30PM, 8.20PM

The Conjuring Last Rites 2D

2PM, 4.30PM, 9PM

The Long Walk 2D

2.30PM, 7PM

WESTGATE CINEMA WESTGATE MALL

Code 3 2D-SCRN 2(16)

4.30PM

Demon Slayer: Kimetsu No Yaiba Infinity Castle 2D

-SCRN 1,2&3(PG)

11.10AM, 4.00PM, 6.35PM & 9.15PM

The Conjuring Last Rites

2D-SCRN 2,3&4

(16) 3.35PM, 6.35PM & 9.30PM

The Long Walk

2D-2.20PM & 10PM

Baaghi 4 2D-SCRN 3(18)

1.30AM & 6.10PM

Aabeer Gulal 2D-SCRN 2 (PG)

11.05AM

Jolly Lib 3 2D-SCRN 1&4(TBA)

11.15AM, 3PM, 6.55PM & 9.05PM

The Conjuring Last Rites

2D-SCRN 5 (16)

11.30AM

The Long Walk 2D-SCRN 5(TBA)

4.05PM

Jolly Lib 3 2D 11.00AM, 6.00PM & 9.05PM

Aabeer Gulal 2D-6.15PM

Baaghi 4 2D-SCRN 5(18)

9.05PM

CECENTURY CINEMAX TWO RIVERS MALL - LIMURU ROAD

The Bad Guys 2D

11AM, 1.30PM, & 3.30PM

Code 3

2D-5.30PM, 7.45PM & 10PM

Superman: Legacy

11AM, 1.45PM & 7.15PM

Jurassic World Rebirth 3D

4.30PM & 10.00PM

Demon Slayer: Kimetsu No Yaiba Infinity Castle 2D

1PM, 4PM, 7PM & 10PM

The Long Walk 2D

1PM, 3.15PM, 5.30PM, 7.45PM & 10PM

The Fantastic Four: First Steps

2D 1PM, 3.15PM, 5.30PM, 7.45PM & 10PM

Code 3 2D-

12.30PM, 3PM, 5.15PM, 7.30PM & 10PM

The Conjuring Last Rites 2D

11AM, 1.45PM, 4.30PM, 7.15PM & 10PM

5PM, 4.30PM, 7.15PM & 10PM

CENTURY CINEMAX SARIT CENTRE

KARUNA ROAD, WESTLANDS

Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba Infinity Castle 2D-

1:00PM, 7:00PM

Jolly Lib 3 2D-

4:00PM, 10PM

The Fantastic Four: First Steps

3D 12PM, 7.45PM

The Conjuring: Last Rites

2D 2.15PM, 5PM, 10PM

The Bad Guys 2 2D

11.30AM, 1.30PM & 3.30PM

The Long Walk 2D

5.30PM, 7.45PM & 10.00PM

Jolly Lib 3 2D-

1PM, 7PM :

Demon Slayer: Kimetsu No Yaiba Infinity Castle 2D 4.00PM,

10.00PM

PRESTIGE CINEMA, PRESTIGE PLAZA

Caught Stealing (R18)

12.45PM

Demon Slayer: Kimetsu No Yaiba Infinity Castle 3PM, 6PM,

9PM

The Conjuring: Last Rites

2D 3.45PM, 9.15PM

The Long Walk 1PM, 6.30PM,

MOTION CINEMAS, GREENSPAN MALL, DONHOLM

The Long Walk 2D 2:00PM,

6:00PM

Demon Slayer:

11:30AM, 4:00PM, 8:15PM

The Conjuring: Last Rites

2D, 8:00PM

Code 3 2D 2PM,

6.30PM

The Fantastic Four: First Steps

2D 12PM, 4PM

MEGA CINEMA, KISUMU

Demon Slayer: Kimetsu No Yaiba Infinity Castle

1PM, 6PM

Code 3

1.30PM, 6.20PM

The Long Walk

4.10PM, 9PM

Jolly Lib 3

8.40PM

TELEVISION

CITIZEN TV

5:00 Pambazuka
5:30 PE @ Home-Rpt
6:00 Day Break
10:00 Sema Na Citizen
1:00 News @ 1
2:00 Mseto Africa
3:00 PE @ Home
4:00 News Briefs
4.15 Kali ni Kali
6:00 Kenya's Gold
7:00 Citizen
Nipashe 7:30 Neema
8:00 Aurora's Quest (El Angel De Aurora)
9:00 Jklive
11:00 Mrs Garcia And Her Daughters
12:00 Afrosinema
1.00 Jklive Rpt

TV47 TV

5:00 Morning Decree
5:30 TV47 Fitness
6:00 Morning Café
11:00 TV47 Matukio
2:00 Baze 47
3:00 The 77 Percent-Rpt
3:30 Nuzo And Namia -Rpt
4:00 TV47 News Now
4:15 Beat Kids
4:30 Kiki And Nuna
5:00 Beat Plug
6:00 La Mujer De Judas
7:00 Upeo Wa Tv47
7:30 Dr. Ofweneke Tonight

9:00 The Insight With Debarl Inea-
12:00 Beatplug Mix
1:00 Eco Africa Rpt
2:00 Wild Kingdom
4:00 Morning Devotion

KTN TV

5:30 Command Your Morning
6:00 The Situation Room
10:00 Zilizala Viwanjani
11:00 Yanayojiri
1:00 Newsdesk
2:00 The Broken Marriage Vow
3:00 Millennial On The

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

6.00 CGTN
7.00 Good Morning Kenya
9.30 Senate
1.00 KBC Lunchtime News
2.00 Mkulima Rpt
2.30 National Assembly
3.30 Afroviibz
4.30 Ubongo/Akili
5.00 Robocar
5.30 Club 1
6.30 Delivering The Plan
7.00 Darubini
7.30 Gunduu
8.30 Inside Government
9.00 Channel 1 News
10.00 Innayard Live
11.30 CGTN
12.30 France 24

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GOLDSMITH & GARNETT

The Repealed Companies Act, Cap 486 Sec. 103 Notice of Appointment of Receiver and Manager over Eslon Plastics of Kenya Limited

Notice is hereby given that Mr. Joy Vipinchandra Bhatt has been appointed as the Receiver & Manager ("The Receiver") of Eslon Plastics of Kenya Limited, Nairobi on 18th September 2025 by KCB Bank Kenya Limited.

This is to notify all interested stakeholders that following the Receiver's appointment, the affairs of the company shall be directed by the Receiver, whose powers extend to all assets and undertakings of the Company. Only the Receiver and his duly approved representatives are authorized to deal with the assets of the Company.

Any person who purports to hold, receive, use, or attempt to buy or sell, contract, or otherwise deal with the assets of the Company without prior written consent of the Receiver shall be acting in contravention of the law and shall be liable to legal action.

The Receiver Acts on behalf of the company without any personal liability.

All correspondence should be addressed to:

The Receiver and Manager,

Esilon Plastics of Kenya Limited (In Receivership)

C/o P.O. Box 69952 – 00400 Nairobi

Tel: +254 724 887250

Email: insolvency@moore-jvb.com



MOORE

THE INSOLVENCY ACT - NO. 18 OF 2015 KORARA HIGHLANDS TEA FACTORY LIMITED (Under Administration) INSOLVENCY CAUSE NO. IP E055 OF 2025 APPOINTMENT OF JOINT ADMINISTRATORS

NOTICE is hereby given that **Korara Highlands Tea Factory Limited** ("the Company") has been placed under Administration effective 22nd September 2025 with P V R Rao and Swaroop Rao Ponangipalli appointed as Joint Administrators (Administrators).

Following the appointment, all the affairs and business of the Company are being conducted by the Joint Administrators whose powers extend to all assets and undertakings of the Company. The powers of the Directors in terms of dealing with the Company's assets ceased.

Any party having a claim against the Company shall submit the claim in writing, to the Administrators, together with relevant supporting documentation, not later than 15th October 2025. The Administrators act as agents of the Company without personal liability.

All correspondence, claims & inquiries shall be addressed to:

Swaroop Rao Ponangipalli
Joint Administrator

Korara Highlands Tea Factory Limited (Under Administration)
C/O Tact Consulting LLP
P O Box 51-00623 Nairobi
swaroop@tactkenya.com



TENDER ADVERT

KEN 1291 - FUNDED BY CHARITY WATER

RFT 402827 - PURCHASE OF FACTORY NEW MOTOR VEHICLE - ISUZU FVR90L Bluepower Truck complete with body

Conditions are stated in the tender documents, to be accessed online. Suppliers wishing to participate in this tender must register online on the link below:

<https://eu.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyRegistration/RegisterCompany?OID=21&B=WELTHUNGERHILFE>

Please use the link below to access this tender and other attachments

<https://eu.eu-supply.com/ctm/supplier/publictenders?B=WELTHUNGERHILFE>

Offers to be submitted online on the above second link under the respective RFT number

Tender deadline: Tuesday 7th October 2025 at 11:00AM



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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by the chargee, in exercise of the chargee's statutory power of sale, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned property together with all the developments thereon:-

On Thursday, 9th October 2025 starting from 11.00 am at our offices, Ngara Flats, Suite No. 2, 1st Floor, next to Mellow Heights, Ngara road, Nairobi.

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY (APARTMENT) IN WESTPARK HEIGHTS, NAIROBI WEST AREA - NAIROBI COUNTY

All that property known as APARTMENT NO. 8 ON L.R. NO. 37/262/18. The parent parcel extends to 0.0352Ha or 0.0870 acres approximately while the subject apartment measures 45 Square Meters or 484 Square Feet approximately. The apartment is registered in the name of GURUBAKSH SINGH RAYAT G/T SARK KENYA LIMITED of P.O. Box 17684 - 00500, Nairobi. The property is held on leasehold interest for a term of 99 years with effect from 1st April, 1955 (less the last days thereof). The unexpired lease period is about 29 years. The apartment Number 8 is located on the second floor of Block A within Westpark Heights - a block of apartments situated along Kodi road, in Nairobi West Area, Nairobi County. The GPS co-ordinates are -1.308250, 36.819611. The apartment is a one bedroomed unit. Mains electricity, water and trunk sewer services are connected to the property. Water provision and storage is supplemented by water tanks provided within the property.

CONDITIONS FOR SALE

1. Bidders are advised to carry out all necessary searches and view the properties and verify all details pertaining to the property as these are not warranted by ourselves or our principals.
2. Only bidders with bidding numbers against a Kshs. 100,000.00/= refundable bidding deposit and who will have signed acceptance of the conditions of sale (available at our offices) prior to the auction be qualified to bid.
3. The highest approved bidder at the fall of the hammer shall be declared purchaser and shall be required to pay a deposit of 10% of the purchase price in cash or bankers cheque within fourteen (14) days from the date of auction and the balance thereof within 90 days.
4. Viewing of the property can be done during normal working hours.
5. The sale is subject to a reserve price.



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NACICO PLAZA
5TH FLOOR, ROOM 514
LANDHIES ROAD

CELL: 0727-558194 or 0733-749614
Email: mugauctioneers@yahoo.com

PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our clients, the Chargees, in exercise of "Chargees Statutory Power of Sale", we shall sell by Public Auction the properties described herein-below together with all the developments and improvements erected thereon:-

ON TUESDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2025 AT 11:00A.M AT OUR OFFICES SITUATED AT NACICO PLAZA, 5TH FLOOR, ROOM 514, ALONG LANDHIES ROAD, NAIROBI.

All that Freehold Interest parcels of land known as LR Nos. Kiambaa/Thimbigua/7225,7226,7227&7228, Kiambu County, each measuring 0.034 Ha or 0.084Acres approximately and registered i.n.o Veronica Wanjiru Macharia of P.O. Box 13338-00400 Nairobi. These are adjacent properties situated approximately 200mtrs due North of Muchatha Youth Empowerment (Muchatha Polytechnic) in Kiviseni area and lie about 450mtrs off Ruaka-Banana-Raini Road in Muchatha area and in the neighborhood of Galilee Apartments, Kiambaa Sub County. Coordinates are 1°11'28.3"S 36°46'47.9"E. Mains electricity and piped water are readily available in the immediate neighbourhood for connection. Foul drainage would be into a septic tank. **These are very prime vacant residential properties ready for developments.**

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. All prospective purchasers are hereby requested to view and verify for themselves all the necessary details pertaining to the above named properties as the same are not warranted either by the Auctioneers or their Principals.
2. A deposit of (25%) **twenty-five percent** of the purchase price must be paid either by **Bankers Cheque or RTGS only** at the fall of the hammer and balance directly to our principals within **Ninety (90)** days from the date of sale failure to which any money received including the Deposit will be forfeited absolutely.
3. Prospective bidders are hereby requested to obtain a bidding number prior to the date of sale by depositing with us a refundable deposit of **Kshs. 100,000/=** in form of **Bankers Cheque only** to enable them participate in the sale. **Note: There will be no bidding whatsoever without a bidding number.**
4. The sale is subject to a **Reserve Price** and other necessary consents.
5. Further details herein such as encumbrances, rates e.t.c. can be obtained from our offices while pointing out can be done during normal office hours.



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PERSONAL NOTICES

A109 Lost

LOS of Title KJD/Olchoro Onyore/20621 - L.N.O Sylvia Chepkoech Saina.

LOSS of Certificate of Lease LR 1/677

LOSS Of Green Card: Kwale/Diani S.s/3815

LOSS Of Green Card: Kwale/Diani S.s/3816

LOSS Of Green Card: Kwale/Diani S.s/3819

LOSS of Title Deed for land parcel no. Nyaribari Chache/B/B/Boburia/16084 registered in the name of Patrick Lumumba Anundah.

LOSS of Title Deed LR No. Kajado/ Ntashart/12462 Proprietors: Vincent Odari Amulega & Stella Kuri Mugambi

LOSS OF TITLE DEED LR. NO. LARI/KIRENGA/3761

LOSS of Title Deed Mavoko Town Blk 2/4833

LOSS of title deed Ngong Township block 1/4

LOSS of Title deed No LR 6155 (Original NO 5552/2/4)

LOSS of Title Komothai/Igi/115 Wakaba Gichanga

LOSS of Title Loitoktok Enkariak - Rongena/3552

LOSS of title no. Naivasha/OI Jorai Phase 11/5103 of David Kibe Ngure

LOSS OF Title Number Kajado/Kaputei-North/62656 INO Millicent Alice Ogolla

LOSS of title nyandarua/south kinangop/ 1700 Owner KARIUKI MUNGAJ

LOSS of title Samuru/mwingiringi blk 1/ 541

LOSS of title Thika municipality blk 18/22

LOSS of title Baricho/Dakacha/1144 for Ibrahim Wafula Simiyu and Mary Nasimiya Wanyama

LOST of Title Nairobi Block 118/2174

LOST t/deed no Donyo Sabuk/ Komarock/ Block 1/40319 Geoffrey Kariuki Wainaina

LOST title deed Karingani/Ndagani/10700 Of Mark Denis Mwenda Miriti

LOST title deed Loc.13/ Gitugi/ 789 of Wanjohi Mbuthe

LOST Title Deed Nakuru/Municipality Block 29/1022

LOST title deed Ngandori/Ngovio/4781 Of Jackson Kinyua Njiru

LOST title deed number Kericho/Chemage 1/5057

LOST title deeds Nyeri Municipality LR.5104/131,LR. 5104/132 LR. 5105/133, LR. 5104/134, LR. 5104/135,LR. 5104/136, LR. 5104/137, LR. 5104/138 LR. 5104/148 and LR. 5104/149 of Mary Consolata Muriithi.

LOST title Kakuji/Kimorori Blk 9/1770 Ad mins: Susan Njoki & John Maina Murigitho in estate of Murigitho Gitagia (Deceased)

LOST title Kiambu/Gatuanyaga/7719

LOST title Kiambu/Gatuanyaga/7727

LOST Title Loc.16/Gatura/517 Registered Owner Michael Kangiri Karanja

LOST Title: Loc.3/Kariua/302 Owner: Mwangi Kahuria

LOST title Nanyuki marura block 8/71 (nturukuma) of Patrick Rick Kabai

LOST title Ngenda/Kimunya/1528

LOST Title - Nguirubi/ Ndiuni/ 999 Belonging To James Wachira Karuri.

NGANDORI/ Kirigi/1849 Njiru Kauga

RECONSTRUCTION of Land Register for Title- Nakuru Municipality Block 6/97

MISSING-PERSON Mr. Mbaabu Baibu Alias Imanyara Alias Mbaambu Baibaruru since 1984

LOST Title Ndalani/Ndalani/132 Ndalani/Ndalani/1238 Ndalani/Ndalani/133 Ndambuki Lila

PERSONAL SERVICES

A167 Acupuncture

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A279 Notices

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

The registered owner(s) of **KISUMU/ KORANDO/5001** off Busia road. Ojola. Wishes to Change the use from **Agricultural to Commercial (slaughterhouse & Axillaries)**. Subject to approval of County Government of Kisumu. Individuals with comments or objections to forward them within **fourteen days (14)**. Citing grounds of objection:

The CECM Lands Physical Planning & Urban Development
P.O. Box 2378-4010 Kisumu.

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
IN THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT ELDORET
CIVIL SUIT NO. E297 OF 2020

ANNA CHEPCHUMBA SINGO' EI (suing as the legal representative of the estate of the late **CHEPKWONY ARAP SINGO' EI** (Deceased)).....**PLAINTIFF**
-VERSUS-
AL KAMAR TRADING COMPANY.....**DEFENDANT**
-AND-
CAR & GENERAL (TRADING) LIMITED.....**THIRD PARTY**
SUAM SUPERMARKET.....**THIRD PARTY**
Substituted Service by Advertisement
(Under Order 5, Rule 17)

TO: SUAM SUPERMARKET
P.O BOX 84
KITALE

TAKE NOTICE that Third Party Proceedings have been filed in the Chief Magistrate's Court at Eldoret in Civil Suit No. E297 of 2020 in which you have been named as 2nd Third Party, service of Third Party Notice has been ordered to be made by way of this Advertisement. A Third Party Notice, Plaintiff and Defence may be obtained from the firm of M/s Kabiru & Co. Advocates Rehema House 3rd floor, Standard Street Nairobi and/or from the Eldoret Chief Magistrate's Courts Civil Registry at Eldoret.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, unless you enter an appearance within 21 days, the case will be heard your absence notwithstanding.

TAKE NOTICE that the matter will be mentioned on **28/10/2025**.

Dated at Nairobi this...23rd...of...September....2025.

KABIRU & COMPANY
ADVOCATES FOR THE 1st THIRD PARTY

DRAWN BY:
KABIRU AND COMPANY ADVOCATES
REHEMA HOUSE, 3rd FLOOR, STANDARD STREET
P.O BOX 1222-00100, NAIROBI
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Physical & Land Use Planning Act No. 13 of 2019
NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner(s) of **Nyandarua Olkalou central/7143** in Nyandarua County, proposes to change its use from **Agricultural use to Commercial cum Residential use** subject to approval by County Government of Nyandarua. Individuals, institutions or members of public with comments and or Objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within **fourteen (14) days** of this day to:

The CECM; Lands, physical planning, Housing and Urban Development
County Government of Nyandarua.
P.O. Box 701-20303 Ol' Lalou.

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

The Owner of **L.R. No. KERICHO/ MOGOGOSIEK/2** along Mogogosiek-Litein Road, Bomet County proposes to Change User, a Portion on the Parcel, from **Agricultural to Light Industrial (Petrol Station)** subject to the Approval by Bomet County Government. Individuals and institutions with Substantive material objections and representations should forward them within **fourteen (14) days** of this notice to:

The CECM Lands, Housing and Urban Development, Bomet County
P.O. Box 19-20400, Bomet.

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

The registered owner of land parcel **NJORO/NGATA BLOCK 8/91(KARUIRU)** located in Rongai sub-county in Nakuru County proposes to change the use of the parcel from **single Residential dwelling use to multi dwelling Residential use**, subject to approval by the County Government of Nakuru. Individuals, Institutions and members of public with comments and or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within **14 days** of this notice to:

The County Executive Committee Member Lands, Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Development, County Government of Nakuru, P.O. Box 2870-20100 Nakuru.

A279 Notices

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
IN THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT NYAHURURU
NYAHURURU LAW COURTS
CIVIL SUIT NO. 222 OF 2019 "FAST TRACK"
JOSEPH KAMAU MUHINJA.....PLAINTIFF
-VERSUS-
KINYANJUI WAIRIMU JACQUILINE.....1ST DEFENDANT
WANJIRU ALICE.....2ND DEFENDANT
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Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with deep sadness and humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing of our dearly beloved Eng. Wilfred Ondieki Mayaka of Mosobeti, Nyamira County on Saturday 13th September, 2025.

Son of late Mayaka Mayaka and late Kwamboka Nyaro Mayaka. He was a cherished and devoted husband of Mrs. Susanah Bosibori Ondieki. Loving father of Arnold Getaro, the late Callaghan Ogega, Benjamin Mochama, Stella Omari and Golda Mayaka. He was a beloved father-in-law of Bathseba Getaro, Peter Omari, and Mary Samuel. Son-in-law of the late Mzee James Maraga and the late Mama Helena Nyaranda.

Brother of the late Gesare, the late Nyachuba, the late Ong'era, the late Nyangweso, the late Osumo, the late Nyakundi, Cllr. Peterson Machogu, Prof. Benjamin Ondigi, Siriba, Nyabuti, Nyamotta among others. Brother-in-law of Yunis Ondoro, the late Zephania Omosa, Absalom Nyang'ate, the late Samuel Mong'ate, Laban Mouti, Patroba Ombongi, the late Isaac Oeba, Rael Mireri, Joyce Boyani, Priscilla Moraa, Kwamboka, Yunuke, Alloys, Simeon, Nyanchama, Beatrice, Agnes, Martha, Jennifer, Gladys among others.

Grandfather of Jakin, Joy, Isaac, Natasha, Asher, Adriel, Abi, Jerry and Jetriel. Korera of Mr. Absalom & Mrs. Rael Opini, Mr. Benson & Mrs. Beldina Nyagwencha, and the late Samuel Anunda and Mrs. Beatrice Anunda. Semo of the late Elaphan Ondoro, David Mireri, Patrick Manyaga and the late Nyasimi. Uncle to many.

The cortege leaves Star Mortuary Kisumu on Thursday 25th September, 2025, followed by burial service on Friday 26th September, 2025 at his home in Mosobeti Village, Nyamira County.

2nd Timothy 4:7: I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Rest in Peace, till the resurrection morning.



Eng. Wilfred Ondieki Mayaka

Promotion To Glory

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the death of Hellen Wambui Mungu on 18/09/2025 after a short illness.

Daughter of the late Benson Gathing and the late Esther Wanjiku. Wife of the late Eliud Mungu Gikonyo.

Loving mother of Charles and Purity Gikonyo, the late Benson Gathing, Mike and Wanja Kihonge.

She was sister of the late Obadia and Joyce Muchori the late Hannah and Jeff Mwangi, Isaac and Christine Iganjo, Lilian Wangari, Charity and the late Patrick Gachahi, Beulah and the late Eliud Kasale, Pastors Neema and Ken Yapha.

Grandmother of Chantal and Jefferson. Aunty and cousin to many.

She was daughter-in-law of the late Jonathan Gikonyo and the late Zipporah Wangui.

The cortege will leave Montezuma Funeral Home, Kabati, on Friday 26/09/2025 at 7:00am for burial at 10:00am at Iruri village, Thuita sub-location, Mathioya.



Hellen Wambui Mungu
04/10/1954 – 18/09/2025

Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Mzee John Collins Omondi Tuju (formerly of the National Youth Service), on 11th September 2025, while receiving treatment at Ngiya Diocese Health Centre, Siaya County.

Mzee John Omondi, born 9th January 1960, to the late Mzee Stephen Tuju and Mama Esther Adhiambo, served the nation with distinction in the National Youth Service, rising to the position of Commanding Officer until his retirement in Lambwe, Homa Bay County.

He was the beloved husband of Jacqueline Tuju, cherished father of Michael Tuju and Steve Tuju, and brother of the late Shem Odegi, the late Edward Oduor, the late Benter Akinyi, the late Mary Aluoch, the late Peter Owino, the late Barack Otieno, the late Elkanah Ogutu, and Hellen Auma.

The cortege leaves Bama Hospital Siaya on Friday, 26th September 2025, at 3:00 p.m. for a service at ACK Wagwer Church, followed by burial on Saturday, 27th September 2025, at his home in Gem-Ahono Ngiya, Siaya County.

"Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me" - Psalm 23:4



Mzee John Collins Omondi Tuju

Death and Funeral Announcement



Florence Mikwa Otieno

It is with deep sorrow and humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing on to glory of Florence Mikwa Otieno, Bursar- Migori Boys High School which occurred on September 6, 2025 after a short illness.

Beloved wife of Jack Otieno Odhiambo.

Loving mother of Naomi Hope, Ruth Lydia, Ashley Taylor, Bernadette Gweth and Precious Lian.

Daughter of Benter Auma Otieno and Simeon Otieno Mikwa of Koderobara, Rongo.

Daughter-in-law of Bernadette A. Odhiambo and Isaac Odhiambo Onyango of Arambe, Oyani-Masai.

Sister of Joseph Okoth, George Okoth, Lucy Awuor, late Hilda Akinyi, Geoffrey Odiwuor, Robert Ouko, Emma Achieng, Edwin Mikwa, Hillary Omondi, Diana Akoth and Derrick Ochieng.

Sister-in-law of George Omondi, Quinter Sylvia, Juliet Awuor, Elvis Onyango among others.

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

The cortege leaves Rosewood Funeral Home, Rongo on Thursday 25th September 2025 for a night vigil and the body will be laid to rest on Friday, 26th September, 2025 at her home in Arambe Village, Oyani-Masai.

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



In Loving Memory of Mzee Stephen Kathukya Ngoloma

We wish to announce the passing of our beloved Mzee Stephen Kathukya Ngoloma, son of the late Gerishon Ngoloma and the late Mukenyi Ngoloma.

He was a loving husband of the late Edna Nduku and Grace Mbele, and a devoted father of Katiwa Munene, Mumbua Giati, Mutindi Song'e, Kathukya Ngoloma, Timothy Mulandi, and Gerishon Mbiu.

Father-in-law of the late Kenneth Munene, the late Thomas Giati, Simba Song'e, Lilly Kidali, Zipora, and Esther.

He was the brother of the late Esther Mbose Matece, the late Susan Muli, the late Mary Mutinda Ngundo, the late Jackson Kilelo, the late Thompson Mbiu, the late David Ndhuli, Esther Ndulu Mutuku, Anne Bwika, and Sarah Kikuvu.

He was a brother-in-law, uncle, cousin, grandfather, and great-grandfather to many.

His burial ceremony will be held on 25th September 2025 at his home in Kitulani village, Makueni County.

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

Celebration of a Life Well Lived



Mzee Joseph Wabuye Mukewa
Sunrise: 1930 ~ Sunset: 11th September 2025

With deepest sorrow, we announce the passing of our beloved father, Mzee Joseph Wabuye Mukewa — fondly known as "Kuka Omukosi" — of Bituti Farm, Kitale and Sikata, Bungoma. He went to be with the Lord on September 11th, 2025 at Galilee Hospital, Kitale, surrounded by family and friends.

Mzee Wabuye was a cherished husband, father, brother, grandfather, and great-grandfather — a pillar of hope and resilience who brought joy, wisdom, and humor to all who knew him.

Fundraising events are scheduled for Wednesday, October 1st, 2025, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at his home, Bituti Farm, Kitale, and on Sunday, September 28th, 2025, at Sikata home.

A service will be held on Friday, 3rd October 2025, at his home, Bituti Farm, Kitale, and burial will take place on Saturday, 4th October 2025 at his home, Bituti Farm, Kitale.

We are deeply grateful for your thoughts, prayers, encouragement, and support during this difficult time.

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

Death and Funeral Announcement



Andrew Wekesa Masinde

Sunrise: 3rd September, 1974 - Sunset: 18th September, 2025

It is with deep sorrow and humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the sudden passing on of our beloved Andrew Wekesa Masinde, which occurred on 18th September, 2025 in JKIA, Machakos County, after a short illness. Until his demise, Andrew was an employee of the Parliamentary Service Commission.

Andrew was a cherished son of Richard and Janet Masinde, a devoted husband of Angela Nasimiyu and Holiday Wamboi and a doting father of Tracy, Holiday K, Lorraine, Cynthia, Luther and Michelle. He was a dear brother of Elizabeth, Kennedy, the late Aggrey, Benson, Perez, Sarah, Harrison, Caleb, Terry, Peninah, Sally, and Titus. He was a brother-in-law of Joshat, Catherine, Florence, Frank, Geoffrey, Gladys, James, Phillip, and Timothy. Andrew was a beloved Uncle of Daniel, Emmanuel, Ezekiel, Mercy, Faith, Gloria, Beryl, Nicole K, Ivy, Nicole M, Chelsy, Carl, Glory, Krispie, Laura, Mabele and Idah.

The family has organized a fundraising to help offset the funeral expenses at the All Saints Cathedral Nairobi on Wednesday, 24th September, 2025 from 5:00pm and at the Namanjalala home in Kitale on Wednesday, 24th September, 2025. A requiem mass will be held on Thursday, 25th September, 2025 at St Paul's University Chapel (Opposite United Kenya Club). The cortege leaves Montezuma Funeral Home, Nairobi on Friday, 26th September, 2025 for his Kitale town residence where a funeral service will be held. Burial will take place on Saturday, 27th September, 2025, at the family home in Namanjalala Village, Kitale, starting at 9:00 a.m.

Matthew 5:16 ~ "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Celebration of a Life Well Lived



Wilfred Josiah Manda
1942 ~ 2025

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing on of Wilfred Josiah Manda, proprietor of Kukumart Hotel in Syokimau.

Devoted husband of the late Juliana Ndunge.

Cherished father of Ronald Ndolo, the late Duncan Musembi, Naomi Mwende, the late Oscar Kanya, and Tom Mutiso.

He was a loving father-in-law of Jackline Mwikali and a doting grandfather of Adrianna, Blessing, and Jayden.

He was brother of Anna Kilaso, the late Rebecca Mulobi, Lucas Manda Nzoka, and the late William Mutuku. In-law of Pauline, the late Charles, Gabriel, the late Monica, Kyalo, the late Anastasia, Terry, Christine, the late Nzau, and Thama, as well as his many nephews and nieces.

There will be a virtual/physical harambee on Thursday 25th September 2025 from 5:00-7:00 pm at Kukumart Hotel Syokimau. Contributions can be sent to Mpesa no 0722759361 Charles Maingi.

He will be laid to rest on the 27th September 2025 at his Kinanie home Mavoko Sub-county.

John 10:27-30

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Appreciation

We, the family of the late Anthony John Wainaina (Tony) extend our deepest gratitude for the outpouring of love, support and kindness we received following Tony's hospitalisation and passing on 27 August 2025.

Your prayers, visits, messages, calls and thoughtful gestures have strengthened and comforted us during this most difficult time.

We are unable to thank each person individually, so please accept this message as our heartfelt appreciation for the many ways you have carried us.

May God bless you all. "The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit."
— Psalm 34:18



Anthony John Wainaina (Tony)

Death and Funeral Announcement



Mrs. Mary Wanjiru Thuo Ngeta

It is with great sadness and humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing on of Mrs Mary Wanjiru Thuo of Nairobi West, Nairobi County. She went to be with the Lord on the morning of Saturday 20th September 2025. She will be remembered for her kindness, generosity and love for Christ.

She was the wife of the late Joseck Thuo Ngeta. She was beloved mother of James and Jane Ngeta, grandmother of Mary Tiff Wanjiru, Noni and Mutua and Bryan Thuo. Great grandmother of Jabu and Mutanu. She was the loving daughter of the late Joseck Kariuki Chege and the late Mercy Waceke.

Sister of the late Geoffrey Chege wa Joseck, the late Lizzie Thuita. Daughter-in-law of the late Jesse Ngeta and the late Julia Mukami. She was sister-in-law of the late Kariuki, late Kimari, late Wacuka, Elida, Kanyoko, Kiruiru, the late Geoffrey, late Ngahu, Bernice, late Esther, Diana, Phyllis, Helen, Mary, Rachael, Jane, Dionisio (Msa), late Maina (Msa) Mary, late Wangu, Margaret, late Macharia, Grace and Muraya (Msa).

There will be a memorial service at All Saints Cathedral, Nairobi on Sunday 28th September 2025 at 2:00pm. The cortege leaves Montezuma Funeral Home Kabati, Murang'a County on Tuesday 30th September 2025 at 8:00am followed by church service at ACK St. Phillips Kiamuturi, Mathioya Sub-County, Murang'a County starting from 11:00am, thereafter the procession will proceed to her resting place at her home in Kiamuturi.

Family and friends are meeting at All Saints Cathedral Nairobi from Tuesday 23rd to Friday 26th September 2025 from 5:30pm, and at her home in Kiamuturi at 5:00pm.

"[I] I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from? [8] the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore". Ps. 121:1, 8 NIV

Promotion to Glory



Jael Triza Nabalayo Lukorito

Sunrise: 24th November 2013 ~ Sunset: 16th September 2025

It is with deep sorrow and acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing on to glory of Jael Triza Nabalayo Lukorito on 16th September 2025 following a swimming incidence at school.

Jael Triza Nabalayo Lukorito was a beloved daughter of Eng. Zacharia Lukorito Chepkania (KEBS) and Bernadine Barasa (KENAS).

She was a beloved sister of Marvin Chepkania Lukorito and Edgar Wasike Lukorito. She was a grand daughter of Francis Katiba Chepkania & Eunice Khakasa, and Daniel Barasa Masinde & Marcian Barasa of Kibisi Sublocation, Mbakalo Location in Bungoma North.

She was niece of Nyongesa Munialo, Mutoro Munialo, Patrick Pwipwai, Terry Lumbasi Chepkania, Joan Wambani, Celestine Barasa, Genetrix Barasa, Adelide Barasa, Godfrey Masinde, Edward Wasike, Sis. Christabel Barasa, Betty Barasa amongst many.

She was a grade 6 Learner at Syokimau Blessed Assurance Academy.

The family and friends are meeting daily at Syokimau Estate home from 5:00 p.m. and at their rural homes in Mwaita (Cherengany') and Kibisi.

The cortege leaves Montezuma Monalisa Funeral Home on Friday, 26th September 2025 for Cherengany Home in Mwaita Area, Kapterit Village near Bwake Boys High School. The funeral mass will be held on Saturday, 27th September 2025 starting at 09:00 am.

There be a memorial service on Wednesday, 24th September 2025 at their residence in Syokimau Estate, Mwananchi Road, Mau Summit Court Starting at 6:00 p.m. and thereafter followed by a fundraiser at same venue.

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The song is ended, but the melody lingers on. Shine on your way our Princess.

Death and Funeral Announcement

With deep sorrow and in humble acceptance of God's that we announce the passing of David Wakahu Gachoro on 18th September, 2025.

Son of the late Patrick Kamweru & the late Ruth Wanjiru. Husband of Margaret Mumbi. Father of Stanley Kamweru, Ruth Wanjiru and John Chege, Evans Kungu & Miriam Wambui, Grace Wangui, Samuel Ng'ang'a & Mary Njeri, Joseph Miring'u and Peris Ngendo, Lucy Wagikuyu & Bernard Njuguna, Eng. Ndung'u and Faith Wanza. Loving brother of the late Wanjiru, the late Ng'ang'a, the late Wangui, the late Njoki (twin sister), the late Ndung'u, the late Wagikuyu, the late Gathecha, Alice Wanjiku, Peter Mararo and Jane Njeri. Son-in-law of the late Joseph Kung'u & the late Ruth Wanjiru. Father-in-law of the late Ndumo, Njoki, Kiiru, Ng'ang'a Muturi, the late Augustine Wambaa & Johnstone Muthama. A profound grandfather of Olive, Ashley, Lewis, Lewin, Levis, Dennis, Dorcas, Wanjia, Mumbi, Shanie, Shantel, Praise, Ellie, Augustine & Brawn and great grandfather of Ariel.

Friends and relatives are meeting daily for prayers and funeral arrangements in his home Gitombo and Sport View Hotel Kasarani. The cortege leaves KU Referral Funeral Home bypass on Friday 26th September 2025 at 8:00am for funeral service at PCEA Gitombo Church from 10:00am and thereafter the body will be laid to rest at his home in Gitombo Village Komothai Location Githunguri Kiambu County.

Did you have fought good fight, you have finished the race and kept the faith. In God hand you rest, in our hearts you live forever



David Wakahu Gachoro

D.O.B: 1943

D.O.D: 18/9/25

Appreciation



Rahab Nyang'endo Wambugu

We the family of Rahab Nyang'endo Wambugu extend our gratitude to St Andrews Church, Nairobi together with Prof Daniel Ichang'i, Veronica Wambugu, Joe Karanja & the Woman's Guild for walking us/ with us through to the day we buried her henceforth.

We deeply appreciate both the medical team at the Shree Swaminarayan Hospital, Lang'ata that served her in the final days of her life and Montezuma Funeral Parlour in Nairobi. We appreciate all others who have played supportive roles in the process. Our sincere gratitude go to you; relatives, friends and neighbours for your messages of condolences and comfort, the kindness and sympathy shown to us, moral and financial support, your overall presence during this period of mourning the loss of our loved one and specifically for being there with us at the point of the interment of our beloved mother, grandmother, sibling and aunt.

Your kindness and prayers have given us strength and for that we are truly grateful. We shall always hold your kindness and care in grateful remembrance.

"There are no goodbyes for us. Wherever you are, you will always be in our hearts" Mahatma Gandhi

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"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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Death and Funeral Announcement



HON. JUSTICE FREDERICK ANDAGO OCHIENG, JA

It is with profound sorrow that we announce the passing of Justice Frederick Andago Ochieng which occurred in Nairobi on 17th September 2025. Justice Ochieng joined the Judiciary in 2003 as a Judge of the High Court where he served with distinction in various stations. In 2022 he was elevated to the Court of Appeal where he worked until his demise. He was a strong advocate for alternative dispute resolution and was the Chairperson of the Court Annexed Mediation Taskforce.

Justice Ochieng was the son of Joseph Ochieng Kijana and Felister Aor Ochieng (both deceased). He was the loving husband of Dr. Angela Adhiambo Andago (UoN) and beloved father of Linda, Jaqueline, Martin, Joy and Patricia; father-in-law of John Waraga Wachira; grandfather of Antonia, Angelina, Avi, Austin and Matthew.

Brother of Edward Ong'ino, Anthony Olwande (both deceased), Patrice Odude, Alloyce Obiero (deceased), Victor Owino, Richard Ameny, Anastasia Lugoma and Alice Maureen Mwanda.

He was the son-in-law of Austin Francis Orowe (deceased) and Mrs. Bridget Orowe of Kisumu - Kanyakwar; Brother-in-law of Pamela Ong'ino, Anne Olwande (deceased), Jacinta Odude, Jackline Obiero, Joyce Owino, Harriet Ameny, Winston Lugoma, Debra Orowe, Idah Orowe, Dr. Stan Orowe, Julius Orowe and Lawrence Orowe.

The Requiem Mass will be held at St. Austin's Parish, Msongari on Wednesday 24th September 2025 at 2:00pm. The cortege leaves Nairobi for Menara, Koru, Muhoroni in Kisumu County on Thursday, 25th September 2025. The funeral service will take place on Friday, 26th September 2025 from 9:00am followed by interment at his home.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Sport

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Athletics
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German Ambassador to Kenya Sebastian Groth joins fans, athletics officials and other guests at the Berlin Marathon watch party in Eldoret. JARED NYATAYA | NATION

Athletics galore as Eldoret celebrates

BY BERNARD ROTICH

It was an athletics double-header in Uasin Gishu County at the weekend when the German Embassy in Kenya organised a junior cross country challenge in Kaptagat and a Berlin Marathon watch party on the streets of Eldoret.

Winners of Saturday's Cheptit Junior Cross Country Challenge, which brought together more than 200 secondary school students, won school-fees sponsorship.

On Sunday, Kenyan Sebastian Sawe won the men's category of the 2025 Berlin Marathon as compatriot Rosemary Wanjiru triumphed in the women's race. Sawe, 30, finished in two hours, two minutes and 16 seconds, while Wanjiru clocked 2:21:05 to snatch the women's title.

The watch party was also supported by NTV, which televised the marathon live.

German Ambassador to Kenya Sebastian Groth said the two events were part of the Germany-Kenya Friendship Month that will run under the theme "Rangi za Urafiki" (Colours of Friendship). The embassy has lined up a series of events to mark the month, including the German National Day celebrations on October 3.

The Kaptagat and Eldoret events were coordinated by sports and events management firm Pura Vida Sports Africa. "We would like to thank Ambassador Groth, the German Embassy and Athletics Kenya, alongside Bank of Africa, for supporting the events. We hope this will be an annual ritual that will also enhance Kenya-Germany relations," the firm's founder Elias Makori said.

The events, geared towards celebrating Kenya's friendship with Germany, include the Kenyan-German Job Fair (October 12-15), aimed at connecting local professionals with German firms. This will feature workshops on finance, job applications and youth empowerment.

"Culture lovers can look forward to a German-Kenyan play at the Goethe-Institut, Nairobi. We shall also celebrate Oktoberfest together (October 24-25) as we bring a taste of Bavaria to Nairobi," said Groth. "Beyond these public events, the month also features a rich programme of expert exchanges, business delegations and innovation workshops - from a GreenTech Innovation Week to climate strategy sessions ahead of COP30 - all designed to strengthen economic ties and spark new ideas," the ambassador said earlier.

WORLD CUP

Rising Starlets' game-plan as crucial tie calls

Rising Starlets coach Jackline Juma is focusing on forward coordination and crossing accuracy in preparation for Sunday's crucial return leg match of the second round of the 2026 Fifa World Cup qualifier against Ethiopia.

Starlets secured a 1-1 draw in Addis Ababa last Sunday, having received a bye in the first leg. The return leg is scheduled for 3 pm at Ulinzi Sports Complex, Nairobi. "The away goal gives us an advantage," said Juma after the match.

The CAF "A" licensed coach added: "We now need to strengthen our defence ahead of the crucial match at home."

In the first leg, Juma's line-up featured Christine Adhiambo in goal; Vidah Okeyo, Patience Asiko, Lorine Ilavonga, and Elizabeth Ochaka in defence; Halima Imbachi, Waithera Michelle, and Rebecca Odato in midfield; and Emily Morang'a, captain Fasilah Omondi, and Elizabeth Mideva in attack.

Six starting players - Asiko, Ilavonga, Ochaka, Imbachi, Michelle, and Odato - were promoted from the Junior Starlets under-17 team that participated in the World Cup last September in the Dominican Republic.

Striker Valerie Nekesa and goalkeeper Ephy Awuor started on the bench. Mideva scored for Kenya in the 43rd second, capitalising on a rebound after Ethiopian goalkeeper Abeba Ajebo fumbled captain Adhiambo's long-range shot on the wet pitch.

Juma said: "Despite a strong start in challenging rainy conditions, we failed to convert numerous scoring opportunities, especially in the first half." The hosts equalised in the 66th minute through striker Emush Daniel after Ochaka's failed clearance. The slippery conditions, due to heavy rain, contributed to Adhiambo fumbling Daniel's long shot.

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FKF National Super League FKF promises additional support

Sh18m boost for struggling clubs

MozzartBet comes to the rescue of teams as new season set to kick off

BY MICHAEL KIRWA

Gambling firm MozzartBet is the new sponsor of three FKF National Super League sides, following deals signed in Nairobi yesterday.

During the ceremony, the clubs - 3K FC (Embu), Kisumu All Stars (Kisumu), and Migori Youth (Migori) - also unveiled their jerseys for the new league season, which starts this weekend. The jerseys will be emblazoned with the name and logo of their new sponsor.

The sponsorship for each club is worth Sh6 million for one year. Of this, Sh5 million will be in cash and the rest in the form of merchandise.

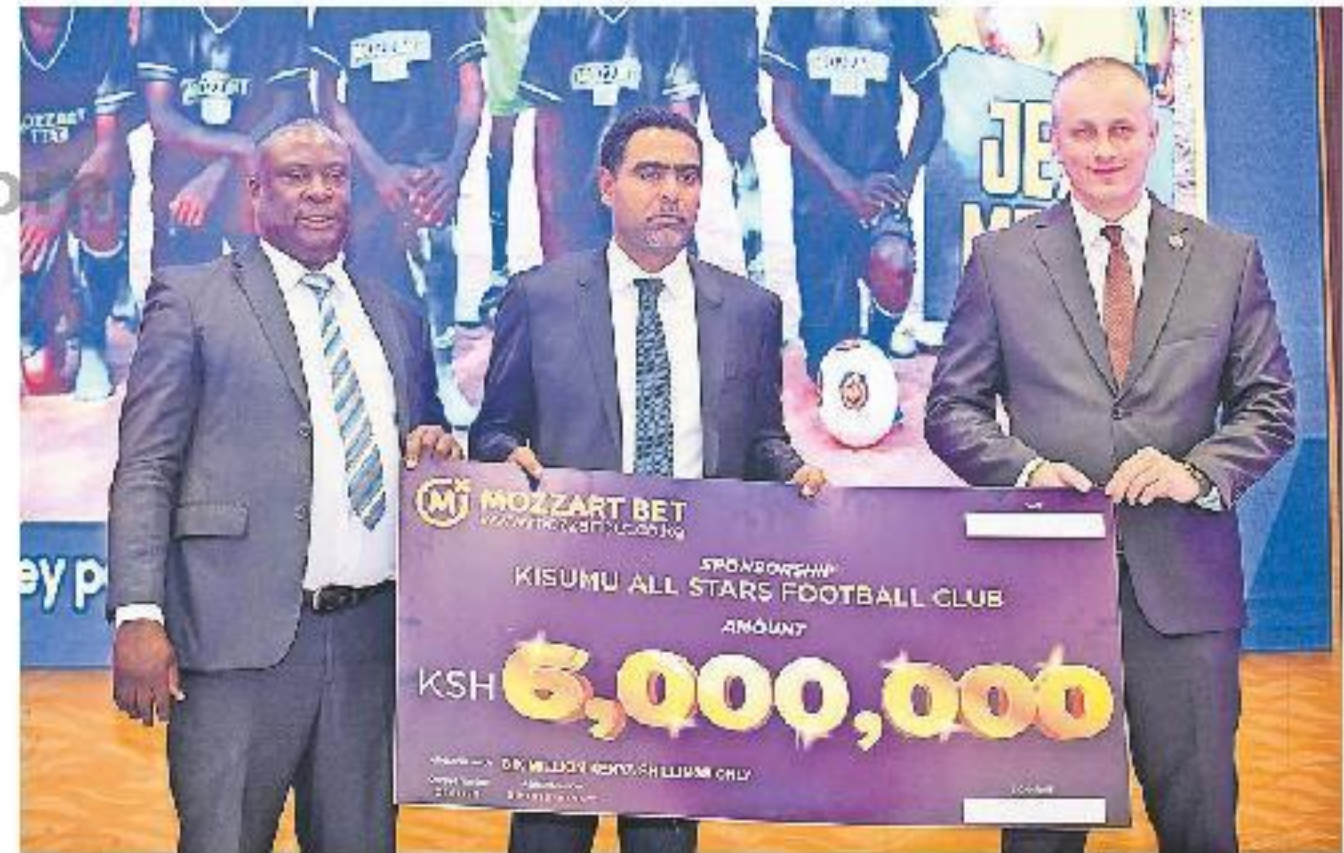
FKF president Hussein Mohammed, vice-president McDonald Mariga, MozzartBet country manager Sasa Krneta, and officials of the three second-tier clubs graced the event.

Mohammed hailed MozzartBet as a "solid partner of Kenyan football" and described the sponsorship as "a massive service to football".

"This sponsorship shows trust in Kenyan football and serves as an example to the rest of the corporate world that there is light at the end of the tunnel in Kenyan football," Mohammed said, as he challenged clubs to improve their governance structures and exercise fiscal discipline to attract more sponsors.

"For NSL clubs without sponsorship, we will work day and night to ensure you receive relevant support," Mohammed said. "The federation is also working on radio and TV broadcast deals for the NSL in the new season. The NSL deserves to be on radio and TV."

Krneta termed the signing of the partnerships as "moments that will go down in the history of MozzartBet" and said they affirm the company's support for grassroots football in Kenya.



"We are not just launching sponsorships but continuing our promise to support grassroots football and shine a light on hidden talents," Krneta said.

Officials of the three clubs promised their new sponsor value for money, saying the deals will help them achieve promotion to the top tier next season.

3K FC chairman Charles Njagi, who is also the FKF's National Executive Committee member for the Eastern Region, said the deal is the culmination of months of negotiations with MozzartBet.

"They know how hard I knocked on their door. By sponsoring 3K FC, MozzartBet is not just supporting local football; it is also investing in the future of young footballers," Njagi said.

Kisumu All Stars CEO Nicholas Ochieng' said: "This day marks a defining moment in the journey of our club. We promise MozzartBet value for money. We have taken steps to professionalise our operations as we target promotion to the top tier next season."

"This is a great moment for us. We have struggled over the years, but with this deal, we will not struggle again," Migori Youth CEO Martin Oduor said.

Aside from the three clubs, the company - founded in 2001 and headquartered in Belgrade, Serbia - also sponsors the FKF Cup. They have sponsored the competition since February 2023 in a three-year deal worth Sh60 million.

They have also sponsored top-tier club Kakamega Homeboyz since December 2020. The deal was renewed in 2023, with the team receiving Sh20 million per year.

Kisumu All Stars have competed in the second tier since 2018 when they inherited the spot left by the defunct Palos FC. They were promoted to the Kenyan Premier League in 2019 but were relegated after one season.

The deal could not have come at a better time for the Kisumu-based side, which has been surviving on donations since the county government of Kisumu withdrew its sponsorship in April.

Migori Youth have also been in the NSL since 2018. They came close to earning promotion in 2023 but lost to Wazito FC in the FKF promotion/relegation play-off for the 2022/23 season.

This is 3K FC's second year in the second tier, after finishing ninth in their debut 2024/25 NSL season.

FKF president Hussein Mohammed (centre), MozzartBet Country Manager Sasa Krneta (right), and Kisumu All Stars CEO Nicholas Ochieng' during the launch of the gambling firm's sponsorship of three National Super League in Nairobi yesterday. PHOTO | POOL

Rivals see dust as KDF storms to victory in boxing league

BY FRANCIS MUREITHI

Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) stormed to victory in the third leg of the National Boxing League with 23 points at Nakuru's Madison Square Garden on Saturday night.

The fists that flew, the sweat that spilled, and the roars of a crowd that refused to sit down rekindled the golden memories of the popular Nakuru ring, long considered the cradle of boxing in Kenya.

KDF's arch-rivals, Kenya Police, settled for second place with 15 points, while the Nairobi County team finished third with nine.

Hosts Nakuru Amateur Boxing Club, led by Lemid Thiong'o and Musa Noor, came in fourth with eight points after a spirited fight in front of their home fans.

"We're finally getting our act together, and finishing almost on the podium is a good achievement for my boys. We hope to climb the ladder in the fourth and fifth legs and hopefully finish the competition in a respectable position," said Thiong'o.

Kenya Prisons were fifth with six points, followed by Nakuru County and Kibra on five points apiece. Mombasa tallied three points, Githurai 44 and Kongwea managed two each, while Molo and Kiambu earned a point apiece.

The fight of the night belonged to the welterweight division, where Fred Achola of KDF and Musa Juma of Nairobi lit up the ring. Achola sent the hall into a frenzy with body-rattling hooks that thumped into Juma's ribs and skull. Juma kept charging, but Achola's precision and discipline carried the day, winning on a unanimous points verdict.

In the light middleweight bout, Kenya Police's Boniface Mogunde – the man who ended Kenya's seven-year gold drought at the African Boxing Championships in Kinshasa – was forced to dig deep against Nairobi's rising star Francis Lennox. Lennox, fearless and fast, hammered Mogunde with hooks that had the veteran clinging to the ropes. But experience saved the day for Mogunde, and by the second round, referee Rebecca Wambui halted the fight as the police boxer delivered a knockout.

In the middleweight category, Edwin Okong'o, the African Games champion, unleashed terror on Kibra's Ken Omollo, forcing referee David Opiyo to stop the fight in the second round.

Honouring heroes In Kenya, stadiums and roads have been named after sportspeople

Well done! How countries celebrate sporting success

In addition to cash rewards, nations have declared public holidays, released new currency notes and renamed streets and stadiums after their athletes

BY MICHAEL KIRWA

The Kalahari Desert covers most of Botswana, about 84 per cent of the country. The desert has made citizens value rain. To them, rain is a blessing or fortune, and it is part of their everyday conversations. Their currency is called pula, a word that means 'rain' in Setswana, the country's national language.

The 2025 World Athletics Championships, held from September 13-21 in Tokyo, Japan, yielded a special moment that deepened Botswana's appreciation for rain. On the final day of the 20th edition of the games, Botswana's 4x400 metres relay team became the first African country to win a gold medal in the event. This was despite the heavy rain that fell that day.

Their quartet of Lee Eppie, 200 metres Olympic champion Letsile Tebogo, Bayapo Ndori, and the new 400 metres world champion Busang Collen Kebinatshipi, won the race in 2 minutes 57.76 seconds, relegating Olympic champions USA to second place in 2:57.83. South Africa clocked 2:58.45 for bronze.

Following the victory, Botswana's President Duma Boko declared Monday, September 29, a public holiday to honour the team's success. The celebration will take place a day before Botswana marks 59 years of independence. Botswana also won gold (Kebinatshipi) and bronze (Ndori) in the men's 400 metres race.

In a Facebook post, President Boko said he declared the holiday after consulting the team on the most appropriate date to honour them. "This gesture not only celebrates Botswana's sporting triumph on the world stage but also symbolises unity, national pride, and the power of sport to inspire a nation," Boko said.

It is not the first time Botswana has declared a holiday to honour its sportspeople. On August 8, 2024, following Letsile Tebogo's victory in the 200 metres at the Paris Olympic Games – Botswana's first ever Olympic gold medal – then President Mokgweetsi Masisi declared the following day's afternoon a public holiday to celebrate the achievement, which also counted as Africa's first gold medal in the 200 metres. Masisi further declared the afternoon of August 13, 2024, a public holiday to celebrate Tebogo's return to the country from Paris, in an event at a packed Botswana National Stadium in Gaborone.

Earlier this month, ahead of the Tokyo championships, the Bank of Botswana released a limited edition 50 pula note to celebrate the institution's jubilee and the country's success at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, where in addition to Tebogo's

gold medal, Botswana won silver in the men's 4x400 metres relay. President Boko described the note as "a historic surprise".

The new banknote features the Bank of Botswana on its obverse, in a brown hue, together with the country's national symbols. But it is the dominant features on the reverse that qualify President Boko's description of the note as a "historic surprise". It features an ornamental gilded design, the flag of Botswana, Okavango Delta, the number 50 embossed in gold, and images of Tebogo and members of Botswana's silver medal-winning 4x400 relay team – Tebogo, Anthony Pesela, Kebinatshipi, and Ndori – displaying their medals.

"The commemorative note not only celebrates the central bank's 50 years of service but also honours a national icon whose achievement has brought pride and inspiration to the nation," Boko said.

The honour Botswana accorded Tebogo and his teammates is a manifestation of a concept known as banal nationalism, a term derived from the eponymous 1995 book by the British academic and sociologist Michael Billig. The term is used to refer to everyday representations of a nation, which build a sense of shared national identity. Examples of banal nationalism include nicknames given to currency notes and the symbols on them, popular expressions, naming of roads and places, use of national anthems and flags, and national songs. Sports also feature in the expression of banal nationalism, and Botswana is not alone in exhibiting that.

When the Fiji Rugby Sevens team won the title at the 2016 Games to secure the Pacific Ocean islanders' first Olympic gold medal, Fiji released the world's first seven-dollar banknote to commemorate the victory. The note's obverse features images of the team's captain Osea Kolinisau in full flight and their British coach, Benjamin Ryan. The reverse has images of the whole team and the technical bench. Fiji also unveiled a 50-cent coin featuring Ryan with his name and title on it.

With 67 gold medals, 58 silver medals, and 48 bronze medals, Kenya is the second most successful nation at the World Athletics Championships, after the US. Kenya is Africa's most successful nation at the Olympic Games, with 124 medals, of which 117 have come from athletics – 38 gold, 43 silver, and 36 bronze. Kenya celebrated these achievements by naming roads and stadiums after some of its most famous athletes. Nyayo National Stadium is bordered on one side by Douglas Wakiihuri Road, named after the winner of Kenya's first gold in the marathon at the World Athletics Championships. Another road in



Former world marathon champion Douglas Wakiihuri trains at Ngong Forest Sanctuary on September 9, 2020. In honour of his achievements, a road in Nairobi was named after him. INSET: Letsile Tebogo of Botswana after winning Men's 200m gold at the 2024 Paris Olympics. PHOTO | SILA KIPLAGAT and REUTERS

Nairobi's Imara Daima estate is named after Tegla Loroupe, the first African woman to hold a marathon record.

Two stadiums, in Eldoret and in Kapsabet, bear the name of the legendary Kipchoke Keino. Kericho Green Stadium was renamed Wilson Kiprugut Chumo Stadium in 2023 to remind Kenyans of the first medallist in the Olympic Games.

Also, the back of the Sh200 note has four athletes holding the national flag.

Recently, Madagascar, after finishing second at the 2024 African Nations Championship, celebrated their national football team by awarding them national honours and decorations. Players were also given houses and cash. Those serving in the mil-

itary were promoted.

In 2024 and 2021 respectively, India and the Philippines honoured their Olympic medallists from Paris 2024 and Tokyo 2020 by releasing new postage stamps.

In 2021, Uganda rewarded its four medallists – Joshua Cheptegei (gold in the men's 5 000 and silver in the 10 000 metres), Peruth Chemutai (gold in the women's 3 000 metres steeplechase), and Jacob Kiplimo (bronze in the men's 10 000 metres) – at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics with cars and monthly cash payments. The payments were set at Ush5 million (Sh184,000) for gold medallists, Ush3 million (Sh110,000) for silver medallists, and Ush1 million (Sh36,000) for bronze medallists.

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World Athletics Championships Sports PS Mwangi affirms government's promise to continue supporting runners

Welcome home, champions!



World women's 800m gold medallist Lilian Odira is carried shoulder high by fans when Team Kenya to Tokyo World Championships arrived at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi yesterday.



World Athletics Championship 1500m gold medallist and 5000m silver medallist Faith Kipyegon at JKIA.

Song and dance as golden Kenyan athletes receive a red-carpet welcome at JKIA after Tokyo exploits

BY MICHAEL KIRWA

The international arrivals section at Terminal 1B of the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) was turned into a cacophonous and kaleidoscopic carnival of jubilation as an ecstatic welcome party gave a heroes' reception to Kenyan athletes and officials arriving from the 2025 World Athletics Championships which ended in Tokyo, Japan, on Sunday.

The delegation comprised 48 of the 59 athletes who represented Kenya at the 20th edition of the championships. The delegation included world champions Emmanuel Wanyonyi (men's 800 metres), Beatrice Chebet (women's 5,000 metres and 10,000m), Faith Kipyegon (women's 1,500m), and Lilian Odira (women's 800m).

Kenya finished second with 11 medals – seven gold, two silver, and two bronze – behind the US, which bagged 26 medals.

A roar of wild cheers greeted the athletes at the welcoming lobby as they pushed mountains of suitcases. The welcoming party gave the athletes and officials flowers and garlands.

Hugs, kisses, and high fives were plenty before the athletes were led into awaiting vehicles.

At hand to welcome the athletes was Sports Principal Secretary Elijah Mwangi who affirmed the government's promise to continue supporting athletes. He praised athletes, their coaches, and Athletics Kenya for bringing glory to the country.

"Our athletes have done us proud and as President William Ruto has promised, each gold medallist will be gifted Sh3 million. Silver medallists will be awarded Sh2 million and bronze medallists will receive Sh1 million," Mwangi said.

The PS also announced that Kenya has bid to host the 2029 or 2031 World Athletics Championships. Double world champion (women's 5,000m and 10,000m races), Beatrice Chebet, is one of the athletes who will reap big from the government's new prize money model.

The victories will see her earn Sh6 million, in addition to the \$140 000 (Sh18 million) she will receive from World Athletics.

Chebet, 25, – who became the first woman to hold the world record, the Olympic title, and the World Athletics Championship titles in two events – expressed satisfaction with her performance in Tokyo.

"I am very grateful to return with two gold medals this time, and I'm now setting my eyes on becoming a multiple world and

Olympic champion," she said.

Lilian Odira, who shattered a 42-year-old world record to clinch the gold medal in the women's 800m, was carried shoulder high by her Kenya Prisons teammates. She credited her success to God and the support of her teammates – former women's 800m world champion Mary Moraa and Sarah Moraa.

"Our main target was to ensure Kenya retained the title that Mary Moraa won in Budapest and we worked together to achieve that," Odira, who hails from Migori County, said.

Migori Governor Ochilo Ayacko was among those present to receive the athletes at the airport. Ayacko hailed Odira for bringing glory to Migori County.

"I promise from my administration that we will reward and honour Lilian Odira," Ayacko said.

Stone-faced NYS marshalls and National Police Service officers were the only serious people in that melee of cheers and dances.

The security officers had a hard time controlling the enthusiastic welcome party in their designated area, which had been turned into a dance floor by street jesters and traditional dancers hired by members of the athletics clubs that the runners belong to.

Arriving tourists and staff of various airlines savoured the show with smiles and waves that told of their marvel of an athletics nation exhibiting the most enchanting element of its psyche.

Members of the various ath-



letics clubs in the welcoming party showed up in tracksuits and full institution uniforms, proudly displaying their colours and emblems. They carried artworks, giant flags, and banners which they waved and displayed proudly.

They had garlanded and crowned themselves in wreaths of the linear-leaved Periploca, presenting evidence that the government's efforts to increase the country's tree cover suffered a massive setback yesterday.

A massive boom box they had carried banged with music, adding to the joyous mood. A group of drummers and a man playing a jingle provided more sound effects, which were punctuated by jubilant crowds chanting names of Kenya's champion athletes.

The songs and dance on-

World men's 800m gold medallist Emmanuel Wanyonyi at the airport. PHOTOS | CHRIS OMOLLO

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Medals that Kenya won in the games in Tokyo, Japan, including seven gold medals

ly stopped periodically as the head-boobing, arm-waving, foot-tapping, knee-bending, back-dipping, shoulder-shaking, and twerking welcoming party took a break to choreograph the next dance, compose the next song, and change the massive boom box's playlist.

The music changed rhythm like the cadence in a 1,500m race. First, there was a lull moment highlighted by slow and smooth crooning of traditional songs from various Kenyan communities and a rousing rendition of the world famous "Hakuna Mataka" song.

The melodic storm arrived with a change of tune to high-tempo music, which upped energy and noise levels as the welcome party engaged in more vigorous dancing and loud singalongs.

E2 PARENTING

BY ESTHER INTABO

In many homes, sharing a meal is a form of expressing love, so your mother piles a second plate of ugali with kienyeji greens and chicken because she cares for you.

But what happens when this love served on your plate starts to weigh you down? When your health is at stake and every bite feels like you are sacrificing your well-being on the altar of family approval? Joyce Otieno, 44, vividly recalls the moment that prompted her to begin her weight loss journey.

It was during her sister's graduation party in July 2024. Relatives kept pulling her aside with "concerned" comments about her size.

"You really have to do something about your weight," one aunt insisted.

Joyce was limping that day; her knee had been in constant pain. Later, medical tests confirmed she had a meniscus tear. She was prescribed physiotherapy, and her doctor advised her to keep pressure off the injured knee for a while. She was staring at getting knee surgery if things didn't improve.

"That was my turning point," Joyce recalls. "I either had to lose excess weight or I would end up in theatre."

When she shared her resolve to shed weight with her family, Joyce received mixed reactions.

Some were supportive, cheering her on, even researching sustainable weight loss methods with her. Others, however, worried that she had become 'too strict' with her diet, cutting out fruits they thought were essential.

At family gatherings, some relatives would scrutinise her plate. "I felt judged over my food portions," she says. "It made me feel guilty."

Meal times were a big headache for Joyce, even as she strengthened her resolve to lose weight and keep it off.

"Our culture celebrates with food; heavy, carb-rich dishes. Refusing them was seen as disrespectful," she explains.

Weddings, birthdays, and family holidays became emotional battlegrounds.

One of her relatives once admonished her, "Don't insult me by refusing the food I cooked."

Joyce admits such comments stung far more than words from strangers. The social pressure often left her torn between protecting her health goals and honouring family expectations.

Sometimes, to avoid hurting her loved ones, she would eat small portions of celebratory dishes just so they wouldn't feel rejected.

"Many thought their comments were helpful, but it often came across as criticism."

Yet, in the midst of it all, Joyce's daughter became her biggest cheerleader. The 23-year-old became her workout partner.

"She celebrated small wins and always reminded me to focus on health, not appearance," Joyce says.

In retrospect, Joyce wishes her family had shown more concern for her overall health and not just the physical size.

"It would have meant a lot if they had encouraged me from the start, not just after seeing me get smaller. I wish they had acknowledged things like my confidence or better mood rather than only noticing the weight."



Joyce started losing weight to avoid knee surgery. PHOTOS|CHRIS OMOLLO



Catherine's daughter walked her to the gym. PHOTO|FRANCIS NDERITU



Sometimes, Mirriam carried healthy, packed lunch to family events.

Why your family's support matters in your weight loss journey

After dropping 23 kilograms, Joyce says her journey is no longer a battleground. Some of her critics even come to her for tips on healthy weight loss, something Joyce describes as 'very rewarding.'

She admits that change comes with challenges, and it is important to be one's own motivation so as not to be swayed from the goal, even by those who mean well.

"At gatherings, allow yourself small tastes of family favourites so you don't feel deprived. One meal doesn't erase your progress," she adds.

Exercising restraint

In 2018, Catherine Mutie was admitted to Mater Hospital with lung pneumonia-related complications. At the time, she weighed 80 kilograms, and that hospital stay became a wake-up call as doctors said her weight was adding strain to her body.

When she decided to start working on

her weight, her mother and eldest daughter gave her full support, cheering her on and keeping her accountable.

"My girl would escort me to the gym every evening," she recalls. "That support made all the difference."

But, just like Joyce, the journey wasn't a walk in the park. She had to resist the temptation of eating the fast food that was always within her reach at home. She couldn't put the rest of the family on a restrictive diet, so she had to exercise restraint.

"Sometimes it was so hard to resist," she admits. "For sure, I struggled."

She wasn't spared from discouragement during family gatherings. Some would dismiss her weight loss efforts with casual remarks such as, "It's in our genes to be overweight, you don't have to resist great food." Others commented that she was 'losing the shape' that defined her identity.

These remarks were hurtful but they

didn't deter her from her goal. Sometimes, she pretended she wasn't on a diet just to wade off attention from herself.

"I didn't want them thinking I was dieting when there were no quick changes to show. So yes, I hid it sometimes."

Catherine believes that while weight management is a personal journey, it can be made easier with support from family and close loved ones.

"They should have believed in me more and encouraged me while I was at it and given me my flowers," she says.

She lost the weight and managed to keep it off.

"Now, most of my relatives want to know how I did it. My advice? Choose yourself any day, anytime. Make a meal plan and follow it through, no matter how hard it gets. Focus on the end game, healthy living."

At 41, and a mother of two, Mirriam Mwendu realised that her body was no

longer fit. Squatting left her in discomfort, and skipping rope, something she had once enjoyed, became nearly impossible. Her joints felt stiff, and everyday movements turned into a struggle.

"It wasn't about how I looked, it was about how I felt," she says. "My body was giving me signs. That physical limitation was my red light. I knew I had to take control, not just to lose weight, but to regain strength, flexibility, and freedom in my own body."

When Mirriam shared her decision with her family, the reactions were mixed.

Some applauded her, while others were sceptical, dismissing it as just another phase.

"I wasn't chasing a trend; I was reclaiming my health."

At first, no one took her healthy eating seriously, but as her consistency spoke louder than words, the tone shifted. Slowly, her family began to understand it wasn't a passing experiment. Their teasing turned into encouragement.

Slippery slope

Family meals, however, remained the hardest part of her journey. Just like Joyce, Mirriam's family expressed love through food, big portions, rich flavours, and second helpings as gestures of hospitality. Refusing food wasn't just declining a dish; it felt like rejecting love.

Relatives often told her she was getting 'too thin,' urging her to indulge. "One day won't hurt."

But one day often led to setbacks.

Sometimes Mirriam even carried her own food, yet the guilt of refusing a lovingly prepared dish was hard to bear.

"I had to remind myself that my health is not a betrayal," she says.

Some relatives insisted she looked better before. Others teased her with accusations of starving herself.

"Those comments chipped away at my confidence," Mirriam admits. "But I held onto the truth, I was becoming stronger, not smaller."

Still, family approval mattered more than she wanted to admit. A simple compliment from her son, "You look happy", meant more than any number on the scale. "Criticism hurt," she says, "but I learned to filter it through my own truth."

Like Catherine and Joyce, Mirriam found an ally in her 21-year-old daughter.

"She used to make me ginger shots and healthy meals. She was always thinking about what would help me stay on track," Mirriam recalls.

Mirriam was transparent about her diet choices and exercise routines, even when misunderstood. In the end, that honesty helped shift perspectives within her family, building a circle of genuine support.

Looking back, Mirriam wishes her family had offered the support earlier.

"Early encouragement would have made the journey less isolating and more empowering," she reflects.

Still, their attitudes eventually changed as her transformation became undeniable. Her weight loss tip?

"Be patient, be firm, and be kind to yourself and your family. Educate them, set boundaries, and remember: your body is your responsibility. You're not just changing your weight; you're changing your life."

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Are you overlooking your child's eye health?

BY ESTHER INTABO

They say the eyes are the window to the soul, and for children, they are also the window to learning, play, and discovery.

From the blurry world of a newborn to the curious stare of a teenager, healthy vision shapes how a child interacts with the world.

At birth, vision is inferior, but within two to three months, infants begin to recognise familiar faces and track toys. By six months, a child should be able to notice and interact with their surroundings.

Yet, many parents only think about their child's eyes when something dramatic happens, missing the quiet red flags that could spell lifelong consequences.

"If a child seems to always brings objects very close to the face, or their eyes appear to 'dance' or move in an uncoordinated way, then there may be a problem that requires examination," says Dr Agnes Kalu, a consultant ophthalmologist at Kenyatta National Hospital.

Eye health in children develops in stages, and early detection of problems makes a huge difference in outcomes. Some conditions, such as congenital cataracts and glaucoma, can be detected as early as the first month of life. Issues like lazy eye or squint also need early correction because the longer they are left, the more difficult it becomes to restore vision.

However, not all problems present with obvious signs.

Some refractive errors, for instance, are mild enough to be mistaken for a child being "playful" or "naughty." A far more serious condition that can be missed is retinoblastoma, an eye cancer commonly seen in children.

"Parents may notice a white reflex in the eye like a cat's eye glowing in the dark, or when a flash photo is taken. If caught early, retinoblastoma is completely treatable, saving both the child's life and vision," shares Dr Kalu.

20-20-20 rule

Dr Kalu notes that prolonged screen time causes digital eye strain and dryness. The 20-20-20 rule recommended by the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) encourages children to look at something 20 feet away for 20 seconds every 20 minutes.

"This simple practice gives the eyes a break," she explains.

With online learning now part of everyday life, screen set-up matters. Adequate lighting, proper distance, and sched-

uled breaks can make all the difference. Beyond this, Dr Kalu advises parents to reduce recreational screen time at home and encourage children to play outside.

Additionally, exposure to sunlight and long-distance viewing have been shown to reduce the risk of myopia (short-sightedness).

What about LED lights and 3D animations?

Dr Kalu points out that no studies show long-term harm to eye health from these technologies. However, blue light can disrupt the body's sleep-wake cycle. "Too much screen exposure before bedtime makes it harder for children to fall asleep."

For urban families with limited safe spaces, replicating the benefits of natural outdoor play can be tough.

Still, Dr Kalu suggests practical options: let children use school playgrounds, take them to nearby parks and nature walks, and, where possible, allow visits to rural homes where there is plenty of outdoor space.

Diet is important in promoting eye health. Beyond carrots, Dr Kalu shares a variety of affordable and locally available foods that support vision development in children. Green leafy vegetables, tomatoes, nuts such as almonds and sunflower seeds, avocados, sweet potatoes, beans, oranges, and berries are all rich in antioxidants, vitamins, and minerals like zinc that promote good eye health.

Poor nutrition can lead to obesity and, in turn, diabetes, which predisposes children to diabetic eye disease and early cataracts. Malnutrition, especially vitamin A deficiency, can cause Xerophthalmia, a condition affecting the conjunctiva, cornea, and optic nerve that can result in blindness if untreated.

"Care must be taken, especially for children with dietary restrictions, to ensure they get essential micronutrients," she advises.

Hazardous toys

Toys with sharp edges can injure a child if they fall while holding them, and sports equipment like hockey sticks, golf clubs, or even small balls can cause serious damage to the eye on impact, when an accident occurs. "For young children, soft, plush toys are much safer," advises Dr Kalu.

Earlier, visits to upcountry were recommended. However, Dr Kalu cautions parents to be careful with the kind of play-

time the children engage in, especially since emergency medical help may be inaccessible in the villages.

"Children often play with stones, sticks, or homemade catapults, all of which can cause injuries. Teaching them to handle sharp objects like pencils carefully and discouraging dangerous play can help."

Something in the air

Dr Kalu notes that smoke from cooking fires can worsen allergic conjunctivitis in children who are prone to it. If left untreated, this can lead to corneal scarring

or keratoconus, a condition that severely impairs vision.

Additionally, infections like bacterial conjunctivitis spread easily when children share pillows, towels, or handkerchiefs.

Dirty faces can attract flies that carry infections such as trachoma, although Kenya's Ministry of Health has made tremendous progress in eliminating trachoma as a public health threat. Swimming pools, too, can irritate the eyes due to chemicals used to treat the water, leading to allergic conjunctivitis.

Undiagnosed vision problems may be mistaken for learning



disabilities or behavioural issues. A child who cannot see the blackboard clearly may struggle with reading or classroom tasks. "Yes, these problems can easily be misinterpreted

as learning difficulties, but in many cases, it's simply a vision issue that can be corrected," says Dr Kalu.

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Imparting values

The quiet lessons children learn from watching us

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"It was believed that children come into the world, tabula rasa." We all giggled when the child psychology lecturer said this during our introductory Child

Psychology class, as freshers at university. Only Swahili speakers will get the joke. Decades later, as grown-ups, we now know that children do not come into this world with a blank slate. From the moment they take their first gulp of air, they are like little search engines in diapers, soaking in data, marinating it, trying to make sense of it, and then handing it back to us, shaken, stirred, and in full measure. And just like artificial intelligence, they do not forget. They connect dots, store memories, and repack-age them in ways that sometimes leave adults speechless and often, red-faced.

Even in the womb to the day they are born, children collect data with frightening efficiency. Their little brains are wired to notice sounds, a voice, tone variation, expressions, patterns, and inconsistencies. You say, "Mom's fine," but your sigh lingers an extra beat; they note it and file it. Dad says, "Go to bed," but his voice is an octave higher; they log it.

By the time they get to school, children have mastered cross-referencing sources. Home information is tested against playground updates and classroom whispers. Suddenly, your household rules are being compared with those of the neighbour's child, and your carefully constructed "Be-



cause I said so" collapses under the weight of "But Otoy's dad lets him..."

Children are always absorbing information from the world around them. This subtle learning shapes their worldview, making us – parents, teachers, caregivers and adults – their first reference point on what is acceptable, admirable, or questionable. The catch is that they are not only listening to what we say but also watching how we act, and they often trust actions more than words. They ape us. That is why, when a child steals, lies or does something that is 'embarrassing' to the parent or caregiver, we must not just blame the child. We need to look at the source of that behaviour. The child simply observed and is only replicating what they saw.

That is why reinforcing desirable habits and correcting the less appealing ones requires consistency, patience, and honesty. Praising kindness, curiosity, and effort helps children value those traits, while gently correcting rudeness or dishonesty teaches them ac-

countability without crushing their confidence.

Beyond individual behaviour, children observe how we treat others, whether we speak with respect to the house-help or the waiter. These observations become lessons on empathy, fairness, and dignity. In essence, every interaction is a silent class, and as parents or caregivers, we have the responsibility to ensure that what we model is worth imitating.

Once, decades back, while in the salon, my five-year-old daughter confronted her hairdresser. "You smell bad!" She said, wrinkling her nose. Besides wanting the world to open up and swallow me, I had to learn – fast – how to teach my child to be honest, kind and subtle.

This is extremely hard when your child asks such questions as, "But if it's true she's stinking, should I lie?" Keep in mind that at Sunday school, they teach them about honesty and as a parent, you desire that your child uphold this virtue. But the road meets the rubber when re-

ality confronts you, like in the case of debtors. Remember the story of Baba Juma, who tells his wife and kids to lie to debt collectors that he is not in when they come knocking.

"Baba said to tell you he is not in. He is hiding in the bedroom because you are a nuisance." Little Juma pipes when the debt collectors ask about his father's whereabouts.

In time, we learn that parenting carries a weight that no one ever prepares you to appreciate. This endless gathering and regurgitating of information is scary, as it means we are not just caregivers, but are the earliest, most trusted source of information. And as every teacher knows, the quality of the source determines the quality of the data.

If we model honesty, our children learn that truth is sturdy. If we admit mistakes, they discover that adults stumble but also recover. When we explain difficult issues such as money struggles, grief, or even a marriage relationship, in simple, age-appropriate ways, children begin to see the world not as a fog of secrets but as a landscape that can be navigated with guidance.

But when parents cannot fathom sharing the truth and tell the children, "You're too young to know," they force them to turn to secondary, sometimes unreliable sources. The child who does not get a straight answer at home will cobble together answers from classmates, the internet or the nanny whose worldview and values may be vastly different from yours.

Where can I find an intelligent woman to marry?

Hi Zulu,
I'm a successful lawyer in my late 30s, but honestly, relationships are where I stumble. Almost all my peers have settled down, yet here I am, unable to find a woman I connect with mentally. Am I weird? Is my intellectual hunger working against me?

Dear reader,
You're not weird. You're intentional. Intentional people are picky and particular, making their journey rather slow.

Furthermore, when it comes to dating and romance, intelligent people often take the longest to settle because they have the lowest tolerance for nonsense. They need you to engage them meaningfully, not just endless, 'Hi, Hello.' They can't stay on the level of greetings forever.

Intelligent people require someone who can teach them something or add to their knowledge in one subject or another. Mental stimulation is a love language for them.

Something else that makes intelligent people different is that they're mindful, whereas most people are emotional. They gather information so that they can make an informed decision.

They once researched cars when they were purchasing a car, so they can tell you something insightful about cars.

They studied the psychology of trauma and self-healing when they took that journey themselves, and so they're quite informed about that.

If you look at an intelligent person's book collection and subscription list, you can trace their personal evolution. They always gather materials related to what they're experiencing at that time. When something bothers them, they ask around about it.

Intelligent people will drop a book to think for themselves



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when what they read sparks their imaginations. They will leave a conversation and hurriedly pen down their action points in a journal to turn that abstract knowledge into concrete results.

Consequently, intelligent people are equally analytical when dating. They have feelings, but they don't let them lead the way. Like everyone else, they feel butterflies and goosebumps, but they also reason. They know that feelings don't think, and one has to think for them, or else there will be a shipwreck.

Intelligent people are not afraid to take their time until they find the right match because they're informed enough to know that being happy alone is infinitely better than being miserable with someone

else. If an intelligent person has fallen in love with you, don't worry about who else has their attention. Just be authentic and perform.

Throw yourself entirely at that opportunity and know that marrying a thinking girl or a smart guy is the closest you'll come to printing your own money. Why? These people are infinitely resourceful, their creativity is endless, and they're always getting better.

You can never be stuck in life with an intelligent person because they will have tried 10 different ways to circumvent a problem before normal people finish one attempt. Because they enjoy brainstorming and troubleshooting issues in life, they never give up or quit easily.

One intelligent woman was admitted to a maternity ward to deliver her baby boy. She kept herself busy by brainstorming how to fix an issue with the navigation system that NASA astronauts were using.

She cracked the problem and emailed her boss the solution, enabling the crew to get back to earth safely, and then she delivered her baby.

So, how many people did that woman deliver that day? A baby and the entire team of Apollo 13 astronauts. The woman was Judith Love, and the baby became the famous actor Jack Black.

You can never confine intelligent people to their bodies or their gender. They're the problem solvers of life, and even in love, they can only flow with those who think like them.

In short, accept your personality and search for your type.

Be visible online and offline. Express yourself, and your type will gravitate to you. Give your journey a timeline and approach it like a project so that you can focus.



Divorce: Here's why courts cannot force you to stay married

Hello,
I would like some guidance on how to proceed with a divorce. I married a Norwegian citizen in 2017, but we have lived apart since then. He returned to Norway while I have been residing here in Kenya. Please advise me on the steps I should take. I need to leave this marriage and move on with my life.

Dear Estranged Spouse,
To initiate divorce proceedings involving a foreign national, the court must verify two key factors related to jurisdiction. First, the court needs to establish whether it has territorial jurisdiction, which pertains to the geographic area within which it holds authority. Consequently, divorce cases are handled by the High Court of the Family Division, which has the exclusive right and responsibility to make decisions in such matters within the country.

To address the matter at hand, the court will first evaluate whether the troubled union is recognised and permissible in Kenya, even if it was celebrated in Norway. It will also assess whether the marriage, supported by legal documents, aligns with Kenya's legal and policy framework. Additionally, the court will determine if the issues surrounding the marriage arose from this framework.

In the case of *MNM v. PNM*, Justice Musyoka provided guidance on territorial jurisdiction, stating, "In personal matters such as marriage, domicile is critical." The court will only have jurisdiction over a dissolution of marriage suit if all parties have been domiciled within the jurisdiction for the period specified by the relevant law. In Kenya, this legal framework is established by the Marriage Act of 2014.

The dissolution of any mar-



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riage that is registered and recognised in Kenya falls under the provisions of the Marriage Act, specifically Sections 64 to 72. These sections address each of the five types of marriages recognised in the country. A common aspect, however, is the fault-based approach emphasised by the law when it comes to spousal separation or divorce. There are specific grounds for divorce that have been standardised in court proceedings, which judges consider when granting a divorce.

It is important to recognise that, even though grounds for divorce are cited in this text, courts are not tools for enforcing unwanted marriages. The role of the court is not to coerce couples into staying together if their relationship has fundamentally broken down. Justice Reuben Nyakundi has repeatedly emphasised in his judgments that courts cannot impose marriage on unwilling individuals or force one partner to remain in a troubled union. Most recently, in the case of *JKS v. JGI*, Judge Nyakundi expanded one of the grounds for divorce by declaring that withdrawal of affection is a valid reason for seeking a divorce.

Legally, under the Marriage Act, there are several grounds

for dissolution. These include one or more acts of adultery committed by one or both spouses. The court will carefully examine whether either party has experienced mental, physical, or any form of cruelty, and will also consider whether any unkind acts have been directed at children. Importantly, Article 53, Clause 2 states that nothing can be done that does not serve the best interest of the children involved. Additionally, the court will assess whether desertion has occurred, whether initiated by one or both parties. It may also take into account any evidence of exceptional depravity exhibited by either party. Ultimately, the court will declare the union irretrievably broken down, as defined in the Marriage Act.

The law has sought to clarify the term "irretrievable breakdown." Some reasons that do not fall under the usual grounds include a consistent physical and emotional separation lasting two years, a situation where one spouse has deserted the other for at least three years, or willfully neglecting the other for two years immediately preceding the filing of a petition in court. Additionally, if one spouse has been sentenced to imprisonment for a term ranging from seven years to life, or if one spouse suffers from incurable insanity—certified by at least two doctors, one of whom must be qualified or experienced in psychiatry—these also qualify as grounds for an irretrievable breakdown. Your marriage exemplifies the grounds provided by law and reinforces what Justice Reuben Nyakundi has consistently advocated: unwilling couples cannot be forced to stay together. That is not the purpose set in the law, nor is it the objective of the courts.

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Parenting

Should you let your teen attend a sleepover?

Hi Sue,
My 16-year-old recently asked to go for a sleepover at her classmate's house. I said no at first, and she's been sulking ever since. With the sleepover happening this weekend, I'm wondering, would it be wise to let her go? The classmate's house is about 20 minutes away from us.

Dear parent,

Teenagehood comes with the allure of parties, hangouts, sleepovers and music concerts, especially during weekends and school holidays. Parents need to be cautious about these arrangements, as such events are often where teenagers experiment with alcohol, drugs, sex and other risky behaviours.

Tragic incidents ranging from drug overdoses at parties and sleepovers to sexual assault, alcohol-related injuries and road accidents are a growing concern for many parents. So when your teenager asks to attend a sleepover at a friend's house, your reservations are understandable.

Do you have regular conversations with your teenagers about boundaries before they begin asking for permission to go out or spend the night away?



Remember, your teenager may not understand why you took them to birthday parties and family gatherings when they were younger, but now seem reluctant to let them attend social events.

As a parent, you need to be intentional about discussing personal safety and the dangers of unsupervised gatherings.

This way, your child will know your expectations and understand that either "yes" or "no" is a possible response when they ask for permission.

When considering a sleepover, the first thing you need to know is who the friend your child will be visiting is, who their parents are, whether they

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are aware of the event and if it will take place under their supervision. It is also important to know who else will be present. Some parents are unaware that their homes are being used as party venues. In such cases, the so-called sleepover might actually be a cover for something else, perhaps a music concert, a party at a different house or even an Airbnb. In many situations, teens may lie to their parents or plan to sneak out.

Insist on speaking directly to the host-

ing parent. If your child resists this, it is a red flag suggesting that the arrangement may not be genuine.

Your child's safety and security must always come first. Who will chaperone them? Even if you trust the hosting family, ask yourself who else lives in that household. Could there be relatives, workers or strangers whose presence might pose risks, including negative influence or even predatory behaviour?

If you are satisfied that your child will be safe in the company of a responsible family, you may allow them to attend and consider dropping them off and picking them up yourself. But if you are not comfortable, let your child know early enough so they can manage their disappointment and decline the invitation in good time.

In cases where teenagers resist or persist, some parents choose to accompany them. Most teens would rather opt out than have their parents tagging along. Still, it is better to explain clearly the risks you are protecting them from rather than relying on the old-fashioned line, "You are not going because I said so."

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Help your children understand wealth

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Back in our childhood days, we lived all our lives in the same neighbourhoods and attended the same public school, from start to finish.

When we fell ill and needed treatment, we went to public dispensaries and health centres. Our estates, schools and other public facilities made us equal. Things that demarcate socio-economic boundaries - such as high-end private schools - are a relatively new phenomenon.

Sure, some families were well off, but they didn't rub it in the faces of the have-nots. In fact, I remember that, in our house - and in many others - there was an unwritten law that one had to carry a basket when they went to the shop... even if one was going to buy a needle!

"You can't carry food in the open like that," my mama, Nya'Manoah, used to say, "you don't know what others are going through, and you don't want them to feel bad."



Just A Man
Josaya Wasonga

Each time I see influencers unboxing their shopping for all and sundry to see and salivate, I just imagine what Nya'Manoah would do. Man, she would turn in her grave if she caught a whiff of me flaunting food.

Nowadays, wealth and affluence are flaunted on social media. We may live in the same apartment block - and we

endure the same stinking burst sewer - but kids know who's broken the bank and who's broke like a church mouse.

Our children aren't blind. They can see the PDAs (public displays of affluence). They can see the lavish parties thrown next door, as they barely make it with one square meal. They can see their peers flaunting the latest costliest gadgets, as you use a kabambe held together by a rubber band.

In the book, *Rich Dad, Poor Dad*, Robert Kiyosaki gives finance and wealth-creation lessons using the analogies of two dads. The poor dad is his biological father. The rich dad is his dad's best friend.

In our home, as in most African homes, we were not allowed to discuss or question our financial status. This "gag order" and tough restrictions on spending even a ndururu caused us to be financially illiterate. Perhaps it is time we unlearn that and start answering our children's questions

about money. Here are some nuggets from that book I quoted earlier, *Rich Dad, Poor Dad*.

Child: Why are you always broke?
(Before you answer with a verbal takedown, take a deep breath. Don't berate your child.)

Dad: There is a difference between being poor and being broke. Broke is temporary, poor is eternal.

Child: Dad, how come we can't afford the luxuries my friends are enjoying?

(Before you give the stock answer our parents gave us - "my job is only to feed and clothe you" - give this question some deeper thought.)

Dad: The words 'we can't afford it' shut down your brain. The words 'how can we afford this?' open up possibilities and dreams.

Child: Dad, I think if you got more money, our situation would change. (Before you blurt that old school answer - "I'm taking you to school so you can change our situation" - unlearn

what you know).

Dad: It's not about how much money you make. It's about how much money you keep.

Child: Will our situation change if you work harder?

Dad: If you work for money, you give the power to your employer. If money works for you, you keep the power and control it.

Child: Why don't we have assets like those influencers and forex traders on social media?

(Easy. Don't lose your religion. This is a teachable moment.)

Dad: The single most powerful asset you have is your mind. If it is trained well, it can create enormous wealth.

My point? Talk to your children about this issue. Don't sweep it under the rug while it's being flaunted on social media, right in front of their impressionable eyes

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